

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, September 1, 2022
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
9:30 a.m.



AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

1. Public Comments on Items on the Agenda
2. LeeTran Report
3. FDOT Report

New Business

4. *Review and Approve the August 4, 2022 TAC Meeting Summary (Calandra Barraco)
5. *Endorsement of the Aviation Priorities (Ron Gogoi)
6. *Revise the Federal and State Priority List to Include the Cape Coral Bridge (Don Scott)
7. *Review and Approve the Carbon Reduction Program Fund Priorities (Ron Gogoi)
8. Update on the Federal Discretionary and Formula Grant Programs (Don Scott)
9. Information on Project Cost Increases (Don Scott)

Other Business

10. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda
11. Announcements
12. Topics for next meeting
13. Information and Distribution Items

Adjournment *Action Items *May Require Action

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Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chair Carl Karakos.

Roll Call

Those present introduced themselves. The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those members in attendance included Farhan Butt and Tom Marquardt with Lee County; Ian Sikonia with Lee County Port Authority; Dawn Huff with LeeTran; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Anthony Palermo and Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers; Jason Smalley with the Town of Fort Myers Beach; Matt Noble with the Village of Estero; Scott Philips with the Collier MPO; D'Juan Harris with the Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO; and Mike Cook with Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Others in attendance included Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Andy Getch with McCormick Taylor; and a Cape Coral Police Department Officer.

Mr. Scott mentioned there was an additional item being added as a walk-on to the agenda regarding a survey that FDOT is sending out. The committee agreed to address that item later in the meeting.

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Agenda Item #2 – LeeTran Report

Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran presented the LeeTran report. She provided updates on LeeTran's Rosa Parks and South Transfer Facilities, existing mobility on demand in Bonita, and upcoming mobility on demand in Lehigh. The committee briefly discussed the two way operation in Fort Myers, mobility on demand possibility in Cape Coral, funding contributions from Bonita, vehicles used for mobility on demand, difficulty in acquiring paratransit vehicles, grant funding for Lehigh mobility on demand, mobility on demand project in North Fort Myers, ridership for mobility on demand in Bonita, comparison to fixed route service, providing ridership numbers for Bonita mobility on demand at next meeting, downtown Fort Myers service, autonomous shuttle, and funding.

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

There was no FDOT report.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the June 2, 2022 Meeting Summary

Mr. Matt Noble and Ms. Dawn Huff simultaneously made the motion to approve the June 2, 2022 Meeting Summary. Mr. Farhan Butt seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the TIP Roll Forward Amendments

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Fiscal Year 2022 Roll Forward projects which are inserted at the end of the TIP. These amendments were [posted to the MPO website](#), attached to the packet, and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott explained the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provides the MPO with a roll forward report that includes projects in the previous state fiscal year that were not started, have uncommitted portions of projects that have started, or have funds remaining on completed projects. He added these projects automatically roll forward in FDOT's Work Program but need to be accounted for in the MPO's new TIP. He noted this amendment is being done to account for these projects in the FY 2023 through FY 2027 TIP. He reviewed several projects in the roll forward report. The committee briefly discussed the Chiquita project funds remaining.

Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve the TIP Roll Forward Amendments. Mr. D'Juan Harris seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Provide Input on the CAC Resolution Recommending the Implementation of an Increased Electric/Hybrid Vehicle Registration Fee

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of and input on a resolution recommending the implementation of an increased registration fee for electric and hybrid vehicles. The Citizen Advisory Committee resolution and the breakdown of fees by state were [posted to the MPO website](#), attached to the packet, and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on fuel consumption, average fuel efficiency, electric vehicle (EV) impacts on market share, EV impacts to transportation revenue, percentage of EV sales, other state EV fee examples, Florida driver averages, and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) resolution. Mr. Scott said staff was seeking recommendations on this agenda item. Mr. Ron Gogoi then provided additional slides with information on registration fees, breakdown of EV versus rest of vehicles, EV and hybrids, and EV ranking. The EV presentation can be viewed here: [EV Presentation](#) The committee discussed updating Mr. Gogoi's fee in the chart to \$275 instead of \$175 to match the proposed fee from the CAC, differences between vehicle categories, California leading nation in number of EVs, ensuring Florida fee is not highest in nation, impact of multimodal and Complete Streets, vehicle miles travelled issues, widening roads, adding transit, presentation to real estate society example, length of trips to services, Lehigh population, need for other types of services, seasonal population, example of Washington D. C. area as possible comparable area with good mass transit services, possibility of conducting an intermodal network optimization study, business to support growth, affordable housing, sprawl and car-centric nature of Florida, ways to address this issue, example of express routes, projects cut due to lack of interest in mass transit, example in Collier, issues with transit, need for education related to transit, incentives to ride transit, van pool, mobility on demand, seasonal traffic issues, future issues and projections, bus rapid transit, Fort Myers Beach studies, example of California on demand services, economic development related to mobility on demand, paratransit for medical trips, identification of corridors, preservation of corridors for possible future use, reason for CAC action on EV fees, funding, possibility that EV fees should be addressed by City Council or County Commission, concern with attaching a fee, example of past legislation, equity among all road users, challenges with mileage based user fee, vehicle weight considerations, different ways of calculating fees, replacement of gas tax, and objections to motion.

Ms. Persides Zambrano made a motion of no objection. Mr. Scott Philips seconded the motion. There were two objections, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #7 - Provide Input on Upcoming LRTP Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for input on upcoming LRTP Amendments. He explained MPO staff has begun working on proposed amendments to the 2045 LRTP that will be voted on later this fall and these amendments will include changes to the tables to address some of the guidance that was provided by FHWA and FDOT on better illustrating the comparison of project costs and revenues by funding source. The FDOT guidance information was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on FHWA comments, fund table, table example from Tallahassee, Kingston project and need for Corkscrew amendment, map of Kingston project area, and 2045 LRTP map. His presentation can be viewed here: [LRTP Presentation](#) The committee discussed roadway lining up with Eisenhower, transit and density to support it, amendment of needs and cost feasible, approval of Kingston project, additional modeling needed, Cape development off Burnt Store, possible six lane need in future for Burnt Store, development on Charlotte side of Burnt Store, Charlotte County feasibility study to consider six lanes for Burnt Store, connecting roads in Charlotte County like Zimmel, and constrained section of Burnt Store in Charlotte County.

Agenda Item #8 - Provide Input on Joint Meeting Discussions and Agenda Items with the Collier MPO

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for input on joint meeting discussions and agenda items with the Collier MPO. He said the Lee and Collier MPOs are in the process of planning for joint TAC, CAC and MPO committee meetings this fall. He mentioned the Joint TAC and CAC meetings might be held at the end of October or beginning of November, possibly at the FDOT SWIFT Center as the CAC has requested an upcoming meeting be held there. He said staff is seeking input on potential agenda items for the upcoming joint meetings with the following agenda items suggested thus far for consideration: Review and Approve the updated Joint Coordination Agreement, Status Report on the I-75 Feasibility Study, and Update on Regional Roadway Projects Crossing/Vicinity of the County Line. He noted there had been a lack of quorum at past joint MPO Board meetings. Chair Karakos asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Agenda Item #9 - Overview of Crash Data Year to Date

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the crash data year to date. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on crash dashboard, CTST crash data through June, June crashes by type, and Dangerous by Design report. His presentation can be viewed here: [Crash Data Presentation](#) The committee discussed if the data was based on miles driven, data as a rate, increase of eight percent last time, impact of COVID, urbanized area population versus Lee County population, using special data to identify causality, reading reports, local example, and difficulties in solving issues.

Walk-On Agenda Item – Draft SIS 2050 Cost Feasible Plan

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item on the Draft SIS 2050 Cost Feasible Plan. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides on SIS corridors, SIS connector, estimates development schedule, candidate projects, and MPO coordination/prioritization and survey. His presentation can be viewed here: [Draft SIS Presentation](#). The committee discussed managed lanes, express lanes, pay by tag, toll, high occupancy vehicle lane, public involvement, deadline for submission of comments, difficulty in planning thirty years out, more frequent updates to plan, possible improvements to MLK, planning for future growth, and right of way on I-75.

Other Business

Agenda Item #10 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

Ms. Zambrano announced Cape Coral was hiring a city planner, and the information had been forwarded to committee members by MPO staff.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for the next meeting included mobility on demand numbers, van pooling, popular corridor ridership, and overall ridership. Mr. Scott noted the next meeting was scheduled for September 1. The committee briefly discussed performance measure adoption, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding, new FDOT freight coordinator, new FDOT SUN Trail coordinator, and SUN Trail project applications and submissions.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [August 4, 2022 TAC](#)

***Action Items *May Require Action**

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ENDORSEMENT OF THE AVIATION PRIORITIES

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend that the MPO endorse the Lee County Port Authority's priorities for aviation projects at the Southwest Florida International Airport and the Page Field Airport.

The Lee County Port Authority is currently working on its latest priorities for aviation projects at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field for endorsement by the MPO. Since air carrier and general aviation airports are eligible for funding from different sources, projects are prioritized by the Lee County Port Authority separately for each airport. The individual priority list will be emailed out to the TAC and CAC by Monday, August 29th.

**REVISE THE FEDERAL AND STATE PRIORITY LIST TO
INCLUDE THE CAPE CORAL BRIDGE PROJECT**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and approve the revised Federal and State priority list (**attached**) to include the Cape Coral Bridge project.

The Lee County DOT is conducting a PD&E study as part of the project development process to replace the older westbound span of the Cape Coral Bridge along with increasing the bridge capacity to six lanes. The project team for the Cape Coral Bridge project needs an FDOT work program item number for FDOT to become the lead federal agency for the project. FDOT has asked that this request come from the MPO and as such we are adding it to the MPO priorities to help move the project forward. The current funding for the project is coming from Lee County funds, but this project will be developed following the federal requirements which will make the project eligible for federal discretionary funding that might be available when it is constructed.

Updated - 2022 FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDED PRIORITIES

Staff Recommend	21 & 22 Priority	FM #	Project	From	To	Improvement Type	Length (miles)	Next Phase	PDC Estimate (in \$1,000)
1	1	4299601	Partial Funding for County Traffic Operations Center ¹						\$43.5
2	2	1957641	Multi-Modal Enhancement Box ¹						\$3,500
3	3		Big Carlos Bridge Replacement			Bridge	0.4	CST	\$5,000
4	4		US 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge Pedestrian Infrastructure			Sidewalk	1.0	DSB	\$13,800
5	5	4443281	US 41 at Six Mile Cypress Parkway			Intersection	1.0	PE	\$2,000
6	6	4443214	US 41 at Bonita Beach Road			Bypass/Intersection	1.0	PE	\$1,110
7	7	4369281	Burnt Store Road	Van Buren Pkwy	Charlotte Co/l	2L to 4L	5.5	PE	\$8,320
8	8	4313344	SR 730 (Metro Pkwy)	S. of Colonial	Winkler Ave	Partial CFI	1.0	CST	\$37,700
9	9	4313342	SR 730 (Metro Pkwy)	S. of Daniels	N. of Daniels	Partial CFI	0.6	CST	\$20,600
10	10	4313343	SR 730 (Metro Pkwy)	N. of Daniels	S. of Colonial	4L to 6L	2.9	CST	\$28,200
11	11	4419421	SR 31	SR 80	SR 78	2L to 4L	1.4	ROW	\$20,000
12	12	4449371	SR 78	I-75	SR 31	2L to 4L	3.3	PE	\$4,500
13	13	4353471	Old US 41	US 41	Bonita Beach Road	Add lanes/reconstruct	2.7	PE	\$2,500
14			Cape Coral Bridge	W. of McGregor	E. of Del Prado	Bridge Reconst/Widen 6L	1.1	CST	\$187,000
15	14		US 41/SR 78 Displaced Intersection Improvement			Intersection	0.5	PD&E	\$600
16	15	4126363	Countywide ATMS			Phase III Implementation		PE	\$1,200

Lower to match commitment of SU funds for Big Carlos in FY 26, 27 & 28
\$5 million per year of SU funds for three years matched with \$10 million in SA for the bridge CST, starting in 2026

Notes:

¹The top two priorities are set asides that the Lee County MPO request annually from off the top of SU funds allocated to the Lee County urbanized area. The multi-modal box funds include \$1.5 million annually for bus replacements, .95 million in congestion management funding and \$2.5 million in bicycle pedestrian projects consistent with the LRTP.

PL = Planning phase PE = Design phase DSB = Design Build Project ROW = Right-of-way phase
PD&E = Project Development & Environment phase CST = Construction phase

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM PRIORITIES

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and approve the **attached** recommended Carbon Reduction Program fund priorities.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) which provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as CO₂ emissions from on-road highway sources. A portion of the total funds apportioned to a state are suballocated to urbanized areas with populations greater than 200,000 and urbanized areas with population 50,000 to 200,000.

For FY 2022, the suballocation of CRP funds for the Cape Coral urbanized area is \$1,128,685. The FY 2022 funds will most likely be available for programming projects in FY 2024, the first year of FDOT's new Work Program for the period covering FY 2024 through FY 2028. Funds may be also available for programming projects in the subsequent years of this work program which is currently under development.

Eligible projects for CRP funds include bicycle pedestrian facilities, micromobility, public transportation, congestion management technologies, etc. and they must be identified in an MPO's Transportation Plan. That makes most of the bicycle pedestrian projects in the Lee MPO's Adopted Multimodal Box Fund Priorities eligible for CRP funds. The recommended priorities are shown in **Attachment A**. Priorities have been assigned consistent with their priority order from the adopted Multimodal Box Fund Priority list.

CRP RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES
TAC/CAC September 1, 2022

Applicant	Project	Limits	Length (Mile)	Proposed Improvements	Phase Completed/Under Way/Programmed	Next Phase	Requested Funds	Local Match	2022 Priority
MPO	US 41 Sidewalk	Tara Blvd to Charlotte Cty Line	3.02	SW (West Side)	NA	CST	\$ 912,549	\$ 0	1
FM	Winkler Ave Bike Lanes	Colonial Blvd to Six Mile Cypress Pkwy	1.3	Bike Lanes	NA	CST	\$ 640,510	CEI: \$131,202	2
FM	Carrell Canal Shared Use Path	Carrell Canal Crossing & Carrell Ave from US 41 to JYLP Ext.	1.0	Shared use path	Partially Programmed	CST	\$ 512,687	CEI: \$102,538	3
FM	Challenger Ave Bike Lanes	Challenger from Colonial to Six Mile	1.0	Bike Lanes	NA	CST	\$ 558,714	CEI: \$114,843	4
LCBOCC	Daniels Pkwy Shared Use Path	Corporate Lakes Dr to SR 82	1.1	Shared use path (notth side)	NA	PE	\$ 161,810	\$ 0	5
Estero	Coconut Rd Sidewalk	Via Coconut to US 41	0.3	Sidewalk (North Side)		PE	\$ 190,000	\$ 0	6
BS	East Terry St Shared Use Path	Palm Bay Ct to Southern Pines Dr	0.2	Shared Use Path (North Side) and Bike Lanes	NA	CST Phase 1	\$ 365,178	\$ 0	7
		Southern Pines Drive to I 75		SUP (West Side)	NA	CST Phase 2	\$ 1,403,844	\$ 0	
CC	SE 24th Ave Sidewalk	Viscaya to SE 15th Terrace	0.8	Sidewalk (East Side)	NA	CST	\$ 383,689	\$ 0	8
CC	Garden Blvd Sidewalk	DeNavarra to NE 33rd St	0.72	Sidewalk (East Side)	NA	CST	\$ 282,727	\$ 0	9
CC	Andalusia Blvd Sidewalk	Diplomat to Kismet	0.95	Sidewalk (Both Sides)	NA	CST	\$ 773,099	CEI: \$154,620	10
Estero	Corkscrew Rd Shared Use Path	US 41 to Park Entrance	0.24	SUP (North Side)	NA	PE	\$ 185,000	\$ 0	11

NOTES:

To meet FDOT requirements, in the interim, for consideration of Carbon Reduction Program funds in FY 2023 of the Adopted Work Program, and/or in the Tentative Work Program for FY 2024 through FY 2028, the above Carbon Reduction Program eligible projects in the CRP Priority list are identified by reference to the Bike Ped Element of the 2045 Transportation Plan. These projects are specifically identified in Table 1-2: 2045 Bicycle Pedestrian Needs Plan and Table 1-4: 2045 Bicycle Pedestrian Cost Feasible Plan Projects.

For long term consistency requirements, the Lee MPO will amend its 2045 Transportation Plan to add a special chapter on the Carbon Reduction Program that will include a list of candidate projects for Lee MPO CRP fund priorities. All such priorities will be considered by FDOT for inclusion in the Tentative Work Programs.

UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY AND FORMULA GRANT PROGRAMS

DISCUSSION ITEM:

FDOT has provided dates for the upcoming regional grant information sessions around the state and the dates/times are **attached**. Listed below is a short status outline on some of the current grant programs:

- **RAISE** – The 2022 grant announcements were recently announced with 166 total projects being funded around the nation and five projects funded in Florida. The five projects in Florida include a Multimodal Transit Center in Clearwater, a new berth in Port of Tampa, a cargo optimization and resiliency project in Port of Miami, a corridor trespassing and intrusion mitigation project for the East Coast Rail project and a SMART project in St Augustine.
- **Safe Streets for All Grant Program** – The deadline for submittal is September 15, 2022 and funding can be used to develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan), conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan and to carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
- **Reconnecting Communities Grant Program** – The deadline for submittal is October and funding can be used for planning and construction activities that includes:
 - Planning studies of current traffic patterns on the eligible facility proposed for removal, retrofit, or mitigation and the surrounding street network; transportation network capacity; alternative roadway designs or other uses for the right-of-way; impacts to the mobility of freight and people; impacts to the safety of the traveling public; cost; anticipated economic impacts and environmental impacts both human and natural.

Public engagement activities to provide the public opportunities to provide input into a plan to remove and convert an eligible facility. Other transportation planning activities required in advance of a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility to restore community connectivity, as determined by DOT.

- Removal, retrofit, or mitigation of an existing eligible facility. Replacement of an eligible facility with a new facility that

restores community connectivity and is sensitive to the context of the surrounding community.

Preliminary and detailed design activities and associated environmental studies; predevelopment / preconstruction; permitting activities including the completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process; delivering community benefits and the mitigation of impacts identified through the NEPA process or other planning and project development for the capital construction project.

- **National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program** – Provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure and operating expenses. To date, the program has only been addressing the formula funds. As required, FDOT submitted a charging investment plan that added new alternative fuel routes over the original focus that included charging along the interstates around the state. The current plan that FDOT submitted adds in the US 41 and SR 80 corridors in Lee County. Approval of the plan by USDOT is required before they can move forward with the formula funds to Florida and that is expected to occur by the end of September.

Upcoming funding opportunities include the National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program; the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Grant Program and Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program. Current and future grant opportunities can be monitored here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/funding-opportunities>

Regional Grant Information Sessions



Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) encourages eligible local agencies to apply for the many new discretionary grant opportunities created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). As such, FDOT wants to ensure our local partners are prepared with the knowledge, data, and resources to apply for and be direct recipients of federal discretionary dollars.

Information sessions to cover:

- *Overview of the USDOT grant opportunities*
- *Regional improvements – working together*
- *What do you need to know – grant applications and implementation*
- *Collaborative discussions with FDOT District staff*

August 26, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Kick-Off Webinar, GoToWebinar

September 19, 2022 | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
District 7 Auditorium
11201 N McKinley Dr, Tampa

September 22, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)
District 3 Auditorium
1074 Highway 90, Chipley

September 23, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Turnpike Auditorium, Turkey Lake Service Plaza Milepost 263, Bldg 5315, Ocoee

October 5, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
District 2 Conference Room
1109 S Marion Ave, Lake City

October 6, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
District 2 Training Building
2198 Edison Ave, Jacksonville

October 11, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
District 6 Auditorium
1000 NW 111 Ave, Miami

October 12, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
District 4 Auditorium
3400 W Commercial Blvd, Ft Lauderdale

October 13, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
North Fort Myers Public Library
2001 N Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers

October 14, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
District 1 Auditorium
801 North Broadway Ave, Bartow

A photograph of a city skyline at sunset, with several tall buildings and palm trees in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

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INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT COST INCREASES

PRESENTATION ITEM:

Staff will present information on the statewide project cost increases.

INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION

- a. Notice of the Burnt Store Road from Van Buren to North of the Charlotte County line PD&E study workshop (In-person: August 30th from 5:00-7:00pm and Virtual: September 1st 6:00-7:00pm).
- b. Notice of the SR 739 Caloosahatchee Bridge to N. of SR 78 Improvements Project on September 15th from 5:00-7:00pm (virtual option is from 6:00-7:00pm the same day).
- c. Notice of the SR 78 Corridor Vision Plan Workshop (In-person September 15th from 5:00-7:00pm and Virtual: September 22nd from 6:00-7:00pm).



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For Immediate Release

August 23, 2022

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Public Workshop for Burnt Store Road PD&E Study From Van Buren Parkway to the Charlotte County Line

In-Person: August 30, 2022 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Virtual: September 1, 2022 from 6 – 7 p.m.

Bartow, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to the alternatives public workshop for the Burnt Store Road Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study from Van Buren Parkway to the Charlotte County Line in Lee County. The purpose of the study is to evaluate alternative concepts to widen this segment of Burnt Store Road from two to four lanes, with future accommodation of six lanes, to address projected travel demand as a result of area-wide growth. The workshop is being held to present information about the preliminary alternatives and provide the opportunity for the public to offer feedback.

You can participate in the public workshop online or in-person. The same material will be displayed at both the in-person and online meetings, and will be posted on the project website (<http://www.swflroads.com/burntstorerd/vanburentocharlottectyline/>) by August 23, 2022.

IN-PERSON OPTION: The in-person alternatives public workshop will be held on **August 30, 2022**, at the Northwest Regional Library, 519 Chiquita Blvd N, Cape Coral, FL 33993. The in-person workshop will be in an “open house” format from 5-7 p.m.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION: Attend virtually on September 1, 2022 starting at 6 p.m. The same material will be covered in the online public workshop and will include a live question-and-answer component. To attend virtually from a computer, tablet or mobile device, please **register in advance** by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/burntstore/> or register on the project website (<http://www.swflroads.com/burntstorerd/vanburentocharlottectyline/>). Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this GoTo Webinar.

You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments. Questions can be answered by calling the FDOT project manager, Steven Andrews at (863) 519-2270.

The FDOT is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300 feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments to the FDOT regarding this project. If you have any questions about the project, please contact FDOT Project Manager, Steven Andrews by phone at (863) 519-2270, or email at Steven.Andrews@dot.state.fl.us.

After reviewing the public workshop materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in three different ways: 1) on the project website; 2) emailing the FDOT Project Manager Steven Andrews at Steven.Andrews@dot.state.fl.us; or 3) mailing comments to Steven Andrews at FDOT District One, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831-1249. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received or postmarked by September 12, 2022, to be included in the formal public workshop record. A summary of the workshop comments and responses will be available on the website approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period.

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the State Road (SR) 739 from the Caloosahatchee River to North of SR 78 Public Meeting **on Thursday, September 15, 2022**. The in-person open house will begin at 5:00 p.m. The virtual meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. For your convenience, FDOT is providing three ways to participate:

- 1. Virtual Option:** Attend virtually from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. from a computer, tablet, or mobile device. You can register in advance at fdot.cc/SR739-CaloosahatcheeRiver-to-N-of-SR78. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar.
- 2. In-Person Option:** Attend in-person from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **the North Fort Myers Park and Recreation Center, 2000 North Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers, Florida**. Attendees who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person meeting.
- 3. Website:** View the materials online at swflroads.com/project/446293-1.

All meeting materials will be available online by September 8, 2022. You do not have to attend a live event in order to submit a comment. Comments can be submitted at the live meeting, through the website, or through the contact information provided on the other side of this notification. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by September 26, 2022, to be included in the formal public meeting record.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

FDOT, District One, is designing improvements to SR 739 from the Caloosahatchee River to north of SR 78 in Lee County. The project was requested by the FDOT District One Traffic Safety Department and is intended to improve safety, enhance traffic flow, and reduce crashes.

The project consists of milling and resurfacing of the roadway as well as constructing a continuous raised median with bi-directional and full median openings. Two pedestrian hybrid beacons will be provided south of Pondella Road and at Mariana Avenue. Additional improvements include upgrading the traffic signal at Pondella Road; providing upgrades in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and lighting, signing and pavement markings, and drainage improvements.

This meeting is being held to present project information and provide an opportunity for the public to offer feedback. FDOT will accept written comments during and after the meeting.



Register to Attend Virtually

Scan the QR Code shown here to register, and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the public meeting online.





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CONTACT US

We encourage you to participate in the SR 739 from the Caloosahatchee River to North of SR 78 Public Meeting. If you have questions or comments regarding the project, please contact FDOT Project Manager, Zachary Tapp.



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SR 739 from the Caloosahatchee River to North of SR 78

SR 78 CORRIDOR VISION PLAN IN-PERSON PUBLIC WORKSHOP

District: One

Meeting Type: Workshop

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Location Name: Cape Coral Technical College

Street Address: 360 Santa Barbara Boulevard N

City: Cape Coral, FL 33993

Purpose: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a public workshop for the SR 78 (Pine Island Road) Corridor Vision & Action Plan in Lee County. You can participate in the public workshop in-person or online. IN-PERSON OPTION: The in-person open house is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022, at Cape Coral Technical College, 360 Santa Barbara Boulevard N, Cape Coral, FL 33993. The in-person workshop will be in an "open house" format and you can attend the event any time between 5 and 7 p.m. The purpose of this study is to help the City of Cape Coral and Lee County community develop a vision plan for the SR 78 (Pine Island Road) corridor to guide transportation and land use decisions over the next 50 years. The workshop is being held to solicit feedback from the community concerning their desires for the future of the corridor. The feedback gathered at the workshop will be used to inform the corridor vision planning process. All workshop materials will be available on the project website by September 14, 2022. A copy of these materials will also be displayed at the in-person workshop. You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments. For more information on all options of the upcoming public workshop, please visit the project website or contact FDOT Project Manager, Vitor Suguri by phone at (239) 225-1959, or email at Vitor.Suguri@dot.state.fl.us. After reviewing the public workshop materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in three different ways: 1) on the project website; 2) emailing the FDOT Project Manager, Vitor Suguri at vitor.suguri@dot.state.fl.us; or 3) mailing comments to Vitor Suguri, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received or postmarked by October 6, 2022, to be included in the project record. A summary of the workshop comments and responses will be available on the website approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public workshop. The Florida Department of Transportation may adopt this planning product into the environmental review process, pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 168(d)(4), or to the state project development process.

Project Web Site: <https://www.swflroads.com/project/442083-1>

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SR 78 CORRIDOR VISION PLAN VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

District: One

Meeting Type: Workshop

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Location Name: Project Website

Street Address: <https://www.swflroads.com/project/442083-1>

Directions: <https://www.swflroads.com/project/442083-1>

Purpose: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a public workshop for the SR 78 (Pine Island Road) Corridor Vision & Action Plan in Lee County. You can participate in the public workshop in-person or online. **LIVE ONLINE OPTION:** The online public workshop will be held on September 22, 2022. FDOT staff will present to the public and will host a live component from 6 to 7 p.m. that will be open to comments from the public. Attend online from a computer, tablet or mobile device. You can register in advance by visiting https://bit.ly/SR78_VisionPlan_PublicWorkshop. The live event can also be accessed online through the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/project/442083-1>. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop online. Please note that registration and attendance via the website links work best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browser. Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this GoTo Webinar. The purpose of this study is to help the City of Cape Coral and Lee County community develop a vision plan for the SR 78 (Pine Island Road) corridor to guide transportation and land use decisions over the next 50 years. The workshop is being held to solicit feedback from the community concerning their desires for the future of the corridor. The feedback gathered at the workshop will be used to inform the corridor vision planning process. All workshop materials will be available on the project website by September 14, 2022. A copy of these materials will also be displayed at the in-person workshop. You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments. For more information on all options of the upcoming public workshop, please visit the project website or contact FDOT Project Manager, Vitor Suguri by phone at (239) 225-1959, or email at Vitor.Suguri@dot.state.fl.us. After reviewing the public workshop materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in three different ways: 1) on the project website; 2) emailing the FDOT Project Manager, Vitor Suguri at vitor.Suguri@dot.state.fl.us; or 3) mailing comments to Vitor Suguri, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received or postmarked by October 6, 2022, to be included in the project record. A summary of the workshop comments and responses will be available on the website approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public workshop. The Florida Department of Transportation may adopt this planning product into the environmental review process, pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 168(d)(4), or to the state project development process.

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