

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, June 1, 2023

City of Cape Coral Public Works Building

815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990

9:30 a.m.



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Mike Cook.

### Roll Call

Those present introduced themselves. The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those members in attendance included Rick Burris, Rakibul Alam, and Tom Marquardt with Lee County; Ian Sikonia with Lee County Port Authority; Dawn Huff with LeeTran; Laura Dodd with Cape Coral; Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers; Matt Noble with the Village of Estero; Sean Kingston with the Collier MPO; and Mike Cook with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Others in attendance included Don Scott and Ron Gogoi with the Lee County MPO; Victoria Peters and Patrick Bateman with FDOT; Steve Ludwinski with Corradino; Andy Getch with McCormick Taylor; and a member of the public Marsh Ellis.

### 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 provided the LeeTran report on the South Transfer Center project delayed opening, mobility-on-demand projects in Lee County, and ridership increases.

### Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report on the apportionment plan update and Freight Office information sessions. Mr. Scott also mentioned the SR 78 project meetings.

## New Business

### Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the May 4, 2023 Meeting Summary

Ms. Dawn Huff made the motion to approve the May 4, 2023 Meeting Summary. Mr. Matt Noble seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item #5 - \*Review and Approve FY 2023 through FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment to add a Roadway Shoulder Safety Project

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the amendment to the FY 2023 through FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a rumble strip lane departure project. He noted the current FY 2023 through FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being amended to add a statewide safety road project in the current fiscal year. He added the project includes adding rumble strips to address lane departure crashes on state roads without curb and gutter and with a posted speed of 50 mph or more. He further explained the rumble strips will be installed on the outside shoulders and centerline of undivided roadways and on divided roadways they will be installed on both the inside and outside shoulders and the possible locations. He referred to the TIP page and pictures of the pilot project on SR 70 in Manatee county that were

attached to the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and reviewed as slides at the meeting. The committee discussed the potential impacts on longevity and effectiveness.

**Mr. Sean Kingston made the motion to approve the amendment to the FY 2023 through FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #6 - \*Review and Approve TA/SU/CARU Multimodal Projects Priorities**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the recommended Multimodal Project Priorities that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Mr. Gogoi provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [TA/SU/CARU](#). The committee discussed the sidewalks built by private developer, existing conditions and gaps, Ortiz/SR 82 area projects, developer requirements from City of Fort Myers, and further discussion on project phases. Mr. Gogoi asked for recommendation for MPO Board approval. Chair Cook asked for a motion.

**Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to approve the TA/SU/CARU Multimodal Project Priorities. Ms. Dawn Huff seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed.**

#### **Agenda Item #7 - \*Endorsement of the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and recommend endorsement of the FY 2023/2024 through FY 2027/2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be forwarded to the MPO Board for their approval on June 16, 2023. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [TIP Presentation](#). The committee briefly discussed the diverging diamond project. Chair Cook asked for a motion. A link to the TIP document was included in the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and can be viewed here: [FY 2023/2024 through FY 2027/2028 TIP](#)

**Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to recommend endorsement by the MPO Board of the FY 2023/2024 through FY 2027/2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Laura Dodd seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #8 - \*Recommend MPO Support CY 2023 Transit Safety Performance Targets**

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review of and to recommend MPO adoption of the resolution supporting the LeeTran Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Targets for Calendar Year 2023. The targets were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Mr. Gogoi provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [Transit Safety Performance Targets](#). He asked for committee recommendation for MPO support of the targets. Chair Cook asked if there were any questions. There were none. He asked for a motion.

**Ms. Dawn Huff made the motion to recommend MPO Board Support of the Targets. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed.**

#### **Agenda Item #9 - US 41 and Bonita Beach Road Project Development & Environment Study Presentation**

Mr. Patrick Bateman with FDOT presented this agenda item on the US 41 and Bonita Beach Road Project Development & Environment Study. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be

viewed at the following link: [US 41 and Bonita Beach Road Project](#) Mr. Bateman asked if there were any questions. The committee discussed concerns regarding new traffic movements, coordination with local businesses, types of funding and possible restrictions, existing conditions near Publix, future developments, City of Bonita Springs projects, upgrades needed, maintenance, finding out additional information on requirements for funding types, project specifications, project costs, cycle track, bicycle lanes, design flexibility, right-of-way limitations, design criteria, typical sections, design cost estimates, modeling and traffic, example of Fort Myers midtown project, example in Sarasota, Bonita area bicycle and pedestrian traffic, bicycle and pedestrian counts, FDOT data collection site, counts in local areas, posting counts by local jurisdictions, types of counters, factoring counters into design, example in Orlando, and use of counts for funding justification.

### **Agenda Item #10 - Update on the 2020 Urbanized Area Allocation Discussions and Proposed Joint Lee and Collier Workshop Agenda Items for August**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the 2020 Urbanized Area Allocation Discussions and Proposed Joint Lee and Collier Workshop Agenda Items for August. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [Urbanized Area Allocations](#) The committee discussed interlocal agreements between Lee and Collier transit agencies, adding that item to the joint meeting agenda, meeting in August, Babcock Ranch, population versus traffic flow, and Charlotte County coordination agreement.

### **Other Business**

### **Agenda Item #11 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

Ms. Marsha Ellis, a member of the public, emailed a public comment presentation on items not on the agenda prior to the meeting and presented the following emailed public comment presentation slides in-person to the committee: [Marsha Ellis Public Comment](#)

### **Agenda Item #12 – Announcements**

Ms. Dawn Huff announced that there was a planner position open for LeeTran. Mr. Carl Karakos mentioned the City of Fort Myers had a recommendation to hire a transportation planner. Ms. Laura Dodd mentioned there was a traffic engineer position open at the City of Cape Coral.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting**

Mr. Scott noted there was no Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting in July and a joint meeting scheduled for August 3 with location to be determined. The committee discussed past and potential locations for joint meetings. The topics suggested for the joint meeting were covered in Agenda Item #10. The topic suggested for the September TAC meeting was a presentation from LeeTran on mobility-on-demand services in Lee County.

### **Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items**

There were no information and distribution items.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.**

**An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [TAC June 1, 2023](#)**

\*Action Items    +May Require Action

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