

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, November 2, 2023
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
9:30 a.m.



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 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 (9:32 a.m.) with Lee County Department of Community Development; Alicia Dixon with Lee County Port Authority; Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers; Matt Noble with the Village of Estero; Sean Kingston (9:32 a.m.) with the Collier MPO; D’Juan Harris with the Charlotte County - Punta Gorda MPO; and Mike Cook with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi, Brian Raimondo, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Victoria Peters with FDOT; Steve Ludwinski with Corradino; and Andy Getch with McCormick Taylor.

Agenda Item #2 – LeeTran Report

Chair Cook read the LeeTran report provided via email by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran which can be viewed at the following link - [LeeTran report](#).

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided the FDOT report with an update on the SR 31 Public meeting.

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

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the October 5, 2023 Meeting Summary

Mr. Matt Noble made the motion to approve the October 5, 2023 Meeting Summary. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approve Amendments to the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for the Metro Parkway from Daniels to Winkler Project and to Add the I-75 Moving Florida Forward Project

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the amendments to the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust funding for the Metro Parkway from Daniels to Winkler Project and to add the I-75 Moving Florida Forward project that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [TIP Amendments](#). The committee briefly discussed the project limits, construction funding, and Corkscrew interchange project. Chair Cook asked for a motion.

Mr. D’Juan Harris made the motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Mr. Sean Kingston seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approve the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [LRTP Amendments](#). The committee briefly discussed project programming, GIS, project limits and naming, boundaries for TIP and LRTP amendments, new legislation regarding regional coordination, funding, and documentation. Chair Cook asked for a motion.

Mr. Matt Noble made the motion to approve the LRTP Amendments. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - Presentation and Review of the FDOT Tentative Work Program

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT presented this agenda item for the review of the FDOT Tentative Work Program. The work program and summary of changes were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Ms. Peters showed the work program video that can be viewed at the following link: [FDOT Five Year Work Program - YouTube](#). She then provided an overview of the work program. Mr. Gogoi then provided a Power Point presentation on the work program priorities that can be viewed at the following link: [Work Program Priorities](#). The committee briefly discussed the Colonial/Six Mile project time frame, projects funded, coordination, CR 865 multimodal trail project, and carbon reduction allocations. Chair Cook asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #8 - Information on Transportation Legislation for this Session

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item as an update on the transportation legislation for this session. His Power Point presentation can be found at the following link: [Legislation](#). The committee briefly discussed micromobility, tax caps on purchases, DUI regulations, and FDOT employee seatbelt regulations. Chair Cook asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #9 - 2024 MPO Meeting Calendar

Ms. Calandra Barraco presented the recently approved 2024 MPO Meeting Calendar that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#).

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. Barraco announced there was not a TAC meeting scheduled for December, and the next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2024. Mr. Gogoi discussed the statewide priority list, passenger rail transportation priorities, and a possible southwest Florida regional intercity rail plan. The committee discussed a possible feasibility study, plans in other areas, possible motion to support the rail feasibility study, application time frame, rail workshop, pilot stage of program, and deadline for

submission. Mr. Gogoi suggested action to recommend MPO adopt a priority for SWFL passenger rail. The committee discussed the wording of the motion.

Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to recommend the MPO Board adoption of a priority for a SWFL passenger rail planning study. Mr. D’Juan Harris seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee continued the passenger rail discussion on benefits, bus rapid transit, passenger rail destination areas, limits of passenger rail, providers, speeds, and use of I-75 corridor.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for next meeting included the election of chair/vice-chair.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and/or distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be found at the following link: [TAC November 2, 2023](#)

*Action Items †May Require Action

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