

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Thursday, March 7, 2024  
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 Technical Advisory Committee Vice-Chair Anthony Palermo.

### Roll Call

The roll was called by MPO staff. There was a quorum at 9:31 a.m. with the arrival of LeeTran's Clarissa Marino Diaz. Those members in attendance included Rick Burris with Lee County Department of Community Development; Ian Sikonia with Lee County Port Authority; Clarissa Marino Diaz with LeeTran (9:31 a.m.); Laura Dodd with the City of Cape Coral; Anthony Palermo and Nicole Setzer with the City of Fort Myers; Matt Noble with the Village of Estero; Sean Kingston with the Collier MPO (9:37 a.m.); D'Juan Harris with the Charlotte County - Punta Gorda MPO (9:32 a.m.); and Mike Cook with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District (9:32 a.m.). Others in attendance included Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Victoria Peters, Jessica White, Keith Robbins, Joe Lauk, Josephine Mak, Amara DeCicco, James Heffelfinger, Katelyn Carmona, and Jason Heironimus with FDOT; an officer with the Cape Coral Police Department; Chris Zuppa with Volkert; Tom Deer and Karl Pyles with KSI; Dave Farmer with Metro Forecasting; Katie Shannon and Alayna Delgado with VHB; and Andy Getch with McCormick Taylor.

### 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. Clarissa Marino Diaz with LeeTran provided the LeeTran report on service changes and route changes. Vice-Chair Palermo asked if there were any questions. There were none.

### Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided the FDOT report on the replacement of signs by May that were damaged by Hurricane Ian.

## New Business

### Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the January 4, 2024 Meeting Summary

Ms. Laura Dodd made the motion to approve the January 4, 2024 Meeting Summary. Mr. D'Juan Harris seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item #5 \*Review and Approve Amendments to the FY 2024 – FY 2028 TIP

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 through FY 2027/2028 Transportation Improvement Program that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). There were no questions/comments.

**Mr. Matt Noble made the motion to approve the amendments to the TIP. Ms. Laura Dodd seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #6 - \*Review and Approval of FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendments that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Mr. Ian Sikonia asked about the northern terminus. Mr. Scott replied Alico. There were no additional questions or comments. Vice-Chair Palermo asked for a motion.

**Mr. D’Juan Harris made the motion to approve the amendments to the UPWP. Ms. Laura Dodd seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #7 - \*Review and Approve the Long Range Transportation Plan Transit Element Scope of Services**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Transit Element Scope of Services that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Vice-Chair Palermo asked if there were any questions/comments or a motion. There were no questions/comments.

**Ms. Laura Dodd made the motion to approve the LRTP Transit Element Scope of Services. Mr. Matt Noble seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #8 - \*Review and Approve the LRTP Public Outreach and Documentation Scope of Services**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Outreach and Documentation Scope of Services that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions. There were none. Vice-Chair Palermo asked for a motion.

**Mr. Sean Kingston made the motion to approve the LRTP Public Outreach and Documentation Scope of Services. Ms. Laura Dodd seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #9 - \*Review and Approve the CR 951 Feasibility Study Scope of Services**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the CR 951 Feasibility Study Scope of Services that was 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: [CR 951 Study](#). He asked if there were any questions. There were none. Vice-Chair Palermo asked for a motion.

**Ms. Laura Dodd made the motion to approve the CR 951 Feasibility Study Scope of Services. Mr. D’Juan Harris seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #10 - US 41 Bridge Project Presentation**

Mr. Joe Lauk with FDOT presented this agenda item on the US 41 Bridge Project. He then provided a Power Point presentation that can be accessed at the following link: [US 41 Bridge](#) Ms. Katelyn

Carmona provided additional information on the public involvement for the project. The committee discussed amenities, lane closures, hurricane and rainy season, evacuation, traffic modeling, smart work zone plan, providing choices for alternate travel, flooding at Edison bridge, work at night, extended lane closures, and open house for project. Vice-Chair Palermo thanked Mr. Lauk and Ms. Carmona.

### **Agenda Item #11 - Presentation of FDOT's Vision Zero Action Plan for State Roads**

Mr. Keith Robbins with FDOT introduced this agenda item and provided a background on the action plan and then introduced Ms. Katie Shannon who presented this agenda item on FDOT's Vision Zero Action Plan for State Roads. She provided a Power Point presentation that can be accessed at the following link: [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) The committee discussed crash emphasis areas, three lane roadways, driver behavior, teen drivers, uninsured/unlicensed drivers and unregistered vehicles, hit and run crashes, tourists, new technology, night time conditions, example of Palm Beach Boulevard, safety projects planned for Palm Beach Boulevard, demographics of area, DUIs, countermeasures, group analysis of Palm Beach Boulevard area, red light running, tailgating, speeding, pre and post-crash analysis, example of SR 80 median project, Charlotte County SS4A dashboard, impact of landscaping, Metroplan example, mitigation, increased population, vehicle miles traveled, paradigm shifts, lights on newer cars, example of road diet, political buy-in, construction, and variety of solutions proposed.

### **Agenda Item #12 - Presentation of the 2050 Socioeconomic Data**

Mr. David Farmer with Metro Forecasting presented this agenda item on the 2050 Socioeconomic Data. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be accessed at the following link: [2050 Data](#) The committee and those present discussed predictions, accuracy, process of modeling, zoning and land use changes, policy changes, prices, lawsuits, working with Lee/Collier/Charlotte, sending past data, integrating freight, economic development, availability of full report, and providing maps and school projections.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Review and Comment on the SUN Trail Feasibility Scope of Services**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review of and comment on the SUN Trail Feasibility Study Scope of Services that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He quickly provided a PowerPoint presentation that can be accessed at the following link: [SUN Trail Scope](#) He noted that comments and questions could be forwarded to him, and the item would be brought back at the next meeting in May.

### **Agenda Item #14 - Review of the Draft FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Scott briefly presented this agenda item for the review of the Draft FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He noted that any comments on the draft could be sent to him, and the item would come back for approval in May.

### **Other Business**

### **Agenda Item #15 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

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

## **Agenda Item #16 – Announcements**

There were no announcements.

## **Agenda Item #17 - Topics for next meeting**

Topics suggested for the next meeting included the approval of the priorities and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and additional Long Range Transportation Plan items. Vice-Chair Palermo noted there was no meeting scheduled for April. Mr. Scott confirmed.

## **Agenda Item #18 - Information and Distribution Items**

There were no information and/or distribution items. Mr. Scott mentioned several upcoming public meetings including the Caloosahatchee Bridge and Bonita Beach Road/US41 and said MPO staff would forward the information.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.**

**An audio recording of the meeting can be found at the following links:**

[TAC March 7, 2024 Part One](#)

[TAC March 7, 2024 Part Two](#)

\*Action Items    †May Require Action

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