

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS  
COMMITTEE**

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2017  
Lee County Admin East Facility, Room 118  
2201 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239-244-2220



**Meeting Minutes**

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**The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Vice-Chair Jay Anderson.**

**The members introduced themselves. There was a quorum.**

**Members Present**

April Russ	Lee County Port Authority
Bill Floyd	Lee County Emergency Management
David Murphy	Lee County DOT
Jay Anderson	CTST
Levi McCollum	LeeTran
Marinko Gadjinik	City of Fort Myers Engineering
Syndi Bultman	Lee Trauma

Those in attendance also included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Hunter Abel with LeeTran; Eric Ortman with Collier MPO; and Robert Price with Lee County DOT.

**Public Comments on Items on the Agenda**

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

**Agenda Item #7 - Update on Commuter Services Activity**

Christine Diaz, FDOT District One Commuter Assistance Service Program's (CAP) Outreach Coordinator, presented this update on the commuter services activity in Lee County. She called in to the meeting and gave a power point presentation. She discussed partner statistics, Try Transit Day during April Earth Month, and the Summertime Commuter Challenge.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Agenda Item #1 – \*Approval of the Minutes from the April 12, 2017 Meeting**

**Bill Floyd made the motion to approve the minutes. April Russ seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There were no objections. The motion carried unanimously.**

**New Business**

**Agenda Item #2 - Approval of the MPO Priorities**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and recommend MPO approval of the Lee MPO Major Roadway Project Priorities, Multi-Modal Enhancement Box Priorities, and Highway Safety Program Priorities. Mr. Gogoi reviewed **Attachment B**, that included this year's proposed Multi-Modal Enhancement Box fund priorities. The \$4.7 million in box funds comes from the Lee MPO annual allocation of SU funds. He said Bike/Ped, Traffic Operations, and transit projects all compete for this category of funds. Transit and Traffic Operation projects, which come under Management and Operations, are typically identified by the Traffic Management Operations Committee while bike ped projects are identified by the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee. There was a brief discussion on Highway Safety Program Priorities. Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation by explaining the Highway

Safety Program Priorities, **Attachment C** of the agenda packet. This is discretionary funding that Lee County competes for with other counties in the state.

**Bill Floyd made the motion to approve the priorities. Levi McCollum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #4 - Motorcycle Fatality and Injury Analysis**

Syndi Bultman, with Lee Health, presented this non-action item to provide the results of a motor cycle fatality and injury analysis from 2006 to present. She noted that Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO assisted with data collection for this presentation. She showed a power-point presentation that included statistics from 2015 motorcycle crashes in Florida, Florida injuries and fatalities for the past decade, Florida's most common fatal and non-fatal injuries, and statistics specifically for Lee County. There was a brief discussion regarding the time of day with relation to number of accidents and behaviors associated with accidents. Ms. Bultman continued her presentation on statistics for Lee County, Charlotte County, and Collier County. She also covered costs associated with these accidents and statistics associated with the Florida helmet law. There was a brief discussion that followed on the correlation between bike events and crashes. The committee also discussed the costs, potential public education, causes of crashes, and crash occurrences with relation to time of year.

#### **Agenda Item #5 - Review and Comment on the MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Scope**

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and provide input on the scope for updating the Lee MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, attached to the agenda packet. He said this Plan was developed in 2013. He added, with the *Dangerous by Design Report* designating the Cape Coral Urbanized Area as the #1 most dangerous place in the nation for walking, the MPO Board recommended that the Lee MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (BPSAP) be updated. He noted, accordingly, the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program was amended assigning funds to update the BPSAP. He stated the consultant will conduct a detailed analysis. He also said a stakeholder group will be formed to review the analysis and make comments. He noted that if the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee had any comments, they could provide them.

#### **Agenda Item #6 - Discussion on the FDOT Maintenance Agreement**

Mr. Gogoi presented this non-action item on FDOT maintenance agreements. FDOT staff has had numerous conversations with the County and the MPO over the last three years about the maintenance of multi-use pathways within State owned right-of-way. Mr. Gogoi said FDOT will now require the signing of a maintenance agreement for pathway/trail related design standard features included within the construction of a project. He commented that the surface would be maintained by FDOT but other features that may include railings, slopes, boardwalks, gravity walls, traffic barriers guardrail, signing, pavement markings, pedestrian/bicycle signals, lighting etc. will require a maintenance agreement by the local government. Mr. Gogoi added that this will greatly affect what gets built on the State roads in the County including SR 80, SR 78, SR 31 and SR 82 versus what was previously assumed to be built on these roadways. Mr. Gogoi said FDOT would maintain an eight foot shared use path. Mr. Gogoi mentioned SR 82 and the affect this will have on what will be constructed. A brief discussion followed on other areas in the state and the effects this will have on them.

### **Old Business**

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Report on the CTST Intersection Reviews**

Vice-Chair Jay Anderson presented this non-action item on the Lee County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) intersection reviews. He noted there were recommendations for improvement made at Iona/McGregor. He said Hanson and Fowler were reviewed. He also said Metro/Colonial was reviewed and high visibility crosswalks and better signage was recommended.

### **Agenda Item #9 - Local and MPO Reports on Traffic Operations Projects**

Mr. Brian Raimondo presented a report from Lieutenant John Kulko of the Cape Coral Police Department. The report was written by Lieutenant Dana Coston, Cape Coral Police Department Public Affairs. Lt. Coston stated that Cape PD has completed another grant funded high visibility ped and bicycle enforcement operation, from December 2016 to May 2017, with the goal of making the streets safer. Lt. Coston's report also included results associated with the operation.

### **Other Business**

### **Agenda Item #10 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

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

### **Agenda Item #11 - LeeTran Report**

Levi McCollum with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He said in May 2017, LeeTran had 246,000 passenger trips which is about a 1% decrease from May 2016. He noted that the past season saw record ridership on the beach routes. A brief discussion followed on the possible reasons for the decline in ridership, fare increases, types of passes available, first mile/last mile services like Uber, and adding bus shelters.

Mr. Gogoi then showed and reviewed a table on the main priority list that covers all major roadways. There was discussion about the projects.

### **Agenda Item #12 - FDOT Report**

There was no FDOT report.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Agenda Item #14 - Topics for next meeting**

There were no topics discussed for the next meeting.

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

Mr. Raimondo mentioned a meeting at the Collier County EOC on Monday regarding evacuation. He said he would forward information to anyone interested.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**

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#### **\*Action Items    \*May Require Action**

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