

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS  
COMMITTEE**  
1:00 p.m., June 12, 2019  
SW Florida Community Foundation Collaboratory  
2031 Jackson Street, Suite 100, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239-244-2220



## **MEETING MINUTES**

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### **Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Jansen at approximately 1:00 p.m.

### **Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions**

The members introduced themselves. There was a quorum.

#### **Members Present**

Alicia Dixon	Lee County Port Authority
Annie Arguello	FDOT Commuter Assistance Program
Arnold Valdez	LeeTran
Bill Floyd	Lee County Emergency Management
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Charlie Mills	Cape Coral Police Department
David Wheaton	BPCC
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office
James Buchanon	Lee County School District Transportation
Jason Green	Fort Myers Beach
Levi McCollum	LeeTran
Michael Cook	Lehigh Acres-MSID
Michael Fiigon	Lee County Port Authority
Stephen Jansen	Lee County DOT
Tessa Heines	Cape Coral

Others in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Riccian Vidal with FDOT's Commuter Assistance Program; and Michael Tisch with FDOT.

### **Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda**

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

### **Agenda Item #4 - \*Approval of the April 10, 2019 Minutes**

**Mr. Bill Floyd made the motion to approve the April 10, 2019 Minutes. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #5 - 2019 Federal and State Funded Priorities**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this information only agenda item for the review of the Federal and State funded priorities. He mentioned that this list primarily included the big ticket highway capacity projects and reviewed the priorities on the list. He said the federal and state priority list has been updated to reflect the addition of follow-up design phase priorities for the projects that were funded for Project Development and Environment Study in the most recent FDOT work program. This information was also attached to the agenda packet. He asked if the committee had any questions on the priority list. There were none.

## **Agenda Item #6 - \*Review and Recommend MPO Priorities for MPO Allocated TA and SU Box Funds**

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and recommendation of MPO Priorities for MPO Allocated TA and SU Box Funds. He mentioned these projects were also reviewed at the April TMOC meeting. He said the congestion management candidate projects for TA and SU Multimodal Box funds include those projects that have pre-construction phases programmed or underway, reoccurring annual project funding requests consistent with the MPO Transportation Plan (such as the LeeTran Bus Purchase), unfunded projects from last year's priority list and new projects submitted this year. He noted for consideration of ranking order of the new bike ped projects, they were evaluated against the unfunded bike ped projects from last year using the *MPO Evaluation Criteria*. The rankings were then used in determining the priority order of all the bike ped projects. He said in addition to the project categories called out above, the priority list includes a category that includes a request (the Richmond Avenue Pedestrian Bridge) that involves transferring the funds from a funded project (Queens Avenue Sidewalk that could not move forward due to the drainage costs) in the FDOT Work Program. This information was attached to the agenda packet and shown as a slide at the meeting. He said similar to last year, the MPO is using a single table of priorities for both funding programs. Among the project priorities are three traffic operations projects (Priorities 7, 8 and 9) which are eligible only for multimodal SU box funds. He noted these priorities were recommended for MPO adoption by the BPCCC at its May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said the TAC and CAC also voted to adopt these priorities at their June 6<sup>th</sup> meetings. Mr. Gogoi said he was looking for a motion unless there were questions. He also explained the TA and SU funding sources and amounts. Chair Jansen asked for a motion.

**Mr. Jason Green made the motion to approve the MPO Priorities for MPO Allocated TA and SU Box Funds. Mr. Levi McCollum seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Agenda Item #7 - District 1 Commuter Assistance Program Presentation**

Ms. Annie Arguello presented this agenda item as an update on FDOT's District One Regional Commuter Assistance Program. She introduced Ms. Riccian Vidal, also with FDOT's Commuter Assistance Program. Ms. Arguello then gave a PowerPoint presentation that included information on geographical limits of program, introduction of team, developments over the past six months, rebranding process, stakeholder involvement, relevant initiatives, program mission/vision, redefining core services, ride-matching partnering with Agile Mile company/app, data collection, regional van pool pilot program, and new program logo/website. Ms. Arguello concluded her presentation and asked if there were any questions. A brief discussion followed on the obstacles faced by commuter services like self-centeredness, differing schedules, and seasonal population flux and strategies to counter these. A committee member asked how success was measured. Ms. Arguello said mode shift is an indicator and that is shown through the Agile Mile system. The committee continued to discuss challenges with carpooling, ways to deal with them, vanpooling concept, availability of park and ride lots, and involving municipalities and employers. Chair Jansen asked if there were any additional comments or questions. There were none. He thanked the Commuter Services team for the presentation.

## **Agenda Item #8 - Lee County Port Authority Presentation**

Ms. Alicia Dixon with the Lee County Port Authority presented this agenda item. Ms. Dixon's PowerPoint presentation included information on facilities, funding, economic impact, Page Field amenities/projects, RSW statistics/projects, related area projects like Skyplex, pavement rehabilitation projects, rental car relocation project, maintenance building expansion, passenger process modernization, terminal expansion project, and a virtual fly through video of terminal improvements. The committee discussed project timelines and specifics. Ms. Dixon continued her presentation with information on the new air traffic control tower and future parallel runway. Ms. Dixon asked if there were any questions. Mr. Gogoi asked if Ms. Dixon could present to the MPO Board and the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee. Ms. Dixon suggested presenting to the MPO Board with the Aviation Priorities.

## **Agenda Item #9 – LeeTran Presentation**

Mr. Levi McCollum with LeeTran presented this agenda item. Mr. McCollum's PowerPoint presentation included information on objectives, improvements, how improvements were made, future service improvements, stakeholder input, infrastructure improvements, and evaluation of accomplishing objectives. Mr. McCollum asked if there were any questions. The committee discussed headway, analysis of data, increased tram service,

coverage consistency through route changes, and average stop length/dwell time. The full presentation is available at the following link: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/LeeTran-TAC-20190604.pdf>

#### **Agenda Item #10 - City of Fort Myers Project Updates**

Mr. Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers presented this agenda item as an update on projects in the City of Fort Myers. Mr. Karakos' PowerPoint presentation included information on John Yarbrough Linear Park Extension, Winkler Shared Use Path alternatives, Bike Ped Master Plan Update, Hanson Street Extension project, Veronica roundabout, First and Second Streets conversion project, McGregor Boulevard upgrades, cancelled Virginia roundabout project, Edison Avenue realignment, Gardner's Park project, and the Midtown project. Mr. Karakos asked if there were any questions. The committee briefly discussed properties in the Midtown area.

#### **Agenda Item #11 - MPO/Local Agency Updates**

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT commented that he was working with MPO staff to program projects for FY 2025/2026.

Chair Jansen gave the update for Lee County that included working on design for widening on Ortiz from Colonial to MLK and on Corkscrew between Ben Hill and Alico, design and construction for Gateway roundabouts, Gunnery roundabout, and ATMS updates. A committee member asked about a start date for construction on Ortiz. Chair Jansen replied around eighteen months to two years. A brief discussion followed on differences between roundabouts and traffic circles.

Mr. Mike Cook with Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District mentioned that the culvert work was wrapping up.

#### **Agenda Item #12 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

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

#### **Agenda Item #13 – Announcements**

Mr. Brian Raimondo announced the Injury Prevention Coalition grants were open again. He said the tentative amount was \$15,000 with applications due to Mr. Raimondo by August 1, 2019.

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

**Topics suggested for next meeting included a presentation on the Lee County TSMO Plan, interchange update for I-75, and the City of Cape Coral presentation on School District needs for sidewalks and temporary bus stops.** The committee briefly discussed school bus stops and benches. Chair Jansen said the next TMOOC meeting is August 14, 2019.

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

There were no information and distribution items.

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

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

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