

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

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

The members introduced themselves. There was a quorum.

### **Members Present**

Arnold Valdez	LeeTran
Bill Floyd	Lee County Emergency Management
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Charlie Mills	Cape Coral Police Department
Dan Moser	Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee
David Murphy	Lee County DOT
David Willems	Village of Estero
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Douglas Higgins	Lee County EMS
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Kalyani Bhutada	Fort Myers Beach
Michael Cook	Lehigh Acres-MSID
Michael Fiigon	Lee County Port Authority
Rob Price	Lee County DOT
Roger Lloyd	Lee County School District
Stephen Jansen	Lee County DOT
Victoria Poleski	Lee County Tolls

Others in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Nicole Monahan with the City of Fort Myers; Perry Wilson with Cape Coral Police Department; David Rodriguez with the Florida Highway Patrol; Andy Getch and Shayna Dowling with Lee County Department of Community Development; Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group; Joe Perri, Dimitre Guenov, and Todd Davis with VHB; Mark Roberts with HNTB; and Lawrence Massey, Tim Smith, Mark Mathes, and Katherine Chinault 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 June 12, 2019 Minutes**

**Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to approve the June 12, 2019 Minutes. Chair Jansen asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There were no changes suggested. Mr. Moser seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #5 - +Lee County TSMO Master Plan Presentation**

Todd Davis with VHB presented this agenda item on the draft Lee County TSMO Master Plan. He noted for the Lee County Metropolitan area, FDOT District 1 has been working on a TSMO Master Plan. He explained Transportation System Management & Operations (TSMO) is a philosophy that is used across the nation that

involves operating/managing the transportation network with technology strategies and clear performance measures to optimize performance outcomes. He introduced Mr. Mark Mathes with FDOT. He continued his presentation with more information on the TSMO Plan and preparing for future mobility and safety needs. He said the purpose of the Plan is to identify goals/objectives/corridors and TSMO strategies and promote inclusion of TSMO considerations in all development cycle phases. He then reviewed the nine sections of the plan including an introduction, goals/objectives, prioritization/methodology, network needs, existing conditions, numerous strategies, implementation/funding, identification/engagement, and next steps. He mentioned training opportunities are available upon request. The draft plan is available at <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Lee-County-MPO-TSMO-Master-Plan-080219.pdf>. Mr. Davis asked if there were any questions. Chair Jansen asked for clarification on project identification for the list. Mr. Davis noted the list was compiled based on existing data and might be evaluated or adjusted based on current/ongoing projects. Discussions followed on project evaluation, congestion/incident management, inclusion of Complete Streets strategies, impacts on pedestrians/cyclists, land use concerns, working TSMO strategies into the parameters of planned projects, future updates to TSMO plan, incorporation of TSMO strategies in other agency documents/projects, addressing improvements in technology, identifying additional area specific implementation examples, and public involvement/education. FDOT asked for comments on the draft plan by August 30, 2019. Mr. Getch requested the plan be forwarded to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members that were not present at the TMOC meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #6 - Fowler - Evans Corridor Improvements Presentation**

Mr. Lawrence Massey with FDOT presented this agenda item on the Fowler – Evans Corridor Improvements. He said the City of Fort Myers and FDOT have been discussing improvements to Fowler Street and Evans Avenue. He continued with a Power Point that included information on the limits of the corridor, history of the corridor, improvements done to the corridor, and future improvements to the corridor. He added ultimate improvements include the reconfiguration of the travel lanes to facilitate two-way operations of both roadways, and the accommodation of 8' wide sidewalks on Fowler, and a two-way cycle track on Evans. He said this involves new PD&E and new design/right of way. He showed several conceptual drawings of the proposed improvements. He then discussed interim improvements including implementing a pedestrian walkway with a raised divider and adding mid-block crossings for pedestrians. He said they will work with transit to relocate stops if necessary. He noted the speed limit could remain at 35 mph or possibly be decreased to 30 mph. There was a brief discussion on the proposed pedestrian walkway. Mr. Massey continued his presentation with more conceptual drawings of the proposed improvements. He said bike/ped counts were also done to help determine spacing of mid-block crossings. He showed a schedule of the process and current status. He discussed public involvement and estimated project cost. Brief discussions followed on estimated start time of interim improvements, funding for interim projects, placement of pedestrian and bicycle improvements, transit access, public involvement, economic aspect of Fowler, and turning Fowler-Evans into one way Complete Streets pairs. Chair Jansen asked if any action was needed on this agenda item. Mr. Massey replied no.

#### **Agenda Item #7 - Colonial Boulevard Road Safety Audit Update**

This item was deferred to the October TMOC meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Florida Transportation Plan and Strategic Intermodal System Plan Update**

This item was deferred to the October TMOC meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - MPO/Local Agency Updates**

##### Local Agency Updates:

Fort Myers Beach had nothing to report. Ms. Bhutada commented that the new resort project will begin in 2020.

Mr. Roger Lloyd with the Lee County School District noted there were some delays with bus schedules due to weather.

Emergency Response reported their administrative offices have moved downtown to the old SunTrust building.

Lee County Port Authority mentioned the air traffic control tower project breaks ground the following week.

Mr. Karakos reported the contracts for design on First/Second Street and JYLP projects are currently being reviewed. He said the Bike Ped Master Plan update will begin shortly.

Lee County had nothing to report. FDOT had nothing further to report. Lee County Tolls had nothing to report.

LeeTran reported adjustments to several alignments are being done as discussed at the previous meeting.

Lee County SO had nothing to report.

Chair Jansen asked about the current project on US 41 near Hill. Mr. Karakos mentioned there was an issue with a water main break recently. Mr. Massey referred to a traffic study done before the US 41 project and suggested another study should be done now while a lane is down. A brief discussion followed on the traffic along US 41, alternate routes, and coordinating to start traffic counts.

#### MPO Updates:

Mr. Scott shared some slides on Automated Vehicle Market Penetration and Gas Tax Impact that were presented at the July 30th statewide MPO Advisory Committee (MPOAC) Meeting. He said he will bring back more information as it becomes available.

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

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

#### **Agenda Item #11 – Announcements**

There were no announcements.

#### **Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting**

Topics for next meeting included the presentations that were not given at this meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #13 - 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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