

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE**

1:00 p.m., February 12, 2020
LeeTran Headquarters, Public Meeting Room
3401 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33991
239-244-2220



Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Jay Anderson at 1:01 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

The members introduced themselves. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition/Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee
Dawn Huff	LeeTran
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Douglas Higgins	Lee County EMS
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jay Anderson	Community Traffic Safety Team
Stephen Jansen	Lee County DOT
Tessa Heines	Cape Coral Public Works Traffic Engineering
Tyler Brown	Lee County Port Authority

Others in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Dan McWilliams with McShea Contracting; Aden Shea with P.K. Contracting; Phil Van Landschoot and John Lanza with Cape Coral Police Department; Roman Serrano with Lee County Sheriff's Office; Debbie Ferris with Lee County School Board Transportation and Safety; Sergio Quevedo with JMT; and Michael Tisch, John Kubicki, David Wheeler, and Renjan Joseph 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 October 9, 2019 Minutes

Mr. Douglas Higgins made the motion to approve the October 9, 2019 Minutes. Mr. Dan Moser seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Election of Officers

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item as a call for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. He said the TMOC bylaws call for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year. He said Steve Jansen is the current Chair and Jay Anderson is the current Vice-Chair. He continued the TMOC Bylaws allow officers to serve consecutive terms. He added that Mr. Steve Jansen said he would be willing to serve again for another year.

Mr. Dan Moser made the motion for Mr. Steve Jansen to continue as Chair and Mr. Jay Anderson to continue as Vice-Chair. Mr. Dennis Petracca seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Approval of MOU for Purchase and Share of Terrestrial Laser Scanner for conducting Traffic Homicide Investigations

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) execution between the Lee MPO and the City of Cape Coral for sharing a LIDAR based Terrestrial Laser Scanner for conducting Traffic Homicide Investigations (THI). He said as a caveat for buying the scanner FDOT has asked for the execution of an MOU with the City of Cape Coral that includes provisions for the MPO being the owner of the equipment and for the sharing of the equipment with other law enforcement agencies in Lee County. Mr. Gogoi also mentioned insurance, service agreements, request for proposal (RFP), competitive bid process, funding, MPO attorney review, FDOT language revisions, Citizen Advisory Committee comments, training requirements, and changes addressed in addendum to MOU after purchase. Mr. Phil Van Landschoot with Cape Coral commented on the MOU including concerns with indemnification language, officer assistance from Cape Coral with the equipment, personnel costs, and Cape Coral legal review. The committee further discussed the MOU language modifications with regards to sharing and availability of equipment to other Lee County agencies. Mr. Gogoi said he would modify the language and send the revised version to Cape for review. Vice-Chair Anderson asked if the vote was being tabled until the language is corrected. Mr. Gogoi said the committee could still vote to approve the MOU. The committee discussed updates on the technology availability in the state, previous training quotes for equipment, assistance in procurement from other agencies that have used technology/equipment, approaching deadline for funding, timeline for Cape legal process, endorsement in place of motion, MPO approval process, timeline for RFP, and expediting sending revisions to Cape Coral. Vice-Chair Anderson clarified that this item would sit with approval from the committee and then the revised MOU would be sent to the Technical Advisory Committee for their approval. Mr. Gogoi agreed.

Agenda Item #7 - US 41 and Cape Coral Parkway Road Safety Audit Recommendations

Mr. Sergio Quevedo with JMT, an FDOT consultant, presented this agenda item on two road safety audits that were conducted - US 41 from College Parkway to South Airport Road and Cape Coral Parkway from Santa Barbara Boulevard to Del Prado Boulevard. He explained what a road safety audit was, reviewed the process and team selection, mentioned the data used to determine locations, and discussed the results of the audits. He also listed the RSA participants. His presentation provided information on issues found, countermeasures suggested, follow-up study needed, and contact information for additional details. The committee also discussed mid-block crossings and related proposed legislation, roadway ownership in Cape Coral, sharing of reports from audits, purpose of audits and collaboration after audits, access management, other project examples, and other areas with issues. Mr. Gogoi noted the reports were finalized and asked if copies could be sent to the MPO for disbursement. Mr. Quevedo said the goal was to send copies to all participants. Mr. Gogoi also asked about the recommended improvements and possible implementation. Mr. Tisch said they would be prioritized.

Agenda Item #8 - Review of the Safety Matrix Ranking of Florida Counties and Cities

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review of the Safety Matrix Ranking of Florida Counties and Cities. Mr. Gogoi said his presentation would be focused on fatalities and serious injuries. He gave a brief background of the matrices and rankings. He said the specific measures for each column in the matrix are as follows:

- **Aging Road Users (Drivers 65+)** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver involved was age 65 or older at the time of the crash

- **Distracted Driving** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver was coded as distracted
- **Impaired Driving** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver was coded as either having a positive blood alcohol content, a positive drug test result, or in which a driver refused to be tested for alcohol or drugs
- **Motorcyclists** – serious injuries plus fatalities of drivers and passengers of a motorcycle (does not include moped)
- **Occupant Protection** – serious injuries plus fatalities of drivers and passengers of a vehicle other than a motorcycle, moped, or ATV who were coded as not using restraint system
- **Pedestrian or Bicyclist** – serious injuries plus fatalities of pedestrians or bicyclists
- **Speed or Aggressive Driving** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver involved was coded with driver actions related to speeding (any single action) or aggressive driving (two or more of certain moving violations, such as careless driving, improper passing, and several others)
- **Teen Drivers** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver involved was aged 15-19
- **Work Zones** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes which were coded as work zone related

He said this data could be used for funding. Mr. Raimondo further elaborated that this might be opened up for off-system/local roads. The committee briefly discussed the emphasis areas, funding sources, data, and fluctuating population. Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation with information on Lee County and its incorporated area rankings with respect to other areas. The committee briefly discussed calculating the results in different ways, visitor population impacts, other reports on the same topics, reasoning for using fiscal year 2021, and using funding for law enforcement.

Agenda Item #9 - LeeTran Presentation

Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran provided an update that included information on Lee County population growth, fixed route passenger trip count comparisons across FY18 & FY19, tram/trolley trip comparison across FY18 & FY19, plans for next year, comprehensive operational analysis (COA) update, transit development plan (TDP) update, interlining vehicles, and conducting a bus stop accessibility study. The committee briefly discussed mid-block considerations with bus stop installations, collaboration/coordination with local municipalities, financial constraints, and City of Fort Myers new mid-town project. Ms. Huff continued her presentation with information on the Rosa Parks renovation, move to Supervisor of Elections building from Bell Tower, preliminary concept plan for Lehigh, preliminary plans for North Fort Myers, fare box upgrades, and goals for LeeTran. The committee then discussed bus rapid transit/enhanced transit and smart phone applications for transit.

Walk-on Agenda Item – McShea Contracting

Mr. Gogoi called out the recent FDOT projects done by McShea Contracting including the two-stage bicycle boxes at Daniels/Treeline and green bike lanes on the CFI at SR 82/Gunnery. He then introduced Mr. Dan McWilliams with McShea Contracting. Mr. McWilliams introduced Mr. Aden Shea, and they gave a brief presentation on a new road marking product, Endurablend, being offered by McShea Contracting that could be used for bike lanes, crosswalks, etc. The committee and presenters briefly discussed the maintenance, cost, uses, and versatility of the product. McShea Contracting then offered free demos of the product. Mr. Gogoi reiterated this was a no-cost offer for local municipalities. The committee then discussed contacting the appropriate people, new areas to showcase the product, existing areas where the product could be used as trial, conducting a product workshop, and YouTube videos on the product. Informational brochures were handed out to the committee members.

Agenda Item #10 - Congestion Management Candidate Projects for New Funding Cycle

This item was tabled in the interest of time.

Agenda Item #11 - Review of Transportation Related Legislation

This item was tabled in the interest of time.

Agenda Item #12 - Local Agency/MPO Updates

Mr. Carl Karakos asked FDOT about the status of the school speed zone audits that were done. FDOT responded that the agreement and delivery method and contracts still needed to be discussed and decided on. Mr. Karakos noted there were several projects that needed school zones addressed. The committee discussed the time frame for the contracts, providing updates for the local governments, approval process for the contracts, possible scenarios for implementation, providing right-of-way maps, funds only reimbursing equipment, projects being scheduled under LAP agreement, going through the Federal process, compliance date, FDOT statewide policy on bike lanes on FDOT roadways with speeds above 45 mph, providing separated pathways for bicycles/pedestrians on higher speed roads, January 2020 FDOT Design Manual, and resulting bike lane gaps on US 41.

Ms. Tessa Heines with Cape Coral noted the City of Cape Coral had recently posted their ADA Transition Plan to their website.

Agenda Item #13 - 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 #14 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #15 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for next meeting.

Agenda Item #16 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included an informational brochure from McShea Contracting on Endurablend.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:38 p.m.

*Action Items *May Require Action

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