

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Fort Myers Collaboratory

2031 Jackson Street,

Fort Myers, FL 33901



Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

In the absence of Chair Jay Anderson, Vice-Chair Carl Karakos chaired the TMOC meeting. Mr. Carl Karakos called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

The committee members introduced themselves. Roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Doug Higgins	Lee County Public Safety Emergency Medical Services
Ian Sikonia	Lee County Port Authority
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jillian Scholler	Lee County DOT
Mike Cook	Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District
Rick Anglickis	Lee County MPO Citizen Advisory Committee
Sandra Tapfumaneyi	Lee County Public Safety Emergency Management
Scott Philips	Collier MPO
Teresa Lewis	Lee County MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

Others in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Syndi Bultman with Lee Health; Gordon Mullen with RK&K; and Victoria Peters and Steven Davis 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 March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Mike Cook made the motion to approve the March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Scott Philips seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - LCDOT Project Update

Ms. Jillian Schiller with Lee County Department of Transportation (LCDOT) provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the Lee County Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase III, Lee County ATMS history, overview of Phase III, signalized intersection upgrades, signalized intersection list, closed caption television (CCTV) cameras, CCTV camera list, arterial dynamic message signs, fiberoptic communication, and cost estimate. The presentation slides may be viewed here: [ATMS Presentation](#) The committee briefly discussed type of project, funding, capacity of county to manage project, technology upgrades, goal of CCTV cameras, data collection from CCTV, height requirements for detection cameras, integrating with dispatch system of emergency

management for signal preemption, and fiberoptic network. Ms. Schiller also presented information on findings/solutions to westbound traffic backups caused by left turn queues at the Daniels/Treeline Intersection. The committee discussed U-turn movements in the area, possible signage to indicate U-turns, U-turns near Corkscrew on Ben Hill Griffin, long term projects that will ease traffic at Daniels/Treeline intersection, origin and destination of trips, difficulty with extending left turn lane considering lack of right-of-way, funding constraints, prioritization and funding considerations for other projects across Lee County, FDOT maintenance and control of roadway at Daniels/Treeline, traffic backups across Lee County, inflation and project cost increases, and in-house design cost savings.

Agenda Item #6 - Traffic Crash Associated Medical Costs at Trauma Center

Ms. Syndi Bultman with Lee Health Trauma Services provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on Lee Health Trauma Center mission and vision, difference between emergency department and trauma center, trauma system definition, national traffic crash data, national key findings, Dangerous by Design 2021, comparison of counties of injury, injury admissions for current fiscal year, MPO sourced data on injuries and fatalities, injuries and fatalities related to drinking/distracted/drugs, historical trauma data, red light/failure to yield data, Florida crash related cost estimates, and national data. Her presentation can be viewed here: [Lee Health Presentation](#). The committee discussed the age range of those involved in crashes, differences between Collier County versus Lee County, seasonal differences with regard to traffic/crashes, vehicle miles travelled impact, motorcycle crashes, influence of alcohol on crashes, need for all road users to be attentive, example of other countries in Europe, involvement of law enforcement, example of other state, increasing penalties, involvement of legislation, use of data, road design, education, MPO grant to use public service announcements from local high school students, and new Dangerous by Design report.

Agenda Item #7 - Hurricane Evacuation Challenges

Ms. Sandra Tapfumaneyi with Lee County Division of Public Safety Emergency Management Program provided a Power Point presentation on Hurricane Evacuation Challenges. Her slides covered hurricane/tropical storm frequency data, evacuation authority information, planning for evacuations, elements of evacuation planning, southwest Florida evacuations, reasons for evacuations, examples of past hurricane storm surges, Hurricane Irma facts, evacuation zones in Lee County, LeeTran emergency evacuation bus routes, state/regional evacuation studies, evacuation decision making tools, southwest Florida (SWFL) regional evacuation guide, and notification and alert systems. Her presentation can be viewed here: [Evacuation Presentation](#). The committee discussed possible changes to evacuation zones, electric vehicle considerations for evacuation, lack of gas during evacuations, and storm surge after Irma.

Agenda Item #8 - Safe Streets for All Discretionary Grant Opportunity Update

Mr. Don Scott provided an update on the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Opportunity Program. The Power Point presentation included slides with information on the SS4A program, eligibility, funding, definition of comprehensive safety action plan, action plan process, application choice pathway, examples of supplemental action plan activities, implementation grants, legislative selection considerations, joint applications, and unique entity identifiers. His entire presentation can be accessed here: [SS4A Presentation](#). The committee discussed submission, performance measures, time frames, data driven grant application process, application deadline, high crash corridors, input from FDOT Safety Office, and local funding match.

Agenda Item #9 - Old US 41 PD&E Study Presentation

Ms. Victoria Peters introduced Mr. Gordon Mullen with RK&K, FDOT's consultant for the Old US 41 PD&E Study project, to present this agenda item. Mr. Mullen presentation included slides with

information on project phases, safety message, project goals/need, alternatives, new quadrant roadway, new traffic signals, U-turn pavement bulb outs, major intersections, evaluation matrix, project timeline, public workshop, comment topics, next steps, and contact information. The presentation can be viewed here: [US 41 PD&E Presentation](#) The committee discussed differences in standards and configuration in Lee and Collier County, design guidelines, developer involvement, continuity in design, right-of-way availability in each county, and evaluation of alternatives based on discussions with Spanish Wells residents.

Agenda Item #10 - Lee MPO Adopted Priorities Report

Mr. Gogoi provided a quick report on the 2022 Priorities that were adopted by the Lee MPO Board at its June meeting. The presentation included slides covering Federal and State Fund Priorities table, TA and SU Multimodal Priorities table, and Joint TRIP priorities tables. His presentation can be accessed here: [Adopted Priorities Presentation](#) The committee briefly discussed the work program release.

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

Ms. Peters mentioned mobility week and said she would provide information as it becomes available. She also mentioned the work program cycle and possible release near the end of the year. Ms. Peters announced a second public meeting regarding safety improvements to McGregor Boulevard from Cypress Lake Boulevard to Edinburgh Drive.

Agenda Item #11 - 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 #12 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting

The topics suggested for next meeting included presentations from the Lee County Port Authority, FDOT Safety Office, and Village of Estero.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at the following link: [July 13, 2022 TMOG](#)

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