

# CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Thursday, February 6, 2020  
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building  
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990  
**3:00 p.m.**



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Rick Anglickis as a Committee of the Whole. A quorum was achieved at 3:23 p.m.

### Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. There was a quorum at 3:23 p.m. Members in attendance included Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs (3:23 p.m.), Rick Anglickis, Steve Henry, Ronald Talone, Jim Wurster, Ty Symroski, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive; Michael Tisch with FDOT; Kyle Grattic with the Lee County School Board Transportation District; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco.

### Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

### Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Mr. Scott read the LeeTran report that was given by Ms. Dawn Huff at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. He said LeeTran reported they would be conducting their TDP (Transit Development Plan) and COA (Comprehensive Operations Analysis) at the same time, and the documents would come through the committees at future meetings.

### Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He said the MPO staff has submitted the project priorities, and he will start evaluating them next week. Mr. Don Scott said the preliminary priorities will be brought back next month. Mr. Scott then handed out copies of the letter from FDOT in response to the committee letter regarding use of CUTR standards for non-conforming driveways on SR 80. The committee briefly discussed the letter. Mr. Scott then read a public comment email from Mr. John Majka. Ms. Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive then made a public comment on Agenda Item #7 asking for additional information to be provided on the budget and agencies involved for the UPWP task of Bike Ped Safety Project Development and Outreach. Mr. Scott explained. Ms. Giraldo requested that Streets Alive be involved in the process. Mr. Symroski asked about Streets Alive. Ms. Giraldo told the committee about the organization.

## New Business

### Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the January 2, 2020 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the January 2, 2020 Meeting Summary. Mr. Ty Symroski seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously as a Committee of the Whole to be ratified once quorum was achieved.

### **Agenda Item #5 - \*Review and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Purchase and Share of Terrestrial Laser Scanner**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Lee MPO and the City of Cape Coral for sharing a LIDAR based Terrestrial Laser Scanner. He noted this agenda item was just for review of the MOU and no approval was necessary at this meeting. Mr. Gogoi said this item will be brought back as the agencies involved are still reviewing the document. He said last month the MPO amended its TIP to include a project that calls for the purchase of a Terrestrial Scanner by the Lee MPO using our FY 2020 SU funds. He added the intent of buying the scanner, which uses Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) technology, is to be able to share the equipment with Cape PD and other law enforcement agencies in Lee County for conducting Traffic Homicide Investigations and severe injury crash investigations. He noted the use of the scanner is expected to provide significant time savings during field measurement and scene re-creation, leading to quicker road clearance time, reduced secondary crashes, and reduced travel delays. He continued 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 sharing the equipment with other law enforcement agencies in Lee County. He said FDOT and FHWA have also advised us to include language regarding the maintenance and reporting of annual performance measures to demonstrate the effectiveness of the technology. Mr. Gogoi mentioned the required insurance, service plan, attorney review, and performance measure reporting. He said the MOU will be brought back with any changes that were made. The committee then discussed the maintenance expense to the MPO, service warranty, insurance, service plan, ownership of scanner, transportation of scanner, housing scanner, operation of scanner, history of scanner request, and borrowing of scanner by other agencies. Ms. Marion Briggs arrived at 3:23 p.m. and quorum was achieved. Mr. Ron Gogoi noted the drones cannot be used at night. Mr. Scott said the agreement can also be amended. Mr. Ronald Talone noted the word performance was misspelled on page four, item eight. The committee then discussed reimbursement of the scanner operator and language changes. Chair Anglickis added the voting on this item would be tabled until the next meeting.

Chair Anglickis said that as there was now a quorum the committee could vote to ratify the minutes that had been approved as a committee of the whole at the beginning of the meeting.

**Ms. Marion Briggs made the motion to ratify the minutes that had been approved as a committee of the whole. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #6 - +Review of the Updated Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda TRIP Priorities**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and input on updating the Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP priorities ahead of the Joint Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO Board meeting on February 21, 2020. He said the item will be discussion only at the Joint meeting and the voting for approval would be done at each MPO's next individual meeting. Mr. Scott then reviewed the priority list. The committee discussed the Burnt Store Road project, the history of the TRIP priority list with Charlotte County, the Collier list, Charlotte County's coordination with Sarasota, and earmarks and vetoes. Chair Anglickis asked if the TAC had any additions to the list. Mr. Scott replied no. Mr. Steve Henry mentioned that there were numerous questions as to why there was activity on the Charlotte portion of Burnt Store Road but not in Lee.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Discuss Tasks for the FY 2020/2021 & FY 2021/2022 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to discuss planning tasks for the upcoming FY 2021 and FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program, the MPO's budget. He said this is the time of year to start

identifying any new tasks and refine the scopes of ongoing tasks to include in the new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that will come back in draft form at the March meeting (and final approval at the May meeting). He reviewed the following tasks that are currently planned or are being discussed to be included in the budget over the next two years:

- Cape Coral Evacuation Study
- Completion of the City of Fort Myers Master Plan Update
- Completion of the Long Range Plan Update
- Rail Feasibility Study in Estero and Bonita Springs, also referred to as Rails to Trails
- Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Project Development and Outreach
- TIGER Performance Measure Data Collection
- Modeling Alternatives for New Interchange, with discussion at Joint meeting for I 75 interchange, Babcock, and SR 31
- Origin Destination Analysis
- Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction Alternatives

Mr. Talone asked if the Rail Feasibility Study will also look at the possibility of mass transit. Mr. Gogoi replied no as it is funded through SUN Trail. The committee briefly discussed the Rail Feasibility Study scope revision, losing the functionality of the rail corridor for mass transit, and funding for the study. Mr. Scott said with regard to the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Project Development and Outreach task that he would look closer at the outreach and specific funding amounts. Chair Anglickis asked if the committee had any tasks to add. Mr. Albert O'Donnell asked about a north/south corridor. Mr. Scott said that the M-Cores project is still going on and may be included in the LRTP and a line item in a task but not as a separate study.

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Information on the Autonomous Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Florida Penetration Rate and VMT Assessment**

Mr. Scott presented this informational agenda item on the Autonomous Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Penetration Rate and VMT Assessment. He said FDOT Central Office working with CUTR has studied the potential market penetration of autonomous and alternative fuel vehicles and their impact on Florida's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). The study document can be accessed here:[http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/T10a.BDV25-977-48\\_Task\\_9\\_Final\\_Report\\_12\\_16\\_19.pdf](http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/T10a.BDV25-977-48_Task_9_Final_Report_12_16_19.pdf) He showed slides on project activities, projected VMT scenarios, average fuel economy by fleet, fuel efficiency without EV/AV, Florida transportation revenue sources, state transportation trust fund taxes and fees, fuel taxes/projected light duty Plug-in EV stock in Florida, EV numbers/projections, AV projections, baseline EVMT projections, total highway fuel lost due to increased EVMT, lost fuel tax revenues from Plug-in EV use, information on other revenue losses, study considerations, and other state's alternative fuel vehicle fees. The committee discussed the average gas tax per vehicle, future cost of autonomous vehicles (AV), deliveries made by AVs, ADA issues with AVs, delivery by drone, adding trips, AV impacts on urban sprawl, Amazon delivery service impact, Uber/Lyft trip impacts, and charging station locations.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - Review of the Proposed Transportation Related Legislation**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the proposed transportation related legislation. He referred to the most recent legislative update from the MPOAC, that was attached to the agenda packet, with the latest developments shown in red text. He reviewed the pertinent legislative items including ebikes, electric vehicle charging stations, electric vehicles, motor vehicle rentals, and traffic offenses. The committee discussed vulnerable road users and where the fines would go. Mr. Scott said he would look up information on what the fines are used to fund and bring it back. Mr. Scott

continued his presentation with additional legislative items on local government public construction works, school bus safety, child restraint requirements, express lanes, and traffic and pedestrian safety. There was a brief discussion on road crossings and crosswalks. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with information on the proposed legislation related to motor vehicle insurance, tax on aviation fuel, and impact fees. Mr. Scott said he would bring back updates as they become available. The committee discussed AV charging stations, private sector involvement, the proposed rest stop in Charlotte County, and crosswalks in other areas.

## **Other Business**

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

Ms. Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive gave a public comment on providing bicycle maps for bicyclists and pedestrians as well as centralizing all of the GIS files for Lee County. There was a brief discussion on the level of the MPO's GIS package, other possible licenses for GIS, GIS data availability, creating a map with monthly updates, and discussions at the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee meeting. Mr. Scott said he would find out more information on the mapping GIS, noting the updated UPWP could possibly have a budget line added for this. Mr. Scott added that hard copies of the map are still requested, so the map can't just be produced online. The committee then discussed other agencies that might assist with this, interactive tools/applications, road map GIS, other layers for GIS, different GIS software, compatibility across platforms, possible grants, and constant changes/updates. Mr. Scott said he would bring back information on the MPO's GIS package and capabilities at the next meeting. Ms. Karen Miller asked if the MPO had the GIS data for Lee County. Mr. Scott replied yes, but it needs to be updated. Mr. Gogoi said the MPO could be a repository of information.

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

There were no announcements.

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

Topics suggested for next meeting included the Big Carlos Bridge project and GIS for mapping bike/ped.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items**

There were no information and distribution items.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.**

\*Action Items    +May Require Action

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