

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, January 7, 2021
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
3:00 p.m.



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:01 p.m. by Chair Rick Anglickis. This CAC meeting had both in-person and virtual attendance options.

Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Members in attendance included Carie Call (virtual), Karen Miller (virtual), Bev Larson (in-person), Tony Cardinale (virtual), Albert O'Donnell (in-person), Marion Briggs (in-person), Rick Anglickis (in-person), Justin Thibaut (in-person), Ed Blot (in-person), Steve Henry (in-person), Bruce Bohlander (in-person), Ron Talone (virtual), Randy Krise (in-person), Jim Wurster (virtual), Ted Tryka (in-person), Ty Symroski (virtual), and Kevin Berry (virtual). Others in attendance included Victoria Peters (in-person) with FDOT; John Majka (virtual), a member of the public; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott (in-person), Ron Gogoi (in-person), and Calandra Barraco (in-person).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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. Don Scott relayed the LeeTran report provided by Mr. Arnold Valdez with LeeTran at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Scott said the Rosa Parks and South Area Park and Ride projects are moving forward. He also noted that Mr. Levi McCollum was leaving LeeTran to work with PalmTran on the east coast of Florida. Chair Anglickis asked if the Beach Trolley service had started again. Mr. Scott replied yes. Chair Anglickis asked if there was a comment on the ridership numbers. Mr. Scott replied no but said he could inquire on the numbers and bring that information back.

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

The FDOT report was covered under Agenda Item #8 for the Draft Work Program.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the December 3, 2020 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the December 3, 2020 Meeting Summary. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Election of Officers for 2021

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to for the Election a Chair and a Vice-Chair for 2021.

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to re-elect Mr. Rick Anglickis to continue as Chair in 2021. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Bohlander made the motion to re-elect Mr. Albert O'Donnell to continue as Vice-Chair in 2021. Mr. Steve Henry seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Recommend MPO Update of Transit Asset Management Plan Targets

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to recommend the MPO Board Update its Transit Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Performance Measure Targets. His presentation included a review of the performance measure chart that was also attached to the agenda packet and posted to the MPO website. Mr. Gogoi also briefly explained useful life as it pertains to LeeTran assets. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-7-Lee-County-Transit-TAM-Performance-Measures.1.pptx> The committee discussed rolling stock useful life, useful life benchmark, replacement of vehicles, adding vehicles impact on percentages in chart, support vehicles, number of vehicles being replaced, facilities, calendar year 2019 safety data, and LeeTran's adoption of targets. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Ms. Marion Briggs made the motion to recommend the MPO Update of Transit Asset Management Plan Targets. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion.

Chair Anglickis asked if there was any discussion. The committee briefly discussed the need to replace vehicles, available funding to replace vehicles, justification for replacement of vehicles, penalties for not achieving goals, National Transit database, ensuring reasonable goals, ramifications from change in administration, and comparison of Lee County system reliability to nationwide reliability.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approval of Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Mr. Scott noted this agenda item will be deferred to a future meeting. He said there were ongoing discussions with FDOT on how to fund the scanner purchase and options to proceed. The committee briefly discussed sharing of the scanner equipment between agencies, time frame, funding in this fiscal year, ensuring MPO reimbursement, language in MOA to allow for sharing, equipment purchased by other agencies, history of request for scanner purchase, different brands of scanners, and the brand of equipment decided on by selection committee.

Agenda Item #8 - Review of Draft FDOT Tentative Work Program

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT presented this agenda item for the review of the Draft FDOT Tentative Work Program for FY 2021/2022 through FY 2025/2026. Ms. Peters began her presentation with an explanation of the work program and its process. Mr. O'Donnell asked the start date. Ms. Peters responded July 1, 2021. She continued her presentation with a review of the additions. Mr. O'Donnell asked if the presentation could be viewed on screen. Ms. Peters said it could not as the official release date is Friday, January 8. Ms. Peters continued her presentation with project additions. The committee briefly discussed a Fort Myers project and time frame for completion. Ms. Peters continued her presentation with project additions. The committee briefly discussed advancing projects, vetting projects, priorities, and needs. Ms. Peters continued her presentation with project additions. There was a brief discussion on a Cape Coral project limits and time frame. Ms. Peters continued her presentation with project additions. There was a brief discussion on a US 41 sidewalk

project to the Charlotte County line, connecting sidewalk gaps, housing developments proposed for that area, programmed project in Collier possibly being done by developer, and programming of all of sidewalks to meet on US 41 in Lee County. Ms. Peters continued her presentation with project additions. Mr. Gogoi asked Ms. Peters to ensure the Pauling project and Cochran project have the same years, and they are being done under the same contract. Ms. Peters said she would make a note and check on that. Ms. Peters continued her presentation with information on project additions, Lehigh SRTS project, safety median modifications, and dual left turn lanes. Mr. Krise commented on the two way lanes. Ms. Peters explained the purpose of the improvements. The committee briefly discussed the design of lanes, inclusion of medians, constraints, options for turns, safety hazards, and basis of traffic studies. Ms. Peters continued her presentation with information on median modification and project review. The committee briefly discussed existing projects and design starting in FY 22. Ms. Peters continued her presentation on median modifications, various off-ramps projects to assist with wrong-way drivers, bridge rehabilitation, resurfacing, and bridge replacement. The committee briefly discussed bridge inspections, agency responsible for bridge inspections, bridge numbering system, list of numbered bridges, Cape Coral canal bridge inspection program, list of bridges that aren't included in numbering system, overlapping of inspections by different agencies, and Big Carlos example. Ms. Peters continued her presentation with project advancements and project deferrals. The committee briefly discussed a project in Bonita that needed additional right of way, changes discovered during the design process, and letting dates. Ms. Peters continued her presentation with information on deferred projects and a deleted project. She explained the project was deleted since it was already completed by the local jurisdiction. The committee briefly discussed new intersection design projects in Lee County and deferral of a large interchange project in Tampa. Mr. Scott provided information on the upcoming in-person meeting being held at the Southwest Area Office on January 12. He said it was also a news item on the MPO website. Ms. Peters provided additional information on the online portion of the Work Program meeting as well as directions to the Southwest Area Office. Mr. John Majka commented on the SR 80 projects mentioned by Ms. Peters. Ms. Peters and Mr. Scott provided additional information on those projects. Ms. Peters invited Mr. Majka to attend the public meeting on January 12 or send an email with his comments. Ms. Larson suggested that Mr. Majka got to the Work Program meeting online or in-person. Mr. Scott said the draft Work Program will be sent out to the committees as soon as it is received on January 8.

Agenda Item #9 - Overview of the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Mr. Scott gave a short Power Point presentation that included slides with information on progress, key strategies, and emphasis areas. The committee briefly discussed cutoff age for aging users category, link to plan provided in packet, and teen drivers versus older drivers. Mr. Scott concluded his presentation with information on the crash dashboard. Mr. Scott's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-9-Fl-Strategic-Highway-Safety-Plan.pptx>. A link to the draft document is located here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/T09a.Report-FDOT-SHSP-Dec-20.pdf>

Agenda Item #10 - Information on the Lee County Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item with information on the Lee County Safety Performance Measures. He noted FDOT has now provided the updated safety performance measures adding in the 2019 fatality and injury data for each of the MPOs across the State with five year rolling averages now including 2015 to 2019 data. The five national Safety Measures which all State Departments of Transportation and MPOs must address are as follows: Number of Fatalities, Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), Number of Serious Injuries, Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. He reviewed the data that can be found at the following link -

https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/T10a.2019_FHWA_PerformanceMeasuresPerMPO_DataExtractAsOf2020-12-04_Light_DRAFT.pdf

The committee discussed increases in hit and run incidents, uninsured motorists, suspended licenses, and drivers without licenses.

Other Business

Agenda Item #11 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, gave a public comment on the SR 80 pathway/sidewalk projects. He emailed Mr. Scott during the meeting and asked to have four pages of information printed and handed out to the committee. Mr. Scott printed and handed out the information emailed from Mr. Majka. The information was also posted to the MPO website and can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/PUBLIC-COMMENT-John-Majka-How-did-fpn-429823-1-go-back-to-a-Shared-Use-Path-without-review-or-approvals.pdf> The committee briefly discussed the differences between pathways and sidewalks.

Agenda Item #12 – Announcements

Mr. Ed Blot mentioned the relocation of the Vietnam Memorial Wall to EcoPark in Cape Coral. He also commented on an article regarding electric vehicles in Japan.

Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for next meeting included possible electric vehicle agenda item.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/01-07-2021-cacwma>

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