

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, May 4, 2023
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
3:00 p.m.



Minutes

Chair Rick Anglickis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Elaine Sarlo, Rick Anglickis, Ed Blot, Don Apking, Bruce Bohlander, Ted Tryka, Kevin Berry, and Jessica Russo. Others in attendance included a member of the public Derek Felder; Victoria Peters with FDOT; 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. Don Scott reviewed the LeeTran report that was presented by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Mr. Scott noted the Lehigh Transfer Center was out for bid with a projected completion date of November 2024 and the South Transfer Center with an estimated opening date of June 8.

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report. She mentioned a new liaison in training for Charlotte and Sarasota Counties, reaching out to MPOs for projects, and project cost overruns. The committee discussed project delays related to materials and cost overruns.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the March 2, 2023 Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the March 2, 2023 Meeting Summary. Mr. Ed Blot seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approve Transportation Improvement Program Amendments to Add Transit Low-No Emission Grant Funding

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments to add LeeTran Low-No Emission grant funding which were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). The committee briefly discussed the number of buses to be purchased, the fate of the buses being replaced, replacing batteries, potential dangers of electric buses related to fires, useful life of new buses, comparison to hybrid diesel buses, standard diesel longevity, budget allocation for battery disposal, discretionary funding source and explanation, storing vehicles during storm, potential service interruptions if fewer buses, potential issues with electric buses and flooding, inability to purchase diesel buses with this grant due to

designation for low-no emission vehicles, environmental justice, moving toward electric fleets, losing funding if we don't use it, bringing information back to committee on the number of buses to be purchased and the implementation plan, efficiency of buses, funding for purchases of clean burning diesel buses, ability to table item and bring back with more information, option to vote against but still going to MPO Board, comparing operational use of electric buses versus diesel buses, contacting FDOT for further clarification, and example of expense of installation of charging station in a private home.

Ms. Carie Call made the motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments to Add Transit Low-No Emission Grant Funding. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approve Unified Planning Work Program Amendments to Add Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Funded Project and Project Schedule/Budget Updates

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendments which were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He reviewed the amendments. Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions. There were none. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Ms. Jessica Russo made the motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program Amendments to add Safe Streets for All Grant Funded Project and Project Schedule/Budget Updates. Ms. Elaine Sarlo seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approval of the Updated Lee and Collier & Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Updated Lee and Collier and Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). The updated Lee Collier priority list can be viewed here: [Updated Lee Collier TRIP Priorities](#) He reviewed the TRIP priority lists. The committee discussed the Collier change made, priorities changing, and rotational organization of Lee and Charlotte – Punta Gorda priorities versus analysis of priorities and ranking for Lee and Collier priorities.

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the Updated Lee and Collier & Lee and Charlotte County – Punta Gorda Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities. Mr. Don Apking seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Approval of the Federal and State Transportation Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Federal and State Transportation Priorities which were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He reviewed the priorities. Those present briefly discussed advanced traffic management systems (ATMS), adjusting traffic for time of day and volume, directional commuter traffic, Collier traffic cameras, concurrent projects in Lee County on specific corridors, timing of traffic signals before and after Hurricane Ian, signal timing projects, restoration of Lee County traffic signals after Hurricane Ian, FEMA reimbursement standards, Cape Coral upgrades, providing information on Phase III of the ATMS project, responsible party for lights in Lee County, flow of traffic, bridge issues with traffic, directional lanes for commuter traffic in other areas of country, examining alternatives, and considerations for safety.

Mr. Ted Tryka made the motion to approve the Federal and State Funded Project Priorities. Ms. Karen Miller seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Review and Comment on the Updates to the Draft Public Involvement Plan

Ms. Barraco presented this agenda item for the review of and comment on the updates to the Draft Public Involvement Plan which was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). She asked for the committee to email any suggestions or changes to the PIP document to her. The committee briefly discussed the history of the PIP document, Alico road extension, Lee Boulevard, and public involvement firms used for projects.

Agenda Item #10 - Review of the Draft FY 2023/2024 through FY 2027/2028 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the Draft FY 2023/2024 through FY 2027/2028 Transportation Improvement (TIP) which was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He then provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed here: [TIP DRAFT PRESENTATION](#). The updated TIP Draft version reviewed at the meeting can be found at the following link: [Updated TIP Draft](#). Those present discussed approval of the final version at the June meeting, committee rankings, example of project estimate and bid price of double the estimate, and resurfacing and lower cost alternative of micro-surfacing.

Agenda Item #11 - Candidate Projects for TA/SU/CARU Multimodal Funds and Preliminary Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this informational agenda item on the candidate projects for TA/SU/CARU Multimodal funds which were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [Candidate Projects](#). The committee discussed approval of the priorities at the June meeting, consistency of priorities, current conditions and needs for San Carlos Boulevard, possible feasibility study for San Carlos Boulevard, cost estimates, additional funding approved for SUN Trail, call for SUN Trail projects in June, possibility of widening San Carlos Boulevard and study to analyze. The committee also discussed Matlacha not receiving mail, power poles being moved in the Matlacha area, suspension of SR 78 project, contacting electric company for answers, other concerns along SR 78 in Matlacha, and FDOT looking into issues. Chair Anglickis then asked for CAC volunteers to sit as primary and alternate members on the MPO's Traffic Management and Operations Committee (TMOC). Mr. Gogoi explained the function and purpose of the committee. Mr. Albert O'Donnell volunteered to be primary representative of the CAC on the TMOC. Mr. Bruce Bohlander volunteered to be the alternate. Mr. Gogoi noted that Mr. Randy Krise was the CAC's primary representative to the MPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) and Ms. Carie Call was the alternate. Ms. Call asked to be notified if Mr. Krise was unable to attend so that she could attend the BPCC in his place.

Other Business

Agenda Item #12 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Derek Felder provided public comments on items not on the agenda. Mr. Scott mentioned the Lee County three tiers for capital improvements and current funding shortage. Mr. Felder asked when the next Long Range Transportation Plan would start. Mr. Scott replied that the 2050 plan data collection had already begun, but the document isn't set to be adopted until December of 2025.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

Mr. Scott mentioned the recent appropriations requests and reviewed several projects on the list. He also commented on the electric vehicle registration fee legislation that did not move forward.

Agenda Item #14 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for the next meeting included answers from LeeTran on the number of electric buses purchased, costs for buses and chargers, and longevity of buses, and a presentation on the ATMS project Phase III.

Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [CAC May 4, 2023](#)

*Action Items +May Require Action

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