

## **MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Held on May 7, 2009**

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee on May 7, 2009 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

Rick Anglickis	District 5
Alexander Bower	District 4
Thomas Ruscik	District 1
Phillip Boller	City of Cape Coral
Chris Berardi	City of Cape Coral
Carla Johnston	City of Sanibel
John Pohland	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Arthur Godar	Member At-Large

Others in attendance included: Darla Letournea with BikeWalkLee; Dan Moser a concerned citizen; and Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Meghan Marion, Lee County MPO Staff.

The CAC Committee took a tour of the test Hybrid bus with LeeTran.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Chairman Anglickis.

Ms. Marion announced that there was not a quorum and the meeting would proceed as a Committee of the Whole.

### **Agenda Item #1 - Minutes of April 2, 2009 CAC Meeting**

**MOTION BY MR. BOLLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2009 CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. BOWER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda**

Ms. Darla Letournea with BikeWalk Lee congratulated the committee on bringing the Resolution forward. She then recommended this resolution be on the MPO agenda for action on June 19, 2009.

Mr. Dan Moser, member of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) stated that he was here for three items. He asked that the committee endorse the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan, to move forward with the Resolution, and informed the committee that there was missing information in the report for reducing congestion.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Agenda Item #3 – Endorsement of Amendments to the FY 2008/2009 through FY 2012/2013 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Metro/Winkler Intersection Modification, LeeTran Bus Replacement, Countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan and SR 82/Columbus Blvd. Projects**

Mr. Scott presented this item.

**MOTION BY MR. GODAR TO RECOMMEND MPO ENDORSEMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2008/2009 THROUGH FY 2012/2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD THE METRO/WINKLER INTERSECTION MODIFICATION, LEETRAN BUS REPLACEMENT, COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN AND SR 82/COLUMBUS BLVD. PROJECTS. SECONDED BY MR. RUSCIK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Agenda Item #4 - Endorsement of the Transportation Disadvantaged Grant Application**

Mr. Scott presented this item and asked the committee to adopt the grant.

**MOTION BY MR. POHLAND TO RECOMMEND MPO ENDORSEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED GRANT APPLICATION. SECONDED BY MR. BERARDI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Scott informed the committee that Gary Bryant stated that some medical trips may be unable to be completed; however, raising the issue is helping determine how we might be able to help the situation.

### **Agenda Item #5 – Adoption of a Resolution requesting Local Jurisdiction and FDOT to Accommodate Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transit Facilities in Construction Projects**

Mr. Scott explained that staff was trying to show that retrofitting projects after the fact is way too expensive

Chairman Anglickis stated that this being the case, doesn't that demand that the thing gets done, what this says is we are looking at them to cooperate with the planning that it get done, but if the plan cannot be executed due to other obstacles.

Mr. Scott replied that local jurisdictions follow the Florida Greenbook; and all the references to the Transit Handbook and also to the Plans Preparation Manual which they don't follow; and unfortunately those two handbooks are not consistent. He then stated that he is trying to find what projects are coming up that have not been designed yet; earlier planning to make sure it includes what we want.

Chairman Anglickis asked how you accomplish that.

Mr. Scott replied that right now he is going to who designs the project one by one.

Mr. Boller asked if a resolution alone will correct this problem, and who is going to enforce this.

Mr. Scott replied that is why staff was going forward addressing the projects as they come forward.

Ms. Johnston stated that if this is taken one road at a time, nothing is going to happen. She then asked how you keep the momentum, and moving forward without getting locked up in the road by road.

Mr. Scott replied that he still has to deal with some of the road issues that can be caught; however, on the land development side he can't tell them to change the land development code, but can get suggestions out.

Ms. Johnston asked that the resolution be brought to the BPPC to have the committee create a more general resolution, and to be moved ahead to be presented to the MPO Board on June 19, 2009.

Chairman Anglickis stated that the county just spent a half million dollars developing a Lehigh Acres plan.

**MOTION BY MS. JOHNSTON TO REVISE THE RESOLUTION AND BRING IT TO THE BPPC COMMITTEE WITH LANGUAGE THAT FOLLOWS FEDERAL AND LOCAL JURISDICTION'S POLICIES. SECONDED BY MR. GODAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #6 – Review and Approve the Revised Goals and Objectives for the LRTP Update**

Mr. Scott stated that this item will be coming back because MPO Staff is still receiving comments.

Chairman Anglickis asked if the goals and objectives attached were the most updated.

Mr. Scott replied yes, it is the most updated at this point, but more will be added. The other issue raised was getting measurable goals and objectives such as livable communities.

Ms. Johnston asked to work in somewhere energy sufficiency.

Mr. Scott replied that it came up as trying to anticipate what will be in Clean-TEA and that we will have something to address this.

**Agenda Item #7 – Discussion on the 2009 Surface Transportation Program and State Funded Priorities**

Mr. Scott informed the committee the TAC decided to call the box multi-modal enhancement box and asked if they had any suggestions other than that.

**Agenda Item #8 – Presentation on Reducing Congestion in Lee County Study Conducted by the Reason Foundation**

Mr. Chris Swenson with CRSPE, Inc. gave a presentation on Reducing Congestion in Lee County Study Conducted by the Reason Foundation.

Mr. Pohland asked where the Colonial queue jump is located.

Mr. Swenson replied that there are several queue jumps that are recommended on Colonial; we are looking at a divided expressway, such as, what is in the PD&E right now.

**Agenda Item #9 – Draft Charlotte County – Punta Gorda and Lee County MPOs Interlocal Agreement**

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Ms. Johnston explained that the Babcock Ranch Development transportation impacts in terms of congestion and cost will fall on Lee County

**Agenda Item #10 – Hand out the draft FY 2009/2010 – FY 2013/2014 Transportation Improvement Program to Start the Review Process**

Mr. Scott stated that the draft FY 2009/10 – FY 2013/14 TIP has been distributed to start the public comment process and that any comments or suggestions should be submitted to MPO Staff. He stated that the TIP will go to the MPO Board for approval on June 19, 2009.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #11 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

None.

**Agenda Item #12 – LeeTran Report**

Ms. Monroy informed the committee that the TAC welcomed a Goodwheels member to have them become a regular attending non-voting member of the TAC.

**Agenda Item #13 – FDOT Report**

Ms. Caudill-Scott informed the committee that state-wide commitment reduction from the Revenue Estimating Conference was over \$2 billion, unfortunately some projects in Lee County were moved: two I75 projects, south of Colonial to south of SR82 and south of SR82 to south of Lockett were moved outside of the five year work program, as well as the right-of-way from south of SR82 to south of Lockett was moved out of the FY08/09-FY09/10 to FY11/12-FY12/13 work program. Also, transit deletions were felt including the service development grant for FY08/09 for the Collier-Lee connection as a reduction in the US 41 corridor grant. As for the ARRA funded projects, the Metro Parkway project will be put out to bid in the next few months and all local projects are at 90% design plans. She also gave an update on the US 41 project address last month by the resolution, and stated that the bike lanes will be signed and striped, and all transit stops will brought into ADA compliance. She also mentioned that the SR78 funding received approval to allow it to be advanced outside the five year work program.

**Agenda Item #14 – Announcements**

None.

**Agenda Item #15 – Topics for Next Meeting**

None.

**Agenda Item #16 – Information and Distribution Items**

Distributed in agenda packet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.