

MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on April 2, 2009

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee on February 5, 2009 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

Heather Mazurkiewicz	District 4
Alexander Bower	District 4
Al O'Donnell	District 3
Amy Davies	District 1
David Maile	District 2
Rick Anglickis	District 5
Phillip Boller	City of Cape Coral
David Scott	City of Cape Coral
John Pohland	Town of Fort Myers Beach
James Dati	City of Bonita Springs
Arthur Godar	Member At-Large

Others in attendance included: Dawn Gordon with the Lee County School District; Carmen Monroy from LeeTran; and Don Scott, and Meghan Marion, Lee County MPO Staff.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Anglickis.

Agenda Item #1 - Minutes of March 5, 2009 Joint CAC Meeting

MR. BOLLER MOVED AND MR. BOWER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE JOINT CAC MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2009. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #2 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

Ms. Lauren Henry with FDOT, District One, gave an update on the Commuter Services.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #3 - Endorsement of an amendment to the FY 2008/2009 through FY 2012/2013 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Interim Interchange Improvement at I-75/Bonita Beach Road

Mr. Don Scott gave an overview of the TIP projects.

MS. MAZURKIWICZ MOVED AND MR. GODAR SECONDED TO ADD THE INTERIM INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT AT I-75/BONITA BEACH ROAD TO TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 - Endorsement of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

Mr. Don Scott presented the TDSP.

MR. MAILE MOVED AND MR. GODAR SECONDED TO APPROVE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE PLAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5 - Endorsement of the Amendments to the FY 2008/2009 – FY 2009/2010 Unified Work Program

Mr. Don Scott presented the amendments to the UPWP.

MOTION BY MS. MAZURKIEWCZ TO RECOMMEND MPO ENDORSEMENT OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2008/2009 – FY 2009/2010 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM. SECONDED BY MS. DAVIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #6 – Endorsement of the Lee County School District Safe Routes to School Applications

Ms. Gordon with the Lee County School District presented this item.

MOTION BY MR. DAVID SCOTT TO RECOMMEND MPO ENDORSEMENT OF THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – Accommodation of Bicycle Lanes and Transit Stops in the US 41 6-lane Widening Design Plans

MOTION BY MR. GODAR TO RECOMMEND THAT THE MPO ASK FDOT TO REVISE THE DESIGN PLANS FOR THE US 41 WIDENING PROJECT TO ACCOMMODATE BUS STOPS AND SIGNED AND MARKED BIKE LANES AS FOLLOWS: 1). PROVIDE PROPOSED BUS STOPS AT THE EXISTING LEETRAN BUS STOP LOCATIONS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS, 2). DESIGN THE PROPOSED BUS STOPS AS PER FDOT'S DISTRICT ONE AND SEVEN TRANSIT FACILITY HANDBOOK, 3). IN ADDITION TO THE PROPOSED DESIGNATED BIKE LANES IN THE URBAN CROSS SECTION FROM CORKSCREW ROAD TO NORTH OF CYPRESS BEND DRIVE, PROVIDE SIGNED AND MARKED BICYCLE LANES ON THE 1.1 MILE LONG SUBURBAN CROSS SECTION FROM NORTH OF CYPRESS BEND DRIVE TO SAN CARLOS BOULEVARD CONSISTENT WITH FDOT'S PLANS PREPARATION MANUAL. SECONDED BY MR. DATI.

Ms. Davies stated that she would like to make an appeal because she is discouraged that the state and local jurisdictions don't automatically do this.

Mr. Don Scott stated that we are trying to be part of the project review process.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Davies requested that the MPO Board endorse a resolution requesting FDOT and local jurisdictions to coordinate with LeeTran.

Mr. Scott stated that staff will bring back a draft resolution for approval by the CAC before bringing it to the MPO Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #8 – Review of the Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives

Mr. Don Scott gave an overview of the LRTP Goals and Objectives and stated that Staff would email them out to the committees.

Agenda Item #9 – Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

Mr. Don Scott presented the list of stimulus projects that were awarded and stated that staff had sent an email previously to the links with the different categories awarded.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item #10 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

None.

Agenda Item #11 – LeeTran Report

Ms. Monroy stated that the 5th year US 41 Transit Corridor funding was reduced by \$1 million and the first year of funding for the Collier – Lee Transit Connection was cut.

Ms. Monroy asked everyone to go onto the LeeTran website and take the Beach Trolley Survey.

Agenda Item #12 – FDOT Report

Chairman Anglickis stated that this would be the appropriate time to address Ms. Davies' request for endorsement of a resolution by the MPO to request that FDOT and local jurisdictions coordinate with LeeTran.

MOTION BY MR. POHLAND TO REQUEST ENDORSEMENT OF A RESOLUTION FROM THE MPO BOARD REQUESTING THAT FDOT AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS COORDINATE WITH LEETRAN. SECONDED BY MS. DAVIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #14 – Topics for Next Meeting

Mr. Don Scott stated that there would be a presentation on the Reason Foundation Study.

Agenda Item #15 – Information and Distribution Items

Distributed in agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.