

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on April 2, 2009

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

Matt Noble	Lee County Department of Community Development
Andy Getch	Lee County Department of Transportation
Bill Horner	Lee County Port Authority
Carmen Monroy	LeeTran
Dawn Gordon	Lee County School Board
Persides Zambrano	City of Cape Coral, Public Works
Kitty Sayers	Cape Coral Mini Bus Service
Nicole DeVaughn	City of Fort Myers Department of Planning
John Patterson	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Daryl Walk	City of Bonita Springs
Lorraine Lantz	Collier County MPO
David Hutchinson	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Trinity Caudill-Scott	Florida Department of Transportation

Others in attendance included: Lauren Henry with FDOT, District One Commuter Services; Stephanie Smith with the City of Cape Coral; Joe Jiang with the City of Fort Myers; and Don Scott and Meghan Marion, Lee County MPO Staff.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Vice-Chairperson Zambrano.

Agenda Item #1 - Minutes of October 2, 2008 Joint TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2008 JOINT TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. DEVAUGHN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice-Chairman Zambrano asked for introductions around the table because there are new individuals present.

Agenda Item #2 – Minutes of the February 5, 2009 TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2009 TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. SAYERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3 – Minutes of the March 5, 2009 Joint TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2009 JOINT TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. HUTCHINSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #4 - 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 amendment project.

MOTION BY MR. NOBLE TO ADD THE INTERIM INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT AT I-75/BONITA BEACH ROAD TO TIP. SECONDED BY MR. WALK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5 - Endorsement of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

Mr. Don Scott presented the TDSP.

MOTION BY MR. HUTCHINSON TO APPROVE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE PLAN. SECONDED BY MS. MONROY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Getch stated that he noticed some typos and would like to get those to MPO Staff.

Agenda Item #6 - Endorsement of the Amendments to the FY 2008/2009 – FY 2009/2010 Unified Work Program

Mr. Scott presented the amendments to the UPWP.

Discussion ensued on the amended tasks.

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO RECOMMEND MPO ENDORSEMENT OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2008/2009 – FY 2009/2010 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM. SECONDED BY MS. SAYERS.

Ms. Caudill-Scott stated that the amendments still have to go to FHWA for approval.

Mr. Scott stated that Staff is still waiting to receive the TD Grant Application.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – Endorsement of the Lee County School District Safe Routes to School Applications

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

Ms. Gordon stated that the priority order for the applications is as follows: 1) City of Fort Myers application for proposed sidewalk on the west side of Marsh Avenue from New York Street to Arlington Road that will benefit Lee Middle School; 2) City of Cape Coral application for a proposed sidewalk on the west side of SW 20th Avenue from the end of the existing Trafalgar Elementary sidewalk to Veterans Parkway that will benefit both Trafalgar Elementary School and Trafalgar Middle School; 3) City of Cape Coral application for a proposed sidewalk on SW 18th Street from SW 6th Avenue to Skyline Boulevard (both sides) and a proposed sidewalk on

SW 19th Street from SW 6th Avenue to Skyline Boulevard (both sides) that will benefit Skyline Elementary, Patriot Elementary and Challenger Middle School; and 4) Lee County BOCC application for a proposed sidewalk on the west side of 25th Street West from Sunniland Boulevard to Sunshine Boulevard that will benefit Harnes Marsh Elementary School.

Discussion ensued.

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

Agenda Item #8 – Accommodation of Bicycle Lanes and Transit Stops in the US 41 6-lane Widening Design Plans

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Caudill-Scott stated that this is a reoccurring issue and she is trying to address it. She stated that she is trying to get the MPO Director Don Scott on the project review board so that at least from the MPO perspective Mr. Scott will be able to see that projects and state what aspects of the Master Plan the current project does not meet.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY MS. MONROY 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 MS. DEVAUGHN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 – 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 with a deadline for comments.

Agenda Item #10 – Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

Mr. Don Scott stated that we don't have a list yet. He presented the list of projects that were on the list from the ARRA Workshop but stated that this is not the entire list and he is not sure how many more projects we will be receiving.

OTHER BUSINESS

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 Connection was cut.

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

Agenda Item #12 – FDOT Report

Ms. Caudill-Scott stated that there have been more Revenue Estimating Conferences and there has been an additional \$2 billion budget cut statewide. She is not sure what the effect will be to Lee County.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #14 – Topics for Next Meeting

Mr. Scott stated that there has been a request for a presentation on the Reason Foundation. He stated that this might have some additional things for the LRTP update.

Agenda Item #15 – Information and Distribution Items

Distributed in agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.