

## MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on August 6, 2009

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee on August 6, 2009 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

Amy Davies	District 1
Thomas Ruscik	District 1
Tony Cardinale	District 3
Al O'Donnell	District 3
Heather Mazurkiewicz	District 4
Rick Anglickis	District 5
Phillip Boller	City of Cape Coral
David Scott	City of Cape Coral
Chris Beradi	City of Cape Coral
Rick Williams	City of Cape Coral
John Pohland	Town of Fort Myers Beach
James Dati	City of Bonita Springs
Arthur Godar	Member At-Large
Kemi Morten	Member At-Large

Others in attendance included: Mark Clark from FDOT; Carmen Monroy from LeeTran; and Don Scott, and Angie Tomlinson Lee MPO Staff.

### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 1. Minutes of the June 4, 2009 CAC Meeting

**MOTION BY MR. BOLLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2009 CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. GODAR.**

Mr. Godar stated that his name was missing from the attendance list for the June 4, 2009 minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 2. Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There was no public in attendance to make comments.

#### 3. Amendment to the FY 2008/2009 through FY 2012/2013 TIP to Change the Funding Source for the US 41 Resurfacing Project from SR 78 to Business 41

Mr. Scott presented this item.

**MOVED BY MR. BOLLER TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008/2009 THROUGH FY 2012/2013 TIP CHANGE THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE US 41 RESURFACING PROJECT FROM SR 78 TO BUSINESS 41. SECONDED BY MS. MAZURKIEWICZ. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Review of the Updated ARRA Priority List and Provide Input for Board Consideration**

Mr. Scott presented the ARRA Priority List and gave an update on the priority status.

Ms. Davies asked how much funding was needed.

Mr. Scott replied that the \$6.5 million is new cost estimate, and that we only have \$5 million at the moment.

Ms. Davies asked if the \$5 million that came back from Metro would all go to Six Mile.

Mr. Scott replied that they do not know as of yet if it meets all the requirements.

Mr. Pohland asked why a pedestrian railing was going on Mantanzas Pass Bridge if one already exists.

Mr. Scott explained there are issues with the trolley lane striping that it has to go back to the two lanes if there is no railing installed otherwise the trolley lane is taken out because the bicyclists could be knocked over the bridge.

**MOVED BY MS. MAZURKIEWICZ TO AMEND THE TOP PRIORITIES AS FOLLOWED NUMBER 22, 23, 24, 31, 11 AND THEN PICKING UP THE BALANCE OF THE PRIORITIES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER.**

Ms. Mazurkiewicz stated that she is not in agreement that Six Mile Cypress widening from Daniels to Winkler is necessarily a priority right now. She then stated that the projects that Cape Coral has put on the board for the sidewalks are ready to go; design plans have been done.

Ms. Morten asked why some of the other items in Cape Coral are listed as 'not federal aid'.

Mr. Scott replied depending on the type of project, such as resurfacing or sidewalk if it is out of a certain pot of money, if it is not a federal aid road you cannot use that money.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Amendments to the FY 2009/2010 through FY 2013/2014 TIP to Add the Roll Forward Report and to Approve the ARRA Projects Contingent Upon Inclusion in**

**a Federal or State Economic Stimulus Package and in FDOT's Work Program at the Appropriate Funding Levels**

Mr. Scott presented the item.

**MOVED BY MR. GODAR TO ADD THE ROLL FORWARD REPORT AND TO APPROVE THE ARRA PROJECTS CONTINGENT UPON INCLUSION IN A FEDERAL OR STATE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE AND IN FDOT'S WORK PROGRAM AT THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING LEVELS. SECONDED BY MR. RUSCIK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. UPWP Revisions to Recognize the Moving of Remaining FY 2008/2009 Funds to FY 2009/2010**

Mr. Scott presented the item.

**MOVED BY MR. BERARDI TO APPROVE THE UPWP REVISION TO MOVE THE REMAING PLANNING TASK FUNDS FOR FY 2008/2009 TO FY 2009/2010. SECONDED BY MR. CARDINALE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. UPWP Amendment to Revise the FTA Section 5303 Funds to the Amount Authorized**

Mr. Scott presented the item.

**MOVED BY MR. WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE REVISION OF THE FTA SECTION 5303 FUNDING AMOUNTS TO THE FUNDING LEVEL THAT THE MPO HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR AND TO RE-SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR THOSE FUNDS. SECONDED BY MS. DAVIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. Review and Approve the Updated JARC and New Freedom Selection Committee and Documents**

Ms. Monroy stated there are grant opportunities coming up, which are federal funds that are the Job Act Reverse Commute (JARC) grant and New Freedoms grant; a workshop was done last year; however, the projects that were awarded could not go forward. She proceeded by explaining that LeeTran has teamed up with FGCU to do some public outreach and to develop some grant applications. She also stated that we have restructured our committee, so we are asking for endorsement of the committee with one minor note; the FDOT representative on that committee is an advisory position not a voting member. She stated that another important point brought up today is that the City of Cape Coral Mini Bus Service was not awarded funding last

year because they were supplanting funds they have had several major cuts in their program, they lost a position, lost some vehicles, and so they were not able to participate in the way their application was structured, but we are in contact with them and working on their participation in the program.

Ms. Morten asked for more information about the program.

Ms. Monroy replied that this is a federal grant program that LeeTran had applied for and received last year; it is an annual allocation of federal dollars for two programs. She explained the two programs: One ties low income applicants to job opportunities and the other helps person with disabilities have more access to all modes of transportation on just transit; tries to expand the service outside of ADA. She then stated that last year several people applied the City of Cape Coral Mini Bus service, a circulator for Charleston Park, and some other applicants; however, none of them were able to pull together a project that met the federal requirements of the grant. The money was recaptured and along with this year's allocation, we are going to again go out into the community to try and develop a partnership with community organization to try to take advantage of that.

Ms. Morten asked what the total amount of the grant was last year and what is available this year.

Ms. Monroy replied it is roughly \$100,000 per program each year, and have approximately \$500,000 in one and \$700,000 in the other.

Mr. Scott stated that it is important that if you know a group that would be eligible because so far we have spent money on planning, but not on projects and we want to try to get projects funded with this funding.

Ms. Morten asked for clarification for grants.

Ms. Monroy replied that the projects that can be funded under this grant opportunity have to tie low income person with job opportunities and it addresses transportation for that.

Ms. Morten asked if LeeTran transit was being used.

Ms. Monroy replied no, that they were partnering with GoodWheels because they have some opportunities out there.

Mr. Scott stated the problem is there is not a 100 percent funding; there is a match needed.

Ms. Monroy clarified that it would be 50/50 for the match and the group that applies has to come up with 50% of the cost.

Mr. Scott added that the other problem is that it was capitol not operation.

Ms. Morten asked what federal organization does the money come from.

Ms. Monroy replied it is the Federal Transit Administration.

Ms. Mazurkiewicz asked if we know who will be representing MPO, FDOT, SWFRPC or has that not been determined.

Ms. Monroy replied that for the SWFRPC, David Hutchinson, MPO, Don Scott, and FDOT, Julia Davis.

Ms. Mazurkiewicz asked who the transit user is.

Ms. Monroy replied that it is Lee Combs and we are actually waiting on confirmation back from the citizens.

Ms. Mazurkiewicz asked who the service representative and community partner is.

Ms. Monroy replied she is from Human Services.

Mr. Scott stated to Ms. Mazurkiewicz that he would email her the list for last year's group.

Ms. Davies asked if any of the homeless qualify for this and was there any coordination with the Homeless Coalition.

Ms. Monroy replied that they have been invited to attend the workshop, but they would have to apply; the Salvation Army was very active in our last round when we were doing the needs assessment, but did not apply.

Ms. Boller asked who is a good candidate for this, is any of the United Way agencies doing this already.

Ms. Monroy replied that this must be new service which is why we have not worked with Good Wheels in the past; it cannot be service that was limited in the last year or two it has to be expansion. She then added that it cannot be used for bus passes.

**MOVED BY MR. DATI TO ADOPT TLC UPDATE AND  
APPROVE CHANGES TO SELECTION COMMITTEE.  
SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS.**

Ms. Morten asked how many members were on the project selection committee.

Ms. Monroy replied that there are six total with one being an alternate.

Ms. Morton asked if the competition was being updated to allow to be placed as needed while maintaining diversity.

Ms. Monroy replied yes we had very narrow definitions of who should sit on the committee, so we are trying to open it up to members of the community; someone who would express the

interests from a human service agency or transit user they could come in and participate in the meeting.

Ms. Morten asked if the members have been appointed yet.

Ms. Monroy replied the positions are for each of those agency's representatives each individual that would fill these have not been, of course the MPO and Regional Planning Council has standing members; we do not expect them to change.

Ms. Morten clarified that the only positions that are open are transit user, human services user and community department.

Ms. Monroy reported that they already person invited to attend the committee, but they have not yet suspended, so when they do so we will notify the committee.

Ms. Morten asked of the six members how many are of a minority.

Ms. Monroy replied that Lee Combs is Asian, and apologized as she did not know the ethnicity of the other members.

Ms. Morten requested that Ms. Monroy provide her that information by email.

Ms. Monroy confirmed that she would send the information to Ms. Morten.

#### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **9. LeeTran Report**

Ms. Monroy stated that LeeTran is recipient 5311grant funds, which are for providing transit service in the rural areas; we received an allocation of the purchase for eight vehicles and when we did our request there was some money left over so we have partnered with Good Wheels to provide them with two brand new vehicles for their operation. She then informed the committee that the LeeTran has just received federal approval to purchase the parcel off of Evans Avenue for transit facility project.

The committee ensued in conversation about the transit facility project.

Ms. Davies asked the status of the US 41 connector.

Ms. Monroy replied that the project is the Lee-Collier Connector and it is providing transit service on US 41; we have finalized the interlocal agreement and will be bring the interlocal agreement and participation agreement for Lee County's portion to our board as soon as our attorney signs off on the agreement.

#### **10. Recommend of MPO Approval of Local Transportation Enhancement Priorities**

Mr. Gogoi presented this item.

**MOVED BY MS. MAZURKIEWICZ TO REMOVE THE SANIBEL LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT FROM THE ENHANCEMENT PRIORITIES LIST. SECONDED BY MS. DAVIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED BY MR. BERARDI TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RANKINGS BY THE BPCC AND ADDING THE LIST TO THE THREE PROJECTS FOR FY 2012/2013. SECONDED BY MR. O'DONNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. Recommend MPO Endorsement of the Aviation Priorities**

Mr. Scott presented the aviation priorities.

Ms. Mazurkiewicz requested that the CAC get a presentation from the Port Authority on their master plans for both airports.

**MOVED BY MR. POHLAND TO ENDORSE THE PORT AUTHORITY'S PRIORITIES FOR AVAIATION PROJECTS AT THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE PAGE FIELD AIRPORT. SECONDED BY MR. GODAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANINMOUSLY.**

**12. Proposed Amendments to the Bi-County Regional Pathway Map**

Mr. Scott presented the amendments to the Bi-County Regional Pathway Map.

**MOVED BY MR. O'DONNELL TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONS AS SHOWN ON THE MAP AND INCLUDING DEL PRADO BOULEVARD NORTH OF SR 78 CONNECTING TO US 41 AND TOI LEAVE IN THE SECTION ALONG SR 82 THAT THE TAC VOTED TO REMOVE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. Recommendation of the MPO Approval of the 2009 Congestion Monitoring Report**

Mr. Gogoi presented this item.

Committee ensued in conversation.

Ms. Davies stated that she had a problem with the wording on page 48 in the third paragraph regarding the carbon footprint.

Mr. Anglickis asked Ms. Davies if she would like the sentence to read “One of the ~~The~~ reasons for this large carbon footprint..”

Ms. Davies agreed with the language.

**MOVED BY MR. SCOTT TO RECOMMEND TO THE MPO THE APPROVAL OF THE 2009 CONGESTION MONITORING REPORT WITH THE LANGUAGE CHANGES. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14. Review and Approve the Goods and Freight Study**

Mr. Marwan Madi with Cambridge Systematics gave a presentation.

**MOVED BY MS. MORTEN TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL NEXT MONTH. SECONDED BY MS. MAZURKIEWICZ. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**15. Review and Approve the Existing Zonal Data for the 2035 LRTP Update**

Mr. Scott discussed what was in the email, and asked if any of the members wanted a copy. He also stated that it will be brought for approval to the next meeting.

**16. Discuss the Proposed TIGER Grant Applications**

Mr. Scott discussed the TIGER Grant applications and the direction that he area/region needed to coordinate.

**MOVED BY MS. MAZURKIEWICZ TO ADVISE THE BOARD ABOUT SENDING A COORDINATED APPLICATION. SECONDED BY MR. O'DONNELL. MOTION CARRIED WITH MS. DAVIES ABSTAINING.**

**17. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

No comments were given.

**18. FDOT Report**

Mr. Clark reviewed the TIGER Grant application. He also informed the committee that Strategic Intermodal System plan update will be holding a workshop on September 3<sup>rd</sup> between 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Harborside Event Center.

**19. Announcements**

No announcements were made.

**20. Topics for next meeting**

Mr. Scott asked if the September meeting could be moved to 1:00 p.m. due to the conflict with the SIS meeting at Harborside.

Ms. Mazukiewicz requested that a representative give a presentation on their master plan.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.