

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on January 7, 2010

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on January 7, 2010 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

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| Matt Noble | Lee Planning |
| David Loveland | Lee DOT |
| Bill Horner | Lee County Port Authority |
| Carmen Monroy | LeeTran |
| Glenn Heath | City of Cape Coral, Community Development |
| Persides Zambrano | City of Cape Coral, Public Works |
| Kitty Sayers | Cape Coral Mini Bus |
| Eliana Hayes | City of Fort Myers, Engineering |
| John Patterson | Town of Fort Myers Beach |
| Amanda Rutherford | Sanibel Planning Department |
| Phil Tindall | Collier MPO |
| David Hutchinson | SWFRPC |
| Mark Clark | FDOT |

Those also in attendance included: Darla Letournea with BikeWalkLee; Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Meghan Marion of Lee County MPO.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Loveland.

Mr. Noble asked to have the Election of Officers moved up to the first new business item.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6 – Election of 2010 Officers

MOTION BY MR. NOBLE TO NOMINATE MR. HORNER AS THE 2010 CHAIRMAN FOR THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH MS. ZAMBRANO AS THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON. SECONDED BY MR. HEATH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Joint TAC and CAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. LOVELAND TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2009 JOINT TAC AND CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. ZAMBRANO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Minutes of the December 3, 2009 TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MS. ZAMBRANO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2009 TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. LOVELAND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #3 – Amendments to the FY 2009/2010 through FY 2013/2014 Transportation Improvement Program to add FTA Capital and Operating funds for LeeTran and Safe Routes to School funding for Bicycle Equipment and a Safety Education Program

Mr. Scott presented this item.

MOTION BY MR. LOVELAND TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2009/2010 THROUGH FY 2013/2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FTA CAPITAL AND OPERATING FUNDS FOR LEETRAN AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDING FOR BICYCLE EQUIPMENT AND A SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM. SECONDED BY MR. NOBLE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Review and Prioritize the Revised Production Ready Project List for Possible Stimulus Funding

Mr. Scott presented this item and stated that Staff is trying to keep the list updated. He stated that at this time staff is unsure of what the requirements will be for the next round of funding.

Mr. Loveland agreed with Mr. Scott on moving the projects that are being funded in FY 10/11 down on the list since there will not be much advancement on those projects if they were to be funded with Stimulus funding instead. He asked about the Viscaya Parkway project in Cape Coral from Del Prado to Nicholas Parkway.

Ms. Zambrano replied that the description doesn't really match what the project is. She stated that it addresses sidewalks but also medians for access management.

Mr. Loveland stated that he heard a rumor that FDOT will not be accepting any LAP or JPA's for this round of stimulus based on the timing.

Mr. Loveland stated that it isn't the local governments that hold up the LAP process approval, it is FDOT that holds it up with their approval process.

Mr. Scott replied that the process is burdensome but we work through the process to get the money. He stated that another issue is that jurisdictions are stating their projects are shovel ready and they aren't truly shovel ready.

Mr. Loveland stated that the Matlacha Bridge is completely shovel ready and can be rebid in a week. He stated that the LAP Agreement could be executed very quickly. He

stated that based on the criteria he has heard it looks like only State projects will be completed and no local projects.

Mr. Scott replied that we will continue to see this list until all the funding is gone.

Ms. Zambrano asked about the direction from FDOT on the timing of the projects.

Mr. Scott stated that there are rumors out right now but nothing has been confirmed as the criteria has not been finalized.

Ms. Darla Letournea, with BikeWalkLee, stated that she would like to use this opportunity with the stimulus money to make up the backlog on bicycle pedestrian facilities. She stated that the projects can be ready quickly and they will bring jobs. She stated that this will spread the money around the community so that everyone can see the results. She stated that she is concerned with the LAP process because we have three jurisdictions that aren't certified (Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel and Bonita Springs). She stated that there needs to be a way that all the communities can be a part of this.

Mr. Loveland clarified that all of the projects by those communities can still be built they just can't do it themselves, it would have to be done by FDOT.

Discussion continued.

Chairman Horner stated that we need projects that can be completed quickly.

Ms. Monroy stated that LeeTran does have a project that can be undertaken in 90 days and that is the installation of bus shelters. She stated that each shelter is estimating \$12,000 - \$15,000 with everything included. She also stated that LeeTran has the first year of funding but could use the stimulus funding to increase the number of shelters that are installed.

Mr. Loveland asked how much money they would use.

Ms. Monroy replied that they could use \$1 million immediately.

MOTION BY MR. LOVELAND TO MAKE THE RAILING ON FORT MYERS BEACH NUMBER ONE, ADD THE BUS SHELTER INSTALLATION PROJECT AS NUMBER TWO, THE MATANZAS PASS BRIDGE PROJECT NUMBER THREE, THE VISCAYA PARKWAY INTERSECTION NUMBER FOUR, MOVE ITEMS 6-8 DOWN TO ITEMS 29-31, MAKE THE I-75/CORKSCREW INTERCHANGE NUMBER 32 AND THE I-75/COLONIAL INTERCHANGE NUMBER 33. SECONDED BY MR. NOBLE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5 – Recommend MPO Approval of the Negotiated Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Scope, Fee and Contract with RWA

MOTION BY MS. ZAMBRANO TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE NEGOTIATED BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN SCOPE, FEE AND CONTRACT WITH RWA. SECONDED BY MR. LOVELAND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – Approval of the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) PLAN. SECONDED BY MR. HUTCHINSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #8 – Approval of the Public Involvement Plan Revisions

MOTION BY MR. HEATH TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN REVISIONS. SECONDED BY MS. MONROY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 – Review of the Draft Congestion Management Process

Mr. Scott presented this item and stated that this would come back next month after it has gone through the TOCC and ITSSC for their approval.

Ms. Hayes asked for criteria that could be scored if you alleviate congestion off of another roadway.

Agenda Item #10 – Review of the Public Involvement Plan Evaluation Report

Ms. Marion presented this item.

Other Business

Agenda Item #11 – LeeTran Report

None.

Agenda Item #12 – FDOT Report

Mr. Clark stated that the funding for the I-75/SR 80 Project has been moved up to FY 10/11.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

Ms. Monroy made a name correction in the TIP for the JARC and New Freedoms projects.

Agenda Item #14 – Topics for next meeting

Mr. Scott stated that LeeTran would bring back a presentation on the Shelter Installations.

Agenda Item #15 – Information and Distribution Items

Distributed in agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.