

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on June 4, 2009

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on June 4, 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
David Loveland	Lee County Department of Transportation
Carmen Monroy	LeeTran
Dawn Gordon	Lee County School Board
Glenn Heath	City of Cape Coral, Community Development
Persides Zambrano	City of Cape Coral, Public Works
Mildred Hammer	Cape Coral Mini Bus Service
Nicole DeVaughn	City of Fort Myers Planning Department
Joe Grubbs	City of Fort Myers Planning Department
John Patterson	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Jennifer Flavin-Bailey	City of Sanibel Planning Department
Barbara Barnes-Buchanan	City of Bonita Springs
David Hutchinson	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Ken Heatherington	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Johnny Limbaugh	Florida Department of Transportation
Mark Clark	Florida Department of Transportation
Gary Bryant	Good Wheels

Others in attendance included: Darla Letournea and Margaret Banyan with BikeWalkLee; and Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Meghan Marion, Lee County MPO Staff.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Loveland.

Mr. Limbaugh with FDOT introduced Mr. Mark Clark as the Lee County MPO's new liaison.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #11 – Update on the ARRA Funding

Mr. Scott presented this item and asked Mr. Limbaugh if FDOT has any inclination of what direction they are going with the TIGER grants to get the state perspective.

Mr. Limbaugh stated that FDOT has asked for some direction from Central Office but they have not received a clear indication of how that process is going to pan out.

Mr. Limbaugh stated that his suggestion to the MPO is to look at all of your projects and prioritize the most important ones to your area and MPO and then submit them and see how things go.

Chairman Loveland stated that the projects have to be federally eligible.

Mr. Hutchinson added that the projects cannot already be funded either.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Scott stated that staff will work with each of the local jurisdictions to come up with a list of projects and figure out what work needs to be done ahead of time but that when we come back in August we will have a direction that we are going to go in.

Chairman Loveland stated that hopefully FDOT will have some answers by then too. He stated that the applications are due September 15th.

Mr. Gogoi stated that the City of Fort Myers has two projects; the Hanson Extension and the Treeline Extension between SR 82 and Colonial.

Chairman Loveland replied that neither of those projects is federally eligible. He stated that each jurisdiction needs to compile a list of projects and submit it to MPO Staff so that we have a list that we can prioritize.

Mr. Scott stated that staff will send out an email requesting the list of projects.

Ms. Monroy stated that the LeeTran transit facility is a project that they would like to add to the list.

Chairman Loveland stated for everyone to submit your project requests to the MPO Staff.

Agenda Item #10 – Approval of a FY 2008/2009 and FY 2009/2010 UPWP Revision

Mr. Scott stated that based on issues between the MPO, RPC and FDOT, regarding the fringe and indirect rate charged to the MPO and what is included in the indirect rate and what is allowed to be included in the indirect rate, the RPC suggested putting a table in the UPWP that shows the fringe and indirect rate breakdown charged to the MPO by the RPC.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that the RPC would like to calculate the indirect rate with salaries and fringe added together which would make the indirect rate 54.715%. He stated that the indirect rate covers the overall administrative costs of the RPC including the building and electricity.

Mr. Limbaugh stated that from the FDOT perspective this table isn't going to change anything. This table just shows that for every \$1.00 in salaries the MPO pays the RPC \$1.31 in fringe and indirect. He stated is that they are concerned with what is included in the indirect rate such as items that are not PL eligible.

Chairman Loveland stated that as the TAC we are not here to decide what the correct indirect rate is, we are being asked to add the table into the UPWP.

Ms. Monroy asked who this was requested by.

Mr. Scott replied that this was requested by the RPC.

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF A FY 2008/2009 THROUGH FY 2009/2010 UPWP REVISION TO ADD THE TABLE REQUESTED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL TO SHOW THE FRINGE AND INDIRECT RATES CHARGED TO THE MPO BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL. SECONDED BY MR. HEATH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 – Review and Approve the Regional Transportation Enhancement Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this item and stated that the list they came up with is Priority #1: PD&E for Regional Pathway on SR 82 from SR 29 to Daniels Parkway; Priority #2: Design & Construction of a Regional Pathway along Old US 41 from US 41 in Collier County to Bonita Beach Road; and Priority #3: PD&E study for Regional Pathway along US 41 east from CR 92 to the Broward County Line.

Mr. Hutchinson asked how the SR 82 project ranked higher than the US 41 project.

Mr. Noble stated that this is why he has urged the MPO to have these maps updated. This is not Lee County's Pathway Priorities.

Mr. Scott replied that this will be addressed in the Bike/Ped update because we don't even have it in the Bike/Ped Plan.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gary Bryant asked if regional transportation enhancement funds are restricted to capital improvements or can they be used to enhance transportation operations.

Mr. Scott replied that they have to be used for capital improvements.

Chairman Loveland suggested that the TAC approve the list as a tentative list and don't submit it until after the Joint Lee-Collier meetings in October.

MOTION BY MR. HUTCHINSON TO RECOMMEND THE MPO BOARD APPROVE TENTATIVE LIST AND DON'T SUBMIT UNTIL AFTER THE JOINT LEE-COLLIER MEETINGS IN OCTOBER. SECONDED BY MR. NOBLE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – Review and Approve the SR 78 Funding Outside the Work Program Agreement

Mr. Scott stated that this is to approve the MPO portion which is the payment of \$5 million a year starting in 2015 for 11 years.

MOTION BY MS. ZAMBRANO TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE SR 78 FUNDING OUTSIDE THE WORK PROGRAM AGREEMENT. SECONDED BY MR. HEATH.

Ms. Darla Letournea stated that she would like to recommend that SR 78 be modified to add bicycle pedestrian facilities. She stated that this is not acceptable and it is going to be very costly in the future when it is retrofitted.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that he would like the motion to include bicycle pedestrian facilities as part of the agreement in writing.

Ms. Zambrano replied no.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 - Minutes of May 7, 2009 TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MS. ZAMBRANO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2009 TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. MONROY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #2 – Endorsement of the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2009/2010 through FY 2013/2014

Mr. Scott presented this item.

MOTION BY MS. ZAMBRANO TO RECOMMEND MPO ENDORSEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2009/2010 THROUGH FY 2013/2014. SECONDED BY MS. GORDON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3 - Endorsement of a 5307 TIP Amendment to the FY 2008/2009 through FY 2012/2013 TIP

Mr. Scott presented this item.

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO RECOMMEND MPO ENDORSEMENT OF A 5307 TIP AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008/2009 THROUGH FY 2012/2013 TIP TO ADD ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO PROJECT NUMBER 4101471 WHICH WILL CHANGE THE FUNDS FROM \$4.1 MILLION TO \$4.67 MILLION. SECONDED BY MS. BARNES-BUCHANAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of a Resolution Requesting Local Jurisdictions and FDOT to Accommodate Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transit Facilities in Roadway Design and Construction Plans

MOTION BY MR. HUTCHINSON TO REQUEST MPO APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND FDOT TO ACCOMMODATE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSIT FACILITIES IN

ROADWAY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS WITH THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE ADDED FROM LEE DOT.

Chairman Loveland presented the additional language from the Lee DOT.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Loveland stated that he had to leave and Ms. Zambrano would take over as Vice-Chairperson.

Mr. Scott

Ms. Darla Letournea urged the TAC to adopt this resolution as adopted by the BPC and to disregard the additions made by Lee County DOT.

Ms. Margaret Banyan supports the BPC version of this resolution and urges the TAC to also support this version.

SECONDED BY MS. DEVAUGHN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5 – Approval of the STP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Mr. Gogoi stated comments he received from Mr. Loveland.

MOTION BY MR. NOBLE TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE STP PRIORITIES AS AMENDED REMOVING THE OFF THE TOP PRIORITIES OF THE ALICO ROAD PAYBACK AND THE SR 82 PAYBACK AND ALSO REMOVING THE STAGE 1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTYWIDE ATMS AND THE METRO EXTENSION AS THESE PRIORITIES ARE FUNDED NOW, AND CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT, TRANSIT AND BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BOX TO BE CALLED THE MULTI-MODAL ENHANCEMENT BOX. SECONDED BY MR. HUTCHINSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #6 – Approval of the Scope of Work for the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Vice-Chairperson Zambrano asked if there was \$150,000 for this Plan and the answer was yes.

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN. SECONDED BY MR. HUTCHINSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Scott asked for a volunteer to sit on the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Consultant Selection Committee.

Vice-Chairperson Zambrano stated that she would volunteer.

Agenda Item #8 – Approval of the General Planning Consultants and Contracts

MOTION BY MS. DEVAUGHN TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS. SECONDED BY MS. GORDON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #11 – Update on the ARRA Funding

Vice-Chairperson Zambrano asked when FDOT anticipates hearing what the bid will come in at.

Mr. Clark stated that we should hear back in the next couple of weeks.

Agenda Item #12 – Cancellation of the July Meeting

Committee agreed to Cancel the July 2, 2009 TAC meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item #13 – LeeTran Report

None.

Agenda Item #14 – FDOT Report

None.

Agenda Item #15 – Announcements

Mr. Scott announced that the Lee and Collier MPO's would be holding the LRTP Workshop on June 17, 2009 at the Three Oaks Banquet and Conference Center in Estero.

Agenda Item #16 – Topics for Next Meeting

None.

Agenda Item #17 – Information and Distribution Items

Vice-Chairperson Zambrano stated that Senate Bill 360 passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.