

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on August 6, 2009

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

Those in attendance included:

Matt Noble	Lee County Department of Community Development
Lili Wu	Lee County Department of Transportation
Bill Horner	Lee County Port Authority
LeeTran	Carmen Monroy
Dawn Gordon	Lee County School Board
Glenn Heath	Cape Coral – Department of Community Development
Persides Zambrana	Cape Coral – Department of Public Works
Nicole DeVaughn	City of Fort Myers – Department of Planning
Eliana Hayes	City of Fort Myers – Department of Engineering
John Patterson	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Phil Tindall	Collier County MPO
Dave Hutchinson	SWFRPC
Mark Clark	FDOT – District One, SWAO
Jennifer Flavin-Bailey	City of Sanibel

Others in attendance included: Dan Moser, with BPCC; Don Scott, with Lee County MPO; Ron Gogoi, with Lee County MPO; Angie Tomlinson, with SWFRPC

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Vice Chair Zambrano.

1. Minutes of the June 4, 2009 TAC Meeting

MOVED BY MS. MONROY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2009 TAC MEETING WITH THE AMENDED CHANGES. SECONDED BY MS. GORDON.

Ms. Zambrano stated that the minutes were cut short on item number four.

Mr. Hutchinson suggested moving toward abbreviated minutes; following Robert's Rule of Order.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Amendments 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. HEATH TO APPROVE THE 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. SECONDED BY MS. DEVAUGH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Ms. Zambrano suggested that project numbers 22, 23, 24, and 31 be moved to the top of the list.

Mr. Noble stated that the projects should remain the same and take out projects that are no longer eligible.

MOVED BY MR. HEATH TO PRIORITIZE THE SIDEWALK PROJECTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER 22, 23, 24, 3. SECONDED BY MR. PATTERSON. MOTION FAILED.

Ms. Zambrano stated that the MPO Board gave priority to at least designate five percent to bicycle/pedestrian facilities and the project funded in the first round.

MOVED BY MR. NOBLE TO ACCEPT THE RANKING AS IS FOR THE ARRA PRIORITY SECONDED BY MS HAYES. MOTION CARRIED WITH MR. PATTERSON, MR. HEATH, AND MS. ZAMBRANO OPPOSED.

Ms. Monroy pointed out to the committee that LeeTran has eliminated the second project which was the bus replacement because they have tried to fund that entirely with transit stimulus money that they have already received.

4. 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. NOBLE TO APPROVE THE 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. SECONDED BY MR. HORNER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOVED BY MS. MONROY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED UPWP AMENDMENT TO REVISE 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 MR. NOBLE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mr. Scott presented the item.

The committee ensued in discussion.

MOVED BY MR. NOBLE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED UPWP REVISION TO MOVE THE REMIANING PLANNING TASK FUNDS FOR THE FY 2008/2009 TO THE SAME TASKS IN FY 2009/2010. SECONDED BY MR. HEATH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Recommend MPO Approval of the Local Transportation Enhancement Priorities

Mr. Gogoi presented this item and stated that the challenge for today is to figure out where to place the Sanibel Lighthouse.

The committee discussed the priorities.

MOVED BY MS. MONROY TO ACCEPT THE EXISTING RANKING AS IT APPEARS 1-11 WITH THE SANIBEL LIGHTHOUSE AS NUMBER 12 AND TO REVISIT THE RANKING CRITERIA. SECONDED BY MR. NOBLE.

Mr. Moser with the Lee County MPO BPPC suggested not messing with the ranking criteria.

Mr. Noble encouraged the City of Sanibel to look into other funding sources, such as historical funding.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Recommend MPO Endorsement of the Aviation Priorities

Mr. Horner presented this item.

Mr. Hutchinson asked if there was a reason that the I-75 Collector Distributor was off the list?

Mr. Horner replied that he did not know the reason at the time; however, would look into and bring back an answer.

MOVED BY MR. HUTCHINSON TO ENDORSE THE PORT AUTHORITY'S PRIORITIES FOR AVIATION PROJECTS AT THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE PAGE FIELD AIRPORT AND ASK THE LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY WHAT HAPPEN TO THE AIRPORT COLLECTOR DISTRIBUTOR SYSTEM. SECONDED BY MR. HORNER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Proposed Amendments to the Bi-County Regional Pathway Map

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Mr. Noble stated the Greenways map does not show any of the islands and asked that the Daniels Parkway location be removed since it is not shown as a regional connector in the greenways map.

Ms. Zambrano asked if the SR 78 by the railroad track could be added.

Mr. Noble replied yes.

MOVED BY MR. NOBLE TO APPROVE THE ADDITONS TO THE REGIONAL PATHWAY MAP WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: INCLUDE THE ISLANDS, DELETE THE DANIELS PARKWAY SECTION AND TO ADD FROM DEL PRADO TO SR 78 TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS. SECONDED BY MS. MONROY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Recommendation of MPO Approval of 2009 Congestion Monitoring Report

Mr. Gogoi presented this item; he explained the corrections on pages 31 and 48.

MOVED BY MS. MONROY TO APPROVE THE 2009 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT WITH THE CORRECTIONS ON PAGES 31 AND 48. SECONDED BY MR. NOBLE.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that he hoped the report was included in the decision process to help limit existing problems. He then asked if an air pollution module would be added to the LRTP.

Mr. Scott replied he would discuss this with the consultants.

11. Review and Approve the Goods & Freight Study

Mr. Madi with Cambridge Systematics gave a presentation.

The committee ensued in conversation; they agreed to review the presentation, but to wait until the next meeting to approve the study.

Mr. Hutchinson requested that the inventory of rail capacity coming in to the region be added to the study.

Ms. Monroy stated that the BRT needs to be included in the study.

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

MOVED BY MS. MONROY TO APOPT THE LOCALLY COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION (TLC) PLAN UPDATE AND APPROVE CHANGES TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY MR. HEATH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Review and Approve the Existing Zonal Data for the 2035 LRTP

Mr. Scott presented this item but stated that the approval would not be until the September meeting due to the short time that the staff and jurisdictions had to review the data.

14. Discuss the Proposed TIGER Grant Applications

Mr. Scott explained that the MPO is putting in for I75 from Colonial up to SR 80 and also rail corridor improvements/right-of-way.

Mr. Clark asked that any agency applying for TIGER Grants to copy FDOT on the application.

15. LeeTran Report

Ms. Monroy stated that under the 5311 rural program, LeeTran received allocation for vehicles; they have amended our grant and have allowed two vehicles to go to Good Wheels. She also stated that they have a SIB request which will come to the TAC in the future for a financing request. She also informed the committee of the transit facility project site.

16. FDOT Report

Mr. Clark informed the committee that an SIS Regional workshop will be held at Harborside on September 3rd from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

17. Announcements

None

18. Topics for the Next Meeting

None

19. Information and Distribution Items

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.