

**JOINT LEE COUNTY AND COLLIER COUNTY
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Estero Community Park & Recreation Center, Room 103A
9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard
Estero, Florida 33928

1:00 p.m.

April 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Donald Scott, Lee County MPO, Director, called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Tamika Seaton, Collier MPO Planning Technician, called the roll for Collier MPO and Meghan Marion, Lee County MPO Planning Technician, called the roll for Lee County MPO. A quorum was not attained for Collier MPO, but was attained for Lee County MPO. Those in attendance were as follows:

COLLIER CAC MEMBERS

Fred Thomas, CAC Chair – Present
Richard Rice – Present
Karen Homiak – Present
Jack Pointer – Present
Timothy Nance – Absent
Ronna Edwards – Absent
Gail Boorman – Absent
George Schroll, CAC Vice-Chair - Absent

COLLIER COUNTY MPO STAFF

Phil Tindall, MPO Director
Lorraine Lantz, Principal Planner
Brandy Otero, Planner
Tamika Seaton, Planning Technician

LEE COUNTY CAC MEMBERS

Rick Anglickis, Chair – Present
Jane McNew – Present
Heather Mazurkiewicz – Present
Dennis Gilkey – Present
Thomas Ruscik – Present
Amy Davies – Present
John Musser - Present
Albert O' Donnell - Present
Dennis Church – Present

LEE COUNTY MPO STAFF

Don Scott, MPO Director

Meghan Marion, Planning Technician

OTHERS

Nick Casalanguida, Collier County Transportation

David Buchheit, Collier County Transportation

Sue Faulkner, Collier County Alternative Transportation Modes

Trinity Caudill-Scott, Florida Department of Transportation

2. Election of a Chairperson

Ms. Mazurkiewicz: I nominate Rick Anglickis for Chairman.

Mr. Musser: I second the motion.

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS.

3. Action Items

- A. Determination of Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities for FY 2010/2011 and FY 2011/2012

Mr. Don Scott, Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Director, presented an overview of the TRIP priorities for FY 2010/2011 and FY 2011/2012 and reported on the following:

- There is approximately \$15 million in funding available each year for TRIP projects for District One (12 counties);
- Lee County and Collier MPO received seven applications for TRIP projects as follows:
 - City of Cape Coral;
 - A TRIP request for \$4 million in FY 2010/11 for a construction phase to widen Del Prado Boulevard from SR 78 to Kismet Parkway from four to six lanes;
 - A TRIP request for \$12 million in FY 2011/12 for a right of way phase one to widen SR 78 from Burnt Store Road to Chiquita Boulevard from two to four lanes;
 - Collier County Transportation Planning;
 - A TRIP request for \$2.9 million in FY 2010/11 for a right of way phase to widen Collier Boulevard from Green Boulevard to Golden Gate Boulevard from four to six lanes;

- A TRIP request for \$6 million in FY 2011/12 for a design phase for a new 4-lane extension of Collier Boulevard from Immokalee Boulevard to Bonita Beach Road;
 - A TRIP request for \$2.4 million in FY 2011/12 for a right of way phase for widening Collier Boulevard from Green Boulevard to Golden Gate Main Canal from four to six lanes;
 - A TRIP request for \$7 million in FY 2011/12 for a construction phase to widen Collier Boulevard from Green Boulevard to Golden Gate Boulevard; and
 - Collier Area Transit;
 - A TRIP request for \$1.05 million in FY 2010/11 for construction of an intermodal transfer facility on US 41 at the entrance to Collier County Government Center;
- Mr. Scott further discussed the Candidate Project Evaluation and Recommendation of Project Priorities for FY 2010/11 through 2011/12 TRIP Funds as submitted by each MPO; he directed the committee to the location map for TRIP proposals for FY 2010/11 through FY 2011/12; and he informed the committee that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) voted to follow the prioritization process to move the projects forward making the TRIP Priorities as follows:
 - The highest priority for the first year (2010/2011) was the City of Cape Coral TRIP project request for \$4 million in FY 2010/11 for a construction phase to widen Del Prado Boulevard from SR 78 to Kismet Parkway from four to six lanes; and
 - The highest priority for the second year (2011/12) was the Collier County TRIP request for \$7 million for a construction phase to widen Collier Boulevard from Green Boulevard to Golden Gate Boulevard from four to six lanes.

Chairman Anglickis entertained a motion to recommend the 2010/11 and 2011/12 TRIP projects.

Ms. Homiak: I move to support staff's recommendation for projects A and F on the location map for TRIP proposals.

Mr. Church: I second the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the scoring system for the TRIP projects. Ms. Amy Davies wanted clarification as to if SR 78 was a high priority on the Lee County MPO Board's list. She stated that SR 78 does not relieve the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Ms. Davies concluded by asking if the MPO Board followed the point system or can the Board change the priority. Mr. Scott responded by stating the Board could prioritize the projects at their discretion. The MPOs are trying to find alternative ways of scoring criteria in the future. Ms. Davies was concerned that there are currently no uniform state-wide criteria in place to score projects.

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS, OPPOSED BY MS. DAVIES.

B. Changes to the Bi-County Joint Regional Transportation Networks

Mr. Scott presented an overview of the changes to the Bi-County Joint Regional Transportation Networks and stated that on September 18, 2007, the Joint Lee-Collier Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) met to review Bike/Pedestrian projects to coordinate the update of regional maps to be more consistent with multi-modal components. The committee voted on identifying regional pathways priorities and proposed a facility along Old US 41 between Bonita Beach Road in Lee County and Veterans Memorial Boulevard in Collier County. Mr. Scott concluded by stating that the TAC voted to table the Bi-County Joint Regional Transportation Networks based on Lee County's Greenways Master plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the Bi-County Joint Regional Transportation Network. Ms. Brandy Otero, Collier MPO Planner, announced that the Collier MPO is currently working with Collier County on their Florida Power Light (FPL) Trail Feasibility Study to research the feasibility of implementing a multi-use trail along the FPL easement from Collier County to Lee County. Mr. Fred Thomas was concerned that if a multi-use trail was approved, would it impact the ability of a roadway being built adjacent to the FPL easement? Ms. Otero responded by stating the FPL Study was a six month study and the findings are anticipated in November. Ms. Trinity Caudill-Scott, FDOT, stated that she was the project manager at the time while working at Collier County and added that the FPL trail is a multi-use pathway that connects Collier and Lee Counties. According to Ms. Caudill-Scott, the general consensus of the committees in Immokalee was to have a trail go through Immokalee. **Mr. Thomas added that a road needs to be constructed from Immokalee Road to SR 82 in the Little League Road corridor to relieve SR 29 and SR 82.** Mr. Richard Rice stated that Immokalee anticipates that the Oil Well Road corridor may become a major thoroughfare in the future and if a pathway is constructed at that location, plans are in place to expand the roadway system in the future. Chairman Anglickis asked the ramifications of not approving the Bi-County Joint Regional Transportation Networks. Mr. Scott responded by stating that the committee had the option of adopting the Joint Networks and changing it in the future and there may be grant opportunities. Mr. Scott concluded by stating that it was the committee's decision whether to approve or table the item.

Mr. Thomas: I move to approve the changes in the draft Bi-County Joint Regional Transportation Networks.

Mr. O' Donnell: I second the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding implementing sidewalks in rural and urban areas in design plans.

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS.

C. Update to the SIS priorities

Mr. Scott presented an overview of the update to the SIS priorities and stated that the proposed update to the regional priorities for SIS or statewide discretionary funding would have some administrative changes to make it consistent with what is being done. Mr. Scott concluded by stating that the TAC voted to approve the amendments and the committee discussed the order of the priorities and updating the Joint Long Range Plan.

Mr. O' Donnell: I move to approve.

Ms. Mazurkiewicz: I second the motion.

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS.

4. Reports and Presentations

- A. Discussion about the inconsistency of Old US 41 in the Lee and Collier MPO Long Range Plans

Mr. Scott stated that this item was for discussion only and did not require approval. This item is based on the Joint Lee/Collier PAC meeting held on September 18, 2007. At the meeting, Ms. Barbara Barnes-Buchanan, City of Bonita Springs, stated that there was an inconsistency between Lee and Collier Counties Long Range Plans. Mr. Scott concluded by reporting on the following inconsistencies:

- The Lee County MPO's Adopted Year 2015 Interim Plan reflects the 1.2 mile segment of Old US 41 (CR 887) from the Collier County Line to Bonita Beach Road as a Financially Feasible improvement. However, the Collier MPO's 2015 Financially Feasible Highway Plan *does not* include improvements to the 1.5 mile segment of Old US 41 from US 41 to the Lee County Line; and
 - Old US 41 is currently a two-lane undivided urban collector highway as reflected in the E+C roadway networks of both plans. Both MPOs reflect needed expansions to four lanes in their respective 2030 cost feasible plans.
- B. Review of the draft Joint Lee/Collier MPO Long Range Plan Update Scope and Update on the Districtwide Model

Mr. Scott presented an overview of Lee County MPO's Long Range Plan and stated that Lee County MPO and Collier MPO proposed coordinating to develop a Joint Scope of Services to update their Long Range Transportation Plans using a consultant. The Scope will include sharing the costs and having separate invoices. The MPOs anticipate a more cost effective and better end product by sharing tasks in the Long Range Plans. The draft Plan was provided to the committee for review and comment, the final version will be presented to each MPO's committees at the May meetings. All committee suggestions will be incorporated into the document.

Discussion ensued regarding the Joint Long Range Plan. Mr. Scott added FDOT had developed a County Districtwide Model that included the 12 Counties to put all of the models together to work out inconsistencies. The TAC discussed utilizing the model specifically for the Babcock Ranch located on the Lee/Charlotte county line, and the ongoing PD&E studies on SR78 and SR31. The Districtwide Model gives a better representation of what is currently occurring over the county line, and when the Long Range Plans are updated, it gives the MPOs a better interaction between Hendry, Collier, and Lee Counties. Mr. Scott concluded by stating that the Districtwide Model development by FDOT was not an adopted model and does not replace the MPOs models, and it will be used on what will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

C. Regional Public Involvement Plan Web Pages

Mr. Scott stated that as was required in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), MPOs have to implement a Joint web site for Lee and Collier Counties' regional activities. The Joint web site will include the MPOs' joint plans, documents, maps and meeting minutes. Mr. Scott concluded by reporting on the following files that will be included on both web sites under a section entitled "Joint Lee-Collier."

- The MPO logos;
- Joint TAC/CAC and Joint MPO calendar;
- 2030 Cost Feasible Lee/Collier Model FSUTMS files;
- GIS Files that will include Joint Regional Highways, Transit, Pathways components as well as the Needs network for the first order facilities;
- Regional Priorities List;
- TRIP Criteria;
- TRIP Priorities;
- Agendas for Joint Meetings; and
- Minutes from Joint Meetings.

Chairman Anglickis suggested that the Joint web site's calendar provide more information on meetings, upcoming meetings, and public hearings which include more documents, such as press releases pertaining to the meetings for public outreach purposes.

5. FDOT Report

Ms. Caudill-Scott reported on the following:

- FDOT estimated revenue for District One over the next five years;
- Currently, FDOT does not anticipate removing any projects from Lee or Collier Counties;
- The Florida House of Representatives is proposing a \$700 million reduction in 2008/09 statewide; and
- IROX is 30 days ahead of schedule.

6. Transit Update

Ms. Sue Faulkner, Collier Area Transit (CAT), announced that the new CAT facility opened on February 8, 2008. The address is: 8300 Radio Road, Naples, Florida 34104. Ms. Faulkner invited the committee to visit the new facility.

7. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

8. Member's Comments

Chairman Anglickis announced that Mr. Dennis Gilkey was elected Co-Chair of the Density Reduction Ground Water Resources Committee and congratulated him.

Chairman Anglickis asked for a moment of silence to honor the life of Mr. Mike Rippe, Florida Department Transportation (FDOT), District One Director of Transportation Development.

Ms. Heather Mazurkiewicz asked if there was any action the committee could take in order to send a message to legislators regarding not cutting transportation funding. Mr. Scott responded by stating that almost every year the Lee County MPO Board sends letters to the legislators in regards to retaining transportation funds.

Chairman Anglickis entertained a motion for MPO staff to write a letter from the CAC and have it signed by each MPO's chair.

Ms. Mazurkiewicz: I move to have MPO staff write a letter on behalf of the CAC to the Legislature regarding not cutting transportation funding from the transportation fund.

Mr. Thomas: I second the motion.

Mr. Scott stated that he would send a draft letter by email to staff by Monday or Tuesday of next week.

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS.

9. Information Items

Ms. Lorraine Lantz, Collier MPO, announced that on April 7, 2008, Lee County MPO and Collier MPO are having a Joint Freight Truck Management Workshop from noon to 5 p.m. at the same location as today's meeting. Lee County is working on their Freight and Goods Mobility Study and Collier MPO is wrapping up their study; and the workshop is geared towards finding out the next steps to implement a freight program. Ms. Lantz concluded by inviting the committee to the workshop.

10. Adjournment of Joint CAC meeting

Having no further business, the Joint CAC meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.