

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING

March 21, 2017 Naples, Florida,

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Public Transit Advisory Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 3:00 P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at Administrative Building "F", Suite 501, Collier County Government Complex Naples, Florida with the following members present:

Chairman: John DiMarco, II
Vice Chairman: Arthur Dobberstein
Dylan Michael Vogel
Richard Duggan
Harold Weeks
Chris Gavrelis
William Klug (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Arnold, Director, Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement
Yousi Cardeso, Operations Analyst
Omar Deleon, Senior Planner
Kim Frye, MV Contract Transportation, Inc.
Lisa Sanders, MTM
Michele Mosca, Transportation Planning

1. Call to Order

Chairman DiMarco called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Gavrelis. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

4. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2017 Meeting

Mr. Duggan moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Public Transit Advisory Committee meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Weeks. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

5. Committee Action

None

6. Reports and Presentations

a. Transportation Elements Policies

Ms. Mosca reported:

- The County’s Growth Management Plan is a guiding document identifying goals, objectives and policies on land use.
- The Transportation Element of the Plan is being revised and historically it focused on movement of vehicles but the update will incorporate a multi modal aspect.
- She is seeking feedback from the Committee on the revisions and will be appearing periodically to review different sections and obtain comments.
- The Draft Sections today under consideration are the “Goal” and Objective2.

The Committee and Staff reviewed the Objectives and provided the following comments:

Goal – consider adding references to “safe” movement of services and animals.

General – consider defining the parameters for acceptable “level of service.”

Objective 2.1 – Contact the Metropolitan Planning Organization to determine any inclusion in their financial plans on improvements and input on developing timelines for any applicable objective.

Policy 2.1.1.1 – Consider providing examples and/or defining “convenient access.”

Policy 2.1.1.2 – Consider providing examples of vehicle reduction programs.

Policy 2.1.2 – Consider adding reference to connectivity of pedestrians and bicycles to other modes of transportation, i.e. public transit.

Policy 2.1.2.1 – Consider referencing “continue to improve” given there are bike lanes available in some areas and identify which types of roads would be subject to the standards, i.e. major arterials and collector roads.

Policy 2.1.2.7 – Consider referencing the Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement ADA plan.

Policy 2.1.3.1 – Consider adding reference to movement of freight to from and “within” industrial areas.

General

- Concern was expressed on using the term “shall” in many instances as it may promote an unattainable mandate. Consideration should be given to qualifying the term with “when feasible” or “where appropriate,” etc.
- Consider adding a glossary of terms to the Section.
- Consider referencing developer requirements for improvements such as bus pull outs for gated communities, provision of bus shelters, etc. – *Ms. Mosca noted this will be addressed at a future meeting under Objective 3.*
- Review the County’s Long Range Transportation Plan for input and consistency.
- Determine if the Element could reference or promote the use of voice over cross walks at certain intersections – *Chairman DiMarco to provide the information on the devices to Staff.*

Ms. Mosca noted the Members may contact her at any time individually with additional comments should they so desire.

7. Member Comments

Ms. Arnold reported recommendations from the Urban Land Institute’s Affordable Housing Study include public transit operations. The Board of County Commissioners is soliciting input on the recommendations and a Committee will be formed to assist. Any Member interesting in participating in the Committee’s endeavor should contact Staff for the details.

Mr. Deleon reported Staff continues to pursue opportunities for forming a “Friends of Public Transit” group and any partnerships available with organizations such as Megabus, Lyft, Greyhound etc.

8. Public Comments

None

9. Next Meeting Date - April 18, 2017

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 4:31P.M.

Public Transit Advisory Committee

John DiMarco, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on _____ as presented _____ or as amended _____.