

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING

May 18, 2021 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 3:03 P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at Collier County Human Resources, 3303 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, Florida with the following members present:

Chairman: John DiMarco, II
Vice-Chairman: Arthur Dobberstein (ZOOM)
James Bennett
Peter Berry
Devon Browne (ZOOM)
James Caton
Sonja Lee Samek (ZOOM)

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Arnold, Director, Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement
Omar Deleon, Public Transit Manager, Collier Area Transit
Marrika Maldonado, ParaTransit Manager, MV Transit
Brandy Otero, Principal Planner, Collier County Museums (ZOOM)

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.

The members present recognized three members, Arthur Dobberstein, Devon Browne and Sonja Samek, were attending via ZOOM.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Berry moved to approve the Agenda Second by Mr. Bennett. Carried unanimously 7 - 0.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. February 16, 2021 Minutes

See Item 4.b

b. March 16, 2021 Unofficial Minutes (No in Person Quorum)

Mr. Berry moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 and March 16, 2021 Public Transit Advisory Committee meetings as presented. Second by Mr. Bennett. Carried unanimously 7 - 0.

c. April 20, 2021

Mr. Berry moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Public Transit Advisory Committee meeting as presented. Second by Chair DiMarco. Carried unanimously 7 - 0.

5. Committee Action

a. Fiscal Year 22 Program of Projects

Mr. DeLeon presented the Executive Summary "Endorsement of Federal Transit Area (FTA) Section 5307 and Section 5339" for consideration. He noted:

- Each year the Public Transit & NBHD Enhancement (PTNE) receives Federal Grants for management of Collier Area Transit.
- The Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program Section 5307 is to be used for transit capital projects and operating assistance.
- Section 5339 is to be used for capital assistance for new and replacement buses and related equipment and facilities, funds flow directly to the designated recipient.
- The amount allocated to the Bonita Springs/Naples Urbanized Area Formula Program for USC Section 5307 is \$3,364,229.00.
- The portion awarded to Collier County is \$3,019,597.00 and the difference of \$344,632.00 is distributed to Bonita Springs/Lee County.

Projects proposed for Section 5307 funding include:

- Transit Improvement - Rehab of Bus Stops and Bus Wraps.
 - \$90K for replacement and enhancement of bus stops.
- Security Enhancement.
 - \$41,196 for replacement of the radio recorder and radios.
- Provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Services.
 - \$301,960, 10% of total funds allocated.
- Administrative expenses.

- Replacing Bike Racks with 3 Capacity Racks
 - \$48,000 for bike racks on all buses; retrofit 2 position bike racks.
- Funding for Reconstruction of the Replacement Maintenance Facility.
 - \$1,225,789 - two buildings have exceeded their useful life. New construction built to current code is recommended.
- Electric Bus and Associated Equipment.
 - Purchase two (2) new electric buses and charging stations.
 - Buses are efficient and require less maintenance.
 - Estimated life span twelve (12) years; battery life seven (7) years.
 - ARBOC Specialty Vehicles can provide a demo.
- Preventative Maintenance
 - \$687,162 for all buses.

Section 5339 Project Program FY20 – FY21 includes:

- Relocation of the Money Room and Expansion of Fuel Capacity
 - \$367,591 – construction of administrative facility and enhancement to fuel station.

During Committee discussion it was noted the County will coordinate with FPL to ensure the service required is identified as a priority for the electric buses.

Mr. Barry motioned to endorse the Collier Area Transit 5307 FY21-22 Program of Project in the amount of \$3,019,597.00, financed by Federal Grant Funds, and 5339 FY20-21 Program of Project in the amount of \$367,591.00 for improvements to the Collier Area Transit (CAT) system. Second by Mr. Canton. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

b. Membership Renewal – Sonja Samek

Ms. Arnold presented the Executive Summary “*Renewal Membership for the Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)*” and the PTNE Staff endorsement for Sonja Samek noting she has been an important contributor to the overall success of CAT over her time on the Committee.

Mr. Bennett moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioners appoint Sonja Samek to the Public Transit Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Second by Chair DiMarco. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

6. Reports and Presentations

a. Draft COA Report – Ryan Suarez, Kimley-Horn and Associates

Mr. Suarez of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Planning and Design Engineering Consultants, presented a PowerPoint on a Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) for Collier County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement noting:

- Transit services were evaluated with focus on increasing value and efficiency and identifying opportunities to reallocate transit resources.
- The COA is a thorough analysis of the fixed-route service and provides recommendations to improve productivity and service efficiency.
- Key elements include a focus on short-term operational improvements and a cost neutral implementation plan.
- Completed tasks include:
 - Evaluation of Existing Services

- CAT bus operators and members of the public were interviewed to ensure the planning meets the goals and objectives of the County.
- Development of Performance Standards
- Public Outreach
 - Two (2) Public Workshops were held in April 2021.
 - Surveys were posted in English and Spanish.
 - Survey deadline is May 22, 2021; results will be compiled and presented at the June PTAC meeting.
- Development of Proposed Service Changes
 - Frequency Enhancements: In season data based on 60-minute cycles.
 - Route Consolidation
 - Route Realignment
- Preparation of a Tentative Implementation Plan
 - Staff will provide feedback to Kimberly Horn on COA proposals.
 - Staff's goal is to implement modifications simultaneously.

Next Steps

- Survey Feedback
- Finalize Implementation Plan
- Draft Report
- June Agenda Presentation

7. Member Comments

Uber Contract Agreement

The granting agency declined to grant an *exception* to the background check requirement to operate in Collier County.

Paratransit APP

A Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued for the Paratransit bus ridership APP pending agreement finalization with *Ecolane*.

8. Public Comments

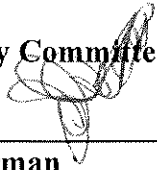
None

9. Next Meeting Date

June 15, 2021 - Collier County Museum, Lecture Hall, 3331 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 4:34 P.M.

Public Transit Advisory Committee



John DiMarco, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on June 15th 2021 as presented _____ or as amended _____.