

SYNOPSIS OF THE LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

Held on May 22, 2015

The MPO held a Board meeting on May on May 22, 2015 at the City of Cape Coral Council Chambers, 1015 Cultural Park Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida but did not have a quorum for the meeting (one member short). The Board members present heard each item and approved the items sitting as a Committee of the Whole with follow up action carried over to the next meeting. The following members were present for the meeting:

LEE COUNTY	Present		
COMMISSIONER FRANK MANN			
COMMISSIONER BRIAN HAMMAN	x		
COMMISSIONER LARRY KIKER			
COMMISSIONER CECIL PENDERGRASS			
COMMISSIONER JOHN E. MANNING			
CITY OF FORT MYERS		ALTERNATES:	Present
COUNCILMAN THOMAS LEONARDO		COUNCILMAN JOHNNY STREETS JR	
MAYOR RANDY HENDERSON			
COUNCILMAN MIKE FLANDERS	x		
CITY OF CAPE CORAL			
MAYOR MARNI SAWICKI	x	COUNCILMAN RICHARD LEON	
COUNCILMAN JOHN CARIOSCIA	x		
COUNCILMAN JIM BURCH	x		
COUNCILMAN RICK WILLIAMS	x		
TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH			
COUNCILMAN ALAN MANDEL		COUNCILWOMAN REXANN HOSAFROS	
CITY OF SANIBEL			
MAYOR KEVIN RUANE	x	VICE-MAYOR MICK DENHAM	
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS			
MAYOR BEN NELSON			
VICE-MAYOR STEPHEN MCINTOSH	x	COUNCILMAN MIKE GIBSON	

Also in attendance: Nick Batos, Village of Estero Council member who will be added to the Board following re-apportionment approval

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scott called the roll and announced that there was not a quorum present.

Agenda Item #1 – Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Report

Don Scott presented the CAC report and stated that the CAC unanimously approved the Transportation Improvement Program amendment for SR 78, the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan update scope, the Lee and Charlotte TRIP priorities and the General Public Involvement Scope of Services. The CAC also discussed the LRTP scoring criteria and agreed with much of the recommendations for changes that were raised at the TAC (this item will come back to the committee's next month prior to Board input). The CAC also discussed the draft Transportation Improvement Program and the Federal and State priorities which will come back for approval next month.

Agenda Item #2 – Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee Report

Don Scott presented the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee report and stated that the BPCC unanimously approved the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan update scope and discussed the FDOT guidance for developing trails, the Office of Greenways and Trails map, the Mayor's Challenge and the development of the 4th edition of the MPO bike maps.

Public Hearing Item

Agenda Item #4 – Endorsement of the Proposed Amendment to the FY 2014/2015 through FY 2018/2019 Transportation Improvement Program for SR 78 Sidewalk Segments

Mr. Scott presented this item and noted that this change is being made to make the work program consistent with the original project submittal which was filling in gaps of sidewalk and not building a 5.5 mile sidewalk. Mayor Ruane made a motion for approval of this item and Councilman Williams seconded the item which was unanimously approved.

New Business

Agenda Item #5 – Approval of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Update Scope

Mr. Scott discussed the items that needed to be updated as part of this task which include updating the implementation strategies and recommendations, the analysis of the Bicycle Pedestrian project list and updating the documentation consistent with the current Federal Transportation bill. He also discussed the inclusion of a task to provide bicycle pedestrian engineering review to assist staff with the requests on implementing new facilities. Councilman Flanders made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mayor Ruane followed by unanimous approval of the Board.

Agenda Item #6 – Approval of the Joint Lee and Charlotte TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this item and explained that this list was approved by the Charlotte Punta Gorda MPO Board last week. He also noted that there is little funding in this program but we may be able to offset some costs of upcoming projects. Councilman Williams made a motion for

approval of this item and Mayor Ruane seconded and the Board unanimously approved the priorities.

Agenda Item #7 - Approval of the General Public Involvement Scope of Services

Mr. Scott provided some background on the scope of services stating that the MPO staff is seeking several firms to conduct public involvement tasks identified in the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program and to address social media outreach items discussed at the Executive meetings. Councilman Burch made a motion to approve, Vice-Mayor McIntosh seconded and the Board unanimously approved this item.

Agenda Item #8 – Appointment of Citizens Advisory Committee Members

Mr. Scott stated that this is for approval of the additions to the CAC that includes Leonard Symroski representing the City of Sanibel and Patti Whitehead filling a District Five seat. He also brought up that Commissioner Hamman may have an addition of a member as well. Commissioner Hamman stated that he would like to add Bill Johnson to fill his District 4 CAC vacancy. Councilman McIntosh made a motion to approve all of the appointments, Councilman Burch seconded and the members approved the item unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 – Update on the Development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Scott gave a Powerpoint presentation on the status of the LRTP update. As part of the presentation he discussed the most recent model runs that included a comparison of volumes with and without various facilities such as the Del Prado Extension, SR 31 widening, Mellow Drive, Lockett Road Extension, I-75 with and without the express lanes and the SR 78 corridor compared with Kismet and Diplomat. Councilman Burch raised his concern with the bridge volumes and the growth and how we are going to address those issues. Mayor Sawicki also asked about what is in the plan for addressing the intersections, like Veterans and Santa Barbara as the City of Cape Coral will have a population approaching 350,000. Mr. Scott discussed the Executive Committee discussion of this issue and conducting operational studies to give the Board alternatives ahead of jumping into a PD&E study. Mayor Batos asked about Corkscrew Road and Mr. Scott talked about the widening alternatives that had been run so far that were looking to address the future need in this area.

Agenda Item #10 – Review of the Draft FY 2015/2016 through FY 2019/2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott discussed the draft TIP and noted that it will come back for approval at the June 19th meeting following public review and comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item #11- Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Ms. Darla Letourneau spoke about the status of legislation.

Agenda Item #12- Update on MPO Projects)

Mr. Scott discussed the TIGER project schedule and the recent stakeholder meeting. He also talked about the upcoming pre-construction public meeting that is scheduled for May 26th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Estero Community Park.

Agenda Item #13- LeeTran Report

Mr. Wayne Gaither gave a report on the transit ridership numbers for March 2015 that were down .97% from the March 2014 numbers.

Agenda Item #14- FDOT Report

Mr. D’Juan Harris talked about the upcoming FTP/SIS workshop that FDOT will be conducting on June 23, 2015 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm at the LeeTran building on 3401 Metro Parkway.

Agenda Item #15-Announcements

Councilman Burch also discussed the need to attend the FTP/SIS meeting that is scheduled for June 23rd and also announced the MPOAC Director position had been offered to Carl Mikyska.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03am.