

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Held on October 18, 2013

The following members were present for the Joint Board Meeting of the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Lee County MPO on October 18, 2013 at the Collier County Public Schools Administration Building, School Board Room, 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples, Florida 34109

Lee County MPO Board Members Present:

Commissioner John Manning	Lee County District 1
Commissioner Larry Kiker	Lee County District 3
Mayor John Sullivan	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Kevin McGrail	City of Cape Coral
Councilman John Carioscia	City of Cape Coral
Councilwoman Rana Erbrick	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Thomas Leonardo	City of Fort Myers
Vice-Mayor Stephen McIntosh	City of Bonita Springs
Mayor Kevin Ruane	City of Sanibel

Collier MPO Board Members Present:

Commissioner Donna Fiala	Collier County District 1
Commissioner Thomas Henning	Collier County District 3
Commissioner Tim Nance	Collier County District 5
Councilwoman Dee Sulick	City of Naples
Councilman Chuck Kiester	City of Marco Island

Non-Voting Members Present:

Carmen Monroy, FDOT
Russ Muller, FDOT

Those also in attendance included: Mr. Howard Glassman with the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council; Ms. Debi Stephens, Ms. Laura Lockwood, Ms. Debbie Tower, Mr. Zac Burch and Mr. Lawrence Massey with FDOT; Mr. David Loveland with Lee County Department of Transportation (DOT); Ms. Lucilla Ayer, Ms. Sarah Layman, Ms. Sue Faulkner, Ms. Lorraine Lantz and Ms. Kristin Campos with the Collier MPO; Mr. Scott Teach with the Collier County Attorney's Office; Mr. Don Scott, Mr. Ron Gogoi and Mr. Johnny Limbaugh with the Lee County MPO; Mr. Steve Myers, Ms. Susan Riley and Mr. Wayne Gaither with LeeTran; Ms. Darla Letourneau and Ms. Ann Pierce with BikeWalkLee; Mr. Nick Casalanguida and Mr. Reed Jarvi with Collier County Growth Management Division; Ms. Trinity Scott and Ms. Michelle Arnold with the Collier County Alternative Transportation Modes (ATM) Department; Mr. Jeff Perry with Stantec Consulting; Mr. Matthew Wey with HDR Engineering; Ms. Persides Zambrano with the Lee County TAC; Mr. Gary Shirk with the Collier County CAC; Mr. Ron Desjarlais and Mr. Doug Muerer with Lee County Managers Office; Ms. Rachel Spangenthal with Wink News; Mr. Oly Olsen with ABC Companies; Mr. John Lundin, private citizen

Agenda Item 1– Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:04 a.m.

Ms. Campos of the Collier MPO called the roll for the Collier MPO Board and announced that a quorum was not present but had been attained at approximately 9:13 a.m.

Councilwoman Sulick - present
Councilman Saad - absent
Commissioner Fiala - present
Commissioner Henning - present
Commissioner Coyle - absent
Commissioner Hiller - absent
Commissioner Nance - present
Councilman Kiester - present
Mayor Hamilton - absent

Mr. Limbaugh of the Lee County MPO called the roll for the Lee County MPO Board and announced that a quorum was attained.

Commissioner Manning- present
Commissioner Kiker- present
Commissioner Mann - absent
Commissioner Pendergrass- absent
Councilman Leonardo- present
Councilman Flanders- absent
Councilman Simms- absent
Mayor Sullivan- present
Councilman McGrail- present
Councilman Carioscia - present
Councilman Chulakes-Leetz- absent
Councilman Kosinki - absent
Mayor Ruane - present
Vice-Mayor McIntosh- present
Mayor Nelson- absent
Councilwoman Erbrick - present
Vice-Mayor Denham- absent
Councilman Congress- absent
Councilperson Watkins-Brown- absent
Councilman Simmons- absent
Mayor Mandel - absent

Agenda Item 2– Election of a Chairperson

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NANCE TO ELECT COMMISSIONER FIALA AS CHAIR. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LEONARDO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 3 - Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Fiala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4 – Joint CAC Report

Collier MPO CAC Chairman Mr. Gary Shirk reported on the following:

- The joint Committee met on October 3rd and a quorum was not attained.

Mr. Shirk announced that the committee approved by consensus a TRIP funding change that was requested by Collier County for the reason that Collier County only received part of the TRIP funds requested on 2 projects. Mr. Shirk stated that Collier County determined that they would rather receive more funds on only one project than partial funding on two projects.

Mr. Shirk stated that the committee discussed the Lee in Collier (LinC) transit route. He noted that the committee was encouraged to hear that the route is maintaining high ridership and continues to perform well but was concerned that because of the lack of funding after the Service Development Grant ends, that the route will cease to exist.

Mr. Shirk stated that the Joint CAC received presentations on the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plans from both Lee and Collier MPO's, the status of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) from FDOT and the Joint SIS Criteria Draft.

Mr. Shirk noted that the committee briefly discussed the status and coordination efforts of the Old US 41 project from US 41 to Bonita Beach Road.

Mr. Shirk stated that the committee discussed the Collier County Beach Renourishment Project Truck Haul Route. He noted that the committee heard from citizens about their concerns and by consensus directed staff to send a letter to the individual Lee and Collier Board of County Commissioners requesting that they consider an alternative truck route for the project.

Agenda Item 5 – Joint TAC Report

Ms. Persides Zambrano, Lee County MPO TAC Chairwoman, reported on the following:

- The joint Committee met on October 3rd and a quorum was not attained.

Ms. Zambrano announced that the committee approved by consensus a TRIP funding change requested by Collier County for the reason that Collier County only received part of the TRIP funds requested on 2 projects. Ms. Zambrano stated that Collier County determined that they would rather consolidate the funds on only one project which is for the construction of Collier Boulevard from Green Boulevard to Golden Gate Boulevard.

Ms. Zambrano stated that the committee discussed the Lee in Collier (LinC) transit route. She noted that the committee was encouraged to hear that the route is maintaining high ridership and continues to perform well but was concerned that because of the lack of funding after the Service Development Grant ends, that the route will cease to exist after October 2014.

Ms. Zambrano stated that the Joint TAC received presentations on the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plans from both Collier and Lee MPO's, the status of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) from FDOT and the Joint SIS Criteria Draft.

Ms. Zambrano stated that the committee briefly discussed the status and coordination efforts of the Old US 41 project from US 41 to Bonita Beach Road. The committee also discussed and received several public comments on the Collier County Beach Renourishment Project Truck Haul Route.

Councilman Leonardo stated that the committees ought to be able to attain a quorum. He stated that elected officials take an oath before undertaking the duties of office. He suggested that a letter be sent to the elected officials that were not in attendance at the Joint Collier/Lee MPO Board meeting, reminding them of their official duties. He further stated that there should be full participation at every meeting and if a member cannot be present at a meeting, and then the Committee should be notified in advance.

Commissioner Nance agreed with Councilman Leonardo and stated that there are many regional issues that need to be discussed.

Commissioner Henning arrived at 9:13 a.m.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN LEONARDO TO SEND A LETTER SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JOINT COLLIER/LEE MPO BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NANCE.

Commissioner Henning stated that he does not feel that a letter should be sent reminding the elected officials of their duties.

Commissioner Kiker agreed with Commissioner Henning and stated that he does not feel that one's absence should be trivialized by a letter. Commissioner Kiker noted that the Board of Lee County Commissioners Chairman has been attending a Leadership Convention for the last couple days and that is why he is absent.

Chairwoman Fiala requested a roll call vote be taken for Lee County MPO and Collier MPO.

Ms. Campos called the roll for the Collier MPO.

Commissioner Fiala: No.

Councilwoman Sulick: No.

Commissioner Henning: No.

Commissioner Nance: Yes.

Councilman Kiester: No.

Mr. Limbaugh called the roll for the Lee County MPO

Commissioner Kiker: No.

Commissioner Manning: No.

Councilman Leonardo: Yes.

Mayor Sullivan: Yes.

Councilman Carioscia: Yes.

Councilman McGrail: No.

Councilwoman Erbrick: No.

Mayor Ruane: Yes.

Vice-Mayor McIntosh: No.

MOTION FAILED 5-9.

Chairwoman Fiala, Councilwoman Sulick, Commissioner Henning, Councilman Kiester, Commissioner Kiker, Commissioner Manning, Councilman McGrail, Councilwoman Erbrick and Vice-Mayor McIntosh dissented.

Mayor Ruane suggested that the MPO Executive Director's from both Lee and Collier inform the Joint MPO Board of what elected officials provided an excused absence in advance. Ms. Ayer stated that Commissioner Hiller and Commissioner Coyle informed MPO staff in advance of their absence. She further stated that Councilman Saad had informed staff that he had a court appointment at 9:00 a.m. this morning and would be late to the meeting. She noted that staff did not have correspondence concerning Mayor Hamilton's attendance..

Mr. Limbaugh stated that Commissioner Mann and Commissioner Pendergrass did state ahead of time that they would not be in attendance. Mr. Limbaugh noted that Councilman Simms and Councilman Chulakes-Leetz stated that they would be unavailable to attend.

Agenda Item 6 – Public Comments on items not on the Agenda

Ms. Campos announced that there was a registered speaker and introduced Ms. Darla Letourneau.

Ms. Letourneau with BikeWalkLee stated that she had serious concerns with the Collier County Beach Renourishment Project Truck Haul Route along Corkscrew Road. She stated that Lee County School officials attended the Joint TAC meeting and were extremely concerned about the dangers that were imposed upon the school children using Corkscrew Road as a result of the Beach Renourishment Project Truck Haul Route.

Ms. Letourneau stated that Lee County is ranked in the top 10 counties in Florida for pedestrian crashes. She noted that the Lee County MPO Board approved the Lee County Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan at its September 20, 2013 Board meeting. She feels that by putting the public in danger by using the route that has been chosen undermines the purpose of the Lee County Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. She stated that that there are school children, residents, subdivisions, bike paths and sidewalks that are being impacted along Corkscrew Road.

Ms. Letourneau stated that at the Joint TAC meeting, she learned that the Collier County residents, who were going to be impacted by the Beach Renourishment Project Truck Haul Route, had an opportunity to voice their concerns however the Lee County residents were not consulted. She stated that the Lee County residents concerns are not being considered in the process.

Ms. Letourneau stated that she hopes that the elected officials will continue to work towards a solution that will take the trucks off of Corkscrew Road.

Agenda Item 7 – Approval of the Agenda

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MCGRAIL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY VICE-MAYOR MCINTOSH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 8A – Review and Approve TRIP Funding Change for Collier Boulevard in Collier County

Ms. Ayer presented the item and stated that the original request for the right-of-way phase for the Collier Boulevard from Golden Gate Canal to Green Boulevard project was for \$2.4 million. When FDOT awarded the TRIP funds, the funds allocated to the project were reduced and the project was deferred by one year. These changes to the prioritized project are the reason Collier County requested the TRIP funding change. Ms. Ayer stated that FDOT supports this action but needs an official request prior to making this change during the upcoming work program cycle. Ms. Ayer introduced Mr. Casalanguida.

Mr. Casalanguida referenced Attachment A in the packet and explained that the first project is for construction on Collier Boulevard from Green Boulevard to Golden Gate Boulevard in FY2013/14. He stated that the second project is for right-of-way on Collier Boulevard from Golden Gate Main Canal to Green Boulevard in FY2014/15. He stated that by approving the TRIP funding change, it would allow Collier County to move forward with the construction project.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HENNING TO APPROVE THE TRIP FUNDING CHANGE FOR COLLIER BOULEVARD IN COLLIER COUNTY. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MANNING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item 9A – Update on the Lee and Collier (LinC) Transit Connection and the Service Development Grant which will expire in 2014

Mr. Scott presented the item and stated that the LinC Transit Connection began in October 2011 and the Service Development Grant provided funding for the service for a maximum period of three years. Mr. Scott stated that the Service Development Grant will end in September, 2014. Mr. Scott stated that LeeTran has estimated that it will take approximately \$400,000 per year of new funding to replace the loss in funding from FDOT and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to keep the service running beyond October 2014. Mr. Scott introduced Mr. Myers.

Mr. Myers stated that in FY2012, the LinC Route 600 performed very well with 95,895 riders. He stated that in FY2013, there was a 22% increase in ridership with 117,207. Mr. Myers stated that currently, LinC Route 600 is running approximately 10,000 trips per month. He stated that the LinC Route 600 is performing an average of 24.7 trips per hour.

Mr. Myers discussed the Interlocal Agreement with Bonita Springs for funding of Route 600. Mr. Myers stated that Bonita Springs currently provides \$171,000 and Lee County funds approximately \$400,000 towards He stated that FDOT's projected participation towards the total annual project cost is \$320,000. Mr. Myers noted that the total annual project cost for LinC Route 600 is \$885,996. He stated that the Service Development Grant has covered up to 50% of the route costs.

Mr. Myers stated that the cost to maintain LinC Route 600 is approximately \$885,996. He anticipated that if Lee County contributes \$400,000 and LeeTran contributes the small amount of Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds available in 2014 that the gap in funding in 2014 will be approximately \$400,000.

Councilwoman Sulick questioned approximately how many miles the LinC Route 600 covers between Lee and Collier County. Mr. Myers stated that there are 90,000 revenue miles per year and 22,527 revenue miles within 3 months.

Councilwoman Sulick asked what the fare price was for the customers of the LinC Route 600. Mr. Myers stated that the fare price is \$1.25 for customers of the route.

Councilman Leonardo suggested looking into a fare increase.

Mayor Ruane asked if it was LeeTran's intention to keep LinC Route 600 running until March 2014. Mr. Myers stated that funding is in place until September 2014. Mr. Myers stated that LeeTran would be back to present to the Joint Lee/Collier MPO Board at their next meeting in March.

Ms. Campos announced that there was a registered speaker and introduced Ms. Ann Pierce.

Ms. Pierce stated that she supported the continuation of the LinC Route 600. Ms. Pierce stated that since the route's inception, there has been a steady increase in ridership. She noted that beginning in October 2011, there were only 6,000 monthly riders and the route now has a current monthly ridership that is approaching 10,000 individuals. Ms. Pierce stated that services such as the LinC keep numerous automobiles off the road, which reduces congestion, surface maintenance and accident frequency.

Ms. Pierce stated that not only is it a significant measure in sustainable planning and a vital prerequisite to attracting national firms to the local area, it is also a bold, salient and effective link in forging a regional chain of collaboration and coordination between Lee and Collier County. Ms. Pierce stated that all federal agencies are seeking to maximize every dollar of grant or funding that they give and they are targeting areas that have shown commitment and political maturity to sustain initiatives that move beyond jurisdictional boundaries in search of a larger regional vision.

Agenda Item 9B – Presentation by Howard Glassman of MPOAC on 2014 Legislative Positions and Initiatives

Ms. Ayer introduced Mr. Glassman, Executive Director of the MPOAC. Mr. Glassman presented an overview of the MPOAC 2014 Florida Legislative Session Positions and Initiatives in a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Glassman discussed the overview of the presentation which included:

- Trends and Conditions
- Policy Development Process
- 2014 MPOAC Draft Policy Positions
- Advancing Policy Positions
- Coalition Credibility Building
- Questions and Discussion

Mr. Glassman explained that the Federal Highway Trust Fund is in a continuing state of decline and is unsustainable. He stated that the General Fund, which is up to approximately \$8 billion, is added in different increments to the Federal Highway Trust Fund to keep it solvent. Mr. Glassman stated that the issue continues to be how to deal with the future highway capacity needs and the decreasing revenues.

Mr. Glassman stated that Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) in Florida and throughout the nation will continue to increase in the upcoming years. He stated that the VMT in the United States began to plateau during the recessionary era and now the nation is starting to come out of the recessionary period.

Mr. Glassman stated that the Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency (CAFÉ) standards are having a dramatic effect on future revenue expectations. Mr. Glassman reported that by the year 2025, passenger cars should develop a 55.4 mile per gallon fuel efficiency.

Mr. Glassman discussed the 2040 Revenue Forecast and stated that various MPO's around the state are projecting a 25% reduction in Federal dollars in their LRTP over the next 25 years. Mr. Glassman explained that in the 1980's, the gas tax was indexed to the consumer price index. Mr. Glassman noted that now the price of gasoline is indexed to more of an assortment of manufactured goods which is a much more reliable source of revenue for the state of Florida.

Mr. Glassman discussed the State Transportation Programs that were created by the Florida Legislature which are:

- Strategic Intermodal System
- Transportation Regional Incentive Program
- Small County Outreach Program
- Small County Resurfacing Program
- Transportation Disadvantaged Program
- Transportation Economic Development Trust Fund Program
- Seaport and Airport Discretionary Programs

Mr. Glassman explained the MPOAC Policy Development Process which includes:

- Annually develop legislative Policy Positions
 - Policy and Technical Committee develops draft legislative Policy Positions
 - Comprised of Staff Directors who are non-appointed volunteers
 - Elected officials are asked to provide input to Policy Committee meeting
- Draft Legislative Policies presented to MPOAC Staff Directors Advisory Committee and Governing Board for adoption.

Mr. Glassman stated that over the past ten years, the MPOAC has been grouping the Policies into three categories which include Finance and Funding, Planning and Programming, and Safety and Efficiency. He stated that this year, the Policy and Technical Committee chose to transition to fewer policy positions.

Mr. Glassman explained the 2014 Draft Policy Positions which include:

1. Implement the recommendations in the 2012 MPOAC Transportation Revenue Study which included:
 - Redirecting the 2009 additional tag and title fees back to the State Transportation Trust Fund which was used to balance the state budget.
 - Expanding the Charter County Surtax to include all MPO counties and cities with over 150,000 in population. Currently, only 3 counties have access to this provision.
 - Indexing the local option fuel taxes.
 - Directing FDOT to plan for a mileage based user fee approach, without GPS technology as a tracking device, in lieu of the gas tax.
2. Restore funding to TRIP to promote regional planning and project development because the TRIP program needs additional revenue.
3. Allow Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on non-SIS facilities if it will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS.

4. Reduce distracted driving by regulating the use of electronic wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle as a *primary* offense.
5. Increase the cap on MPO Board Membership to accommodate MPO expansion or merger. State law limits MPO membership to 19 members.
6. Promote interoperable smart card technology.
7. Encourage growth of car-sharing services by exempting the program from state rental car surcharge.

Mr. Glassman stated that the MPOAC continues to meet with key legislators and distribute adopted legislative positions to members of the Legislature, Governor and other stakeholders. He further stated that the MPOAC attempts to identify which policies warrant monitoring, support or opposition of legislation. Mr. Glassman noted that the MPOAC continues to determine which legislative initiatives, if any, FDOT or a partner organization will advance as part of their legislative agenda and positions.

Mr. Glassman discussed coalition and credibility Building and stated that the MPOAC establishes legislative partnerships with FDOT, Associations of Counties, League of Cities and key Legislators. He stated that the MPOAC creates organizational support and credibility by involving partners in statewide initiatives that benefit participants.

Mr. Glassman discussed the On-going Involvement with Partner Organizations which includes:

- Maintaining common policy positions and legislative support
- Attending and serving on partner organizations such as the Policy Committees and Board of Directors
- Identifying and learning new policy issues to be supported by the MPOAC during future legislative sessions.

Commissioner Manning thanked Mr. Glassman for his presentation and stated that he was encouraged that the Legislature was going to put \$217 million back into the Transportation Trust Fund. Commissioner Manning asked if that was a trend that the Legislature would continue. Mr. Glassman stated that about 2 years ago, there was approximately \$417 million on the table from Tag and Title fees and \$200 million was put back into the Transportation Trust Fund in July 2013. Mr. Glassman explained that the Legislature has not decided what to do with the \$217 million. He stated that the MPOAC is hoping that the trend would continue and that the Legislature would see that the investment into transportation pays dividends.

Agenda Item 9C – Presentation on the Adopted Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan

Mr. Scott stated that the FDOT Systems Planning Office produces a document known as the SIS Funding Strategy, which includes three inter-related sequential documents that identify potential SIS Capacity Improvement projects in various stages of development. He stated that District One staff will present an overview of the development of the plan and the Southwest Florida projects that are included. He stated that there would also be a presentation about Freight after Mr. Massey's presentation. Mr. Scott introduced Mr. Lawrence Massey.

Mr. Massey stated that the SIS is a network of high priority transportation facilities which include the state's largest and most significant commercial service airports, spaceport, deepwater seaports, freight rail terminals, passenger rail and intercity bus terminals, rail corridors, waterways and highways.

He stated that the SIS is funded through 75% of the new Discretionary Highway Capacity Funds. He further stated that 25% of the state highway system is funded through the Discretionary Highway Capacity Funds.

Mr. Massey discussed the SIS Plan Elements and that the Unfunded Needs Plan identifies transportation projects on the SIS that help meet mobility needs, but where funding is not expected to be available during the 25 year time period of the SIS Funding Strategy. Mr. Massey explained that the purpose of the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) is to develop a long-range plan for cost feasible improvements to the SIS beyond the ten year SIS plan. He stated that there were approximately \$10 billion identified in needs. He noted that the First 5-Year Plan illustrates projects on the SIS that are funded by the Legislature in the Work Program and projects that are programmed for proposed funding in the next 2 to 5 years. Mr. Massey stated that the 2nd 5-year Plan illustrates projects that are planned to be funded in the five years beyond the Adopted Work Program. He stated that projects in this plan could move forward into the first 5-year plan as funds become available.

Ms. Monroy introduced Mr. Matthew Wey with HDR Engineering who presented an overview of Florida's Freight Mobility and Trade in a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Wey stated that since the economic recession, one of the ways that Governor Scott has wanted to jumpstart the economy is to develop an economic plan that focuses on transforming Florida into a global hub for trade, logistics and export-oriented manufacturing activities. Mr. Wey stated that in order for this to occur, Florida must have the best transportation and infrastructure system in the nation.

Mr. Wey stated that the Florida Chamber and FDOT conducted the Florida Trade and Logistics Study in 2010 which formed the baseline for freight mobility within the state. Mr. Wey discussed the key points that derived from the Florida Trade and Logistics Study, which are:

- The study documented existing domestic and international trade flows;
- Estimated future domestic and international trade flows;
- Identified opportunities for Florida to compete globally; and
- Recommended strategies to pursue the most attractive opportunities

Mr. Wey stated that in 2010, 580 million tons of freight moved through or in the state of Florida and that 78% of that freight was moved by trucks on Florida's highway system. Mr. Wey stated that by the year 2035 the freight network is expected to increase to 850 million tons, of which 80% will be moved by trucks on Florida's highway system. He explained that funds need to be allocated towards key critical infrastructure facilities so congestion does not disrupt freight on Florida's highway system.

Mr. Wey stated that when MAP-21 was enacted on July 6, 2012, it recommended forming a State Freight Advisory Committee and supporting the National Freight Policy. MAP-21 prompted the 2012 Florida Legislature to enact House Bill 599, which directed FDOT to develop the Freight Mobility and Trade Plan. He further stated that MAP- 21 encouraged the creation of state freight plans; also that with a state freight plan, Florida freight projects could qualify for a higher federal share of funds.

Mr. Wey discussed the goals of the creation of Freight Mobility and Trade Plan which are:

1. Increase the flow of domestic and international trade through the state's seaport and airports.
2. Increase the development of Intermodal Logistic Centers (ILCs) in the state.
3. Increase the development of manufacturing industries in the state.

4. Increase the implementation of compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), and propane energy policies.

Mr. Wey discussed that Florida's Freight Mobility & Trade Plan Policy was divided into two phases. The first phase has been completed and was the Policy Element. Mr. Wey stated that the Policy Element has laid out the overall freight policy direction and framework for freight investment decisions.

Mr. Wey stated that the next phase of the Freight Mobility & Trade Plan is the Investment Element, which is anticipated to be completed in July, 2014. He stated that the Investment Element will build on the Policy Element and is specifically intended to:

- Identify Freight Needs;
- Identify criteria for state investments in freight;
- Prioritize freight investments across modes; and
- Meet requirements of federal MAP – 21

Mr. Wey stated that both Lee and Collier MPO's each have a Freight and Mobility Plan. Mr. Wey stated that the objectives of the Collier and Lee MPO's Freight and Mobility Plan include:

- Identify truck trip patterns;
- Analyzing commodity flows;
- Regional economic and demographic trends;
- Needs and Development of Regional Impacts (DRIs) affecting freight supply and demand; and
- Identify zoning and transportation policies affecting freight mobility

Mr. Wey stated that Lee County's freight infrastructure is composed of several SIS facilities such as I-75, SR 29, SR 82 and the Seminole Gulf Railway. He stated that the majority of imports in Lee County come from south Florida and the majority of exports are bulk products that are destined to Collier County.

Mr. Wey discussed the Freight Mobility Needs that were identified for Lee County which is multi-modal and includes rail capacity improvements, airports, inland ports and pipeline improvements.

Mr. Wey stated that Collier County's infrastructure is composed of SIS facilities such as I-75, SR 80, and SR 82. He noted that Lee County is Collier County's top trading partner.

Mr. Wey discussed the Freight Mobility Needs that were identified in Collier County which is multimodal and may include extension of the rail capacity to Naples, infrastructure improvements at the airports, creating truck route enhancements, creating major intersections/interchanges enhancements and developing new inland ports.

Mr. Wey stated that the Intermodal Logistics Centers (ILCs) plays a significant role in expanding our trade and logistics infrastructure by enhancing our seaports, airports, railroads, and supporting intermodal highway connectors. He noted that in 2012, there was Legislative Support for the development of ILCs and an ILC grant program through the FDOT Seaport Office. Mr. Wey stated that there are three proposed ILCs which include:

- America's Gateway Logistics Center, Glades County
- Airglades International Airport, Hendry County
- Southwest Florida Intermodal Center, Lee County

Mr. Wey discussed Southwest Florida's Transportation Initiatives – Florida's Future Corridors. Mr. Wey stated that the FMTP supports the 2060 Florida Transportation Plan which is a long-range plan for the state, and defines Florida's future transportation vision. He noted that one of the corridors that were identified was the Southwest Florida through the Heartland to Central Florida Study Area. He discussed the advantages of the corridor study area which are:

- Direct connection between southwest and central Florida;
- Alternative to I-75;
- Enhances regional freight and goods movement; and
- The study will commence between 2014-2015

Mr. Wey stated that the Regional Freight Advisory Committee would consist of private sector stakeholders, local government officials and FDOT. He stated that there would be 6 meetings to discuss the various milestones goals and objectives, existing conditions, freight assets and freight mobility needs.

Mr. Wey stated that the intent of the Regional Freight Mobility Study is to develop and identify the Regional Freight Mobility needs and challenges facing the freight community. He stated that stakeholder interviews would be conducted and that Freight Activity Centers (FACs) would need to be identified because they are the engines that drive the freight industry.

Agenda Item 9D – Discussion on Regional Roadway Project Coordination

Mr. Scott presented the item and stated that Lee County and Collier County MPO have amended their LRTP's to include the reconstruction of Old US 41 between US 41 in Collier County to Bonita Beach Road in Lee County. He stated that back in June, the two MPO's by separate actions included the prioritization of the Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) phase in each of the Federal/State priority lists. Mr. Scott stated that the City of Bonita Springs has raised the need for paved shoulders on Old US 41 in response to the safety issues on this roadway between US 41 and Bonita Beach Road. He explained that Lee and Collier MPO's are waiting for FDOT to release its Tentative Draft Work Program to see if the first phase got programmed in this cycle. Mr. Scott stated that the City of Bonita, Collier County, Lee and Collier MPO's are working together to determine how we should proceed forward; based on need, available funding and project schedules.

Mr. Scott stated that at Lee and Collier TAC and CAC meetings, there has been discussion concerning the future of the CR 951 Extension and where it was depicted in the Collier MPO LRTP. Mr. Scott stated that now is the time to reevaluate the future of this project due to the upcoming development of the 2040 LRTP.

Agenda Item 9E – Update on the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plans for Collier MPO and Lee County MPO

Ms. Ayer presented the update on the 2040 LRTP and stated that in December 2010, both the Collier MPO Board and the Lee County MPO Board adopted their 2035 LRTP. Ms. Ayer stated that Collier MPO is beginning to develop a plan for the 2040 LRTP which must be approved by December 2015. She noted that both MPO's will be utilizing a District Model for the 2040 LRTP. Ms. Ayer introduced Mr. Perry who presented an overview on the Collier MPO 2040 LRTP Update Process in a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Perry stated that Federal regulations require MPO's to update the LRTP every 5 years, extending the 20 year planning horizon. Mr. Perry noted that the 2040 LRTP Update is due in December of 2015.

Mr. Perry discussed the major components of the 2040 LRTP which include:

- Visioning Workshop
- Goals and Objectives
- 2040 Socioeconomic Land Use Data
- Project Prioritization/Selection Criteria
- Multi-Modal Needs Plan
- Finance Plan
- Multi-Modal Cost Feasible Plan
- Public Involvement Activities

Mr. Perry explained that additional Transportation Planning Focus Areas need to be considered such as:

- Freight Planning
- Non-motorized (Bike/Pedestrian) Planning
- Congestion Management System/Intelligent Transportation System

He stated that these areas are developed as separate plans such as the Comprehensive Pathways Plan for Collier County.

Mr. Perry stated MAP – 21 is leading the way in performance measures and targets. Mr. Perry stated that MAP – 21 established seven National Goals which are:

- Safety
- Infrastructure Conditions
- Congestion Reduction
- System Reliability
- Freight Movement and Economic Vitality
- Environmental Sustainability
- Reduced Project Delivery Delays

Mr. Perry stated that Congress also established thirteen performance measures; eleven performance measures for highway and two for transit. Mr. Perry stated that no later than 18 months after the date of enactment of MAP – 21, US DOT in consultation with State DOTs, MPOs and other stakeholders will promulgate a rulemaking that establishes performance measures. He stated that there will be requirements to report on how well those targets are met, where the funds are being allocated to and how efficiently systems are performing. Mr. Perry stated that sanctions could be imposed if the targets are not met.

Mr. Perry stated that MPO staff would like to hold a Visioning Workshop in February 2014 to better understand the Transportation and Land Use relationships. He stated that staff would like to receive guidance from the MPO Board concerning funding priorities and project selection criteria.

Mr. Perry discussed the plans for the 2040 LRTP Update which are:

- Evaluate and Update the Goals and Objectives
- Develop a 2040 Socioeconomic Land Use Forecast
- Establish Project Selection Criteria
- Develop a Financial Plan
 - Federal and State and Local Revenue Forecasts
 - Project costs (right-of-way, design and construction)
- Develop a Multi-Modal Needs Plan
 - Modeling by MPO using FDOT Model

- Develop a Multi-Modal Cost Feasible Plan
 - Considering the Updated Goals and Objectives
 - Considering the Project Selection Criteria
 - Modeling by FDOT
 - Prioritizing the Needs Plan Projects
 - Staying within the Finance Plan constraints

Mr. Perry discussed the Public Involvement activities which include:

- Visioning Workshop
- Working Group meetings
- Advisory Committee meetings
- MPO Board meetings
- 3 Public Workshops
- Public Comment Period for Plan adoption

Councilman Leonardo asked if a location had been selected for the inland port in Hendry County. Mr. Wey stated that the America's Gateway Logistics Center is at the intersection of US 27 and SR 78. He stated that the other ILC is the Airglades International Airport.

Councilman Leonardo questioned if there has been consideration in the 2040 LRTP how roads are being planned from Hendry County into Lee and Collier County. Mr. Massey stated that America's Gateway Logistics Center is located in Glades County and the Airglades International Airport is located in Hendry County. Mr. Massey explained that neither of the ILCs have been established and there is no position within FDOT. He stated that as of now, the Airglades International Airport and America's Gateway Logistics Center are proposed ILCs. He explained that there has been economic development money granted to the America's Gateway Logistics Center for ancillary development around the ILC related to government services.

Councilwoman Sulick asked for clarification on the performance measures that were set by US DOT. Mr. Perry explained that the performance measures would be coming from US DOT relating to the specific requirements of MAP – 21. He stated that the MPOs and transit agencies would then set precise targets for meeting those standards and determine what targets are necessary.

Mr. Scott presented an overview of Lee MPO's 2040 LRTP Activities in a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Scott stated that the Lee MPO has been working closely with the Executive Committee on the Revenue Estimates, Goals and Objectives, Population Projections and Recommendations. He further stated that the district-wide traffic model produced by FDOT will be used to derive the 2040 LRTP Update for the Lee MPO.

Mr. Scott discussed Revenue Estimates and stated that TRIP funding has decreased substantially district wide. Mr. Scott noted that the Federal, State and Turnpike funding has also decreased statewide when comparing the 2040 estimates to the 2035 estimates. He stated that Lee's Other Arterial and TMA estimates are up, in comparison.

Mr. Scott stated that Lee MPO is using the median population from the Bureau of Economic and Business Research which estimated a population of 1,077,300 in the year 2040.

Mr. Scott stated that the Lee MPO is involved with the Statewide Needs Plan Committee in analyzing Needs Plans in Florida and nationally to provide best practices. He stated that the Statewide Needs Plan Committee also provides recommendations and guidance to help gain consistency and to help improve the Needs Plan.

Mr. Scott discussed the Development of Performance Measures that are required by MAP – 21 which include:

- The Lee MPO developed initial performance measures and state of the system report as the start of 2010 baseline conditions
- Bicycle/Pedestrian performance measures are currently being developed
- The Lee MPO is involved on the Statewide Committee developing performance measures that the State will use as well as providing data to the MPOs for their use (roadway, freight, bike/ped and transit)

Mr. Scott stated that by modeling and looking at different land use scenarios, the MPO will be able to see how decisions affect transportation. The MPO will then be able to look at the multiple scenarios created and select a preferred alternative which will be used in the 2040 LRTP Update.

Mr. Scott discussed the 2040 LRTP Update Elements which include:

- Bike and Pedestrian Element – the update of facilities, status of recommendations, new prioritization process, update of facility needs/cost feasible projects consistent with what has been built recently and the TIGER grant.
- Transit Element – Development of needs closer to LeeTran’s Vision Plan/Transit Development Plan
- Goods and Freight Element – Regional goods and freight symposium and update of freight data based on FDOT and FHWA information

Ms. Campos announced that there was a registered speaker and introduced Ms. Darla Letourneau.

Ms. Letourneau thanked Mr. Perry and Mr. Scott for their presentations on the 2040 LRTP Update. Ms. Letourneau stated that after the 2035 LRTP Minor Update was complete, there was a consensus that the work on the plan needed to begin much earlier. Ms. Letourneau noted that she is hopeful now that staff is taking a new approach with public involvement and focusing on repairing the existing roads in Lee County as opposed to expanding capacity.

Agenda Item 10 – Florida Department of Transportation Report

Mr. Muller, FDOT Community Liaison, stated that once the 2010 model input data has been finalized, FDOT would begin the validation process. Mr. Muller reported that the validation process would be complete by 2014.

Agenda Item 11 – Transit Update

Ms. Arnold presented an overview on the improvements within the CAT department. Ms. Arnold stated that in October 2013, construction was completed on two bus shelters at the Creekside Transfer Center on Immokalee Road.

Ms. Arnold discussed the history of the Main Transfer Center in Collier County and stated that the first CAT Transfer Station was located at the James Lorenzo Walker Vocational School in 2004. She reported that in 2007, CAT temporarily relocated to its Transfer Station to a parking lot on the Government Center campus adjacent to the Collier County Museum. In July 2013, CAT completed its permanent Transfer Station on the Government Center campus, next to the parking garage.

It has an outdoor and indoor passenger lobby, real time bus information, a customer service area, and covered boarding/alighting area. Ms. Arnold reported that since the opening of the Transfer Station in the Government Center, it has had approximately 50,000 boardings.

Mr. Myers congratulated CAT on the opening of their new facility. Mr. Myers stated that there has been 3 years of continual passenger growth at LeeTran. He reported that within 3 years, passenger ridership has grown 35% and in 2013, passenger ridership was up 9%. He stated that with that growth comes more stopping for passengers. Mr. Myers stated that LeeTran is reviewing each route and retiming each route to make sure that each route time is accurate. Mr. Myers reported that on November 14, 2013, LeeTran will begin retiming of various routes, one route at a time. He stated that Route 140 (US 41 Route) will be split into 2 routes; the northern route will be the Route 140 and the southern route will be renamed to Route 240.

Mr. Myers announced that the construction of the LeeTran Operations and Maintenance Facility is underway and the estimated completion date is December 2014.

Agenda Item 12 – Members Comments

Commissioner Henning thanked Chairwoman Fiala for chairing the meeting. Commissioner Henning welcomed back Mr. Limbaugh with the Lee MPO.

Councilman Kiester stated that if the fares were raised for LinC then there may be less revenue due to the number of people who would decide not to ride anymore.

Mayor Sullivan stated that it is important to discuss the moving of freight off the highway and onto a rail system because of the tremendous damage that is being done to the roads due to the heavy loads. Mayor Sullivan stated that he would like to hear about any freight systems that are being proposed in the future.

Councilman McGrail discussed the Beach Renourishment Project Truck Haul Route and stated that the trucks should be hauling the sand at nighttime instead of during the daytime.

Commissioner Manning thanked Chairwoman Fiala for her leadership.

Councilman Leonardo stated that there is an effort in Washington D.C. to have the allowable weight increased for a single truck on the highway system to 97,000 pounds. He stated that there will be terrible impacts on the roadways with that kind of increase.

Mr. Scott stated that there is another effort in Washington D.C. to increase from dual trailers to triple trailers on roadways. Mr. Scott reported that he would bring this back to the Lee MPO Board for future to discussion.

Chairwoman Fiala thanked MPO staff for their help putting the meeting together.

Agenda Item 13 – Information Items

There were no information items.

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment of Meeting

Having no further business, the Joint Collier-Lee County MPO Board meeting adjourned at approximately 11:13 a.m.