

**MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BOARD**

**Held on January 17, 2014**

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Board on January 17, 2014 at the City of Cape Coral Council Chambers, 1015 Cultural Park Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida.

<b>LEE COUNTY</b>	<b>Present</b>		
COMMISSIONER FRANK MANN	x		
COMMISSIONER BRIAN HAMMAN	x		
COMMISSIONER LARRY KIKER			
COMMISSIONER CECIL PENDERGRASS	x		
COMMISSIONER JOHN E. MANNING	x		
<b>CITY OF FORT MYERS</b>		<b>ALTERNATES:</b>	<b>Present</b>
COUNCILMAN THOMAS LEONARDO	x	COUNCILMAN JOHNNY STREETS JR	
MAYOR RANDY HENDERSON	x		
COUNCILMAN MIKE FLANDERS	x		
<b>CITY OF CAPE CORAL</b>			
MAYOR MARNI SAWICKI		COUNCILMAN RICHARD LEON	x
COUNCILMAN JOHN CARIOSCIA	x		
COUNCILMAN JIM BURCH	x		
COUNCILMAN RICK WILLIAMS	x		
<b>TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH</b>			
COUNCILMAN JOE KOSINSKI		MAYOR MANDEL	x
<b>CITY OF SANIBEL</b>			
MAYOR KEVIN RUANE		COUNCILMAN DOUG CONGRESS	x
<b>CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS</b>			
MAYOR BEN NELSON	x		
VICE-MAYOR STEPHEN MCINTOSH		COUNCILMAN PETER SIMMONS	

**CALL TO ORDER**

Don Scott announced that both the Chair and Vice chair were not available for today's meeting and asked for nominations for a person to chair today's meeting. Commissioner Manning was selected to chair the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Manning

Mr. Limbaugh called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the December 13, 2013 Joint MPO Meeting**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 13, 2013 MPO BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Agenda Item #3 – Citizen’s Advisory Committee Report**

Don Scott provided the report, starting with the CAC electing Rick Angelickis as the Chair and Bill Williams as the Vice-Chair. He also noted that the CAC approved all of the voting items that included the UPWP amendment and the San Carlos Planning study. They also had presentations on the status of the Land Use Study, provided input on the round-a-bout study and a presentation on the statewide performance measures.

### **Agenda Item #3 –Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee Report**

Nor report was given.

### **Agenda Item #4 – Public Comments on New Business Items**

No Public Comments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item #5 – Election of Officers for 2014 meetings**

Mr. Scott presented this item and stated that based on the Vice Chair becoming the Chair that Vice Mayor McIntosh would be the Chair and based on the rotation a representative of the City of Fort Myers would be the Vice Chair.

The following nominations were made for Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer:

Vice-Mayor Stephen McIntosh, City of Bonita Springs for Chair  
Councilman Thomas Leonardo, City of Fort Myers for Vice-Chair  
Mayor Kevin Ruane, City of Sanibel for Treasurer

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY**

**Agenda Item #6 – Approval of the Unified Planning Work Program Amendments for FY 2013/2014**

The MPO staff is amending FY 2013/2014 of the Unified Planning Work Program to add the San Carlos Planning study to Task 1.6 Transit Related Program Management and Support and to fund the study using Section 5303 funds. This study is being conducted to help define the project limits and scope of the San Carlos Trolley Lane Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study that is programmed to start next year. The scope of the planning study is included in the next agenda item. The TAC and CAC recommended approval.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANN TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #7 – Approval of the Revised San Carlos Planning Study Scope of Work**

Mr. Scott presented the Item and provided the background. A year and half ago the Lee MPO prioritized the San Carlos Trolley Lane project for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study between Summerlin Road and San Carlos Boulevard. This project was prioritized as a follow up to the discussions and presentations on the alternatives analysis that was done by FDOT at the end of 2011. Last year the PD&E study was programmed by FDOT in FY 2014/2015. Since that time there have been different stakeholders that have raised questions and issues, some within the original project limits and some outside the original project limits, which has led the MPO staff to develop a planning scope to help define the scope of work for the PD&E study.

**MOTION BY MAYOR NELSON TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #8 - Appoint Chair of the Local Coordinating Board**

Mr. Scott discuss the need to appoint a Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Chair and approve the appointment of an MPO Board member to serve as the LCB Chair for 2014 and authorize the chairman to sign the LCB certification.

Mayor Mandel from the Town of Fort Myers Beach volunteered to serve as the Chairman of the LCB.

**MOTION BY MAYOR HENDERSON TO APPROVE MAYOR MANDEL AS CHAIR OF THE LCB. SECONDED BY MAYOR NELSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #9 – Appoint Citizen Advisory Committee members**

Johnny Limbaugh presented this item.

Today we have two appointments, Scott Gilbertson to fill the at-large vacancy and Tom Holmland to fill one of the City of Cape Coral vacancies. Councilman Leonardo nominated Kirk Beck as City of Fort Myers representative.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN LEONARDO TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF KIRK BECK SECONDED BY MAYOR HENDERSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANN TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF SCOTT GILBERTSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MOTION CARRIED WITH 1 VOTE AGAINST.**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANN TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF TOM HOLMLAND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #10 – Presentation and Discussion on the Land Use Scenario Project Planners Workshop**

The MPO is currently undertaking an intensive effort to explore alternative ways the county could grow that would reduce or shorten vehicle trips and increase other travel options. Identifying future land use patterns as alternative scenarios will allow the MPO and citizens of Lee County to evaluate the costs and benefits of different patterns. At the end of this process, the MPO will select a preferred land use scenario, which will become the basis of the future transportation vision in the MPO's forthcoming 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

The Planners workshop made up of staff of the local jurisdictions was held on December 6, 2013 and the alternative scenarios were developed by the participants for analysis and further refinement.

No action on the item Informational only

**Agenda Item #11 – Review and Provide Input on the List of Roundabout Feasibility Study Locations to Begin the Scoping of the Project**

Don Scott presented this item. Back in 2012, the MPO Board had a presentation on roundabouts by Michael Wallwork and as part of developing that agenda item, staff developed a list of existing, planned and proposed roundabouts. At that time, the list

was vetted through the Committee's and the Board for review and comment. Based on the Board's discussion following the presentation, staff included a transportation priority seeking planning funds to study the feasibility of implementing the roundabouts that were identified as planned on the list. This project has now received funding for this next fiscal year (starting July 1, 2014) and staff needs to start working on the scope of work for the project. There is \$400,000 in funding that is in the FDOT work program.

Councilman Flanders asked that the MPO staff work with City staff to update the list of potential locations.

No action on the item Informational only

### **Agenda Item #12 – Update on the Development of Statewide Performance Measures**

Don Scott presented the item. The MPO staff is a member of the Statewide Multi-modal Performance Measures team that is currently working on developing and reporting multi-modal mobility performance measures that will be reported by FDOT as part of the anticipated MAP-21 requirements. Part of this process is determining reporting techniques and that the data is being collected by the best current methods. The State is currently reporting many of the mobility measures annually through the FDOT Multimodal Mobility Performance Measures Source Book (this book can be found on FDOT's website at [www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/statistics/sourcebook/2013.pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/statistics/sourcebook/2013.pdf) ). The current reports are mainly statewide reporting of data but FDOT will be providing the reporting data by smoothed urbanized boundary or by requested planning area (which is the County boundary for us). Most of the initial mobility measures are orientated to auto and truck modes but future iterations will evolve with an increased emphasis on other modes such as transit, aviation, rail and seaports.

No action on the item Informational only

### **Agenda Item #13 – Identification of Two MPO Members to Attend the MPOAC Weekend Institute Training**

Each year the MPOAC provides one or two MPO Board members an opportunity for training to enhance their understanding and leadership skills regarding transportation decision making. This year the training will be held twice, one in Orlando in March from the 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> and one in Tampa from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> , that will then give two Lee MPO Board members an opportunity to take advantage of this training. Staff is asking the Board to identify one MPO Board member for the March training in Orlando and one MPO Board member for the May training in Tampa. At a previous meeting, Councilman Williams expressed his interest in attending one of the training sessions.

Councilman Burch, Councilman Williams, Commissioner Pendergrass and Mayor Mandel were discussed as possible attendees.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item #14 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

### **Agenda Item #15 – Update on the TIGER Grant**

Don Scott gave an update on the TIGER grant and also presented the up to date bicycle and pedestrian crash data and talked about the status of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

Ms. Darla Letourneau, public comment, spoke under this item about the new TIGER grant round and about the bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and injuries that Mr. Scott had shown as part of his update.

### **Agenda Item #16 – LeeTran Report**

Mr. Wayne Gather of LeeTran provided a short report on the ridership numbers.

### **Agenda Item #17 – FDOT Report**

Russ Muller provided the FDOT report on the status of the Michael G. Rippe and Briarcliff traffic signal and on the other project items such as the railing over Alico Road.

### **Agenda Item #18 – Announcements**

None.

### **Agenda Item #19 – Topics for next meeting**

No Discussion.

### **Agenda Item #20 – Information and Distribution Items**

Don Scott noted that the MPOAC legislative priorities were handed out to the members. Councilman Flanders asked that staff reach out to Councilman Burch on the data items we have showing the benefits of the modern round-a-bout.

## **ADJOURNMENT**