

**MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BOARD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Held on March 12, 2014**

The following members were present for the meeting of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Board's Executive Committee on March 8, 2014 at Cape Coral Public Works Building, Conference Room 200, 815 Nicholas Parkway E., Cape Coral, Florida.

Councilman Rick Williams	City of Cape Coral
Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass	Lee County Commission
Mayor Alan Mandel	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Vice-Mayor Stephen McIntosh	City of Bonita Springs
Mayor Kevin Ruane	City of Sanibel

Those also in attendance included: Don Scott and Johnny Limbaugh of Lee County MPO. Darla Letourneau BikeWalk Lee

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Agenda Item #1 – \*Approval of the Minutes of the February 12, 2014 Executive Committee**

**MOTION BY MAYOR MANDEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments on New Business Items**

Comments will be addressed at each agenda item.

**Agenda Item #3 – Update on the Review of 2040 State and Federal Revenue Sources**

Don Scott provided an update to FDOT's revenue forecast and staffs efforts to get clarification on methodology and current funding levels. The committee discussed the need to have realistic estimates. The committee is concerned that the MPO had not received a response to the questions that were asked at the work program presentation in December. Don informed the Committee that staff was meeting with FDOT to discuss projects and revenue forecast and hope to have additional information. The Committee discussed the need to have the information from FDOT and directed staff to request a FDOT presence at the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #4 – Review and Provide Direction on the MPO Legal Services Agreement**

The Executive Committee and staff had a discussion on whether to go with a monthly retainer or to charge by the hour. Staff recommend that MPO go with the retainer version based on discussions with other MPO's that have outside legal services. The Committee agreed with the retainer and gave staff direction to move forward.

**Agenda Item #5 – Analysis of the Maintenance Costs of Asphalt and Concrete Sidewalks/Pathways along State Roads**

Don Scott provided an overview of the item. FDOT District One staff has been discussing with the MPO staff that they will no longer be maintaining future constructed asphalt sidewalks and pathways within FDOT right-of-way along State roads. This first came up in regards to various pathway projects where the MPO had submitted applications for SU box funding to get pathways/sidewalks built along various state road segments (two examples are: SR 80 from Orange River to Buckingham Road and Colonial Boulevard from Metro Parkway to Veronica Shoemaker).

Executive Committee directed staff to request maintenance and construction cost for asphalt and concrete pathways from FDOT and ask the FDOT attend the next meeting to discuss the issue future.

**Agenda Item #6 – Approve a Revision to the MPO Employee Personnel Policies**

Don Scott presented staff's request to update current policy for providing staff life insurance term to a maximum benefit allowed of \$50,000.

**Motion by Mayor Ruane to approve the change. Second by Commissioner Pendergrass. Motion approved.**

**Agenda Item #7- Update and Discussion on the TIGER Grant**

Don Scott and Johnny Limbaugh gave an update on current activities.

**Other Business**

**Agenda Item #8 – Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no comments made under this item.

**Board Member items**

**Mayor Mandel** updated the Executive committee on the Medicare and Transportation Disadvantage program changes and effects on the LCB and local users and providers.

**Don Scott** provided a brief update on the MPO's ongoing Land Use Survey.

**Don Scott** provide the Executive committee a letter for the RPC requesting payment for services provided prior to the separation of the two agencies. Mayor Ruane discussed the reasoning behind the separation and suggested that the MPO council respond to the request asking for backup for the invoice. The board directed MPO council to draft a response to the RPC

**Vice Mayor McIntosh** brought up the funding of the LinC route. The City will be reviewing their ability to continue providing funding to support the route.

**Agenda Item #9 – Announcements**

There were no announcements made under this item.

**Agenda Item #10 – Information and Distribution Items**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**