

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

Held on February 12, 2014

The following members were present for the meeting of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Board's Executive Committee on January 8, 2014 at Cape Coral City Hall, Conference Room 220A, 1015 Cultural Parkway Blvd, Cape Coral, Florida.

Councilman Rick Williams	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Thomas Leonardo	City of Fort Myers
Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass	Lee County Commission
Councilman Joe Kosinski	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Vice-Mayor Stephen McIntosh	City of Bonita Springs

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 January 8,2014 Executive Committee

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN LEONARDO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE January 8, 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 Staff Review of the State and Federal 2040 LRTP Transportation Revenues

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 presented the Local jurisdictions revenue forecast that had been received by staff. The committee questioned the difference in the estimates provided

particularly the Road Impact Fees. The Committee requested additional information on the methodologies used by each jurisdiction. MPO staff was asked to bring the information back to a future meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Review of the Scope of Services for Local Government Revenue Sources Research Support

Johnny Limbaugh provided a overview of the proposed task order to research existing revenue sources that may be available for the development of the 2040 LRTP. The task will look at historical trends as well as future forecasts, as available and will be used to document the current applications of these local tax revenues in Lee County. the committee discussed the merits of the study and the need for having the information. Darla Letourneau cautioned the committee about moving too quickly with proceeding with a sales tax. MPO staff explained that this is just a fact finding task and the goal is to identify current funding and its limitations when addressing the needs of Lee County. the Committee directed staff to issue the task order.

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion on the Analysis of Projects for the 2040 LRTP

Don Scott presented one of the best practices that came out of the MPO Board presentations last year was the process that Nashville uses to analyze projects that are being considered during the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The Nashville MPO developed project sheets that included many different data items, consistent with their goals, which were used to help determine why the project should be included in the LRTP. One of the important factors in this process was not just the identification of the evaluation criteria to show the need for the project but going through the process of having to request the project (instead of assuming it is included because it was in the previously adopted plan) and showing how the proposed project solves the issue that is being identified. Don explained similar process could provide a good opportunity for the person/agency/staff asking for the project to describe why they want it. The project evaluation criteria items that were used in Nashville were provided in the packet. The committee agreed that there should be a process for the continued review of projects to ensure they remain relevant and cost effective. The committee ask staff to develop a process and bring it back to the committee for further review and comment.

Agenda Item #6- Update and Discussion on the TIGER Grant

Don Scott gave a update on current activities.

Other Business

Agenda Item #9 – Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments made under this item.

Agenda Item #10 – Announcements

There were no announcements made under this item.

Agenda Item #11 – Information and Distribution Items

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.