

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

9:00 a.m., Friday, April 18, 2014
City of Cape Coral Council Chambers
1015 Cultural Park Boulevard
Cape Coral, Florida 33990
239-244-2220



AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- 1 *Minutes from the Joint March 21, 2014 Meeting
- 2 Citizen's Advisory Committee Report
- 3 Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee Report
- 4 Public Comments will be Taken at Each Item

New Business

- 5 *Approval of the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Certification (Don Scott)
- 6 *Approval of a Resolution Designating the Collier BOCC as the Recipient of the 5307 Funds for the Bonita Springs Urbanized Area (Don Scott)
- 7 Review of the Proposed Amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan (Don Scott)
- 8 *Review and Approval of the Local Dues Assessment (Don Scott)
- 9 *Approval of the Joint Lee and Charlotte Punta Gorda MPO's TRIP Priorities (Don Scott)
- 10 *Approval of the Transit Bus Pull-outs and Transit Bus Queue Jump Selection Committee Rankings (Don Scott)
- 11 Review of the Draft Public Involvement Plan Prior to Opening the Public Comment Period (Don Scott)

Other Business

- 12 Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda
- 13 Update on the TIGER Grant and Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Activities
- 14 LeeTran Report
- 15 FDOT Report
- 16 Announcements
- 17 Topics for next meeting
- 18 Information and Distribution Items

Adjournment *Action Items +May Require Action

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

Held on March 21, 2014

The following members were present for the Joint Board Meeting of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Collier MPO on March 21, 2014 at the Bonita Springs City Hall, Council Chambers, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, Florida.

Lee County MPO Board Members Present:

Commissioner John Manning	Lee County District 1
Commissioner Brian Hamman	Lee County District 4
Mayor Marni Sawicki	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Richard Leon	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Jim Burch	City of Cape Coral
Councilman John Carioscia	City of Cape Coral
Mayor Randy Henderson	City of Fort Myers
Councilman Thomas Leonardo	City of Fort Myers
Vice-Mayor Stephen McIntosh	City of Bonita Springs
Mayor Kevin Ruane	City of Sanibel
Councilman Mick Denham	City of Sanibel
Councilwoman Rexann Hosafros	Town of Fort Myers Beach

Collier MPO Board Members Present:

Commissioner Donna Fiala	Collier County District 1
Commissioner Georgia Hiller	Collier County District 2
Commissioner Thomas Henning	Collier County District 3
Commissioner Tim Nance	Collier County District 5
Councilwoman Dee Sulick	City of Naples
Councilman Sam Saad	City of Naples

Non-Voting Members Present:

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT

Those also in attendance included: Ms. Laura Lockwood, Ms. Debbie Tower, Mr. Zac Burch, Mr. Vitor Suguri, Mr. Russ Muller and Ms. Suzanne Lex with FDOT; Mr. Andy Getch with Lee County Department of Transportation (DOT); Ms. Lucilla Ayer, 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 and Mr. Derek Rooney with the Lee County MPO; Mr. Steve Myers and Mr. Wayne Gaither with LeeTran; Ms. Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Mr. Nick Casalanguida with Collier County Growth Management Division; Ms. Trinity Scott with the Collier County Alternative Transportation Modes (ATM) Department; Mr. Jeff Perry with Stantec Consulting; Ms. Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Ms. Dayna Fendrick with Collier County PAC; Mr. Richard Dryer with Tindale-Oliver & Associates; Mr. Andy Powell with WCG; Ms. Kris VanLengen with Collier County Public Utilities; Mr. Mike Tisch and Mr. Mike Ryan with Atkins Engineering; Mr. Steve Avakian, Lee County BPCC; Mr. John Kaiser, 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 attained.

Councilwoman Sulick - present
Councilman Saad – present
Commissioner Fiala - present
Commissioner Henning - present
Commissioner Coyle - absent
Commissioner Hiller - present
Commissioner Nance - present
Councilman Kiester - absent
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 Hamman - present
Commissioner Kiker- absent
Commissioner Mann - absent
Commissioner Pendergrass- absent
Mayor Nelson- absent
Vice-Mayor McIntosh- present
Councilman Simmons- absent
Mayor Sawicki – present
Councilman Carioscia - present
Councilman Burch – present
Councilman Leon - present
Councilman Williams - absent
Mayor Henderson - present
Councilman Leonardo- present
Councilman Flanders- absent
Mayor Mandel - absent
Councilwoman Hosafros - present
Mayor Ruane - present
Councilman Denham- present

Agenda Item 2– Election of a Chairperson

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANNING TO ELECT VICE-MAYOR MCINTOSH AS CHAIR. SECONDED BY MAYOR RUANE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 3 - Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman McIntosh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4 – Joint CAC Report

Mr. Don Scott, Lee MPO Executive Director reported on the following:

The Joint Lee/Collier CAC meeting was held on March 11th and a quorum was not attained. Mr. Scott reported that the Committee approved by consensus the following items:

- The TRIP Priorities – which added the construction phase of a segment of Burnt Store Road in Lee County above the previously ranked LeeTran Capital Expenditures project in FY2018/19 and added the construction phase of a segment of Airport-Pulling Road in Collier County as the only project in FY2019/20.

- The Joint Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Map – which was amended to reflect the construction or programmed changes to pathways in both Lee and Collier County.
- The Joint Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Priorities – which ranked as #1 in the design and construction of a shared use path along US 41 from US 41 (Collier County) to Bonita Beach Road (Lee County) and #2, the PD&E Study of a pathway on Pine Island Road in Lee County.

Mr. Scott reported that the Committee discussed the Lee in Collier (LinC) transit route. He stated that the Committee was encouraged to hear that the route continues to have high ridership and thorough coordination between LeeTran, CAT and Bonita Springs. The LinC will continue to operate through FY2015.

Mr. Scott reported that the Committee received presentations on the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) from both Lee and Collier MPOs.

Agenda Item 5 – Joint TAC Report

Mr. Wayne Gaither, Lee TAC Chairman, reported on the following:

The Joint Lee/Collier TAC meeting was held on March 11th and a quorum was attained.

Mr. Gaither reported that the Joint Committee approved the following items:

- The TRIP Priorities – which added the construction phase of a segment of Burnt Store Road in Lee County above the previously ranked LeeTran Capital Expenditures project in FY2018/19 and added the construction phase of a segment of Airport-Pulling Road in Collier County as the only project in FY2019/20.
- The Joint Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Map – which was amended to reflect the construction or programmed changes to pathways in both Lee and Collier County.
- The Joint Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Priorities – which ranked as #1 in the design and construction of a shared use path along US 41 from US 41 (Collier County) to Bonita Beach Road (Lee County) and #2, the PD&E Study of a pathway on Pine Island Road in Lee County.

Mr. Gaither announced that the Joint Committee discussed the Lee in Collier (LinC) transit route and stated that the Committee was encouraged to hear that the route continues to have high ridership and thorough coordination between LeeTran, CAT and Bonita Springs. Mr. Gaither reported that the LinC will continue to operate through FY2015.

Mr. Gaither reported that the Joint Committee received presentations on the 2040 LRTP's from both Lee and Collier MPOs.

Agenda Item 6 – Joint PAC Report

Ms. Dayna Fendrick, Collier PAC Chairwoman, reported on the following:

The Joint Lee BPCC/Collier PAC meeting was held on February 25th and a quorum was attained for Lee BPCC, however Collier PAC did not attain a quorum.

Ms. Fendrick reported that the Joint Committee approved by consensus the following items:

- The Joint Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Map – which was amended to reflect the construction or programmed changes to the pathways in both Lee and Collier County.

- The Joint TAP Priorities – which ranked #1 as the design and construction of a shared use path along US 41 from US 41 (Collier County) to Bonita Beach Road (Lee County). #2 was the PD&E Study of the pathway on Pine Island Road in Lee County.

Ms. Fendrick reported that the Joint Committee received a presentation on the Cape Coral Bike-Ped Initiative. Cape Coral Bike-Ped is working on several strategic goals which include seeking grants in conjunction with the city of Cape Coral for infrastructure improvements, publicizing the routes through a website and elsewhere for the public to view, and initiating an Adopt-A-Route to help pay for route signs to clearly mark routes. There are two routes that have been signed so far by sponsors – the Aubuchon Route and the Chamber Route.

Ms. Fendrick stated that the Joint Committee received a presentation on the River of Grass Greenway (ROGG) project by Ms. Maureen Bonness with the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway. Ms. Bonness updated the Committee on the most recent planning efforts for the ROGG and it was explained that the PD&E for the ROGG-west in Collier County is on hold until the Feasibility Study and Master Plan for the overall project is complete.

Ms. Fendrick reported that the Joint Committee received a presentation on three parks/greenways in Collier County; Serenity Walk Park, Freedom Park and Gordon River Greenway. Ms. Ellie Krier of the Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust presented the different opportunities for walking, biking, and kayaking at these three locations. Land for all three of these parks was acquired with Florida Communities Trust grants.

Ms. Fendrick stated that the Joint Committee received a presentation on the Vanderbilt Drive Greenway by Ms. Stacy Revay with Collier County Transportation Planning Department. Ms. Revay gave a brief presentation and history of the Vanderbilt Drive Greenway since 2008. County staff recommendations have been formulated following a great deal of public comments.

Agenda Item 7 – Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANNING TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED
MAYOR RUANE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item 8 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

No public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 9A – Review and Approval of the Joint TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott introduced the item and stated that Lee and Collier MPOs have updated their list of joint TRIP priorities to include new projects. He reported that the construction phase for the widening from 4 to 6 lanes was added for Airport-Pulling Road from Vanderbilt Drive to Immokalee Road in FY2019/20. Mr. Scott reported that the construction phase of the Burnt Store Road, 4-laning from SR 78 to Tropicana Parkway, has been added for consideration of FY2018/19 TRIP funds. He explained that this project was originally funded with FY2014/2015 TRIP funds; however, the project was not production ready so the committed funds were allocated to the construction phase of another segment of Burnt Store Road from Diplomat Parkway to Van Buren Parkway.

Mr. Scott reported that the Joint TRIP priorities have been approved by the Joint TAC and Joint CAC.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANNING TO APPROVE THE JOINT TRIP PRIORITIES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HENNING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 9B – Review and Approval of the Joint Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Map

Mr. Scott presented the item and stated that staff from Lee and Collier MPOs have made some changes to the pathway component of the Collier-Lee Bi-County Regional Network which include changing the color coding of those pathways on the map where the status of the proposed pathways have changed from “Programmed” to “Existing” with the completion of construction, and from “Planned” to “Programmed” for those facilities where funds have now been committed for construction.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANNING TO APPROVE THE JOINT REGIONAL BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MAP. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAAD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 9C – Review and Approval of the Joint Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Priorities

Mr. Scott introduced the item and stated that FDOT District has informed the MPOs that it would program regional pathways priorities from the District’s allocation of TAP funds during the development of this year’s Tentative Work Program. Mr. Scott explained that there are two candidate projects submitted for these funds from Lee and Collier Bi-County Area which include:

- \$1,662,229 for the design and construction of a 10-foot shared-use pathway on Old US 41 from US 41 (Collier County) to Bonita Beach Road (Lee County); and
- A \$520,000 PD&E Study for a pathway on Pine Island Road from Veterans Parkway to Stringfellow Road.

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

Ms. Letourneau stated that BikeWalkLee encourages FDOT to attain funding for both of these priorities. She explained that both Joint TAP priorities address a gap in the bike/ped system and they both promote safety. Ms. Letourneau stated that these projects are advantageous for Lee and Collier County.

Ms. Letourneau discussed the importance of the second priority and stated that the PD&E Study for the pathway would connect Cape Coral and Pine Island Road. Ms. Letourneau stated that the city of Cape Coral is making great strides with the Cape Coral Bike-Ped initiative by creating a system of over 90 miles of interconnected cycling routes within Cape Coral.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HENNING TO APPROVE THE JOINT TAP PRIORITIES. SECONDED BY MAYOR RUANE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item 10A – Project Planning and Programming Discussion by FDOT

Ms. Ayer introduced the item and explained that two related issues concerning Planning and Programming of major federally funded projects were raised at a recent Collier MPO Board meeting. Ms. Ayer stated that the first one deals with the question as to whether a PD&E Study of a project could be programmed if the project is not included in the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP)

of the MPO's LRTP. The second related issue is that sometimes a PD&E Study is programmed so far in advance of other subsequent phases, that it could become obsolete by the time the construction phase were to occur.

Secretary Hattaway gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on PD&E and Project Programming. He stated that if a PD&E phase for a project is not included in the CFP of the LRTP and FDOT advances a project on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), the MPO is requested to amend the LRTP accordingly in order to receive National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval. He explained that if FDOT programs an SIS project consistent with FDOT's priorities and that the LRTP does not reflect the same timing for the phases, a request to amend the LRTP would be necessary.

Secretary Hattaway explained that the objective of a PD&E Study is to perform necessary social, environmental and engineering assessments of a proposed transportation improvement, to support decisions concerning if and where a project should be built and to decide what the basic design concepts should be.

Secretary Hattaway stated that it is common for an MPO to include planning or PD&E phases in the LRTP in order to identify overall impacts and costs for a project and make decisions about how to effectively proceed with future phases.

Secretary Hattaway discussed the Acceptable Funding Scenarios for FHWA's NEPA Approval and stated that FHWA requires the next phase of a project to be included in the LRTP, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) so a financial plan can be demonstrated for the entire project. He explained that in order for FHWA to sign a NEPA document, the expected funding for project implementation is full funding of PE (Design), ROW (Right-of-Way), and CON (Construction) for the entire project limits in the LRTP's CFP. Secretary Hattaway stated that if segmenting a project, FHWA will not approve a NEPA document if the only future phase funded in the LRTP's CFP is the Design of one segment.

Discussion ensued. Secretary Hattaway stated FDOT performs long-range estimates on projects and if FDOT is required to program the ROW phase for the project, before the PE phase is done, it is not known how much ROW will be needed because it is an estimate. He stated that the amount of ROW is not established until the project reaches 60% Design.

Councilman Burch asked if FDOT had a plan of action that the Joint MPO Board may discuss. Secretary Hattaway stated that there is a new Division Administrator on board and the departments Secretary of Operations is going to meet with the new Division Administrator and hopefully this will get resolved.

Commissioner Hiller stated that locally, the various jurisdictions would be adversely affected by these new requirements. Commissioner Hiller noted that if FDOT did decide to address the issues with Washington D.C., members of the Board would not be opposed to giving the agency support.

Agenda Item 10B –Update on the Lee and Collier Transit Connection (LinC) and the Service Development Grant which will expire in October 2014

Ms. Scott with Collier County ATM Department introduced the item and stated that LeeTran, Collier Area Transit (CAT), the City of Bonita Springs and the Lee MPO have been meeting to discuss the LinC Route, which connects Lee and Collier County transit systems, and to attempt to seek funding solutions to allow the route to continue in FY2015 and beyond.

Ms. Scott stated that a combination of agencies, including FDOT, the City of Bonita Springs, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Lee County have provided the funding to operate the route through FY2014, using a bus which is provided by CAT. She stated that the Service Development Grant, expiring at the end of FY2014, leaving a funding gap of approximately \$237,000.

Ms. Scott stated that a survey was developed to obtain information on the current users of the LinC system and their travel patterns. Ms. Scott stated that Mr. Myers with LeeTran would update the Joint MPO Board on the survey results.

Ms. Scott introduced Mr. Myers with LeeTran. Mr. Myers gave a brief PowerPoint presentation of the LinC Route and the survey results.

Mr. Myers stated that the LinC Route began service on October 6, 2011 with a 3-year Service Development Grant provided by FDOT. He noted that the bus on the LinC Route was provided by Collier County.

Mr. Myers stated that to compliment the LinC Route 600 (Coconut Pointe Mall to Immokalee Road), LinC Route 150 was realigned to an east-west route (Bonita Grande to Lovers Key in Bonita Springs). Mr. Myers explained that the LinC Route 600 is a 7-day service at every 90 minutes and the route connects with CAT on every trip.

Mr. Myers discussed the LinC Route 600 performance in the past 2 years which included:

- FY2011/12
 - LinC Route 600 had 95,895 unlinked trips;
 - The route carried 20.1 passengers per hour;
 - LeeTran System average is 20.5 passengers per hour
- FY2012/13
 - LinC Route 600 had 117,207 unlinked trips, a 22.2 % increase;
 - The route carried 24.6 passengers per hour; and
 - Lee Tran System average is 22.1 passengers per hour

Mr. Myers discussed the results of the passenger survey and stated that LeeTran received 546 valid responses.

Mr. Myers discussed LeeTran's future funding proposals which included:

- FDOT Service Development Grant expires at the end of FY2014 and cannot be extended.
- City of Bonita Springs anticipates its contribution of \$171,306 to be eliminated or diminished over time.
- Stakeholders (Lee County, Collier County and Bonita Springs) concur that LeeTran should continue to operate the route.

Mr. Myers discussed future funding proposals with the following information which included the following:

Total Annual Cost (Route 150 & LinC Route 600)	\$1,047,068
Less Fare Revenue	- \$163,955
Net Cost	\$883,113
Collier FTA Contribution	\$292,247
Collier FTA New Freedom	\$24,184
City of Bonita Springs	\$171,306

Lee County (current contribution)	\$395,376
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Commissioner Hiller questioned if Collier County's contribution was more than 25% more than \$292,247. Mr. Myers stated that Collier County's contribution is approximately \$370,000. Mr. Myers explained that Collier County's contribution of approximately \$70,000 is utilized for the capital portion.

Commissioner Hiller asked if \$883,113 was LeeTran's operating and administrative costs. Mr. Myers stated yes; that is correct.

Commissioner Hiller questioned if LeeTran had a capital plan. Mr. Myers stated that LeeTran has not created a capital plan for the reason that LeeTran has been focused on trying to solve the operational issue. Mr. Myers explained that the capital costs would be spent on bus shelters and other various improvements. Commissioner Hiller stated that it would be beneficial to review the capital component costs.

Discussion ensued. Councilman Leonardo asked how many passengers used LinC Route 600 in FY2012/13. Mr. Myers stated that in FY 2012/13, 117,207 used LinC Route 600. Councilman Leonardo explained that LeeTran is subsidizing each ride for \$7.55 in public funds.

Commissioner Hiller stated that if more citizens utilized the LinC Route 600, it would be a more efficient way for tax dollars to be provided. Commissioner Hiller noted that the issue with the route is there is not a level of service that is being provided that justifies the demand.

Mr. Myers stated that the performance analysis given does not include the ridership for Route 150. Mr. Myers noted that in FY2012/13, there were approximately 40,000 trips on Route 150.

Chairman McIntosh noted that Route 150 is a vital route for citizens and their employment in Bonita Springs; however, he cannot guarantee that the City of Bonita Springs can continue funding Route 150.

Commissioner Henning questioned if the trips for LinC Route 600 were local trips or if they were transfers. Mr. Myers stated that there are several trips travelling throughout the service area and many of the trips are originating in Bonita Springs.

Commissioner Henning questioned where LinC Route 600 is getting the most use and stated that the Board could reach an informed decision if they knew where the route is being utilized most. He explained that the Origin/Destination Map looks like riders are travelling between counties. Mr. Myers stated that 45% of the riders are making transfers and 45% are originating and terminating on the route.

Mayor Ruane stated that there are a few issues that need to be addressed, such as economic impact and indirect expenses. Mayor Ruane stated that if the Board had all the necessary data, then an informed decision could be made. Mr. Myers stated that on September 30, 2014, the Service Development Grant will run out and LeeTran would require a new authorization bill.

Councilwoman Sulick questioned what the route was for the Route 150. She further asked prior to the LinC system being instituted, what the ridership was for Route 150. Mr. Myers stated that Route 150 is an east-west route that runs from Bonita Grande to Lovers Key in Bonita Springs. Mr. Myers stated that Route 150 was a very successful route because it did have a different configuration in that it connected with Coconut Point Mall, before the LinC system was established. Mr. Myers stated that when Route 150 was connected with Coconut Point Mall, the route had approximately 8,000 to 9,000 riders a month.

Councilman Saad referenced the LinC Passenger Survey and stated that if 75% of the trips originated in Lee County and 18% originated in Collier County, how many trips terminated in Collier County.

The Board agreed that the questions asked by the Board members should be answered by LeeTran at the upcoming Joint MPO Board meeting.

Councilman Saad stated that he would like details about the ridership, financial impacts and the economic analysis. He noted that it is extremely important to know where the trips are originating from, where they are terminating and to assure that this is an economically sound program.

Commissioner Hiller asked what the fare price was for the customers of LeeTran. Mr. Myers stated that the fare price is \$1.25 for customers.

Commissioner Henning departed at 10:02 a.m.

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

Ms. Letourneau stated that the LinC is a very important route and she encourages the Board to come up with a solution for the funding. She noted that economic development is vital and employees need transportation to get to work. Ms. Letourneau explained that it is not about money and subsidizing; it is about working together to come up with a resolution.

Agenda Item 10C – Update on the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plans for Collier MPO and Lee County MPO

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, and Analysis of Projects. 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 explained that the Lee MPO is scoping the update of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan, CMS Element, Goods and Freight Element and Transit Element.

Mr. Scott stated that Lee MPO is working with Tindale-Oliver & Associates on capacity and trends of existing funding sources. He noted that the MPO has also been in discussions with FDOT in regards to Federal and State revenue sources.

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 noted that the schedule will provide guidance documentation by the end of spring 2014.

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 stated that the Lee MPO has begun a survey for Lee County to gather ideas on transportation investments, priorities and land use scenarios. He noted that the survey will be active through the beginning of April and the MPO is developing reports of the scenarios and the preliminary results would be presented at the May meeting.

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

- Bike and Pedestrian Element – the update of facilities, status of recommendations, new prioritization process, and update needs/cost feasible projects, incorporate bicycle/pedestrian safety action plan and deal with new policies.
- Transit Element – Development of needs closer to LeeTran's Vision Plan.
- Goods and Freight Element – Incorporate regional and statewide activities and update freight data based on FDOT and FHWA data.
- CMS Element – Include performance measure analysis

Ms. Ayer presented an overview on the LRTP for Collier MPO. Ms. Ayer stated that the Collier MPO Board held a Visioning Workshop in February 2014 to better understand the transportation and land use relationships. She stated that staff received guidance from the MPO Board concerning funding priorities and project selection criteria.

Ms. Ayer stated that based on a review of these efforts; there was a general consensus that opportunities for growth were identified by the Collier MPO Board in the following areas:

- The area of Immokalee;
- Tamiami Trail between San Marco Road and Collier Boulevard;
- The area of Ave Maria;
- The entire length of Collier Boulevard extending from Immokalee Road to Tamiami Trail; and
- Davis Boulevard/Tamiami Trail/Airport-Pulling Road Triangle.

Ms. Ayer explained that in the course of the mapping exercise, there were significant observations and comments made which included:

- In addition to the resident population, it is important to plan for the peak tourism season.
- There is a desire to diversify economy with high tech, medical, and other clean innovative industry.
- There is a need to improve the bicycle and walking environment.
- The City of Naples has a limit on building height, which limits the density of future development.
- There is a need to provide opportunities' for beach access.

Ms. Ayer stated that Board members were also engaged in an exercise to prioritize issues to be emphasized in the preparation of the 2040 LRTP. The highest priorities for emphasis were assigned to the following:

- Improving safety for autos, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users;
- Improving traffic flow/reducing congestion;
- Promoting economic development;
- Preserving natural environment and conserving energy; and
- Improving sidewalks.

Ms. Ayer stated that for the final exercise, Board members were asked to indicate their investment priorities for the 2040 LRTP. The highest investment priorities in the 2040 LRTP were assigned to the following:

- Local streets;

- Major arterials;
- Bicycle and trail facilities;
- Interstate highways;
- Sidewalks; and
- Public transportation.

Ms. Ayer then introduced Mr. Casalanguida, Administrator with the Growth Management Division – Construction and Maintenance of Collier County. Mr. Casalanguida gave a brief overview of the Collier Boulevard Extension in a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Casalanguida discussed the upcoming project phases for Collier Boulevard which included:

- Collier Boulevard from Golden Gate Main Canal to Green Boulevard, ROW in FY14/15 – TRIP \$1.2 million;
- Collier Boulevard from Green Boulevard to Golden Gate Boulevard – CST in FY13/14 – TRIP \$6.8 million
- Immokalee Road Intersection Improvements – CST in FY14/15

Mr. Casalanguida stated that there is a Developer Contribution Agreement (DCA) with Parkland Associates for Collier Boulevard Extension. Mr. Casalanguida discussed the Logan Boulevard Extension to Bonita Beach Road and stated that Logan Boulevard would be constructed in two phases; the first phase would be from Immokalee Road to the southern entrance of the future Parkland's residential community. He stated that Phase 2 would be from the Parkland's entrance to Bonita Beach Road in Lee County.

Mr. Casalanguida stated that Collier Boulevard Extension was on Collier MPO's Needs portion of the 2035 LRTP however, Lee County did not have the CR 951 Extension on their plan. He noted that there is no other facility east of I-75 that links SR 82 and connects Lee and Collier County.

Councilman Burch stated that he believes that the Collier Boulevard Extension should be considered when updating the Needs Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding I-75. Mr. Scott stated that Lee MPO would need to understand what they are modeling before and analyze the volumes of I-75 before moving forward.

Councilman Leonardo stated that the Collier Boulevard Extension should be revisited.

Chairman McIntosh stated that the Collier Boulevard Extension was on the Needs Plan; however, the project was taken off due to the environmentalists and the grievances that there are environmentally sensitive areas off Collier Boulevard. He noted that pulling the project off of the Needs Plan simply stopped the work and the County never knew what the real environmental impact was.

Agenda Item 11 – Florida Department of Transportation Report

Secretary Hattaway discussed questions from the Board concerning federal funding. Secretary Hattaway stated that FDOT is going through a reauthorization of the current transportation bill, which was funded for two years and will expire in September. He explained that the last time there was an increase in the revenue base trust fund for gas tax was in 1993. Secretary Hattaway stated that the federal gas tax has remained unchanged for nearly two decades. He noted that the Revenue for Highway Trust Fund is derived from almost entirely federal gas taxes.

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Hiller stated that one of the most effective ways to lobby would be to contact the Florida Association of Cities and lobby as a state from a local level.

Councilman Leonardo stated that Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) in Florida and throughout the nation will continue to decrease in the upcoming years. Councilman Leonardo stated that VMT has been one of the top five priorities at the MPOAC on how to deal with the future highway capacity needs and the decreasing revenues.

Agenda Item 12 – Transit Update

Ms. Scott presented an overview on the improvements within the CAT department. Ms. Scott stated that CAT is proposing route modifications to modify existing time points and routes to ensure efficiency. Ms. Scott explained that CAT staff is beginning to implement the recommendations of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis that was adopted by the MPO the Board of Collier County Commissioners.

Ms. Scott stated that the first proposal is to modify new Route 20 (Old Route 6) to add service to the beach. She explained that in FY2013, Route 6 produced 2% of the overall ridership and had the lowest total passengers per hour.

Ms. Scott stated that the second proposal is to add a new route, Route 26, which will start at Parkway Plaza on Coronado Parkway to Santa Barbara Boulevard, add service to Naples Boulevard, and add beach access to Clam Pass. She noted that Route 26 will maintain connections at Pine Ridge Road/Goodlette Frank Road.

Commissioner Hiller complimented Ms. Scott and stated that the initiatives were outstanding.

Councilman Saad departed at 10:44 a.m.

Agenda Item 13 – Members Comments

Commissioner Hiller thanked Secretary Hattaway for his outstanding work with the state.

Commissioner Hiller complimented Chairman McIntosh and noted that he had done a great job as Chairman.

Councilman Burch thanked the City of Bonita Springs for hosting the Joint MPO Board meeting.

Chairman McIntosh thanked all the citizens for their public involvement.

Agenda Item 14 – Information Items

There were no information items.

Agenda Item 15 – Adjournment of Meeting

Having no further business, the Joint Lee-Collier County MPO Board meeting adjourned at approximately 10:48 a.m.

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Approve the appointment of Lorena Rodriguez as the voting member and Sally Kreuzscher as the alternate as representatives for the children at risk vacancies and authorize the Chair to sign the LCB certification.

If you are interested in filling upcoming vacancies please contact Mr. Brian Raimondo at 239-330-2240 or by email at braimondo@leempo.com for more information.

Pursuant to Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization is the designated official planning agency for the Lee County Transportation Disadvantaged program. The MPO is, therefore, responsible for appointing the Local Coordinating Board (LCB).

Nominations and Applications

Staff recommends that people be appointed to the LCB to serve as indicated above. There are no other nominations to fill the remaining vacancies at this time. Staff will continue its efforts to locate people who are interested in serving on the LCB. MPO members are encouraged to seek and nominate volunteers to fill the remaining vacancies on the LCB.

Certification of LCB membership

Whenever there are changes in LCB membership, the MPO must certify the LCB membership form that is attached.

About the Local Coordinating Board

The Local Coordinating Board is established to assist the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) in its role of coordinating the provision of transportation service for the transportation disadvantaged. Some of the basic duties of the Board include:

- 1) Reviewing and approving the annual Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, including the Memorandum of Agreement, prior to its submittal to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
- 2) In cooperation with the CTC, reviewing and providing recommendations to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged on funding applications affecting the transportation disadvantaged;
- 3) Reviewing strategies for coordinating service to the transportation disadvantaged in the designated service area;
- 4) Conducting an annual evaluation of the Community Transportation Coordinator.

The Lee County Local Coordinating Board typically meets quarterly to guide the functions of the CTC, Good Wheels, Inc.

LEE COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

MPO Name: Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization; 815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, Florida 33990

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Lee County Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), *FAC*, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: _____ Date: April 18, 2014

Vice-Mayor Stephen McIntosh, MPO Chair

	The Lee LCB has a Representative of:	Voting Member	Term Expires	Alternate's Name	Term Expires
1	The MPO or DOPA shall appoint one elected official to serve as the official Chairperson for all Coordinating Board meetings.	Alan Mandel	January 2015	No alternate by law	
2	A. A local representative of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)	Debra Stephens	Agency	Richard Shine	Agency
3	B. A local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)	Stacey Lowe	Agency	Melissa Mickey	Agency
4	C. A local representative of the Public Education Community which could include, but not be limited to, a representative of the District School Board, School Board Transportation Office, or Headstart Program in areas where the School District is responsible	Roger Lloyd	Agency	Vacant	
5	D. In areas where they exist, a local representative of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services or the Division of Blind Services, representing the Department of Education	Mary Watford	Agency	Flora Gonzalez	Agency
6	E. A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office, representing Veterans of the county	Jerry Conway	July 2016	Frank Gruelich	August 2016
7	F. A person recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action representing the economically disadvantaged	Kim Hustad	Agency	Robin Jewett	Agency

	The Lee LCB has a Representative of:	Voting Member	Term Expires	Alternate's Name	Term Expires
8	G. A person over age 60 representing the Elderly in the county	Linda Carter (4/2009)	July 2016	Vacant	
9	H. A person with a disability representing the disabled in the county	Brian Powers (4/2009)	December 2015	Vacant	
10	I--1.[One of Two] Citizen Advocates in the County	Michael Pierce	June 2014	Vacant	
11	I--2. [One of two] Citizen Advocates this one must be a person who uses the transportation service(s) of the system as their primary means of transportation.	David Lane	July 2016	Vacant	
12	J. A local representative for children at risk	Lorena Rodriguez	Agency	Sally Kreuzscher	Agency
13	K. In areas where they exist, the Chairperson or designee of the local Mass Transit or Public Transit System's Board, except in cases where they are also the Community Transportation Coordinator.	Steve Myers	Agency	Peter Gajdjis Jill Brown	Agency
14	L. A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Agency	Vacant	Agency
15	M. An experienced representative of the local private for profit transportation industry. In areas where such representative is not available, a local private non-profit representative will be appointed, except where said representative is also the Community Transportation Coordinator.	Michael Griffin	December 2015	Priscilla Hardaway	December 2015
16	N. A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Joe Martinez	Agency	Karen Brooks	Agency
17	O. A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, <i>Florida Statutes</i>	Jim Wall	Agency	Deborah Reardon	Agency
18	P. A representative of the local medical community, which may include, but not be limited to, kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, hospitals, local health department or other home and community based services, etc.	Sue Maxwell	Agency	Teresa Frank-Farhrner	Agency

**APPROVAL OF COLLIER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AS THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT FOR THE
BONITA SPRINGS URBANIZED AREA SECTION 5307 FUNDS**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Approval of Resolution 14-03 continuing the Collier County Board of County Commissioners as the designated recipient for the Bonita Springs Urbanized Area's Section 5307 funds.

The Bonita Springs Urbanized Area is represented by two MPO planning boundaries (Collier MPO & Lee MPO). Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires documentation of concurrence by the providers of public owned public transportation services in the UZA and the local MPO's. A designated recipient must be a governmental authority and have the legal authority to receive and dispense federal funds in the urbanized area. FTA has requested a copy of the governor's designated recipient delegation letter in order to approve a grant award. The FTA, Florida Department of Transportation nor Collier County has this letter. Therefore, it is necessary to go through the process to obtain a new letter.

In 2003 & 2004, both the Collier and Lee County Board of County Commissioner's adopted resolutions recognizing the Collier County Board of County Commissioners as the FTA Section 5307 designated recipient. However, it is unknown if either of the MPO's provided official concurrence of the designation. The Collier MPO is considering a similar resolution at their April 11, 2014 meeting.

Resolution 2014-3

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) RECOMMENDING THE COLLIER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE AS THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) URBANIZED AREAS (UZA) FORMULA 5307 FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Bonita Springs UZA is represented by two MPO planning boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Collier MPO represents Collier County, and the Lee MPO is responsible for planning of the Lee County portion of the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the selection of the FTA UZA Formula Program (5307) designated recipient, as authorized under federal transit laws and as codified in 49 U.S.C. 53, requires documentation of concurrence by the providers of publicly owned public transportation services in the UZA, and an appropriately certified resolution of the MPO concurring in the designation; and

WHEREAS, the Lee MPO recognizes that Collier Area Transit, operating under the auspices of the Collier County Board of County Commissioners, is a governmental agency with the legal authority to receive and dispense federal funds in the Bonita Springs UZA as a designated recipient as defined by 49 U.S.C § 5307(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners requested the Governor of Florida to name it as a designated recipient of the 5307 Program for the Bonita Springs UZA, and to notify the appropriate FTA regional administrator in writing of this designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee MPO that:

1. Lee MPO concurs with the designation of Collier Area Transit, under the auspices of the Collier County Board of County Commissioners, as an eligible recipient of the 5307 Program for the Bonita Springs UZA.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate federal, state and local agencies.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE LEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD ON APRIL 18, 2014.

Attest:

LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By: _____
Donald Scott, AICP
Lee County MPO Executive Director

By: _____
Vice-Mayor Stephen McIntosh
Lee County MPO Chairperson

RESOLUTION NO. 2004- 190

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF COLLIER COUNTY'S FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5307 FORMULA FUNDS FOR THE BONITA SPRINGS AREA TO THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners has the authority to enter into an agreement with Lee County to designate the recipient of FTA Section 5307 funds for a portion of Bonita Springs – Naples, FL Urbanized Area shared by Collier and Lee County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

1. Collier County be designated as the recipient of the FTA Section 5307 Formula Funds for the Bonita Springs – Naples, FL Urbanized Area
2. The FTA Section 5307 Funds allocated to the Bonita Springs – Naples, FL Urbanized Area be equitably shared as follows:

FY- 04	\$120,000	Lee County
	\$842,701	Collier County

FY -05 and after: Based on the Urbanized Area Allocation Formula published by the Federal Transit Administration

3. This Agreement will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Collier County Board of County Commissioners.

This Resolution adopted after motion, second and majority vote favoring same, this 8 day of June, 2004.

ATTEST:  DWIGHT E. BROCK, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Allen Angerstein, DC.

By: Donna Fiala

Deputy Clerk
Attest as to chairman's signature only.

Donna Fiala, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Jeffrey A. Klatzkow
Assistant County Attorney



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July 10, 2003

Mr. Jerry Franklin
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Suite 17T50
Atlanta, GA 30303-8917

RE: DESIGNATED RECIPIENT
BONITA SPRINGS - NAPLES, FL USA

Dear Mr. Franklin:

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners adopted the enclosed Resolution #03-07-20 on July 8, 2003, designating Collier County as the recipient of Section 5307 Formula Funds for the Bonita Springs - Naples, FL Urbanized Area, and specifying the distribution of those funds between the two Counties.

Please contact me if there are questions regarding the Resolution or the Agreement with Collier County.

Sincerely,

TRANSIT DIVISION

Steven L. Myers
Transit Division

cc: Jill Brown, Collier County Gov't. ✓

[Originator/Typist Initials]

P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, Florida 33902-0398 (239) 335-2111
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RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED RECIPIENT
OF FTA SECTION 5307 FORMULA FUNDS

A RESOLUTION of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners authorizing designation of Collier County as the recipient of Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds for the Bonita Springs - Naples, FL Urbanized Area.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners has the authority to enter into an agreement with Collier County to designate the recipient of FTA Section 5307 funds for the portion of the Bonita Springs - Naples, FL Urbanized Area in Lee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Lee County Board of County Commissioners, Lee County, Florida:

1. That Collier County be designated as the recipient of FTA Section 5307 Formula Funds for the Bonita Springs - Naples, FL Urbanized Area.
2. That the FTA Section 5307 Funds allocated to the Bonita Springs - Naples, FL Urbanized Area be equitably shared as follows:

FY-03	\$120,000 Lee County
	\$842,701 Collier County

FY-04 and after: Based on the Urbanized Area Allocation Formula published by the Federal Transit Administration.

3. That this Agreement will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by Lee County Board of County Commissioners.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS



_____ , 2003

By: *Clayton R. Judah*

Title: Chairman, Lee County
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott S. [Signature]
Office of the County Attorney

Lisa L. Perce (Seal)
Deputy Clerk

REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and comment on the proposed amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that will come back for final approval at the May MPO Board meeting.

The MPO staff is proposing several LRTP amendments to address schedule changes, SIS project programming changes and to allow some County projects to be eligible for Other Arterial and/or Federal funding in the future. The proposed changes include the following for the Board's discussion and input:

- Updating the Existing plus Committed List to match the current status of ongoing or completed projects.
- Updating the SIS list to match the current long range SIS plans and the draft tentative work program that was given to us in December.
- Updating the Lee County and State/Other Arterial list to take off the widening from four to six lanes of US 41 from Victoria Avenue to Diplomat Parkway and to add the construction phase of Old US 41 from the Lee/Collier line to Bonita Beach Road, the design and construction of I-75/Corkscrew Interchange interim improvements, a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase for Burnt Store Road from Van Buren to the Charlotte County line and a portion of the funding to reconstruct the Big Carlos Bridge.

The changes that are proposed are **attached** and they are shown in strike through and underline format. In addition to these changes, the City of Fort Myers has also requested analyzing the Plantation Gardens Drive extension that is currently included in the Needs Plan from where it currently ends to Gateway Boulevard (alignment is shown on **Attachment E**) to help determine its future status. Staff is currently analyzing the volumes of this planned roadway as a two lane, four lane and no build alternative and will have that data available by the MPO Board meeting.

Lee County MPO 2035 LRTP

Table 6-1: E+C Network

Proj #	Roadway	Limit From	Limit To	# Lanes Currently	# Lanes Programmed	Phase Funded (Year Funded)
1	US 41 (Tamiami Trail)	Corkscrew Road	San Carlos Blvd.	4	6	CST (under CST)
2	SR 739 (Metro Parkway Ext.)	US 41/Alico Road	Six Mile Cypress Pkwy	N/A	6	CST (Completed)
3	Santa Barbara Blvd	Gleason Pkwy.	SR 78	4	6	Completed
4	Summerlin Road	Cypress Lake Drive	Boy Scout Drive	4	6	Completed
5	Summerlin Road	Overpass at College Parkway		N/A	Overpass	Completed
6	SR 82 (Dr. Martin Luther King Blv)	Ortiz Avenue	E. of SR 884 (Colonial Blvd.)	2	6	CST (under CST Completed)
7	SR 884 (Colonial Blvd.)	I-75	SR 82	4	6	Completed
8	Six Mile Cypress Pkwy	N. of Daniels Pkwy	S. of Colonial Blvd.	2	4	CST (under CST Completed)
9	Daniels Parkway	Chamberlain Pkwy	Gateway Blvd.	4	6	Completed
10	I-75	SR 884 (Colonial Blvd.)	Luckett Road	4	6	Completed
11	I-75	Luckett Road	SR 80 (Palm Beach Blvd.)	4	6	CST (under CST)
12	I-75	Interchange at SR 80			Interchange	CST (under CST)
13	I-75	SR 80	SR 78	4	6	CST (Under CST)
14	I-75 Airport Direct Connect	I-75 to Airport Entrance Road				CST (Under CST)
15	SR 739 (Metro Parkway)	Winkler Avenue	Fowler Avenue	N/A	6	CST (Under CST)
16	Burnt Store Road	SR 78 (Pine Island Rd)	Tropicana	2	4	ROW (underway) , CST (FY 14/15- 18/19)
17	SR 78 (Pine Island Road)	Burnt Store Road	Chiquita Blvd.	2	4	ROW (underway) , CST (FY 12/13- Under CST)
18	I-75	Interchange at SR 884 (Colonial Blvd.)			Interchange	PE (underway)
19	SR 82 (Immokalee Road)	Shawnee Road	Alabama	2	6	PE (underway), ROW (FY 16/17-15/16)
20	Business US 41	Littleton Road	US 41	2	4	CST (FY 12/13-under CST)
21	SR 82 (Immokalee Road)	Colonial/Lee Blvd.	Shawnee Road	2	6	PE (PE underway), ROW (FY 14/15 & 15/16), CST (FY 17/18)
22	SR 82 (Immokalee Road)	Alabama Road	Homestead Road	2	4	PE (underway), ROW (FY 16/17), CST (FY 17/18)
23	SR 82 (Immokalee Road)	Homestead Road	Hendry County line	2	4	PE (underway)
24	Alico Road	Ben Hill Griffin Pkwy.	Airport Haul Road	2	4	PE (underway), CST (FY 14/15- 17/18)
25	Bonita Beach Road	Old US 41	Lime Street	4	6	CST (under CST Completed)
26	Homestead Road	Sunrise	Alabama	2	4	ROW (underway), CST (FY 15/16)
27	North Airport Rd Ext.	Current Terminus P.O.	Metro Parkway	N/A	2	CST (FY 13/14- FY 14/15)
28	Ortiz Avenue	Luckett Road	SR 80 (Palm Beach Blvd.)	2	4	ROW (underway)
29	Hanson Street Ext.	Ortiz Avenue	SR 82 (Immokalee Rd)	N/A	4	PE (underway)
30	SR 31	SR 80 (Palm Beach Blvd.)	CR 78 (N. River Road)	2	4	PDE (underway), PE (FY 12/13)
31	Signal Interconnection Project Phase I					CST (underway)
32	Signal Interconnection Project Phase II					PE (FY 15/16), CST (FY 16/17)
33	Ortiz Avenue	SR 82 (Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.)	Luckett Road	2	4	ROW (underway)
34	Luckett Road	Ortiz Avenue	I-75	2	4	ROW (underway)
35	I-75	S. of SR 78 (Bayshore Rd)	Lee/Charlotte Co.L	4	6	CST (underway)
36	Bus Replacements - 13.9 M.					CAPITAL (FY 11/12-purchase underway)
37	US 41 (Tamiami Trail) at CR 865 (Bonita Beach Road)				Overpass/Intersection	PD&E (FY 13/14)
38	SR 739 (Metro Parkway)	Daniels Parkway	Winkler Avenue	4	6	PE (FY 12/13-underway)
39	LeeTran Bus Facility Funding - 5.0 M FTA 5309					CAPITAL (FY 12/13- underway)
40	LeeTran Bus Arrival Notification System - 1.3592 M FTA 5312					CAPITAL (FY 12/13- underway)
41	San Carlos Trolley Lane Study			5	5	PD&E (FY 14/15), PE (FY 18/19)
42	<u>Burnt Store Road</u>	<u>Tropicana</u>	<u>Diplomat</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>ROW (underway), CST (FY 16/17 & 17/18)</u>
43	<u>Burnt Store Road</u>	<u>Diplomat</u>	<u>Van Buren</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>ROW (underway), CST (FY 14/15)</u>
44	<u>Signal Interconnection Phase III</u>					<u>PE (FY 18/19)</u>
45	<u>Bonita Beach Road</u>	<u>Old US 41</u>	<u>W. of US 41</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>PE (underway)</u>
46	<u>Crystal</u>	<u>US 41</u>	<u>Metro Parkway</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>PE (FY 17/18)</u>
47	<u>Estero Parkway</u>	<u>Big Carlos Bridge</u>	<u>San Carlos</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>PE/CST (FY 14/15 to 17/18)</u>

Acronyms:

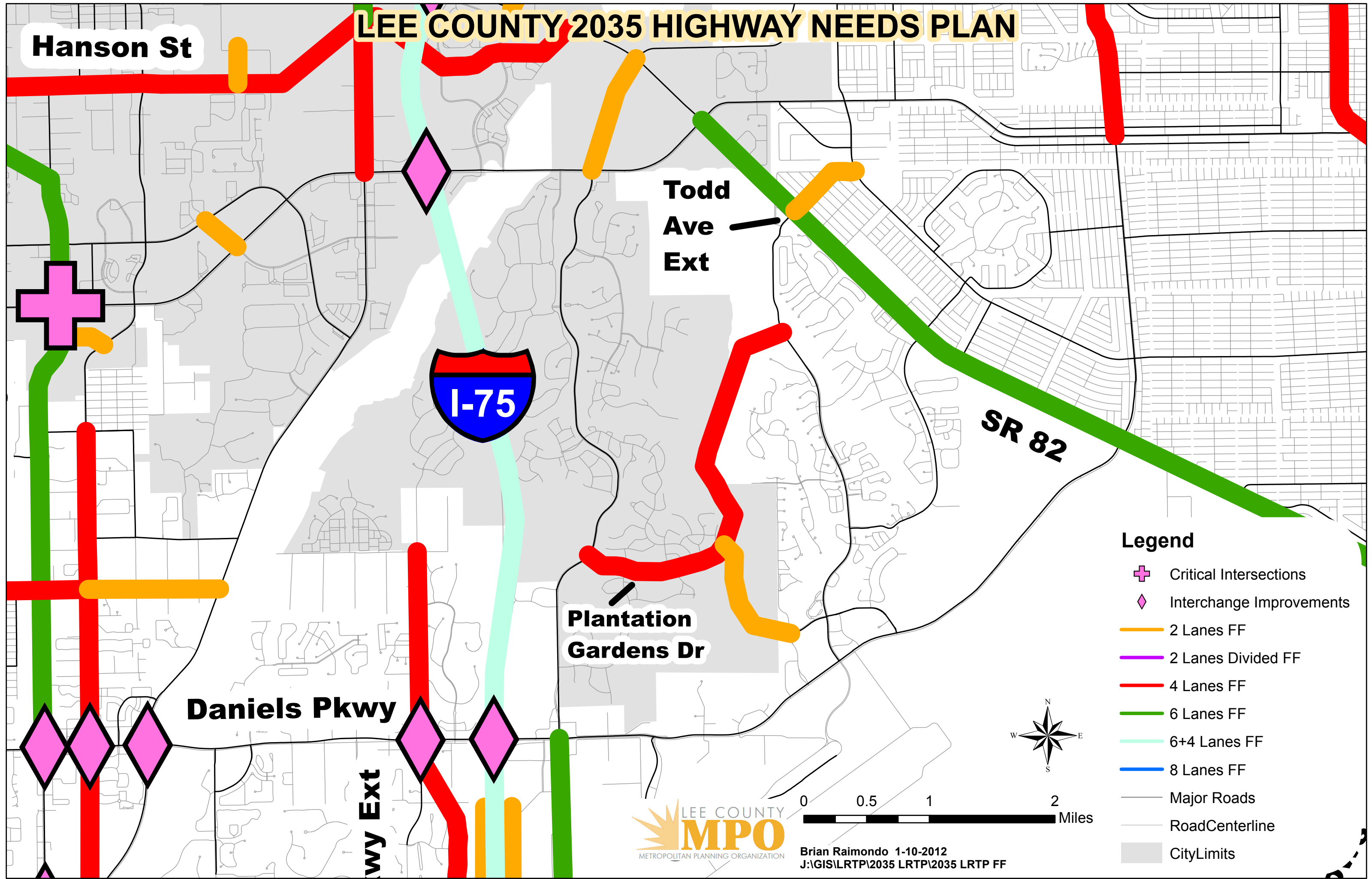
PD&E - Project Development & Environment Study
 PE - Preliminary Engineering/Design Phase

ROW - Right-of-Way Phase
 CST - Construction Phase

2035 Cost Feasible Projects by Year of Expenditure (YOE)
(In \$1,000)

Road Name	From	To	Improvement	Phase	2016-2020	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	Total Project Cost	Comments
Lee County										
Alico Connector	Alico	SR 82	New 4L	PE			\$5,460		\$5,460	
Alico Connector	Alico	SR 82	New 4L	ROW				\$42,760	\$42,760	
Alico Connector	Alico	SR 82	New 4L	CST				\$83,420	\$83,420	
<u>Alico Road</u>	<u>Ben Hill Griffin</u>	<u>Airport Haul Road</u>	<u>Widen 2L to 4L</u>	<u>CST</u>	<u>\$8,350</u>				<u>\$8,350</u>	
Alico Road	Airport Haul Road	Alico Connector	Widen 2L to 4L	PE			\$4,140		\$4,140	
Alico Road	Airport Haul Road	Alico Connector	Widen 2L to 4L	ROW				\$12,640	\$12,640	
Alico Road	Airport Haul Road	Alico Connector	Wide 2L to 4L	CST				\$37,380	\$37,380	
ATMS Project	County Roads			CST	\$6,490				\$6,490	
Big Carlos Bridge Replacement				PD&E/PE	\$4,390				\$4,390	
Big Carlos Bridge Replacement				ROW/CST		\$15,650			\$15,650	*41,350 Federal/State + 15,650 Local
Bike/Ped/Complete Streets Countywide				PE/CST	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$15,000	
Bonita Beach Road	US 41	Old US 41	Widen 4L to 6L	ROW	\$11,660				\$11,660	
Bonita Beach Road	US 41	Old US 41	Widen 4L to 6L	CST		\$21,530			\$21,530	
Buckingham Road	Orange River Blvd.	SR 80	2LD	PE		\$4,930			\$4,930	
Buckingham Road	Orange River Blvd.	SR 80	2LD	CST			\$42,790		\$42,790	
<u>Burnt Store Road</u>	<u>SR 78</u>	<u>Tropicana</u>	<u>Widen 2L to 4L</u>	<u>CST</u>	<u>\$7,700</u>				<u>\$7,700</u>	
Burnt Store Road	Tropicana	Diplomat	Widen 2L to 4L	CST	\$6,100				\$6,100	
Burnt Store Road	Diplomat	Van Buren Parkway	Widen 2L to 4L	CST	\$11,570				\$11,570	
Burnt Store Road	Van Buren Parkway	Charlotte Co/Line	Widen 2L to 4L	PE		\$12,180			\$12,180	
Burnt Store Road	Van Buren Parkway	Charlotte Co/Line	Widen 2L to 4L	ROW		\$58,330			\$58,330	
Burnt Store Road	Van Buren Parkway	Charlotte Co/Line	Widen 2L to 4L	CST			\$105,710		\$105,710	
<u>Crystal</u>	<u>US 41</u>	<u>Metro Parkway</u>	<u>2L Resconstruct</u>	<u>CST</u>	<u>\$5,425</u>				<u>\$5,425</u>	
CR 951 Ext	Corkscrew Road	Alico Road	New 4L	PE			\$12,410		\$12,410	
CR 951 Ext	Corkscrew Road	Alico Road	New 4L	ROW				\$24,440	\$24,440	
CR 951 Ext	Corkscrew Road	Alico Road	New 4L	CST				\$111,980	\$111,980	
East West	Ben Hill Griffin	Airport Haul Road	New 2L	PE	\$3,990				\$3,990	
East West	Ben Hill Griffin	Airport Haul Road	New 2L	ROW	\$10,970				\$10,970	
East West	Ben Hill Griffin	Airport Haul Road	New 2L	CST		\$33,300			\$33,300	
Estero Blvd	Reconstruction			CST		\$27,400		\$85,080	\$27,400	
Homestead	Sunrise	Alabama	Widen 2L to 4L	CST	\$18,700				\$18,700	
Homestead	Milwaukee	Sunrise	Widen 2L to 4L	PE		\$3,420			\$3,420	
Homestead	Milwaukee	Sunrise	Widen 2L to 4L	ROW		\$6,600			\$6,600	
Homestead	Milwaukee	Sunrise	Widen 2L to 4L	CST			\$29,690		\$29,690	
Littleton Road	NE 24TH	Business 41	Widen 2L to 4L	PE		\$5,440			\$5,440	
Littleton Road	NE 24TH	Business 41	Widen 2L to 4L	ROW			\$12,760			
Littleton Road	NE 24TH	Business 41	Widen 2L to 4L	CST			\$47,230		\$47,230	
Littleton Road	Business 41	Slater	New 2L	PE		\$7,170			\$7,170	
Littleton Road	Business 41	Slater	New 2L	ROW			\$14,860		\$14,860	
Littleton Road	Business 41	Slater	New 2L	CST				\$48,800	\$48,800	
Luckett Road	Ortiz Avenue	I-75	Widen 2L to 4L	CST	\$3,760				\$3,760	
North Airport Rd Ext	Metro Parkway	Plantation Road	New 2L	ROW	\$3,040				\$3,040	
North Airport Rd Ext	Metro Parkway	Plantation Road	New 2L	CST	\$10,010				\$10,010	
Ortiz Avenue	Luckett Road	SR 80	Widen 2L to 4L	CST	\$12,010				\$12,010	
Ortiz Avenue	Martin Luther King	Luckett Road	Widen 2L to 4L	CST	\$12,010				\$12,010	
Ortiz Avenue	Colonial Blvd	SR 82	Widen 2L to 4L	PE	\$1,220				\$1,220	
Ortiz Avenue	Colonial Blvd	SR 82	Widen 2L to 4L	CST			\$16,700		\$16,700	
Three Oaks Ext.	Oriole Rd. Ext.	Daniels Parkway	New 4L	ROW		\$26,250			\$26,250	
Three Oaks Ext.	Oriole Rd. Ext.	Daniels Parkway	New 4L	CST			\$44,000		\$44,000	
Winkler Road	Gladiolus Drive	Cypress Lake Drive	2LD	PE	\$1,200				\$1,200	
Winkler Road	Gladiolus Drive	Cypress Lake Drive	2LD	CST	\$6,000				\$6,000	
		Total Cost			\$136,775	\$225,950	\$339,500	\$450,250	\$1,066,205	
		Grand Total								
		Available Funding			144,894	256,898	341,682	427,524	1,170,999	

LEE COUNTY 2035 HIGHWAY NEEDS PLAN



Hanson St

Todd Ave Ext



SR 82

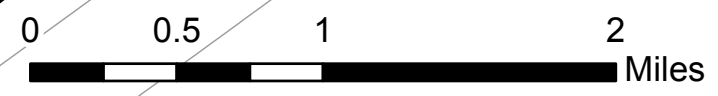
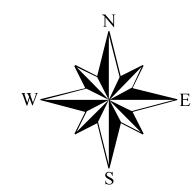
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Plantation Gardens Dr

Highway Ext

Legend

- Critical Intersections
- Interchange Improvements
- 2 Lanes FF
- 2 Lanes Divided FF
- 4 Lanes FF
- 6 Lanes FF
- 6+4 Lanes FF
- 8 Lanes FF
- Major Roads
- Road Centerline
- City Limits



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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL DUES ASSESSMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Approve a two year schedule of local dues assessment for the local government financial support of the MPO.

Back in 2012 the MPO board approved a two year schedule of assessments for local government financial support of the MPO based on the population of each jurisdiction and a per capita assessment of .112. Those assessments covered payments for bills that went out in November of 2012 and November of 2013 for the MPO's fiscal year 2012/2013 and fiscal year 2013/2014. Staff is now bringing a proposed two year extension of this assessment and is proposing to set the rate for both years based on the 2013 Bureau of Economic Business Research (BEBR) population estimates that are listed below:

FY 2015 and 2016 Local Due Allocations

Jurisdiction	FY 13 & 14 Amount*	2013 Population	2015 & 2016 .112/capita Total
Bonita Springs	\$ 4,962	45,229	\$ 5,065
Cape Coral	\$ 17,513	161,069	\$ 18,040
Ft. Myers	\$ 7,130	67,081	\$ 7,513
Ft. Myers Beach	\$ 701	6,323	\$ 708
Sanibel	\$ 725	6,497	\$ 728
Unincorporated	\$ 39,003	357,168	\$ 40,003
	\$ 70,003	643,367	\$ 72,057

*Based on the 2011 Population Estimates

**APPROVAL OF THE JOINT LEE AND CHARLOTTE/PUNTA
GORDA MPO TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE
PROGRAM PRIORITIES**

Recommendation: Approval of the Joint Lee and Charlotte/Punta Gorda MPO Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities.

The staff of the Lee and Charlotte/Punta Gorda MPOs have updated their proposed Joint TRIP priority list (**Attached**) for submittal this year for both of the Board's approval. The priority order is consistent with the projects and scoring used to develop the Joint Lee and Collier TRIP list. The TAC and CAC unanimously approved the priority list at their respective meetings held on April 3, 2014 and staff also recommends approval of this item.

**JOINT MPO STAFF RECOMMENDED TRIP PRIORITIES FOR 2014
(LEE AND CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA MPO)**

Sponsor	Route	From	To	Proposed Improvement	Requested Phase	Total Cost	Requested TRIP Funds	Joint Staff
Charlotte County	Burnt Store Rd	Point North of Tern Bay Blvd	Notre Dame Blvd.	2L to 4L	ROW	\$37,110,000	\$2,000,000	#1
Lee County	Burnt Store Rd	SR 78	Tropicana Pkwy.	2L to 4L	CST	\$7,700,000	\$3,850,000	#2
Charlotte County	Piper Rd North	Henry St	US 17	New 4L	CST	\$22,191,000	\$2,000,000	#3
Cape Coral	Chiquita Blvd	South of Cape Coral Pkwy	North of SR 78	4L to 6L	ROW	\$30,000,000	\$4,000,000	#4
Charlotte County	US 41 @ Carmalita St Ext.		Make Carmalita St 2 Way between NB and SB US 41; Add traffic signals at both US 41 intersections at Carmelita; Extend multi-use trail along US 41 from Helena Ave to Carmalita and along Carmalita to Taylor St		CST	\$1,700,000	\$850,000	#5
LeeTran	Regional Transfer Facility and Connector			Build bus facility and develop new service route	CST	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	#6
LeeTran	LeeTran Capital Expenditures for Passenger Amenities, Bus Pull-Outs, and pavement markings			Facility	CST	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	#7

APPROVAL OF THE TRANSIT BUS PULL-OUT AND TRANSIT BUS QUEUE JUMP SELECTION COMMITTEE RANKINGS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Approve the Transit Bus Pull-out and Transit Bus Queue Jump Selection Committee Rankings and direct Staff to move forward with negotiations.

The MPO Staff posted a Letter of Interest (LOI) on January 27th in the Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW) and on the MPO website. The due date for all proposals was March 3rd. Six (6) proposals were received in response to the LOI on or before the March 3, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. from the following firms:

American Consulting Engineering of Florida, LLC
Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
McMahon transportation engineers & Planners
Sam Schwartz Engineering
TEAM Engineering, LLC
Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc.

The Selection Committee was made up of a member from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), LeeTran, and MPO Staff.

A Selection Committee meeting was held Wednesday March 19th at 10:00 a.m. at The City of Cape Coral Public Works Building, 815 Nicholas Parkway E., Cape Coral 33990 to review and rank proposals and attached are the results from the meetings.

Transit Bus Queue Study Ranking Sheet 3-19-2014

(1st Choice = 1 pts; 2nd Choice = 2 pts; 3rd Choice = 3 pts; 4th Choice = 4 pts; 5th Choice = 5 pts; 6th Choice = 6 pts)

	American Engineering	Kittelison	McMahon	Sam Schwartz	TEAM Engineering	Tindale Oliver
A. Getch	5	1	6	4	3	2
W. Gaither	5	1	3	5	4	2
J. Limbaugh	5	1	6	4	3	2
P. Bollier	3	1	4	2	6	5
Total	18	4	19	15	16	11

Final Ranking

- 1 Kittelison
- 2 Tindale Oliver
- 3 Sam Schwartz
- 4 TEAM Engineering
- 5 American Engineering
- 6 McMahon

Total Points

- 4
- 11
- 15
- 16
- 18
- 19

Don Scott

Don Scott, Executive Director

3/20/14

Date

Transit Bus Pullout Study Ranking Sheet 3-19-2014

(1st Choice = 1 pts; 2nd Choice = 2 pts; 3rd Choice = 3 pts; 4th Choice = 4 pts; 5th Choice = 5 pts; 6th Choice = 6 pts)

	American Engineering	Kittelson	McMahon	Sam Schwartz	TEAM Engineering	Tindale Oliver
A. Getch	6	1	4	5	3	2
W. Gaither	5	1	3	5	4	2
J. Limbaugh	3	1	5	6	2	4
J. Pohlan	4	5	3	1	2	6
Total	18	8	15	17	11	14

Final Ranking

- 1 Kittelson
- 2 TEAM Engineering
- 3 Tindale Oliver
- 4 McMahon
- 5 Sam Schwartz
- 6 American Engineering

Total Points

- 8
- 11
- 14
- 15
- 17
- 18

Don Scott

3/20/14

Don Scott, Executive Director

Date

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Review and comment on the existing *Public Involvement Plan* that is **attached**.
2. Establish a 45-day comment period during which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the document.

Each year, the MPO must evaluate its *Public Involvement Plan* (PIP) in terms of its effectiveness and determine if any revisions are needed to ensure that the public has full access to the MPO's transportation planning process. The PIP that is attached includes the revisions that have been recommended to date from the Committees and we are seeking Board input on the draft prior to opening the 45 public comment period.

Adopted:
Draft
4/18/2014

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN



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ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION	ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION
AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic	CTST	Community Traffic System Team
ADA	American Disabilities Act	CTD	Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged
ADM	Administration	CUTR	Center for Urban Transportation Research
AMDA	Application for Master Development Approval	CUTS	Coordinated Urban Transportation Systems
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization	DB	Design – Build
ATIS	Advanced Traveler Information System	DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
ATMS	Advanced Traffic Management System	DMS	Dynamic Messaging System
ATPPL	Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands	DOT	Department of Transportation
BOCC	Board of County Commissioners	DRI	Development of Regional Impact
BPAC	Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee	EAR	Evaluation and Appraisal Report
BPCC	Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee	EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
BRT	Bus Rapid Transit	EMO	Environmental Management Office
CAC	Citizens Advisory Committee	ENV	Environmental Mitigation
CAD	Computer Aided Drafting	ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute
CAMP	Corridor Access Management Plan	EST	Environmental Screening Tool
CAP	Capital Grant	ETAT	Environmental Technical Advisory Team
CAT	Collier Area Transit	ETDM	Efficient Transportation Decision Making
CEI	Construction Engineering Inspection	FAC	Federal Aid Circular
CEMP	Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan	FAP	Federal Aid Program
CFASPP	Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process	FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation
CFDA	Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance	FGCU	Florida Gulf Coast University
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
CIGR	County Incentive Grant Program with growth management funds	FIHS	Florida Interstate Highway System
CIP	Capital Improvement Program	FM	Federal Management
CM/TSM	Congestion Mitigation/Transportation System Management	FMR	Federal Management Regulation
CMR	Congestion Monitoring Report	FPN	Financial Project Number
CMP	Congestion Management Process	FPTA	Florida Public Transportation Association
CMS	Congestion Management System	FS	Florida Statutes
COOP	Continuity of Operation Plan	FSUTMS	Florida Standard Urban Transportation Model Structure
		FTA	Federal Transit Administration
CRA	Community Redevelopment Agency	FY	Fiscal Year
CRT	Commuter Rail Transit	GA	General Aviation
CTC	Community Transit Coordinator	GIS	Geographical Information System
HWY	Highway	PDC	Present Day Cost
I-	Interstate	PD&E	Project Development & Environment
ICAR	Intergovernmental Coordination and Review	PE	Preliminary Engineering



IDAS	Intelligent Transportation Systems Deployment analysis System	PEA	Planning Emphasis Area
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System	PIP	Public Involvement Plan
IMS	Incident Management System	PL	Planning
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991	PTO	Public Transportation Organization
ITSSC	Intelligent Transportation Systems Stakeholder Committee	RFP	Request for Proposal
JARC	Job Access and Reverse Commute	ROW, R/W	Right of Way
JPA	Joint Participation Agreement	SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Trans. Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
LAP	Local Agency Program	SAP	Specific Area Plans
LAR	Local Advance Reimbursement	SEIR	State environmental Impact Report
LC	Lee County	SIB	State Infrastructure Bank
LCB	Local Coordinating Board	SIS	Strategic Intermodal System
LCDOT	Lee County Department of Transportation	SOV	Single Occupancy Vehicle
LCHSTP	Locally Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan	SR	State Road
LEP	<u>Limited English Proficiency</u>	SRTS	Safe Route to School
LOS	Level of Service	STP	Surface Transportation Program
LRTP	Long Range Transportation Plan	SW	Sidewalk
LUAM	Land Use Allocation Model	SWFIA	Southwest Florida International Airport
<u>MAP-21</u>	<u>Moving Ahead for Progress - 21st Century</u>	SWFMRT	Southwest Florida Metro-Regional Transportation
MCC	Model Coordinating Committee	SWFRPC	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
MN	Maintenance	TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
M&O	Maintenance and Operations	TAN	Transportation Advisory Network
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization	TAOC	Transit Authority Oversight Committee
MPOAC	Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council	<u>TAP</u>	<u>Transportation Alternatives Program</u>
MPP/PL	Metropolitan Planning Program	TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
MSTU	Municipal Service Taxing Unit	TD	Transportation Disadvantaged
NARC	National Association of Regional Councils	TD	Transportation Disadvantaged
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	TDM	Transportation Demand Management
NHAC	Principal Arterials	TDP	Transit Development Plan
NS/EW	North South/East West	TDSP	Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan
OMB	Office of Management and Budget	TE	Transportation Enhancement
OPS	Operations Grant	T/E Grant	Trip Equipment Grant
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant	TEA	Transportation Enhancement Application
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act - 21 st Century	TRANPLAN	Transportation Planning
TELUS	Transportation Economic and Land Use System	TRIP	Transportation Regional Incentive Program
TIA	Traffic Impact Analysis	TRB	Transportation Research Board
TIM	Traffic Incident Management	ULAM	Urban Land Use Allocation Model
TIP	Transportation Improvement Plan	UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
TMA	Transportation Management Area	USC	United States Code
TMC	Transportation Monitoring Center	UZA	Urbanized Area



TOCC	Traffic Operations Coordinating Committee	ZDATA	Zonal Data
TOP	Transportation Operations Program		

1. Purpose

The *Public Involvement Plan (PIP)* identifies a proactive public involvement process for the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan and other planning activities of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This process provides for complete information, timely public notice, full access to key decisions and early and continuing involvement of the public.

The obligation to provide information and consider public input in decision-making was made explicit by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). This strong federal emphasis on public involvement was continued in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in 1998, continued in SAFETEA in 2003 and finally through SAFETEA-LU in 2005 and now continues with MAP-21 in 2012. The true test of a successful public involvement plan is the level of public awareness and feedback. Too often, public participation does not occur until after the community-at-large becomes aware of an unpopular decision, at which point large citizen efforts become necessary to change decisions after the fact. A planning process that involves the average citizen early makes the public a participant in any decision that is ultimately made.

The *Public Involvement Plan* was originally adopted by the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization on April 18, 1997, and it has been amended annually since then. The *Public Involvement Plan* was most recently amended in 2012. Product breakdown structure



2. Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Board and Committee Agendas and Advertisement Requirements

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

- Consists of 16 voting members that include:
 - Lee County: 5
 - City of Cape Coral: 4
 - City of Fort Myers: 3
 - City of Bonita Springs: 2
 - City of Sanibel: 1
 - Town of Fort Myers Beach: 1

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Consists of 17 voting members that include:
 - Local agency planners, engineers, and transit operators who make recommendations to the Lee County MPO on transportation plans, programs, amendments, and priorities on behalf of the agencies they represent.

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

- Consists of 24 members that include:
 - 2 members from different communities within each county commission district
 - 11 members are distributed based on jurisdiction
 - City of Cape Coral: 4
 - City of Fort Myers: 3
 - City of Sanibel: 1
 - Town of Fort Myers Beach: 1
 - City of Bonita Springs: 2
 - 1 Transportation-~~handicapped~~ Disabled
 - 2 At-Large positions to ensure minority, LEP and low income participation

Traffic Management and Operations Committee (TMOC)

- Consists of 19 voting members that include:
 - Local agency traffic engineers and planners. It oversees the MPO's congestion management system, and recommends congestion mitigation measures for programming with federal funds. It also oversees the planning of Intelligent Transportation Systems project and programs.

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Committee (TDLCB)

- Consists of government, social service agency, citizen, and consumer representatives who oversee the provision of safe, efficient, cost-effective and quality transportation services to Lee County's elderly, handicapped and low income residents

Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC)

- Consists of 19 voting members that include:
 - 15 Local agency personnel who are responsible for bicycle and pedestrian planning for their agencies. It coordinates these agencies' bicycle/pedestrian planning activities, reviews provisions for pedestrians and cyclists in state and federal aid surface transportation projects, and advises the Lee County MPO on the development of the bicycle and pedestrian element of its transportation plan and the programming of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
 - 4 At-Large Citizen seats for Lee County Citizen's that are active in the community.



Board/ Committee	Advertise with News-press		Post on MPO Website	Submit Notification to Local Jurisdiction TV stations	Mail out Packet	Email out Packet
	# of days Submitted prior to Meeting	# of days Advertised prior to Meeting	# of days Posted prior to Meeting	# of days Submitted prior to Meeting	# of days Mailed out prior to Meeting	# of days Emailed out prior to Meeting
MPO	11	7	8	8	8	8
CAC	n/a	n/a	8	8	8	8
TAC	n/a	n/a	8	8	8	8
TMOC	n/a	n/a	8	8	8	8
TDLCB	16	14	8	8	14	14
BPCC	n/a	n/a	8	8	8	8

3. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)



The intent and purpose of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of a cost feasible intermodal transportation system that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight within and through the urbanized area, while minimizing transportation related fuel consumption and air pollution.

When developing the LRTP, the MPO must consult with a wide variety of state and local agencies and afford the opportunity to comment on the plan to a wide variety of groups. The agencies include, as appropriate, those that are responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation. The groups include citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, private freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transit, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the LRTP.

The MPO shall, at a minimum, include the following in its public participation process:

- Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of the LRTP;
- Provide adequate public notice of public involvement activities and time for public review and comment at key decisions, such as but not limited to the approval of the LRTP;
- Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during the plan development process;
- Employ visualization techniques to describe the LRTP (maps and charts of changes);
- Make the LRTP and any associated information available in electronic format such as World Wide Web (the MPO's website);
- Seek out online engagement activities (such as was used for the Land Use Scenario project) to enhance the public participation and input during the major updates;

- Hold public meetings at convenient times and accessible locations;
- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally under served by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households;
- When significant written and oral comments are received on a draft LRTP (including the financial plan) as a result of public involvement, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final LRTP; and
- If the final LRTP differs significantly from the one made available for public comment or raises new material issues, an additional opportunity for public comment must be made available.

The Lee County MPO would like to have participants from the entire community attending the public hearings and workshops given by the MPO. The public is encouraged to contact the Lee County MPO Staff seven (7) days in advance of a public hearing or workshop for the LRTP update if they are in need of assistance for transportation to and from the event being given by the Lee County MPO. The Lee County MPO will make arrangements to meet the need from the public to the best of their ability.

The Lee County MPO must submit a major LRTP amendment to the District and other parties every five (5) years. The next scheduled major LRTP update is due by the end of 2015. See Appendix I for the Lee/Collier MPO’s Regional Public Involvement Program. See Appendix II for the Lee/Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO’s Regional Public Involvement Program.

LRTP Plan Update and Amendment Process

<p>MAJOR UPDATE PROCESS (Adoption)</p> <p>The LRTP is required to be updated every five (5) years.</p>	<p>MAJOR AMENDMENT</p> <p>This includes major changes to project costs, Initiation dates, design concept, scope changes for existing projects, adding or deleting projects from the plan</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff will submit all suggested plan amendments received or initiated by it to the Lee County MPO Board members and committees. ▪ The TAC will review each request received to determine if extensive technical investigation of the suggested modification would be required, and if so, whether such investigation is or is not justified. The TAC will determine the kind of analysis and the level of effort required, designate responsibilities for any further work, and evaluate the probable benefits of any further analysis and testing it deems necessary. ▪ When developing a LRTP, MPO’s must consult with a wide variety of State and local agencies and afford the opportunity to comment on the plan to a wide variety of groups. The agencies include, as appropriate, those that are responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation. The groups include citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, private freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transit, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of disabled, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the LRTP. ▪ At the commencement of the process of the LRTP, the MPO shall extend notice to the Department and the Port Authority advising the scope of the work to be under taken and inviting comment and participation in the development process. The MPO shall ensure that the chief operating officials of 	



the Department and the Port Authority shall receive approximately 14 days written formal notice of all public workshops and hearings related to the development of such plans and programs.

- Advertise the Major Update/Major amendment in the local newspaper, on local TV stations, and on the Lee County MPO's website, the public hearing notices of the proposed changes to the plan are advertised 30 days prior to the scheduled hearing.
- Distribute the draft plan with proposed changes to the local library system and local government agencies 14 days prior to public hearing.
- Post the draft plan with proposed changes on the Lee County MPO's website 14 days prior to the public hearing.
- A notification shall be distributed to the Transportation Advisory Network and other interested parties 14 days prior to a public hearing on a comprehensive update or amendment of the Lee County MPO's LRTP. This notification shall identify projects that are under consideration, and provide interested parties with the date, time and location of relevant workshops, meetings, and public hearings related to these issues.
- Take proposed changes to the Committees of the Lee County MPO Board for review and comments.
- Take proposed changes to the Lee County MPO's Board for review and comments and open a public comment period of 30 days at the Lee County MPO's meeting.
- Bring the final version back to the Lee County MPO Board for final approval and adoption after a 30 day public review period has been completed, this will require a roll call vote.
- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by the existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households.
- When significant written and oral comments are received on a draft LRTP (including the financial plan) as a result of public involvement, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final LRTP.
- If the final LRTP differs significantly from the one made available for public comment or raises new material issues, and additional opportunity for public comment must be made available.

Administrative Modification

This includes minor changes to project/phases costs, funding sources , project/phase initiation dates, does not require public review and comment or re-demonstrating fiscal constraint

- Lee County MPO staff will make corrected changes in draft form and bring them to the Committees for recommendation to the Lee County MPO Board to approve the changes.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

In accordance with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Program Management Handbook, the MPO shall provide all interested parties reasonable opportunity to comment on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as required in 23 C.F.R. 450.316 (Interested parties, participation, and consultation). Those “interested parties” include citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, pedestrian walkways, bicycle transportation facilities, and the disabled.

In addition the MPO shall do the following when developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- Provide adequate and timely notice about public participation activities;
- Use visualization techniques to describe the TIP;
- Make public information available in electronic formats such as World Wide Web;
- Hold public meetings at convenient times and accessible locations;
- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally under served by existing transportation systems such as low-income and minority households;
- Provide additional opportunity for public comment if the Final TIP differs significantly from the Draft TIP;
- Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input and provide a summary, analysis, and report on the comments received on the TIP if there were a significant number of comments received;
- Consult with state and local agencies that are responsible for other types of planning within the metropolitan area (such as planned growth, economic development, environmental protection, airport operations and freight movements).



The Lee County MPO must submit the approved TIP to the District and other parties no later than July 15. The District will review the TIP and prepare written comments within 14 calendar days of receipt from the Lee County MPO no later than August 1.

TIP Plan Amendment Process

AMENDMENT	PROCEDURES
Annual TIP Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Lee County MPO shall provide all interested parties reasonable opportunity to comment on the TIP as required in 23 C.F.R. 450.316 (Interested parties, participation, and consultation). Those “interested parties” include citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of



	<p>transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, pedestrian walkways, bicycle transportation facilities, and the disabled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consult with state and local agencies that are responsible for other types of planning within the metropolitan area (such as planned growth, economic development, environmental protection, airport operations, and freight movements). ▪ Distribute the draft plan with proposed changes to the local library system and local government agencies 14 days prior to public meeting. ▪ Advertise in local newspaper, submit to local jurisdictions TV stations, and post on the Lee County MPO’s website, the public meeting notice of the adoption of the plan seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing. ▪ Post the draft plan on the Lee County MPO’s website 14 days prior to the public meeting. ▪ At the commencement of the process of the TIP, the MPO shall extend notice to the State Department of Transportation and the Port Authority advising the scope of the work to be under taken and inviting comment and participation in the development process. The MPO shall ensure that the chief operating officials of the Department and the Port Authority shall receive approximately 14 days written formal notice of all public workshops and meetings related to the development of such plans and programs. ▪ A notification shall be distributed to the Transportation Advisory Network and other interested parties 14 days prior to a public meeting on a comprehensive update or amendment of the Lee County MPO’s TIP and the adoption of its transportation improvement priorities. This notification shall identify projects that are under consideration, and provide interested parties with the date, time and location of relevant workshops, and public meetings related to these issues. ▪ Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households. ▪ When significant written and oral comments are received on a draft Transportation Improvement Program as a result of public involvement, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final TIP. ▪ If the final TIP differs significantly from the one made available for public comment or raises new material issues, and additional opportunity for public comment must be made available.
<p>TIP Amendment: This is needed if a project is added or deleted, fiscal constraints are impacted, or if changes are made in the scope of work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Lee County MPO staff will submit all suggested plan amendments received or initiated by it to the Lee County MPO Board members and committees. ▪ The Lee County MPO shall provide all interested parties reasonable opportunity to comment on the TIP as required in 23 C.F.R. 450.316 (Interested parties, participation, and consultation). Those “interested parties” include citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, pedestrian walkways, bicycle transportation facilities, and the disabled. ▪ Distribute the draft plan amendment to the local library system and local government agencies 14 days prior to public hearing. ▪ Post the draft plan amendment on the Lee County MPO’s website 14 days prior to the public hearing.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advertise in local newspaper, on local jurisdictions TV stations, and on the Lee County MPO’s website, the public meeting notice of the endorsement of the plan amendment seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting. ▪ A notification shall be distributed to the Transportation Advisory Network and other interested parties 14 days prior to a public meeting on a comprehensive update or amendment of the Lee County MPO’s TIP and the adoption of its transportation improvement priorities. This notification shall identify projects that are under consideration, and provide interested parties with the date, time and location of relevant workshops, and public meetings related to these issues. ▪ Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households.
<p>Administrative TIP Amendment:</p> <p>This is an amendment that does not have to go to the full MPO Board for approval as defined by the MPO Program Management Handbook and further allowed by Resolution 08-09 adopted by the MPO Board on June 20, 2008.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FHWA has agreed to allow the MPO Director to process an Administrative TIP amendment for these types of projects rather than having to go before the full board. ▪ The amendment takes place between July 1 and September 30. ▪ The project must appear in the amendment exactly as it appears in the newly adopted TIP.

5. MPO Local Priorities

The Transportation Advisory Network (TAN) members receive notification of the upcoming public hearing items such as recommended Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation/Transportation System Management (CM/TSM), Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA), bicycle pedestrian box, and aviation priorities prior to the annual update of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO’s) project priorities. A public meeting is usually conducted prior to the adoption of these transportation improvement priorities.

PRIORITY	PROCEDURES
<p>STP Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MPO staff will prepare a list of unfunded projects from the previous year’s priority list and add new projects from the MPO’s Cost Feasible Highway Plan if necessary. ▪ Staff will submit the list of projects to FDOT for development of cost estimates ▪ Staff will bring STP priorities to all of the Committees for recommendations to the Board. ▪ A public meeting will be held at the beginning of the MPO meeting to adopt the priorities. The MPO Board will consider the comments received prior to the public meeting and during the public meeting, the recommendations by the advisory committees, and assign priorities for adoption.



CM/TSM Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The MPO staff solicits mail-in coupons from the public regarding congested locations that need to be addressed. The coupons are published in the local newspapers, are available on the website and are distributed to the school district and transit bus drivers. The congested problems raised during this process are addressed by each of the affected jurisdictions through the committee meetings and are also used as candidate projects for prioritization. ▪ The TMOC will identify candidate projects ▪ MPO staff and TMOC will finalize project limits, location map and project drawings ▪ MPO staff will submit the projects on the state highway system to FDOT to develop cost estimates. Cost estimates on local roads will be developed by the local jurisdictions ▪ The TMOC will recommend priorities to the TAC and CAC ▪ The TMOC recommended priorities and the results from the mail-in coupons responses are taken to the TAC and CAC for recommendations to the MPO Board. The MPO Board will then hold a public meeting and consider all comments made from the public, the recommendations from the CAC and TAC, and the results from the mail-in coupon responses, before assigning priorities for adoption.
Transportation Enhancement (TE) Activities Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MPO staff will send out a notice of Solicitation for Proposals for Transportation Enhancement Funds to the TAC, CAC, and the BPCC. ▪ MPO staff will mail a notification to members in the TAN mailing list announcing the Solicitation for Proposals for Transportation Enhancement Funds. Members of the TAN list will be encouraged to contact their local government’s planning or public works department or elected officials if they have projects they would like a local government agency to sponsor during that year’s application cycle. ▪ MPO staff will review the applications for project eligibility and completeness and the projects will be subsequently evaluated and ranked using an evaluation criterion. ▪ The eligible transportation enhancement projects rankings will be brought before the BPCC, TAC, and the CAC for review and recommendation of project priorities. ▪ A public meeting will be held at the beginning of the MPO meeting for adoption of the transportation enhancement priorities. The MPO Board will consider the comments from the public, the recommendations by the advisory committees, and assign priorities for adoption.
Multi-Modal Enhancement Box Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MPO staff will prepare a list of unfunded projects from the previous year’s priority list and add other projects from the MPO’s Bicycle Pedestrian Element if necessary. ▪ Staff will submit the list of projects to FDOT for development of cost estimates ▪ The projects will be brought before the BPCC for recommendations of priorities to the TAC and CAC. ▪ The TAC and CAC will review the BPCC recommended priorities before they make recommendations to the MPO. ▪ A public meeting will be held at the beginning of the MPO meeting to adopt the bicycle pedestrian priorities. The MPO Board will consider the comments



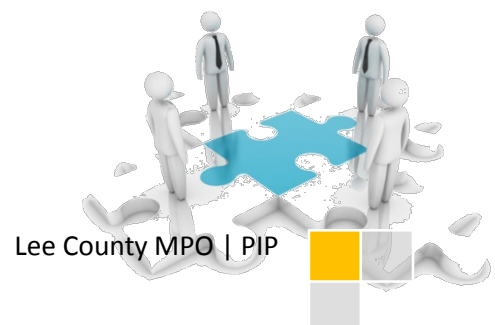
	received prior to the public meeting, the comments from the public, the recommendations by the advisory committees, and assign priorities for adoption.
Port Authority Aviation Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lee County Port Authority will forward its aviation priorities for the Southwest Florida International Airport and the Page Field Airport to MPO staff ▪ The TAC and CAC will review the aviation priorities before making recommendations to the MPO Board for endorsement. ▪ The MPO Board will review the priorities at their meeting before endorsing them.

6. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

This document is intended to inform the general public and all public officials and agencies that contribute monetary or in-kind support to the Lee County MPO’s transportation planning process of its proposed work program for each fiscal year. It is also intended to assign specific responsibilities for the various tasks to the participating agencies in accordance with the supplemental inter-local agreement to the inter-local agreement creating the Lee County MPO. In addition, the Unified Planning Work Program provides the basis for federal funding of the transportation planning activities to be undertaken with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The Transportation Disadvantaged activities are funded with State dollars.

The UPWP is submitted in draft form by March 15, to the FDOT District, and DCA. The Lee County MPO addresses any comments and adopts the Final UPWP by May 15. The MPO and District must resolve any outstanding issues by June 30 or funding could be delayed. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approve the UPWP by June 30. Once the UPWP is finalized it is sent to the District, and DCA.

AMENDMENT	PROCEDURES
<p>Biennial UPWP Adoption: This process is completed every other year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Lee County MPO staff will submit all suggested plan amendments received or initiated by it to the Lee County MPO Board members and committees. ▪ The Lee County MPO shall provide all interested parties reasonable opportunity to comment on the UPWP as required in 23 C.F.R. 450.316 (Interested parties, participation, and consultation). Those “interested parties” include citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, pedestrian walkways, bicycle transportation facilities, and the disabled.



UPWP Revisions:

Do not change the FHWA approved PL budget or the scope of the FHWA funded work task

UPWP Amendments:

Change the FHWA approved PL budget, the scope of the FHWA work tasks, and add or delete a work task

- Distribute the draft plan with proposed changes to the local library system and local government agencies 14 days prior to public meeting.
 - Post the draft plan on the Lee County MPO's website 14 days prior to the public meeting.
 - Advertise in local newspaper, submit to local jurisdictions TV stations, and on the Lee County MPO's website, the public meeting notice of the adoption of the plan seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting.
 - A notification shall be distributed to the Transportation Advisory Network and other interested parties 14 days prior to a public meeting on a comprehensive update or amendment of the Lee County MPO's Unified Planning Work Program. This notification shall identify projects that are under consideration, and provide interested parties with the date, time and location of relevant workshops, and meetings, related to these issues.
 - Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households.
 - When significant written and oral comments are received on a draft UPWP as a result of public involvement, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final UPWP.
 - If the final UPWP differs significantly from the one made available for public comment or raises new material issues, and additional opportunity for public comment must be made available.
- Revisions are coordinated with FDOT and are brought through the TAC, CAC, and MPO Board for approval.
 - Document changes are forwarded to affected agencies.
- The Lee County MPO staff will submit all suggested plan amendments received or initiated by it to the Lee County MPO Board members and committees.
 - The Lee County MPO shall provide all interested parties reasonable opportunity to comment on the UPWP as required in 23 C.F.R. 450.316 (Interested parties, participation, and consultation). Those "interested parties" include citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, pedestrian walkways, bicycle transportation facilities, and the disabled.
 - Distribute the draft plan amendment to the local library system and local government agencies 14 days prior to public meeting.
 - Post the draft plan amendment on the Lee County MPO's website 14 days prior to the public meeting.
 - Advertise in local newspaper, submit to local jurisdictions TV stations, and post on the Lee County MPO's website, the public meeting notice of the endorsement of the plan amendment seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting.
 - A notification shall be distributed to the Transportation Advisory Network and other interested parties 14 days prior to a public meeting on a comprehensive update or amendment of the Lee County MPO's Unified Planning Work Program. This notification shall identify projects that are under consideration, and provide



interested parties with the date, time and location of relevant workshops, and public meetings related to these issues.

- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households.

7. Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) shall be reviewed annually by the Lee County MPO and committees to ensure the Lee County MPO's planning process provides full and open access to the general public. The PIP shall also be reviewed as part of the certification process conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) and during the annual certification process that is required for each MPO.

A public comment period of 45 days shall be provided prior to the adoption or amendment of the PIP.

- Notice of the 45 day comment period shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation (The News-Press) in Lee County and a notification will be mailed out to the TAN.
- The TAN shall be given the opportunity to comment on any proposed amendments to this Public Involvement Plan (PIP) prior to their adoption.
- A copy of the proposed amendments will be published on the Lee County MPO's website.



The Lee County MPO shall coordinate its public involvement process with state and local governments' public involvement processes to enhance public consideration of the issues, plans, and programs, and reduce redundancies and costs.

The public is encouraged to provide verbal or written comments at public meetings, workshops, and exhibits; at monthly Lee County MPO Board and committee meetings, and through newsletters and notices mailed to the TAN mailing list. The public is given a three (3) minute timeframe to state their issues and concerns at the discretion of the Chairman and the Committee members.

8. Congestion Management Process (CMP)

A major component of the Congestion Monitoring Process is the publication of mail-in coupons in newspapers throughout Lee County and on the Lee County MPO's website, soliciting the identification of congested roads and suggestion for how to correct the problem. In addition, congestion report forms are distributed among law enforcement, emergency response agencies, LeeTran and Lee County School District bus drivers asking them to identify congested locations. Press releases



are also sent to local television and radio stations encouraging them to publicize this effort and provide coverage in their regular broadcasts. The congestion report forms can also be found on the Lee County MPO's website, where you can complete the form and submit it right from your computer.

9. Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

The Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan is an annually updated tactical plan jointly developed by the Planning Agency and the Coordinator which contains development, service and quality assurance components. The Local Coordinating Board reviews and approves the Service Plan and it is submitted to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for final action. The Service Plan will cover a five year period, with annual updates due prior to July 1 of each subsequent year.



AMENDMENT	PROCEDURES
<p>TDSP Annual Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Lee County MPO staff for the TD program will advertise the proposed draft of the TDSP Annual Update document via the local jurisdictions' (City of Cape Coral, City of Fort Myers and Lee County) TV channels and on the Lee County MPO's website fourteen (14) days prior to the Lee County Local Coordinating Board meeting scheduled to review said proposed draft TDSP. ▪ The Lee County MPO staff for the TD program will distribute the agenda package to the Lee County LCB board members fourteen (14) days prior to the Lee County Local Coordinating Board meeting. ▪ The proposed draft of the TDSP Annual Update document will be presented to the Lee County Local Coordinating Board for their approval at the LCB meeting in April or May of each year. ▪ The LCB approved annual update of the TDSP will be submitted to the TAC, CAC and MPO for endorsement.
<p>TDSP Major Update: (occurs every five years) and due by October 30th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The public meeting notice of the proposed draft of the major update to the TDSP will be published in the News-Press fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled hearing. ▪ Post the draft of the major TDSP update on the Lee County MPO's website fourteen (14) days prior to the public meeting.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposed draft of the major TDSP update will be advertised via the local jurisdictions’ (City of Cape Coral, City of Fort Myers and Lee County) TV channels fourteen (14) days prior to the public meeting. ▪ The Lee County MPO staff for the TD program will distribute the agenda package to the Lee County LCB board members fourteen (14) days prior to the Lee County Local Coordinating Board meeting. ▪ The proposed draft of the TDSP Major Update document will be presented to the Lee County Local Coordinating Board for their approval at the LCB meeting in September. ▪ The LCB approved major update of the TDSP will be submitted to the TAC, CAC and MPO for endorsement.
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10. Transit Development Plan (TDP)

AMENDMENT	PROCEDURES
TDP Annual Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The annual update of the TDP will be submitted to the TAC, CAC and MPO as an informational item.
TDSP Major Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The public meeting notice of the proposed draft of the major update to the TDP will be published in the News-Press fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled meeting. ▪ Post the draft of the major TDP update on the Lee County MPO’s website fourteen (14) days prior to the public meeting. ▪ The proposed draft of the major TDP update will be advertised via the local jurisdictions’ (City of Cape Coral, City of Fort Myers and Lee County) TV channels fourteen (14) days prior to the public meeting. ▪ The major update of the TDP will be submitted to the TAC, CAC and MPO for endorsement.

11. Other Planning Documents for Public Review

Other documents that have recently come through the MPO Board and its Committees for their input are the BRT Study, South County Transportation Study, the Fare Policy Study, and the J. N. Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge Project Study .

Future documents/studies that will come through the MPO Board and its Committees include the Park and Ride Study, JARC and New Freedom Studies, and the Locally Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Plan. The specific public involvement required will change depending on the type of document but as a minimum shall follow these procedures:

PROCEDURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Document will be presented to the TAC, CAC, and MPO Board for endorsement.

- Document will be posted on the MPO website for public review at least eight (8) days prior to the MPO meeting.
- There will be a public comment period at the scheduled public meeting in order to receive input from the public and affected communities.

12. Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) vs. State and Local Government Roles in Public Involvement during Transportation System Planning, Programming and Implementation

The Lee County MPO is responsible for developing comprehensive long and mid-range plans for Lee County's Surface Transportation System. In accordance with this Public Involvement Plan, the Lee County MPO holds public workshops in the course of the development of the Transportation System Plan, and public meetings prior to its adoption or amendment. The Lee County MPO may also hold public workshops on proposed plan amendments.

Every year the Lee County MPO updates its priorities for programming projects from its mid-range transportation plan, congestion management system and other sources from Lee County's share of the state and federal funds allocated to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 1. These priorities are then transmitted to FDOT to guide it in programming Lee County projects in the new fifth year of its five (5) year Work Program. Once FDOT updates its Work Program, the Lee County MPO incorporates the projects within Lee County from it into the Lee County MPO's TIP, thereby qualifying the projects in it for federal funding. Once a project phase has been programmed in the TIP, it will be dropped from the Lee County MPO's priority list during the next annual update. FDOT also holds a series of public hearings at various locations within each of its districts, advertised and conducted in accordance with its own rules, before adopting its updated Work Program.

Lee County and most cities make the commitment to fund a project in a coming year by incorporating it into their multi-year capital improvement programs where they follow their own public involvement procedures. Just before a project phase reaches the current year of the capital improvement program, it is included in the jurisdiction's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, at which point there will be more public hearings, advertised and conducted in accordance with its own ordinances and state law, before the budget is adopted.

The first phase in the implementation of a major transportation improvement project usually involves some sort of project planning study such as a project development and environmental study, or a corridor or alignment study. During these project planning studies, alternative locations, alignments, cross-sections, and configurations are evaluated in considerable detail in terms of their feasibility, cost, and environmental and community impacts by staff working for FDOT or the local government that is responsible for implementing the project. At this stage, the implementing agency, following its own public involvement process, will usually hold one (1) or more public workshops to inform the public about, and solicit public comments on, the concepts under consideration before making a final recommendation. Prior to deciding whether to proceed with the project as recommended, the

implementing agency will also hold a final public hearing, which will be advertised and conducted in accordance with its own requirements. The Lee County MPO's role in these project planning workshops and hearings is generally limited to commenting on the consistency of the concepts and recommendations with the Lee County MPO's transportation plan, unless the implementing agency decides not to proceed with the project, in which case the MPO may need to reconsider its transportation system plan and evaluate other system-level alternatives.

13. Federal Public Participation Standards

The public involvement process requirements of 23 CFR Part 450, Section 450.316(b)(1), are listed below. These requirements encourage a proactive public involvement process and early and continuing involvement of the public in the planning process. A brief discussion describing how the *Public Involvement Plan (PIP)* meets these requirements is included following each of the criteria listed below.

- (i) Require a minimum public comment period of 45 days before the public involvement process is initially adopted or revised;

A 45 day comment period for the draft PIP was initiated by the Lee County MPO at its regularly scheduled October 28, 2011 meeting. The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) was approved at a public meeting conducted by the Lee County MPO at their regularly scheduled meeting on January 20, 2012, following an 85 day comment period.

The Lee County MPO will initiate a 45 day comment period for the proposed revisions to the draft PIP on August 15, 2012 at their regularly scheduled meeting. The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) will be approved at a public meeting conducted by the Lee County MPO at their regularly scheduled November 16, 2012 meeting, following a 92 day comment period, as long as no major changes occur during that timeframe.

- (ii) Provide timely information about transportation issues and processes to citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, private providers of transportation, other interested parties and segments of the community affected by transportation plans, programs and projects (including but not limited to central city and other local jurisdiction concerns.
- (iii) Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of plans and Transportation Improvement Program's (TIP's) and open public meetings where matters related to the Federal-aid highway and transit programs are being considered;
- (iv) Require adequate public notice of public involvement activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including, but not limited to, approval of plans and TIP's (in nonattainment areas, classified as serious and above, the comment period shall be at least 30 days for the plan) TIP and major amendment(s);



- (v) Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during the planning and program development processes;
- (vi) Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally under served by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households;
- (vii) When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft transportation plan or TIP (including the financial plan) as a result of the public involvement process, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final plan and TIP;
- (viii) If the final transportation plan or TIP differs significantly from the one which was made available for public comment by the Lee County MPO and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts, an additional opportunity for public comment on the revised plan or TIP shall be made available;
- (ix) Public involvement processes shall be periodically reviewed by the Lee County MPO in terms of their effectiveness in assuring that the process provides full and open access to all;
- (x) These procedures will be reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during certification reviews for Transportation Management Areas (TMAs), and as otherwise necessary for all MPO's, to assure that full and open access is provided to decision-making processes.
- (xi) Metropolitan public involvement processes shall be coordinated with state-wide public involvement processes wherever possible to enhance public consideration of the issues, plans, and programs and reduce redundancies and costs.



In addition to the foregoing public involvement process requirements of 23 CFR Part 450, TEA-21 amended 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 to require MPO's to consult with transit users, freight shippers, and service providers before approving a LRTP or TIP:

Before approving a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (also when developing and before approving a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)), each metropolitan planning organization shall provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, representatives of users of public transit, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), in a manner that the Secretary deems appropriate.

Although regulations implementing these provisions have yet to be promulgated, the *Public Involvement Plan (PIP)* addresses this requirement in the following places:

14. Federal Regulations

The Lee County Metropolitan MPO has adopted these documents regarding various federal Civil Rights laws and they are available on the MPO website, www.leempo.com.

The *Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) ADA Compliance Policy, October 2008 Edition*, which addresses the Americans with Disabilities Act, of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12101. (ADA). This is a policy statement regarding equal opportunity and accessibility for persons with disabilities in employment, State and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities and transportation and requiring the establishment of TDD/telephone relay services.

The *Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO’s) Title VI complaint procedures March 2006 Edition* and the *Overview of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Title VI Policies for Annual Certification Compliance, March 2006 Edition* which addresses the provisions in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (and amended) that ‘no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin or based upon sex, disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.



The *Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO’s) July 2011 Edition of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program plan, (DBE)*. This addresses regulations in the US Department of Transportation 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT assisted contracts.

15. Public Participation Goals and Public Involvement Tools Evaluation

The effectiveness of any program and policy plan depends upon its success in meeting the expectations of the public. Further, plans and programs need to be reassessed periodically to determine if the public’s evolving needs and expectations are adequately provided for through the plan. In order to ensure that this occurs, the public must be kept informed of activities, and must be given a meaningful opportunity to participate in the development and review of public policy. Thus it is important to have an ongoing program to involve citizens through the use of the CAC, public workshops, press releases and other public outreach activities.

The Public Participation Goal of the Lee County MPO is to provide complete information, timely public notice, and full access to key decisions during the transportation planning process; and to support early and continuing involvement of the public.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT TOOL	EVALUATION CRITERIA	PERFORMANCE GOAL(S)	METHODS TO MEET GOAL(S)
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Public Participation Plan	Annual report to indicate if the PIP reflects the practices and effectiveness of the MPO	2% increase in returned surveys from the prior year and statistical increase in overall MPO evaluation score.	Update the PIP annually to incorporate the improvement strategies resulting from the public involvement evaluations, the annual PIP survey and the discussion of overall PIP evaluation with the MPO.
MPO Website	Number of hits	Minimum of 100 hits/month and a 5% increase in hits/quarter.	Use other public involvement tools to increase advertisement of the website.
Joint Regional MPO Website	Number of hits	Minimum of 30 hits/month and a 5% increase in hits/quarter.	Use other public involvement tools to increase advertisement of the website.
MPO TAN List Database	Number of returned items	Maximum of 2% return rate per mailing.	Make immediate corrections when items are returned.
MPO Newsletter	Number of returned newsletters, how often the newsletter is distributed	Maximum of 2% return rate per mailing with a minimum of 2 mailings per year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make immediate corrections to mailing lists when the items are returned as undeliverable. ▪ Continue to print items that receive favorable comments and correct or improve mistakes on items that receive negative comments. ▪ Have at least 2 mailings of the newsletter annually.
Developing Community Knowledge of the MPO	Number of community meetings attended	Increase number of community meetings attended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attend festivals, special events, lectures. ▪ Add contact names to mailing list, develop community profiles
Project Specific Newsletters	Calls, letters, etc.; Number of persons contacted	Increase awareness of the Lee MPO and its projects and increase participation and the number of attendees at the MPO meetings.	Increase or decrease distributions to more accurately target an area that may be affected.
Other Newsletters (Cities, Homeowners Associations, etc.)	Calls, letters, etc.; Number of persons contacted	Increase awareness of the Lee MPO and its projects and increase participation and the number of attendees at the MPO meetings.	Provide information to the publishers of these newsletters in a timely fashion. Investigate all possible newsletters that may reach an affected area.
Direct Mailings	Calls, letters, etc.; Number of persons contacted	Minimum of 15% of meeting attendees/survey respondents indicated that	Increase/Decrease mailing list to more accurately target affected areas. Use

		they received the mailing – OR- Reaches a minimum of 85% of <i>persons that are affected by a project.</i>	the most up-to-date affected areas. Use the most up-to-date information from the Lee County Property Appraiser to maintain the mailing list.
Advertisements	Number of Advertisements submitted per year.	Minimum of 50 Advertisements per year.	Encourage publication of Press Releases in order to keep the public and the media informed of MPO activities.
Posters and Fliers	Calls, letters, etc.; Number of persons reached.	Minimum of 15% of meeting attendees/survey respondents indicated that they saw a poster	Increase distribution to common area visible to the general public.
TV Message Boards	Calls, letters, etc.; Number of persons reached	Minimum of 15% of meeting attendees/survey respondents indicated that they saw the meeting notice.	Provide information to the Government Access TV channel as soon as it is available to increase the airtime. Encourage making the announcements prominent.
Project Specific Websites	Calls, letters, etc.; Number of hits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of 30 hits per month. ▪ Increase of at least 10% over the life of the project. <i>NOTE: Expectations may be higher depending on the size of the study area.</i>	Use other public involvement tools to increase advertisement of the website.
Small Group Meetings	Calls, letters, etc.; Met the expectations of the group	N/A. These meetings are held at the request of affected groups.	MPO staff and any consulting staff should be available in a timely manner to hold small group meetings regarding any MPO activity or issue. The meeting should be formatted to provide specific information requested by the group and should highlight issues that are of interest to the group.
Project Specific Open Houses/Workshops	Calls, letters, etc.; Attendance	3% - 5% of affected population (based on study area) in attendance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schedule at convenient times and locations. ▪ Hold multiple workshops. ▪ Use other tools to increase awareness.
Public Meetings	Calls, letters, etc.; Attendance	3% - 5% of affected population (based on study area) in attendance.	Schedule meetings at convenient times and locations. Use other public involvement tools to increase awareness of meetings.



Citizen Advisory Committee	Calls, letters, etc.; Attendance	Monitor attendance at the CAC meetings and contact the MPO Board for direction if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any CAC member has incurred three (3) consecutive absences from regularly scheduled meetings – OR- Any CAC member has missed four (4) of the preceding six (6) regularly scheduled meetings. 	MPO and consultant staff should encourage appointed members to attend committee meetings. Lack of attendance may indicate the need to replace that committee member.
MPO Informational Items	Calls, letters, etc.; Number of persons reached.	Number of informational materials produced each year.	Increase distribution by having materials available at public meetings, on the MPO website, and in public places.
Comment Cards	Calls, letters, etc.; Number of responses	20% of meeting attendees filled out a comment form – OR- 2% of visitors to a website submitted a comment form –OR – 20% of mail recipients returned a comment card.	Encouraged responses by explaining the importance of receiving comments.
MPO Logo	Calls, letters, etc.	Recognition of the logo.	The MPO logo should be used on all MPO products and publications, and on materials for all MPO sponsored activities.
Surveys	Calls, letters, etc.; Number of responses	40% of contacted persons participated in the survey – OR- 20% of mail recipients returned the survey.	Encouraged responses by explaining the importance of receiving feedback.

16. Public Outreach Techniques

The Lee County MPO uses several different techniques for public outreach. Listed below are the techniques the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization is currently pursuing.

Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP)

The intent of the Lee County MPO's Limited English Proficiency Plan is to ensure access to the planning process and information published by the MPO where it is determined that a substantial number of residents in the Lee County MPO Planning Area do not speak or read English proficiently. The production of multilingual publications and documents and/or interpretation at meetings or events will be provided to the degree that funding permits based on current laws and regulations. This document is located on the MPO website at www.leempo.com, under publications.



Transportation Advisory Network (TAN) Mailing List

As part of the initial public involvement program adopted by the Lee County MPO in 1994, a mailing list consisting of interested individuals, organizations and businesses known as the Transportation Advisory Network (TAN) was established. The TAN continues to provide key contact persons for outreach efforts, the dissemination of information, and informal review of and comment on draft Lee County MPO documents, to ensure sensitivity to varied community needs, concerns, values and interests. In 1998, the TAN was expanded to include churches with large minority congregations, environmental organizations, local fire districts, other entities representing stakeholders affected and others traditionally under served by the transportation planning process. The Lee County MPO staff updates the membership list and adds individuals and organizations continuously. The CAC is also asked to review and update the TAN mailing list annually. Distributed at each Lee County MPO Board meeting and its Committee's meetings is an informational card for the public to complete and return to Staff to be added to the TAN Mailing List, in order to receive future notices of ongoing issues such as Plan Amendments and Priorities. The public can also visit our website at www.leempo.com and click on the link to request to be added.

Media Coverage

The Lee County MPO submits legal ad notices for all MPO Board meetings to the News-Press at least 11 days before the scheduled meeting, so that the advertisement can be run seven (7) days before the scheduled meeting. Public Notices are also submitted to Nuevos Ecos a bi-weekly publication.

The Lee County MPO submits an advertisement to the Local jurisdictions television stations at least eleven (11) days before the scheduled meetings, stating the location of the meetings along with a link to the MPO website where the meeting agenda can be viewed, so that the televisions stations can run the advertisement for at least one (1) week before the scheduled meeting date.

MPO Website

The Lee County MPO has an active website which provides access to the public to view and review all documents and issues that the Lee County MPO is currently addressing. Documents that can be found on the Website include: Staff contact information, current LRTP, TIP, UPWP, PIP, meeting agendas (posted eight (8) days prior to the scheduled meeting), meeting minutes, audio files of all scheduled meetings, a link to the Joint Lee/Collier Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Website, current year meeting schedule, 2nd Edition Bicycle Facilities map, etc. The public can access this information by going to the Website at www.leempo.com. Staff has included a counter on each of the website pages in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the site in regards to reaching out to the public. The counters will also allow staff to evaluate how effective each individual page is in regards to the annual Public Involvement Evaluation Report. Staff anticipates receiving at least 5,000 hits to the MPO Website for the year. The MPO Staff is currently researching the cost of transcribing documents on the MPO Website into different languages so that we are able to reach the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) communities.



Public Hearings

Public Hearings will be held by the MPO prior to the adoption or amendment of the LRTP. The public hearing may be held as part of a regularly scheduled MPO Board meeting.

Public Workshops

Public Workshops shall be held prior to the adoption of the MPO's LRTP. Copies of comments received at the workshop shall be provided to the MPO Board and its committee's prior to the adoption of the Long Range Plan. Public workshops are also held by each of the jurisdictions developing transportation projects in the community that is being affected.

Newsletters

The Lee County MPO sends out general information newsletters and when appropriate notifications for public hearing items such as the LRTP, to the TAN mailing list, the local library system, it is posted in the entryway of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and it is also available on the MPO Website. These newsletters include information about any bicycle/pedestrian issues, ongoing transit projects, transportation disadvantaged issues, port authority issues, freight and goods issues, TIP Amendments, LRTP Updates, scheduled workshops, priorities, etc. The Lee County MPO is currently researching the cost of converting Newsletters into different languages so that the MPO can reach the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) communities.

Brochures

The Lee County MPO distributes an informational brochure about the Lee County MPO Board and its Committees, to local jurisdictions, local libraries, the different Chamber of Commerce, and it is also available on the MPO Website.



17. Feedback Information

The Lee County MPO completes an End of Year Public Involvement Evaluation Report in December of each year. This report gives results such as the number of agendas distributed via mail and email, the number of citizens that signed in at the different meetings, the amount of new members added to our TAN list, etc.

*The Lee County MPO distributes a Public Participation Plan Survey at each of its Lee County MPO Board meetings and its Committee's meetings, to receive information on what the public would like to see in the future, and to let Staff know what strategies are and are not working, when it comes to reaching the public and keeping them informed on what issues are currently being addressed. This Public Participation Plan Survey is also available on the MPO Website at www.leempo.com.

The Lee County MPO Board and its Committee's allow for the public to speak at each of their meetings, in order to receive comments from the public on the issues currently being addressed and the issues that the public would like to see addressed.

The Lee County MPO has incorporated a section on all survey's and feedback materials that is specific as to how the public encounter the feedback form they are currently participating in. Such as a "How did you hear about us?" radio, television, newsletter, internet, newspaper, etc. This will help staff in evaluating where the public participation is coming from in order to re-evaluate it each year during the Public Involvement Evaluation Report in December.



APPENDIX I

**LEE COUNTY/COLLIER COUNTY MPO'S
REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM**



LEE/COLLIER REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

On January 27, 2004, the Lee and Collier County MPOs entered into an interlocal agreement to promote and establish a forum for communication and coordination and to foster joint regional cooperation and conduct regarding transportation planning in accordance with Section 339.175, *Florida Statutes*, 23 C.F.R. 450.312, and the goals and requirements of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and its successor legislation, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, (SAFETEA-LU) and MAP-21. The agreement committed both MPOs to develop a bi-county transportation model, a joint regional long range transportation plan, joint regional priorities, and a Joint Regional Public Involvement Plan. According to this Agreement, a joint regional public involvement component must be included in each MPO's existing public involvement plan and adopted as part of the annual Public Involvement Plan update. This joint regional component will prescribe public notice and outreach actions and measures to assure public access and involvement for all joint regional activities, including the development of the joint regional long range transportation plan and the annual regional priority list, within the bi-county area.

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING REGIONAL COORDINATION

The Collier County and the Lee County MPOs currently coordinate regional transportation issues by collaborating at meetings such as the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Staff Directors' Advisory Committee and Governing Board and the Coordinated Urban Transportation Systems (CUTS) Committee. Both MPOs also have a member of each MPO staff serving as a voting member on the other's Technical Advisory Committee in order to coordinate regional transportation planning activities. Finally, both MPOs annually hold at least one joint Metropolitan Planning Organization policy board, a joint Technical Advisory Committee meeting, a joint Citizens Advisory Committee meeting and this year we have just added a joint Bicycle/Pedestrian committee meeting.

~~Currently, the two MPO's are moving forward with a Joint Scope and Request for Proposal for the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan so that the MPO's will end up with a better coordinated Long Range Plan. The MPO's are also working together and coordinating on regional projects such as the SR 82 PD&E study, the I-75 Expressway Authority and the Immokalee Pathway project to ensure that these projects are consistent with the local and regional plans.~~



REGIONAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the Lee and Collier County MPO's Public Involvement Plans will also govern the public involvement process of the regional transportation plan.

The Public Participation Goal of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization is to provide complete information, timely public notice, and full access to key decisions during the transportation planning process; and to support early and continuing involvement of the public.

REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY

Each MPO will make appropriate use of the public involvement techniques in its own Public Involvement Plan for the public involvement process of the regional long range transportation plan and the regional transportation priorities. In addition, public input data sharing, MPO newsletters, MPO brochures, and coordinated media outreach are proposed as regional public involvement strategies to complement the separate public involvement efforts of both MPOs.

PUBLIC INPUT DATA SHARING

The staff of each MPO regularly meets to discuss regional issues and priorities and to share public involvement received that affects the regional plans. Both MPO's have now included regional web pages on their respective websites that is used to inform the public on regional plans, meetings and projects and to encourage public input into the regional programs that are established.

REGIONAL WEBSITE

The Lee and Collier MPO's have established a regional website component that consists of regional web pages on both of the MPO websites. These web pages include the adopted regional documents, minutes and agendas for the joint meetings, regional maps, priorities and upcoming meetings of interest. Changes to the web pages are coordinated between the staffs to ensure that the data on each website is up to date and consistent.

NEWSLETTERS

The newsletters published by each MPO in accordance with its respective Public Involvement Plan shall be used to inform the public about recent and upcoming joint regional long range transportation planning activities, including comprehensive updates or amendments of the joint regional long range transportation plan and updates or changes to the joint regional transportation priorities, and project planning activities for facilities on the joint regional transportation plan. The two MPO staffs should collaborate or consult with each other in the preparation of articles on regional matters to be used in their newsletters.



BROCHURES

Each MPO, when it next prints its public information brochures, should incorporate basic information about the coordination of its planning activities with the other MPO, such as annual joint committee meetings and the joint regional website pages on each of the MPO's website.

MEDIA OUTREACH

The Lee County and Collier County MPOs will coordinate their outreach to the key media contacts in the bi-county region on significant regional transportation issues, and provide event-driven press releases and news items to publicize joint regional long range transportation planning activities such as joint MPO and Committee meetings, joint studies of transportation issues affecting both counties, and public workshops and hearings on the development of the joint regional long range transportation plan.

Media outreach may also include public service announcements in partnerships with other agencies. These outreach efforts should complement and not conflict with or pre-empt efforts already being conducted by the Lee County and Collier County MPOs based on their Public Involvement Plans.

ADOPTION OF TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PRIORITIES

The Lee County and Collier County MPOs will coordinate together in identifying candidate projects for TRIP funds and assigning project priorities. A public hearing will be held at the joint MPO Board meeting before the two MPOs adopt the assigned priorities.

Procedures to Follow	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lee County and Collier MPO staff will send out a notice of Solicitation for Proposals for TRIP funds separately to their Technical Advisory Committees and Citizens Advisory Committees.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff of the two MPOs will coordinate with local government agencies within their respective MPO boundaries interested in submitting applications for TRIP funds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff of the two MPOs will coordinate together in reviewing the applications for project eligibility and completeness, and ranking the proposals using the evaluation criteria approved by both MPOs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The TACs and the CACs for both MPOs will review the TRIP proposals at their individual joint meetings and recommend project priorities to the <u>Joint</u> two MPO Boards.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff from one the two MPOs will coordinate together in transmitting the applications and the priorities to FDOT .



ADOPTION OF STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) PRIORITIES

The Lee County and Collier County MPOs will coordinate together in updating priorities for SIS funds.

Procedures to Follow

- Lee County and Collier MPO staff will annually prepare a list of unfunded projects from the previous year's SIS priority list and add new projects from the two MPO's Joint Multimodal Regional Plan if necessary.
- MPO staff will evaluate and rank all the projects in the list, if necessary, using the evaluation parameters approved by the TACs of both MPOs
- The TACs and the CACs for both MPOs will review the updated list at their individual joint meetings and recommend project priorities to the two MPO Boards.
- Public comments be heard at the beginning of the joint meeting of the two MPO Boards. The MPO Boards will consider the recommendations of the TACs and CACs and the comments from the public before assigning and adopting SIS priorities.



APPENDIX II

**LEE COUNTY/CHARLOTTE COUNTY – PUNTA GORDA MPO'S
REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM**



**REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN
BETWEEN THE LEE COUNTY AND CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA MPO'S**

INTRODUCTION

On May 27, 2010 an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Regional Transportation Planning and Coordination between the Lee County and the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPOs was executed (updated in December of 2013). As part of this agreement, both MPOs agreed to collectively develop and adopt a Joint Regional Public Involvement Process Component for inclusion into each MPO's existing public involvement process. This Component prescribes public notice and outreach actions and measures to assure public access and involvement for all joint regional activities, including development of the Joint Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Component and an annual project priority list for the Regional Multi-Modal Transportation System within the two county areas.

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING REGIONAL COORDINATION

The Lee County and Charlotte County–Punta Gorda MPOs currently coordinate regional transportation issues by collaborating at meetings such as the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Staff Directors' Advisory Committee and Governing Board and the Coordinated Urban Transportation Systems (CUTS) Committee. Both MPOs also have a member of each MPOs staff serving as a voting member on the other's Technical Advisory Committee in order to coordinate regional transportation planning activities. Both MPOs annually hold at least one joint Metropolitan Planning Organization policy board meeting. Representatives of each of the MPO's joint Citizen's Advisory Committee, and Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee meetings will attend each other's meetings, as needed.

REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the Lee County and Charlotte County–Punta Gorda MPO's Public Involvement Plans will also govern the public involvement process of the regional transportation plan.

The Public Involvement Goals of the Lee County and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organizations are to provide complete information, timely public notice, and full access to key decisions during the transportation planning process; and to support early and continuing involvement of the public.

REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY

Each MPO will make appropriate use of the public involvement techniques in its own Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the public involvement process of the regional long range

transportation plan and the regional transportation priorities. In addition, public input data sharing, MPO newsletters, MPO brochures, and coordinated media outreach are proposed as regional public involvement strategies to complement the separate public involvement efforts of both MPOs.

PUBLIC INPUT DATA SHARING

The staff of each MPO regularly meets to discuss regional issues and priorities and to share public involvement received that affects the regional plans and priorities. Each MPO posts adopted regional documents, agendas and minutes from joint meetings, regional maps, priorities and upcoming meetings of interest to their websites.

NEWSLETTERS

Any newsletters published by each MPO in accordance with its respective Public Involvement Plan shall be used to inform the public about recent and upcoming joint regional long range transportation planning activities, including comprehensive updates or amendments of the joint regional long range transportation plan and updates or changes to the joint regional transportation priorities, and project planning activities for facilities on the joint regional transportation plan. The two MPO staffs should collaborate or consult with each other in the preparation of articles on regional matters.

BROCHURES

Each MPO, will incorporate basic information about the coordination of its planning activities with the other MPO, such as annual joint Board meetings in its public information brochures.

MEDIA OUTREACH

The Lee County and Charlotte County–Punta Gorda MPOs will coordinate their outreach to the key media contacts in the bi-county region on significant regional transportation issues, and provide information on joint regional long range transportation issues affecting both counties, and public workshops and hearings on the development of the joint regional long range transportation plan.

Media outreach may also include public service announcements in partnerships with other agencies. These outreach efforts should complement and not conflict with or pre-empt efforts already being conducted by the Lee County and Charlotte County– Punta Gorda MPOs based on their Public Involvement Plans.

Adoption of Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities

The Lee County and Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPOs will coordinate together in identifying candidate projects for TRIP funds and assigning project priorities. The procedures that the MPOs will follow are:



- Lee County and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO staffs will send out a notice of Solicitation for Proposals for TRIP funds separately to their Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) and Citizen's Advisory Committees (CAC).
- Staff of the two MPOs will coordinate with local government agencies within their respective MPO boundaries interested in submitting applications for TRIP funds.
- The TACs and CACs for both MPOs will review the TRIP proposals at their individual meetings and recommend project priorities to the two MPO Boards.
- The MPO Boards will consider the recommendations of the TACs and CACs and the comments from the public before assigning and adopting TRIP priorities.
- Staff from the two MPOs will coordinate together in transmitting the applications and the priorities to FDOT.

Adoption of Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Priorities

The Lee County and Charlotte County–Punta Gorda MPOs will coordinate updating priorities for SIS funds. The procedures that the MPOs will follow are:

- Lee County and Charlotte County–Punta Gorda MPOs staff will annually prepare a list of unfunded projects from the previous year's SIS priority list and add new projects from the two MPO's Joint Multi-modal Regional Plan if necessary.
- MPO staff will evaluate and rank all the projects in the list, if necessary, using the evaluation parameters approved by the TACs of both MPOs.
- The TACs and the CACs for both MPOs will review the updated list at their individual meetings and recommend project priorities to the two MPO Boards.
- A public meeting will be held at the joint meeting of the two MPO Boards. The MPO Boards will consider the recommendations of the TAC and CAC Advisory Committees and the comments from the public meeting before assigning and adopting SIS priorities.

**This document will serve as an appendix to each MPOs individual Public Involvement Plan.*



INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION

- a. MPOAC Summary of State Legislation March 31, 2014

MPOAC Summary of State Legislation
March 31, 2014

Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0003	Relating to Freight and Trade	Ray	03/26/14
(C: 0136)	<p>Freight and Trade: Revises provisions related to funding for seaport asset management plans and State Transportation Trust Fund for Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program; authorizes county or two or more contiguous counties to designate certain areas as freight logistics zone; provides that certain projects within freight logistics zones may be eligible for priority in state funding & certain incentive programs; provides evaluation criteria for freight logistics zones; requires certain entities to conduct review of continuity of operations plans and consistent asset management plans and authorizes such entities to develop all-hazards economic recovery plan & resumption of trade plan; revises provisions providing that certain public roads may be designated as port district roads; requires DOT to designate such roads with appropriate signage. Effective Date: July 1, 2014</p> <p>08/19/13 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>10/07/13 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>10/07/13 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee</p> <p>12/20/13 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee, 01/09/14, 9:00 am, 404 H</p> <p>01/09/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>01/13/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>01/16/14 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee</p> <p>03/20/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/24/14, 12:30 pm, 102 H</p> <p>03/24/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>03/26/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed</p>		
HB 0005	Relating to Traffic Safety	Slosberg	10/07/13
(C: 0352)	<p>Traffic Safety: Creates Minor Traffic Safety Act; prohibits use of electronic communications devices by drivers younger than 18 years of age; provides for voluntary contributions to AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety on driver license applications. Effective Date: January 1, 2015</p> <p>08/19/13 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>10/07/13 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>10/07/13 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee</p>		
HB 0013	Relating to Rental Car Surcharges	Stewart	10/07/13
	<p>Rental Car Surcharges: Authorizes counties to impose an additional surcharge on lease or rental of motor vehicles; requires referendum approval. Effective Date: July 1, 2014</p> <p>08/22/13 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>10/07/13 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>10/07/13 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee</p>		
SB 0102	Relating to Drivers Leaving the Scene of a Crash	Diaz de la Portilla	03/26/14
(S: 0055) (I: 0183)	<p>Drivers Leaving the Scene of a Crash; Creating the "Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act"; requiring the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash that results in serious bodily injury to a person to immediately stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash; providing that a person commits a felony of the second degree if he or she fails to stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash until specified requirements are fulfilled; requiring the court to revoke for at least 3 years the driver license of a person convicted of leaving the scene of a crash involving injury, serious bodily injury, or death, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014</p> <p>08/19/13 SENATE Filed</p> <p>09/11/13 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations</p> <p>12/19/13 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 01/09/14, 9:00 am, 37 S</p> <p>01/09/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>01/13/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>01/13/14 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice</p> <p>01/27/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/03/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S</p> <p>02/03/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/10/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S</p> <p>02/03/14 SENATE Favorable by Criminal Justice; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>02/03/14 SENATE Removed from meeting agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/10/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S</p> <p>02/04/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development</p> <p>02/10/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/19/14, 1:30 pm, 110 S</p> <p>02/19/14 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>02/19/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations</p>		

03/10/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/13/14, 1:00 pm, 412 K
 03/13/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
 03/14/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
 03/14/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
 03/14/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/20/14
 03/20/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading for 03/26/14
 03/26/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays)

SB 0136	Relating to Freight Logistics Zones	Ring	03/18/14
(C: 0003)	Freight Logistics Zones; Defining the term "freight logistics zone"; authorizing a county, or two or more contiguous counties, to designate a geographic area or areas within its jurisdiction as a freight logistics zone; requiring the adoption of a strategic plan that must include certain information; providing that certain projects within freight logistics zones may be eligible for priority in state funding and certain incentive programs; providing evaluation criteria for freight logistics zones, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014 08/28/13 SENATE Filed 09/11/13 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations 10/28/13 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 11/07/13, 9:00 am, 37 S 11/07/13 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays 11/08/13 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 11/14/13 SENATE Reference to Community Affairs removed; Reference to Commerce and Tourism added; Remaining references: Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations 11/14/13 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism 03/12/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/17/14, 4:30 pm, 110 S 03/17/14 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/18/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development		
SB 0144	Relating to Traffic Infraction Detectors	Brandes	03/26/14
(C: 7005) (S: 4009)	Traffic Infraction Detectors; Repealing provisions relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal; amending provisions relating to distribution of proceeds, enforcement by traffic infraction enforcement officers using such detectors, procedures for disposition of citations, compliance, registration and renewal of license plates, and penalties, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law. 09/04/13 SENATE Filed 09/25/13 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations 03/17/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 03/20/14, 9:00 am, 37 S 03/20/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Transportation 03/21/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 03/26/14, 1:30 pm, 37 S 03/26/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Transportation		
SB 0156	Relating to Motor Vehicle and Mobile Home Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges	Negron	03/26/14
(C: 0061) (S: 7123)	Motor Vehicle and Mobile Home Taxes, Fees and Surcharges; Reducing the amount of the additional registration fee used to fund the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System; reducing the service charge imposed on an application for an original or duplicate license plate, or specified registration stickers or certificates; reducing surcharges imposed on a license tax; reenacting and amending provisions relating to special vehicle license plates for the Governor and federal and state legislators, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 320.06, F.S., in a reference thereto, etc. Effective Date: 9/1/2014 09/12/13 SENATE Filed 09/25/13 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations 09/30/13 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 10/09/13, 4:00 pm, 37 S 10/09/13 SENATE Favorable by Transportation; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays 10/10/13 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development 12/19/13 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 01/09/14, 1:00 pm, 110 S 01/06/14 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/10/14, 10:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) 01/09/14 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays 01/09/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations 03/10/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/13/14, 1:00 pm, 412 K 03/12/14 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/14/14, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) 03/13/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/14/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/14/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading 03/14/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/18/14 03/18/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays) 03/18/14 SENATE Immediately certified		

	03/18/14 HOUSE In Messages		
	03/18/14 HOUSE Referred to Calendar		
	03/19/14 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/19/14		
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	03/19/14 HOUSE Substituted for HB 7123; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/20/14		
	03/20/14 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 0 Nays)		
	03/26/14 SENATE Ordered enrolled		
	03/26/14 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed		
	03/26/14 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 04/02/14)		
HB 0183	Relating to Drivers Leaving the Scene of a Crash	Nelson	03/19/14
(S: 0055) (I: 0102)	<p>Drivers Leaving the Scene of a Crash: Designates act as "Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act"; requires driver of vehicle involved in crash that results in serious bodily injury to person to immediately stop vehicle & remain at scene of crash; provides that person commits felony of second degree if he or she fails to stop vehicle & remain at scene of crash until specified requirements are fulfilled; requires court to revoke for at least 3 years driver license of person convicted of leaving scene of crash involving injury, serious bodily injury, or death. Effective Date: July 1, 2014</p> <p>10/16/13 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>11/22/13 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>11/22/13 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee</p> <p>02/11/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee, 02/18/14, 1:00 pm, 404 H - PCS</p> <p>02/18/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>02/24/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>02/25/14 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee</p> <p>03/03/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 03/05/14, 9:00 am, 404 H</p> <p>03/05/14 HOUSE Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>03/05/14 HOUSE Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee</p> <p>03/17/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/19/14, 9:00 am, 17 H</p> <p>03/19/14 HOUSE Favorable by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>03/19/14 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee</p>		
HB 0225	Relating to Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles	Perry	03/26/14
(C: 0454) (S: 0518)	<p>General Bill by Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee and Perry (CO-SPONSORS) Baxley; Berman; Cruz; Hooper; Pilon; Raschein; Rooney; Slosberg; Stark; Steube; Waldman; Watson, C. Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles: Revises child restraint requirements for children who are younger than specified age. Effective Date: January 1, 2015</p> <p>10/28/13 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>11/22/13 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>11/22/13 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee</p> <p>03/20/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee, 03/24/14, 3:00 pm, 404 H</p> <p>03/24/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>03/26/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p>		
SB 0230	Relating to Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority	Simmons	03/26/14
(C: 0353) (S: 0311)	<p>Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority; Renaming the Orlando-Orange County Expressway System as the "Central Florida Expressway System"; providing for the transfer of governance and control, legal rights and powers, responsibilities, terms, and obligations to the authority; extending, to 99 years from 40 years, the term of a lease-purchase agreement; limiting the authority's authority to enter into a lease-purchase agreement; removing the authority and criteria for an authority to waive payment and performance bonds for certain public works projects that are awarded pursuant to an economic development program, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law</p> <p>10/02/13 SENATE Filed</p> <p>10/10/13 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations</p> <p>12/19/13 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 01/09/14, 9:00 am, 37 S</p> <p>01/09/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>01/13/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>01/13/14 SENATE Now in Community Affairs</p> <p>01/27/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/04/14, 2:00 pm, 301 S</p> <p>02/04/14 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>02/05/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations</p> <p>03/10/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/13/14, 1:00 pm, 412 K</p> <p>03/13/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/20/14 - If Received</p> <p>03/13/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>03/14/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed</p> <p>03/14/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>03/14/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/20/14</p> <p>03/20/14 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (200702, 413882); Amendments Withdrawn (692406, 278650, 775962); Ordered engrossed; Placed on Third Reading for 03/26/14</p> <p>03/20/14 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed</p>		

03/26/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (380522); Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 2 Nays)
03/26/14 SENATE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed

HB 0311	Relating to Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority	Nelson	03/25/14
(C: 0230) (S: 0353)	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority; Creates Central Florida Expressway Authority; provides for that authority to assume governance & control of Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority System; revises membership of Wekiva River Basin Commission; provides criteria for transfer of Osceola County Expressway System to Central Florida Expressway Authority. Effective Date: July 1, 2015 11/14/13 HOUSE Filed 12/13/13 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee 12/13/13 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee 02/11/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee, 02/18/14, 1:00 pm, 404 H 02/18/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 2 Nays 02/24/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 02/25/14 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee 03/10/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local & Federal Affairs Committee, 03/12/14, 1:00 pm, 212 K 03/12/14 HOUSE Favorable by Local & Federal Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/13/14 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee 03/20/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/24/14, 12:30 pm, 102 H 03/24/14 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/25/14 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee		
SB 0322	Relating to Use of Wireless Communications Devices while Driving	Sachs	11/07/13
(S: 0539)	Use of Wireless Communications Devices while Driving; Removing provisions that limit law enforcement of the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law to a secondary action, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2014 10/25/13 SENATE Filed 11/07/13 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Judiciary		
HB 0353	Relating to Expressway Authorities	Nuñez	03/27/14
(C: 0230 0772) (S: 0311)	Expressway Authorities; Revises provisions for board membership and conduct of board members and employees of specified expressway authorities; provides requirements for approval of certain toll increases. Effective Date: July 1, 2014 11/27/13 HOUSE Filed 12/16/13 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee 12/16/13 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee 03/20/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee, 03/24/14, 3:00 pm, 404 H - PCS 03/24/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 3 Nays 03/25/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/27/14 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee		
SB 0392	Relating to State Speed Zones	Brandes	03/27/14
(I: 0761)	State Speed Zones; Raising the maximum allowable speed limit on certain highways; increasing the maximum allowable speed limit on roadways under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014 11/12/13 SENATE Filed 12/09/13 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations 01/06/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 01/16/14, 9:00 am, 37 S 01/16/14 SENATE Favorable by Transportation; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay 01/16/14 SENATE Now in Community Affairs 02/28/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/05/14, 1:30 pm, 301 S 03/05/14 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 7 Yeas, 2 Nays 03/05/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations 03/24/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/27/14, 9:00 am, 412 K 03/27/14 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 15 Yeas, 4 Nays		
SB 0484	Relating to Rental Car Sales and Use Tax Surcharges	Braynon	02/13/14
(S: 0343)	Rental Car Sales and Use Tax Surcharges; Providing that the surcharge for car-sharing services shall be imposed on an hourly basis rather than a daily basis; defining the term "car-sharing service", etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2015 12/09/13 SENATE Filed 12/18/13 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations 02/03/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 02/10/14, 4:00 pm, 110 S 02/10/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 7 Yeas, 3 Nays 02/11/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 02/13/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax		

SB 0518	Relating to Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles	Flores	03/14/14
(C: 0454) (S: 0225)	<p>Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles; Revising child restraint requirements for children who are younger than a specified age and less than a specified height; requiring an operator of a motor vehicle to use a separate carrier or integrated child seat; subjecting a violation to penalties, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2015</p> <p>12/11/13 SENATE Filed</p> <p>12/18/13 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations</p> <p>03/03/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 03/06/14, 9:00 am, 37 S</p> <p>03/06/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>03/07/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>03/07/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development</p> <p>03/07/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/12/14, 9:00 am, 110 S</p> <p>03/12/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 8 Yeas, 1 Nay</p> <p>03/14/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations</p>		
SB 0696	Relating to Department of Transportation	Transportation	03/20/14
(C: 7005)	<p>Department of Transportation; Increasing the weight used in calculating whether a vehicle equipped with fully functional idle-reduction technology is overweight; revising the authorization of the department to enter into an agreement with an owner of a transportation facility under which the department uses its electronic toll collection and video billing systems to collect for the owner certain charges for use of the owner's transportation facility; requiring the Department of Transportation to include funding for environmental mitigation for projects in its work program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014</p> <p>01/21/14 SENATE Filed (Formerly PCB 7012)</p> <p>01/28/14 SENATE Referred to Appropriations</p> <p>02/10/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/20/14, 1:00 pm, 412 K</p> <p>02/20/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>02/24/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>03/03/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>03/06/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/11/14</p> <p>03/11/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading</p> <p>03/11/14 SENATE Retained on Special Order Calendar</p> <p>03/20/14 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading</p> <p>03/20/14 SENATE Retained on Calendar</p>		
SB 0718	Relating to Public Meetings	Legg	03/11/14
(I: 0985)	<p>Public Meetings; Requiring that the notice of a public meeting include a description of each matter to be considered at such meeting; prohibiting the board or commission of an agency or authority of the state, a county, a municipality, or a political subdivision from acting upon a matter at a public meeting which was not included in the notice of such meeting; providing an exception for certain emergency matters upon the approval of a super majority of the members of the board or commission, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014</p> <p>01/23/14 SENATE Filed</p> <p>02/04/14 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules</p> <p>03/06/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/11/14, 4:00 pm, 301 S</p> <p>03/11/14 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay</p> <p>03/11/14 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability</p>		
SB 1272	Relating to Transportation and Motor Vehicles	Brandes	03/11/14
(C: 0185 0883 7005 1184)	<p>Transportation and Motor Vehicles; Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to monitor the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority; requiring the Department of State to consult with the Department of Law Enforcement in establishing a retention schedule for records generated by the use of an automated license plate recognition system; revising provisions relating to the operation of vehicles equipped with autonomous technology on state roads for testing purposes; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to begin to review and prepare for the development of a system for issuing an optional digital proof of driver license, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014</p> <p>02/25/14 SENATE Filed</p> <p>02/28/14 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations</p> <p>03/03/14 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 03/06/14, 9:00 am, 37 S</p> <p>03/06/14 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>03/07/14 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>03/11/14 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development</p>		
SB 2514	Relating to Bicycle and Pedestrian Ways	Appropriations	03/27/14
	<p>Bicycle and Pedestrian Ways; Authorizing the Department of Transportation to use appropriated funds for the establishment of a statewide system of interconnected multiuse trails; prioritizing projects for funding; requiring funded projects to be included in the department's work program; providing that the department is not responsible for or obligated to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of any such project, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014</p> <p>03/27/14 SENATE Filed (Formerly PCB 7102)</p> <p>03/27/14 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>03/27/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/03/14</p>		

03/27/14 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/04/14

HB 4009	Relating to Traffic Infraction Detectors	Articles	11/05/13
(C: 7005) (S: 0144)	Traffic Infraction Detectors: Repeals provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 10/11/13 HOUSE Filed 11/05/13 HOUSE Referred to Economic Affairs Committee; Appropriations Committee 11/05/13 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee		
HB 7005	Relating to Department of Transportation	Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee	03/26/14
(C: 0696 1272 4009 0144)	Department of Transportation: Revises provisions relating to Mid-Bay Bridge Authority, traffic infraction detectors, acquisition & disposition of property, lease of property, transportation facilities that are interoperable with department's systems, mitigation of project environmental impact, & Pinellas Bayway & repeals provisions for Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission. Effective Date: July 1, 2014 01/13/14 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB THSS1) 01/27/14 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee 01/27/14 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee 02/25/14 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/28/14, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) 02/27/14 Bill removed from agenda of the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/28/14, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) 03/05/14 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/07/14, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) 03/20/14 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/24/14, 12:30 pm, 102 H 03/24/14 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/26/14 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		