

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

Held on June 20, 2014

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Board on June 20, 2014 at the City of Cape Coral Council Chambers, 1015 Cultural Park Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida.

LEE COUNTY	Present		
COMMISSIONER FRANK MANN	x		
COMMISSIONER BRIAN HAMMAN	x		
COMMISSIONER LARRY KIKER			
COMMISSIONER CECIL PENDERGRASS	x		
COMMISSIONER JOHN E. MANNING	x		
CITY OF FORT MYERS		ALTERNATES:	Present
COUNCILMAN THOMAS LEONARDO		COUNCILMAN JOHNNY STREETS JR	
MAYOR RANDY HENDERSON			
COUNCILMAN MIKE FLANDERS	x		
CITY OF CAPE CORAL			
MAYOR MARNI SAWICKI		COUNCILMAN RICHARD LEON	x
COUNCILMAN JOHN CARIOSCIA			
COUNCILMAN JIM BURCH	x		
COUNCILMAN RICK WILLIAMS	x		
TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH			
COUNCILMAN ALAN MANDEL		COUNCILWOMAN REXANN HOSAFROS	x
CITY OF SANIBEL			
MAYOR KEVIN RUANE		VICE-MAYOR MICK DENHAM	x
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS			
MAYOR BEN NELSON			
VICE-MAYOR STEPHEN MCINTOSH	x	COUNCILMAN MIKE GIBSON	x

CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda Item #1 – Citizen’s Advisory Committee Report

The CAC approved all of the items (TIP, priorities, TD Planning Grant) but the Land Use Scenario item was by a vote of 8 to 7 for scenario C. Some of the dissenting members seemed to be leaning towards Scenario B but there was also some comments made that sounded like a few might have voted for Scenario A or none at all.

Agenda Item #2 –Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee Report

The Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee voted and approved the bicycle/pedestrian priorities. They also heard presentations on the Florida Greenways and Trails plans, the land Use Scenario project and the Visitor and Convention Bureau on tourism trends, ecotourism and their website.

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comments on New Business Items

Several people signed up to speak about the Preferred Land Use Scenario (sign in sheet attached)

Public hearings

**Agenda Item #4 - Adoption of the FY 2014/2015 through FY 2018/2019
Transportation Improvement Program**

This is a public hearing item and it requires a roll call vote by the Board. The TIP includes all of the State and Federal funded transportation projects within the County over the next five years. In addition to the hard copy that was provided on CD, the searchable TIP is available on the MPO website as was presented last month. The item also includes the approval of resolution 14-06 certifying the approval process.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANNING TO APPROVE THE TIP SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MR. LIMBAUGH CALLED THE ROLL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item #5 - Approval of the Transportation Alternatives and Multi-modal Enhancement Priorities

This is a public hearing item and it requires a roll call vote by the Board. This project priority list is for the prioritization of bicycle pedestrian projects that will be funded from Transportation Alternative (State and MPO allocated), Safety and multi-modal

“box” funds that the MPO receives each year. Not all of the projects are eligible for each funding pot (State and MPO Transportation Alternatives, safety and multi-modal box funds) so that is why there are priorities for each of the funding pots. All of the Committees (TAC, CAC, Bike Ped and Traffic Management) approved the priority order consistent with staff recommendation.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANNING TO ADOPT THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES AND MULTI-MODAL ENHANCEMENT PRIORITIES.
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MR. LIMBAUGH CALLED ROLL
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Agenda Item #6 - Approval of the State and Federal Funded Priorities

This is a public hearing item and it requires a roll call vote by the Board. This project priority list is for the federal and state funding that the MPO receives each year. The list has been updated to take out what was funded last year and to add in two new projects that were made eligible based on the Long Range Plan amendments that were made last month (a Project Development and Environment study for the northern section of Burnt Store Road and the Interchange Improvements at I-75 and Corkscrew Road). The priority list was approved by the TAC by a 10-2 vote. The two dissenting votes were based on a motion to swap the Burnt Store Road project with the Countywide ATMS project (staff was okay with this change as we are not sure that the ATMS project is ready to go in FY 19/20). The CAC approved the priority list unanimously.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANNING TO ADOPT THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES AND MULTI-MODAL ENHANCEMENT PRIORITIES.
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MR. LIMBAUGH CALLED ROLL
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Agenda Item #7 - Acceptance of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Agreement

This a Board approval item to accept the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning grant funding for this next fiscal year in the amount of \$32,719. These funds are used by the MPO to undertake the responsibilities of the Transportation Disadvantaged program which include supporting the functions of the Local Coordinating Board and producing the necessary documentation. This item was approved unanimously by the TAC and CAC.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BURCH TO TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) PLANNING GRANT. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MANNING . MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item #8 - Review and Approval of the Preferred Land Use Scenario

This is a Board approval item to select the preferred land use scenario that will be used as the basis for the development of the 2040 travel model. Based on the technical analysis the Consultant is recommending Scenario C which is the most compact of the three scenarios. Scenario A is based on what was included, for the most part, in the 2035 Long Range Plan and the travel model. Scenario B is modeled after the comprehensive plan but adds some intensification in Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres, Estero and Bonita Springs. Scenario B also includes development in the DR/GR (that is not included in the other scenarios) that was added prior to the City Council discussion of this item but it is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Scenario C adds some additional intensification onto Scenario B with some increased intensification along the College Parkway corridor and along US 41 or the rail corridor/Metro Parkway to take advantage of public transit along those routes. The TAC (unanimously) and CAC (by a vote of 8 to 7) endorsed Scenario C. Several members of the public spoke in favor of Scenario C

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANNING TO APPROVE LAND USE SCENARIO C. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 - Review and Approval of the Updated TIGER Agreement and a Resolution Authorizing the MPO Executive Committee to Approve the CEI Contract

This is a Board approval item of the updated TIGER grant agreement and the Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) selection committee ranking. This also gives the Executive Committee authority to award and sign the CEI contract once the TIGER grant agreement is signed

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANNING TO APPROVE TIGER GRANT AND THE SLECTION COMMITTEE CEI RANKING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item #10 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Dave Urich present information Kismet/Littleton widening projects

Agenda Item #11 – Update on the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Ms. Darla Letourneau reported on current bicycle pedestrian related activities.

Agenda Item #12 – LeeTran Report

Mr. Steve Myers with LeeTran provided an update on the LeeTran headquarters facility and said that the construction is on time and on budget. He also talked about the purchase agreement for the Park & Ride site at Summerlin Square and Pine Ridge. Mr. Myers also talked about the ridership stabilizing at about a 1% decrease from last year.

Agenda Item #13 – FDOT Report

Laura Lockwood provided the FDOT report

Agenda Item #14 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #15 – Topics for next meeting

LeeTran Fare Increase

Agenda Item #16 – Information and Distribution Items

Mr. Scott stated that he included FDOT's road watch in the agenda and that it gives information on the current status of projects.

ADJOURNMENT

