

# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

9:00 a.m., Friday, October 19, 2018  
Lee County Administration East Building  
2201 Second Street, Room 118  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239-244-2220



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Tracey Gore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. A quorum was present. Lee County MPO Board Members in attendance included Lee County Commissioners John Manning, Brian Hamman (arrived at 9:28 a.m.), and Cecil Pendergrass; City of Cape Coral Councilmembers Dave Stokes and John Carioscia; City of Cape Coral Mayor Joe Coviello; City of Fort Myers Councilmembers Fred Burson, Teresa Watkins-Brown, and Johnny Streets Jr.; Town of Fort Myers Beach Mayor/MPO Board Chair Tracey Gore; City of Bonita Springs Deputy Mayor Peter O'Flinn and Councilmember Fred Forbes; and Village of Estero Councilmember William Ribble.

Others in attendance included D'Juan Harris, Steven Andrews, Lauren Peters, Zachary Burch, L. K. Nandam, and Wayne Gaither with FDOT; Dave Loveland and Dave Murphy with Lee County; Persides Zambrano with Cape Coral; Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco; MPO legal counsel Derek Rooney; Paul Goyette with LeeTran; Lee County IT Services; Alan Mandel with Good Wheels; Kristin Caruso and Chris Coughlin with Scalar; Richard Walker and Ben Doan with GHD; and John Majka with Superior Sheds.

### **Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items**

There were no public comments on consent agenda items.

### **Agenda Item #2 - Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the September 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of three Appointments to the Citizen Advisory Committee
- C. Approval of \$500 in Local Funds for MPOAC Legislative Advocacy Activities
- D. Approval of the Local Coordinating Board Member Certification

Chair Gore noted that two applications had been added under Consent Agenda Item #2B.

Commissioner John Manning made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Fred Forbes seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments will be Taken at Each Item**

Chair Gore stated that public comments will be taken at each item.

## **New Business**

### **Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the Scope of Services for the Development of the 2045 Socio-Economic Data**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the scope of services for the development of the 2045 socio-economic data. The draft scope of services for the development of the 2045 socio-economic data for use in the Regional Model was attached to the agenda packet and shown as a slide at the meeting. Mr. Scott noted the scope includes the development of the future housing, hotel/motel, school and employment data for use in the transportation model. He said the scope also includes the coordination and review by the appropriate local jurisdiction staff to ensure consistency with local plans as well as taking advantage of projections that have

already been done in some of the local communities like Cape Coral. He commented that in addition, the MPO Committees recommended adding a line to the scope related to taking into account the potential future land use impacts of autonomous/connected vehicles as part of this project.

Chair Gore asked if there were any public or member comments on this agenda item. There were none.

**Commissioner John Manning made the motion to approve the scope of services for the development of the 2045 socio-economic data. Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #5 - \*Approval of an Extension to the Executive Director Employment Agreement**

Mr. Derek Rooney, legal counsel to the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization, presented this agenda item for the approval of the two year extension to the Executive Director's Employment Agreement. The updated Executive Director employment agreement was attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Rooney noted the only changes to the Executive Director employment agreement were to remove the car allowance and to replace that with reimbursement for mileage.

Chair Gore asked if there were any comments on this agenda item. There were none.

**Commissioner John Manning made the motion to approve the extension to the executive director employment agreement. Deputy Mayor Peter O'Flinn seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

The FDOT team presenting Agenda Item #6 on the Able Canal PD&E study asked if their agenda item could be pushed back as the project manager had not yet arrived. Chair Gore moved on to the next agenda item.

#### **Agenda Item #7 - Presentation on Updated Commuting Trends in Florida**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on FDOT's recently completed updated report on commuting trends in Florida. Mr. Scott noted he added Lee County data to the information provided. He said the data trends date back to 2007, which is about the time of the economic crash in Southwest Florida. He continued his presentation with slides on commuting to work, number of vehicles per household, travel times to work across Florida counties, percent who work out of county in Florida, commute time by mode, daily VMT in Lee County, and results. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Chair Gore asked if FDOT was ready to present. Mr. Scott replied yes and introduced the next agenda item.

#### **Agenda Item #6 - Presentation on the Able Canal Pathway PD&E Study**

Mr. Steven Andrews, FDOT's project manager for the Able Canal Pathway PD&E Study presented this agenda item as an update on the project. Mr. Andrews introduced other members of the project team including Lauren Peters with FDOT and Kristin Russo and Chris Coughlin with Scalar. He then showed a Power Point presentation that included information on project limits, purpose and need, planning consistency, pathway details, corridor alternatives, evaluation matrix, public involvement, and study schedule. He also provided his contact information. The entire presentation can be viewed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/435351-1-Able-Canal-MPO-presentation.pptx> He asked if there were any questions. There were none. Chair Gore asked if the presentation would be available on the MPO website. Mr. Scott replied yes. Chair Gore thanked FDOT for presenting.

### **Other Business**

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

There was one public comment on an item not on the agenda. Mr. John Majka gave a Power Point presentation on his concerns on the shared use path project proposed for SR 80. Mr. Majka said he is the business owner of Superior Sheds on the north side of SR 80 and the pathway would have detrimental impacts on his business as it involves driveway realignment. Commissioner Hamman arrived at 9:28 a.m. Chair Gore reminded Mr. Majka that there are time limits for public comments. Mr. Majka said he would wrap up his presentation. He concluded that he would like to be given the same consideration as other businesses along the roadway. Chair Gore thanked Mr. Majka for his presentation. She asked Mr. Scott the proper way to handle this matter. Mr. Scott said he can

bring it back as an agenda item with a brief history on the project and to give a forum for additional questions to be answered. Chair Gore asked for a motion.

**Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass made the motion to bring the SR 80 pathway back as a discussion item. Councilmember Dave Stokes seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

There were no further public comments. Chair Gore closed public comment.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - LeeTran Report**

Mr. Paul Goyette with LeeTran said that LeeTran had nothing to report.

#### **Agenda Item #10 - TD Report**

Mr. Alan Mandel with Good Wheels gave the TD report. He announced that Mr. Steve Myers with LeeTran was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame for his years of service. Mr. Mandel said that he would have information on the Medicaid trips at the next meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #11 - FDOT Report**

Mr. D’Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He announced the epublic hearing for the draft Work Program will be December 3 – 7. He added that additional information was available at [www.swflroads.com](http://www.swflroads.com). He said he would be available in person at Lakes Regional Library on December 3 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mr. Harris also announced that FDOT will be holding Mobility Week October 27 through November 3. He said there was an outreach planned at a music festival at Laishley Park to promote Mobility Week.

Councilmember Johnny Streets asked for assistance from FDOT on the Buc-ee’s project in the City of Fort Myers. Mr. L. K. Nandam with FDOT said there were modifications that need to be made, and the agreement is being worked on. Councilmember Streets asked if that information could be shared with the City of Fort Myers staff. Mr. Nandam said he was meeting with the City Manager after the MPO Board meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #12 – Announcements**

Mr. Scott announced that the November MPO meeting is cancelled. He reminded the MPO Board that the next meeting will be on Friday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m. for FDOT’s presentation of the work program. Chair Gore asked if there were any other announcements. There were none.

#### **Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items**

The information and distribution items included the MPOAC legislative priorities. Mr. Scott noted the priorities included an item on distracted driving.

**Councilmember Johnny Streets made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Teresa Watkins-Brown seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.**

^Roll Call Vote \*Action Items \*May Require Action

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