

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

9:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2019
Lee County Administration East Building
2201 Second Street, Room 118
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239-244-2220



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m. by Vice-Mayor Mick Denham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. A quorum was present. Lee County MPO Board Members in attendance included Lee County Commissioners Brian Hamman, Cecil Pendergrass, John Manning, and Raymond Sandelli; City of Cape Coral Councilmember John Gunter; City of Cape Coral Mayor Joe Coviello; Town of Fort Myers Beach Councilmember Bruce Butcher; City of Fort Myers Councilmembers Gaile Anthony, Johnny Streets Jr., and Teresa Watkins-Brown (9:05 a.m.); City of Sanibel Vice-Mayor Mick Denham; City of Bonita Springs Councilmember Fred Forbes; and Village of Estero Vice-Mayor Katy Errington.

Others in attendance included Zachary Burch, Michael Tisch, and Wayne Gaither with FDOT; Randy Cerchie with Lee County; Matt Roepstorff with GrayRobinson; Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco; Robert Codie with LeeTran; Lee County IT Services; Saeed Kazemi with the City of Fort Myers; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Lauren O'Neill with Quest; Alan Mandel with Good Wheels; and members of the public John Majka and Denise Diamond.

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 June 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of the 2020 MPO Meeting Calendar
- C. Approval of the Scope of Work for the 2045 Long Range Transit Element
- D. Approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Outreach and Documentation Scope of Services

Vice-Mayor Denham suggested approving items A., C., and D. together and then separately allowing discussion/approval on item B. The Board agreed.

Commissioner John Manning made the motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A. Approval of the June 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes, C. Approval of the Scope of Work for the 2045 Long Range Transit Element, and D. Approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Outreach and Documentation Scope of Services. Councilmember John Gunter seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed Agenda Item B. Approval of the 2020 MPO Meeting Calendar, specifically the meeting date in December that would need to be added for the approval of the LRTP. Mr. Scott suggested December 18 and said he would reach out to everyone to ensure there would be a quorum.

Commissioner John Manning made the motion to approve Consent Agenda Item B. Approval of the 2020 MPO Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Brian Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Vice-Mayor Denham noted that public comments will be taken at each item.

Public Hearing items

Agenda Item #4 - ^*Approval of the Roll Forward TIP Amendments

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the approval of the Roll Forward TIP Amendments. He said each year there are projects that are scheduled to be authorized prior to June 30th (when the previous TIP is in effect) but for various reasons they do not get authorized. He added these projects will automatically roll forward in FDOT's Work Program but need to be accounted for in the MPO's TIP. He said this amendment is being done to account for the roll forward projects within the current TIP. He asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Vice-Mayor Denham asked if there were any MPO Board member comments. There were none.

Commissioner John Manning made the motion to approve the Roll Forward TIP Amendments. Commissioner Brian Hamman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Denham noted there was a three minute time limit for public comment.

Agenda Item #5 - ^*Approval of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendments to Add the FTA 5305 Grant Funding Application, Add Funding for the Fort Myers Bike/Ped Plan and to Adjust Tasks and Funding

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the approval of the Amendments to the UPWP. He said the FY 2019/2020 UPWP is being amended to recognize the increased Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5305 transit planning funding to match the recently released FY 2019/2020 allocation. He also mentioned the resolutions are included to give the Chair authorization to sign off on the agreement changes when they are finalized by FDOT. Mr. Scott asked if there was any public or MPO Board comment. There were no comments.

Commissioner John Manning made the motion to approve the Amendments to the UPWP. Commissioner Brian Hamman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Agenda Item #6 - *Approval of the Joint Lee County MPO and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the approval of the Joint Lee County MPO and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP Priorities. He said the TRIP program provides funding for roadway projects on the regional roadway network map. The updated TRIP priorities were attached to the agenda packet for the Board's consideration. He said for Lee County, the Burnt Store Road project from Van Buren to the Charlotte County line was added to the list, consistent with the approved Lee/Collier TRIP priority list. He commented that the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO approved the list at their meetings held in July.

Commissioner Brian Hamman made the motion to approve the Joint Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP Priorities. Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Approval of the Scope of Work for the Update of the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the approval of the Scope of Work for the Update of the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. He said the FDOT Work Program and the MPO Transportation Improvement Program includes a project in FY 2019/20 for updating the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan in the amount of \$125,000. He added this is a Lee MPO project, funded with MPO allocated federal 'SU' dollars, but will be managed by the City of Fort Myers. He said City Engineering staff has developed the attached scope of services in coordination with MPO staff. Mr. Gogoi and Vice-Mayor Denham asked if there were any questions or comments.

Councilmember Johnny Streets Jr. made the motion to approve the Scope of Work for the Update of the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. Councilmember Teresa Watkins Brown seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Appointment of an MPO Board Member to the M-CORES Task Force

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the appointment of an MPO Board Member to the M-Cores Task Force. He gave a brief history of the M-Cores Task Force that included information on Senate Bill 7068 that created the M-CORES program and was signed by the Governor in May. He mentioned the bill called for the development of three new toll corridors. He commented the bill also called for a task force to be appointed by the FDOT Secretary for each corridor. He added that Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass had been appointed by Lee County to serve as their task force representative. He reviewed the meeting highlights and requirements for the task force. He mentioned the draft schedule for the upcoming meetings with the next task force meeting scheduled to be held on October 30, 2019 in Lakeland. He said that the task force meetings will be held in one county and the public meetings will be held in another to provide opportunity to include all areas. He further reviewed the meeting schedule noting the Lee County meetings and discussed tasks for the next meetings. He asked if a member of the MPO Board would like to volunteer for the task force as a member of the MPO Board is also requested to participate. He commented that Commissioner Pendergrass could represent both Lee County and the MPO Board. Commissioner Pendergrass said he would agree to represent both if a motion was made.

Councilmember Gaile Anthony made the motion to appoint Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass to the M-CORES Task Force. Councilmember Teresa Watkins Brown seconded the motion.

The MPO Board briefly discussed the MPO's position on the M-Cores project. Vice-Mayor Denham asked if there were any comments on the item before a vote was taken. There were none. Mr. Scott asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - *Approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the approval of the LRTP Goals and Objectives. He said the Long Range Plan goals and objectives from the 2040 plan have been revised to account for new planning factors and rapidly developing transportation technology. He noted staff has updated the goals and objectives from the input that has been received to date from the committees and is seeking

approval. He said the changes to the planning factors and Goals and Objectives include adding the new planning factors that include improving resiliency of the transportation system and reducing or mitigating stormwater impacts, enhancing travel and tourism, addressing transportation performance measures and planning for the development and implementation of automated, connected, electric and shared use vehicles (ACES). Vice-Mayor Denham asked if there were any Board comments. There were none. Mr. Scott asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Commissioner John Manning made the motion to approve the LRTP Goals and Objectives. Councilmember Bruce Butcher seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

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

Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, gave public comment with a slide presentation on the history of his issues with a sidewalk/pathway project on SR 80. Ms. Denise Diamond, a member of the public, also commented on the sidewalk/pathway project along SR80. Vice-Mayor Denham asked if there was additional public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item #11 - LeeTran Report

Mr. Robert Codie with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He announced that LeeTran was the recipient of five awards at a recent state convention with one of the awards being state transit system of the year. He mentioned LeeTran also received several marketing awards. There were brief discussions on publicity for the awards, LeeTran stop changes in Cape Coral, and a tram for the Bonita area.

Good Wheels Report

Mr. Alan Mandel with Good Wheels gave the Good Wheels report. He announced Good Wheels had received grant funding totaling over \$400,000. He said this funding would require local match. He also thanked Cape Coral for proving funding. Mr. Mandel asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Butcher asked the amount of the shortfall for local match. Mr. Mandel replied approximately \$30,000 - \$40,000. Councilmember Forbes asked if Mr. Mandel could send him a letter on the proportional shares for each municipality. Mr. Mandel said he would forward the information.

Agenda Item #12 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He mentioned several upcoming events including the I-75/Corkscrew Road improvements that are set to begin October 16, mobility week, and a supersession being held in Tampa.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

Mr. Scott noted there would not be a Joint Collier meeting. He asked the Board if they would like to keep the October 18 date or change it if there would be attendance issues. Vice-Mayor Denham asked the Board if there were any issues. There were no comments from the Board. Mr. Scott said he would keep the date as October 18 and FDOT will present the Work Program at that meeting. Mr. Scott also mentioned the Aviation Priorities recently approved by the Executive Committee were included at the back of the agenda packet.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the approved Aviation Priorities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

^Roll Call Vote *Action Items +May Require Action

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