

# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

9:00 a.m., Friday, January 22, 2021  
Lee County Administration East Building  
2201 Second Street, Room 118  
Fort Myers, FL 33901



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. by MPO Board Chair/City of Bonita Councilmember Fred Forbes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called by MPO staff. A quorum was present. Lee County MPO Board Members in attendance included Lee County Commissioners Kevin Ruane, Frank Mann, Cecil Pendergrass, and Brian Hamman; City of Cape Coral Councilmembers Dan Sheppard, Tom Hayden, and Jessica Cosden; City of Cape Coral Mayor John Gunter; City of Fort Myers Councilmembers Teresa Watkins Brown and Fred Burson; City of Sanibel Councilmember Richard Johnson; City of Bonita Springs Councilmembers Fred Forbes and Laura Carr; and Village of Estero Mayor William Ribble.

Others in attendance included L. K. Nandam, Wayne Gaither, and Victoria Peters with FDOT; Derek Rooney with GrayRobinson; Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco; LeeTran Director Robert Codie; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; and Dave Loveland and Randy Cerchie with Lee County.

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

Chair Forbes asked if there were any public comments on Consent Agenda Items and noted these comments were limited to three minutes. There were no public comments.

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

- A. Approve the December 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Brian Hamman made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Fred Burson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Forbes noted that public comments will be taken at each agenda item.

## **New Business**

### **Agenda Item #4 - \*Adopt the 2021 Update of the Lee MPO Highway Safety Targets**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the Adoption of the 2021 Update of the Lee MPO Highway Safety Targets. He mentioned FDOT has been maintaining a target of 'zero' for the five (5) Highway Safety Performance Measures ever since the statewide targets were first established in 2018. He added the Lee MPO has supported the Florida statewide targets, and we have committed ourselves to implement safety projects by including them in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to progress towards achieving those targets. He noted the targets for the Highway Safety Performance Measures, also known as PM1, are updated annually and for FY 2021, FDOT is again maintaining a target of 'zero'. He said the MPO staff is likewise recommending that the Lee MPO adopt 'zero' as our targets for FY 2021 and mentioned the table shown below:

### Statewide and MPO Safety Performance Targets

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	STATEWIDE TARGET (2021)	MPO TARGET (2021)
Number of Fatalities	0	0
Number of Serious Injuries	0	0
Fatality Rate per 100 million Vehicle Mile Travelled (VMT)	0	0
Serious Injuries per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)	0	0
Total Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	0	0

He commented that the TAC and CAC concurred with staff and have recommended the MPO adopt highway safety targets of zero at their November 5, 2020 and January 7, 2021, meetings, respectively. He said staff was looking for a recommendation to adopt the targets. The Board briefly discussed the reality of a zero target and current crash data.

**Councilmember Dan Sheppard made the motion to approve the Adoption of the 2021 Update of the Highway Safety Targets. Commissioner Brian Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Scott then provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the five year rolling averages and the Florida Crash Dashboard data. The committee discussed the adjustment of the data for population increases, actual adjustment for vehicle miles travelled, COVID impacts, increase in fatalities, increase in bicycle use, and use of motorized/electric bicycles. The five year rolling averages that Mr. Scott reviewed can be accessed at this link: [https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/T10a.2019\\_FHWA\\_PerformanceMeasuresPerMPO\\_DataExtractAsOf2020-12-04\\_Light\\_DRAFT.pdf](https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/T10a.2019_FHWA_PerformanceMeasuresPerMPO_DataExtractAsOf2020-12-04_Light_DRAFT.pdf). His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-4-FL-HSMV.pptx> There was no public comment on this item.

### **Agenda Item #5 - \*Adopt Lee MPO Transit Asset Management and Safety Performance Targets**

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the Adoption of the Lee MPO Transit Asset Management and Safety Performance Targets. Mr. Gogoi reminded the MPO Board that in 2018, the Lee MPO Board adopted LeeTran’s TAMP Targets instead of establishing separate targets. He said recently LeeTran updated their TAMP targets through 2025. He reviewed and explained the terms and updated targets that are shown below:

ASSET CATEGORY	VEHICLE CLASS/TYPE	ASSETS	AVG VEHICLE AGE	DEFAULT ULB	FY 20 PERFORMANCE METRIC % EXCEEDING ULB	FY21 TARGET	FY22 TARGET	FY23 TARGET	FY24 TARGET	FY25 TARGET
ROLLING STOCK	BU - BUS	65	6.8	14	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	CU -CUTAWAY	50	4.2	10	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	OR - OTHER	5	2.1	14	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	VN - VAN	8	2.8	8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
EQUIPMENT	AUTO	18	8.8	8	89%	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%
	TRUCKS & TIRE VEHICLE	31	8.9	8	29%	23%	16%	0%	6%	3%
ASSET CATEGORY	ASSET CLASS/TYPE	ASSETS	AVG GROUP AGE	DEFAULT ULB RATING (LESS THAN 3.0 RATING)	FY 20 PERFORMANCE METRIC % EXCEEDING ULB	FY21 TARGET	FY22 TARGET	FY23 TARGET	FY24 TARGET	FY25 TARGET
FACILITY	PASSENGER/PARKING FACILITIES	4	12.5	<3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	ADMIN/MAINT FACILITIES (HQ)	1	5	<3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	ADMIN/MAINT FACILITIES (LV)	1	38	<3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

He added, at their January 7<sup>th</sup> meetings, the TAC and CAC recommended that the MPO Board adopt LeeTran’s updated targets as the Lee MPO targets. He asked if there were any questions. The MPO Board briefly discussed updating the targets, maintaining consistency with LeeTran, funding to purchase new buses, LeeTran policy on selling buses, and adoption of targets by MPO Board. There were no public comments on this item.

**Councilmember Laura Carr made the motion to approve the Adoption of LeeTran’s Transit Asset Management Targets. Commissioner Brian Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Gogoi then reviewed LeeTran’s Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Targets. He noted on September 15, 2020, LeeTran’s PTASP was adopted by the Lee County BOCC. He added the MPOs are required to either support the PTASP targets of the transit provider(s) operating within their MPO Planning area and adopt them as their own or establish their own targets. The LeeTran targets reviewed and explained by Mr. Gogoi are shown below:

<b>Safety Performance Targets</b>							
<i>Specify performance targets based on the safety performance measures established under the National Public Transportation Safety Plan. *Safety event and injury targets are based on a reducing each by one event for every mode from CY 2019 NTD data. Every year target is met it will be reduced by one event until reaching zero. *Reliability based on maintaining current level.</i>							
Mode of Transit Service	Total Fatalities	Fatality Rate per 100,000 mi.	Total Injuries	Injury Rate per 100,000 mi.	System Reliability Mean distance between Mechanical failure	Total Safety Events	Safety Event Rate per 100,000 mi
MB - Bus	0	0	15	≤ 0.5	≤ 56,476	14	≤ 0.47
DR-Demand Response	0	0	2	≤ 0.13	≤ 61,023	3	≤ 0.2
VP-Van Pool	0	0	0	0	100%	0	0

He said the MPO staff is requesting that the MPO Board support and adopt the LeeTran targets.

**Councilmember Laura Carr made the motion to approve the Adoption of LeeTran’s Safety Performance Targets. Councilmember Jessica Cosden seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

The MPO Board briefly discussed increased law enforcement, MPO actions and assistance, high visibility grants available to local law enforcement agencies, education, no texting campaigns, and distracted driving.

**Agenda Item #6 - \*Approval of the Rail Trail Feasibility Study Selection Committee Recommendation**

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to approve the selection committee rankings of the proposals submitted in response to the Rail Trail Feasibility Study RFP and authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations with Volkert. He said the Request for Proposals (RFP) for providing planning services to undertake a Rail Trail Feasibility Study along the Seminole Gulf Rail line from Allico Road to Bonita Beach Road was advertised and proposals from the following three firms were received by the due date: *Kimley Horn, Corradino Group, Inc., and Volkert.* He noted that a selection committee

comprised of staff from the Lee MPO, Collier County, City of Bonita Springs and Village of Estero met virtually on December 4<sup>th</sup> to evaluate the proposals. He added at that meeting the committee decided to invite Volkert and Kimley Horn, whom they felt were the two best firms, to provide presentations at the December 11<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting to help them choose the eventual winner. He said at the conclusion of the presentations, the selection committee recommended that the MPO Board select Volkert to undertake the study. He noted the selection committee final rankings are as follows: *Volkert, Kimley Horn, and Corradino Group, Inc.*

**Councilmember Laura Carr made the motion to approve the Rail Trail Feasibility Study Selection Committee Recommendation. Mayor William Ribble seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #7 - Presentation and Review of the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program**

Mr. Don Scott introduced this agenda item for the presentation and review of the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program covering fiscal years 2022 through 2026. He showed the following FDOT District One Draft Tentative Work Program video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDACr9T86bc> He noted the agenda packets contained the Draft Tentative Work Program. Ms. Victoria Peters, with FDOT, then provided additional information on the Work Program processes, partnerships, and project priorities programming. Chair Forbes asked if there was any public comments. There were none. The MPO Board briefly discussed public and MPO staff comments received during the public hearing process, process to have projects included in the Work Program, and possibly advancing a project for pedestrian facility to connect North Fort Myers and Downtown Fort Myers.

**Commissioner Brian Hamman made the motion for a presentation to be made at a future MPO Board meeting on the pedestrian facility project to connect North Fort Myers to Downtown Fort Myers. Councilmember Richard Johnson seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Hamman asked Mr. L. K. Nandam to further explain the pedestrian project. Mr. Nandam gave a brief description of the proposed project. The MPO Board briefly discussed the cost estimates, the potential of other projects dropping to add this one, and information to be included in the presentation.

**There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Provide Input on the Joint Lee and Charlotte MPO Meeting Agenda Items**

Chair Forbes presented this agenda item for input on the proposed draft agenda items for the upcoming joint meeting with the Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO. He said the Joint MPO Board meeting with the Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. He said he would like to see the Purple Heart Highway item again included on the agenda for the Joint Meeting. Mr. Scott provided the additional agenda items to include: Status of the Burnt Store Road PD&E study from Van Buren to just north of the Charlotte County line, construction of the south segment in Lee County and construction in Charlotte County, Presentation on the I-75 Managed Lanes Study by FDOT, Status of the planned SR 31 projects, and Draft Transportation Regional Incentive Program project list. Mr. Scott said the Purple Heart Highway could be added to discuss.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - Review of the Transportation Related Legislation for the 2021 Legislative Session**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the first legislative update from the MPOAC. He provided a brief Power Point presentation that included slides with information on upcoming House

and Senate bills related to transportation topics of electric vehicles fees, use of wireless communication devices while driving, regional planning councils, traffic offenses penalties, impact fees, growth management, resiliency office establishment, motor vehicle rentals, and traffic enforcement devices. The MPO Board briefly discussed the hand held device legislation, where the legislation began, providing information for Board members to make decisions, separation of MPOs and RPCs, limitations on impact fees, requirements to collect impact fees, current rate allowable, and the upcoming MPOAC meeting. His entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-9-Legislation.pptx>

## **Other Business**

### **Agenda Item #10 – Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

### **Agenda Item #11 - LeeTran/TD Report**

Mr. Robert Codie with LeeTran provided the LeeTran report. His report included information on the LeeTran bus replacement policy, new buses, and involvement of LeeTran in transportation of senior citizens to the RSW vaccination rollout.

### **Agenda Item #12 - FDOT Report**

Mr. L. K. Nandam, with FDOT, provided the FDOT report. His report included information on the development of the draft Tentative Work Program, Revenue Estimating Conference projections, CARES Act funding stimulus for transportation related to COVID impacts, and M-CORES updates. The MPO Board briefly discussed Federal funding reimbursement. Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided additional FDOT report items. Ms. Peters' report contained information on the draft Tentative Work Program time line/cycle and next steps toward the final adopted Work Program.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Announcements**

Mr. Scott reminded the MPO Board members that the next meeting would be held in Punta Gorda at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center.

### **Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items**

The information and distribution items included the latest Transportation Revenues Estimating Conference results.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.**

**An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/01-22-2021-mpowma>**

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

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