

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

1:30 p.m., Friday, May 13, 2022

Lee County Administration East Building
2201 Second Street, Room 118
Fort Myers, FL 33901



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by MPO Board Vice-Chair/Lee County Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass. 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 Brian Hamman, Raymond Sandelli, Kevin Ruane, and Cecil Pendergrass; City of Cape Coral Mayor John Gunter; City of Cape Coral Councilmembers Tom Hayden, Jessica Cosden, and Gloria Tate; City of Fort Myers Councilmembers Fred Burson and Johnny Streets Jr.; Village of Estero Councilmember Jon McLain; City of Sanibel Vice-Mayor Richard Johnson; City of Sanibel Councilmember Michael Miller; and City of Bonita Springs Councilmember Laura Carr.

Others in attendance included the following - Wayne Gaither and Victoria Peters, with FDOT; Steve Ludwinski with Corradino; Andy Getch with McCormick Taylor; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Calandra Barraco, and Ron Gogoi; Matthew Roepstorff with Gray Robinson; Robert Codie and Dawn Huff with LeeTran; Lee County IT staff; LCSO deputy; Charles Hines with the Trust for Public Land; member of the public John Majka; Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive of SWFL; and Dave Loveland with Lee County.

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items

Vice-Chair Pendergrass asked if there were public comments on consent agenda items. There were no public comments on Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item #2 - *Consent Agenda

- A. Approve the March 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant for FY 22/2023
- C. Approve the Minor Update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

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

Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments will be taken on Each New Business Item

Vice-Chair Pendergrass said public comments will be taken at each new business item.

Public Hearing Items

Agenda Item #4 - ^Review and Approve the FY 2022/2023 & FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and adopt the FY 2022/2023 and FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and resolution 22-06 authorizing the Vice-Chair or Designee to sign the MPO Agreement. The UPWP and resolution were attached to the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on changes made, comments addressed, updates to document and tables, and review of updated task tables. His full presentation can be accessed here:

[UPWP Presentation](#) He asked if there were any comments. Vice-Chair Pendergrass asked if there were any comments. Mr. Scott then read a public comment emailed to MPO staff from Ms. Lark Campisano regarding Prairie Pines Preserve. The text of the comment can be viewed here: [Lark Campisano Public Comment](#) Vice-Chair Pendergrass asked if there were any other public comments on this agenda item. There were none. Commissioner Hamman asked about the TAC and CAC votes on this agenda item since they happened after the agenda packets were sent out. Mr. Scott noted both the TAC and CAC approved the item unanimously.

Commissioner Brian Hamman made the motion to approve the FY 2022/2023 & FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program. Councilmember Laura Carr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approve the Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the updated Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP priorities. He briefly reviewed the trip table that was attached to the MPO agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as a slide at the meeting. Commissioner Hamman again asked if the TAC and CAC had approved this agenda item since the MPO Board packet was sent out prior to their meetings. Mr. Scott commented that both the TAC and CAC approved the TRIP priorities. He added that the Collier priorities will come back at a later date for approval as they were being updated by the Collier MPO. Vice-Chair Pendergrass asked if there was additional discussion or public comment. There was none.

Councilmember Laura Carr made the motion to approve the Lee and Charlotte – Punta Gorda TRIP Priorities. Mayor John Gunter seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approve the Selection Committee Recommendations for General Planning Consultants

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Selection Committee Recommendations for General Planning Consultants and provide staff recommendation to negotiate contracts with the recommended firms. The MPO advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for General Transportation Planning Consultants to conduct projects and studies consistent with the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program. The RFP was advertised on March 24, 2022 with a deadline for submittal of the proposals on April 21, 2022. Staff received submittals from the following ten consulting firms: S&ME Inc., The Corradino Group, McMahon Associates Inc., Metro Forecasting Models, McCormick Taylor, Kimley-Horn, Jacobs, Stantec, Pritchett Steinbeck Group Inc. (PSG), and Benesch. The Selection Committee included Bruce Bohlander, Citizen Advisory Committee member; Dawn Huff, LeeTran; Scott Philips, Technical Advisory Committee; and Ron Gogoi, Lee County MPO. Mr. Scott mentioned the Selection Committee held a public meeting on May 5th to determine the firms that they are ranking, ranked the firms, and recommended approving all ten firms. The scoring sheet shown by Mr. Scott at the MPO Board meeting can be viewed here: [GPC Scoring Sheet](#) Vice-Chair Pendergrass asked if there was any discussion or comment on this agenda item. There was none.

Commissioner Brian Hamman made the motion to approve the Selection Committee Recommendations for General Planning Consultants. Commissioner Kevin Ruane seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Approve the Public Transportation Grant Agreement and Resolution

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to approve the Public Transportation Grant Agreement and Resolution. The grant agreement and resolution were attached to the agenda packet, [posted to the](#)

[MPO website](#), and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott commented this would be the last year the MPO Board would see this item for approval as this would be combined with the planning funds in subsequent years. He further explained the funding and matches. He said this item needs MPO Board approval. Vice-Chair Pendergrass asked if there was any public comment or discussion on this item. Councilmember Carr noted the comment on page 116 of the document that indicated a job well done.

Councilmember Johnny Streets Jr. made the motion to approve the Public Transportation Grant Agreement and Resolution. Mayor John Gunter seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Review of the Draft FY 2022/2023 through FY 2026/2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the Draft FY 2022/2023 through FY 2026/2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on an overview of the TIP, SR 31 project, operational improvements box fund, Federal Certification review wording changes, Winkler Challenger roundabout, TIP new construction increases, and resurfacing increases. Vice-Chair Pendergrass asked about the Buckingham/Gunnery roundabout. Mr. Scott said the project was funded through construction. Mr. Scott's full presentation can be viewed here: [TIP Presentation](#) Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions or comments. Vice-Chair Pendergrass asked if there were any MPO Board comments or public comments. Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, provided a public comment on projects on SR 80.

Other Business

Agenda Item #9 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, provided a public comment on a project on SR 80. Mr. Charles Hines with the Trust for Public Land provided a comment on the Gulf Coast Trail. Ms. Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive of SWFL provided a comment on a full-time Lee County bicycle pedestrian position funding request.

Agenda Item #10 - LeeTran/TD Report

Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran provided the LeeTran/TD report that included information on LeeTran's three capital projects – Rosa Parks, South Fort Myers Park and Ride, and Lehigh Acres Park and Ride.

Agenda Item #11 - FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT presented the FDOT report that included information on the Work Program update, Old US 41 PD&E update, and an FDOT District One Planning Studio workshop on speed management.

Agenda Item #12 - Announcements

Mr. Scott announced the June MPO Board meeting would be held at the usual time of 9:30 a.m. Vice-Chair Pendergrass noted it was Lee County's 135th birthday. Vice-Chair Pendergrass also commented on growth projects for Lee County. Vice-Mayor Richard Johnson noted this was his last official meeting as the primary representative of Sanibel and introduced Councilmember Michael Miller as the new primary representative for the City of Sanibel. Vice-Chair Pendergrass asked if there were any other announcements. There were none.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included notifications on upcoming public meetings/hearings and updates on House/Senate Bills.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/05-13-2022-mpowma?utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing

^Roll Call Vote *Action Items +May Require Action

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