

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2:00 p.m., May 8, 2019
Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL
Green Room/A200



MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Ruane at 2:01 p.m.

The roll was called. There was a quorum. Those MEC members in attendance included Town of Fort Myers Beach Councilmember Bruce Butcher; City of Cape Coral Mayor Joe Coviello; Village of Estero Mayor William Ribble; City of Fort Myers Councilmember Gaile Anthony; City of Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane; City of Bonita Springs Deputy Mayor Peter O'Flinn; and Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman. Others in attendance included MPO Legal Counsel Derek Rooney; a member of the public John Majka; and MPO staff Don Scott and Calandra Barraco.

New Business

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on New Business Items

There were no public comments on new business items.

Agenda Item #2 - *Review and Approval of the March 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Joe Coviello made the motion to approve the March 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Deputy Mayor Peter O'Flinn seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - +Input on the Development of the Local 2045 Long Range Plan Revenues

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for input on the development of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan revenue projections. He said the 2045 Federal and State revenues have previously been developed and that information was attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott also showed the revenue information as slides at the meeting. He noted the MPO staff is beginning the update of the local 2045 revenue projections which includes reaching out to the local jurisdictions for revenue estimates for 2045. He continued that during the development of the 2040 revenues there was a lot of discussion about the impact fee projections and adjustments were made to the estimates provided by local staff based on the input provided by the Executive Committee and the Board. He showed additional slides on funding sources, local revenue comparisons, and previous issues. Mayor Ribble asked about the Village of Estero. Mr. Scott said this time they will be separated from main Lee County estimates with the assistance of the jurisdiction. There was a brief discussion on the amount that the impact fees contribute to the total revenue. Councilmember Butcher asked if these numbers are inflated. Mr. Scott said that some are present day cost and some are inflated. Deputy Mayor O'Flinn asked if Mr. Scott will verify the figures with each local jurisdiction. Mr. Scott replied yes. Deputy Mayor O'Flinn then questioned the LeeTran figures. Mr. Scott said they are in millions. Commissioner Hamman asked if the LeeTran funding could be used for capacity and congestion. Mr. Scott said most of the funding sources cannot be used for that. Commissioner Hamman asked if there is Federal funding received for capacity. Mr. Scott said not a lot but some. He then continued his presentation focusing on previous issues like the rate of growth for gas tax, other funding sources, previous study projections, and gas tax projections. Commissioner Hamman noted that the Board of County Commissioners just renewed the gas tax for another thirty years. Mr. Scott mentioned there could also be issues related to the increase in electric vehicles and better fuel economy on newer gas vehicles. Councilmember Anthony noted an article that indicated the trend is buying SUVs instead of smaller cars. Mayor Ruane mentioned the lack of charging stations, large truck sales on the rise, and

the correlation between good economies and increased gas consumption. Mr. Scott said our area population is still projected to increase. He said the next step in the process of the revenue development for the LRTP update will be to contact the local jurisdictions for projections. He added that the pie charts can be updated as well. Mayor Ruane asked if Mr. Scott will follow up with additional data at future meetings. Mr. Scott replied yes.

Agenda Item #4 - Overview of the Performance Measure Data Provided to Date

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the performance measure data provided to date. He showed a slide presentation that included information on current performance measure status, NHS map of Florida, bridge and pavement conditions, and crash analysis. There was a brief discussion on safety and crashes. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with additional slides on performance measures, RITIS data website, probe data analytics, and network coverage. Councilmember Butcher asked how the data was gathered. Mr. Scott said it comes from multiple sources like sensors on the road and cell phone data. He continued his presentation describing data sources used during hurricane evacuation and the holiday rush. He commented that he hopes this new data will fill in the gaps. He noted the ultimate goal is to tie the performance measures back to the LRTP. Councilmember Anthony asked if the data could be drilled down to local roads or if it just covered the interstate. Mr. Scott said it includes major roads like Colonial and SR 82. He noted that the RITIS website had some missing segments of local roads. Mr. Scott added that at a recent meeting more training opportunities were mentioned. Commissioner Hamman asked if the RITIS website was real time. Mr. Scott replied yes. Commissioner Hamman suggested that data could also be helpful to determine if congestion in an area is related to rush hour or if it is a persistent issue throughout the day. Mayor Ruane noted that municipalities are using technology to determine issues. Mr. Scott added that FDOT was conducting a TSM&O study in our area noting half of congestion is caused by incidents. Mayor Ruane asked if that included construction. Mr. Scott replied yes. Mayor Ruane suggested technology is worth exploring as more is available.

Agenda Item #5 - Update on the Results of the Transportation Related Legislative Items

Mr. Scott handed out the latest MPOAC Legislative Update. He said the Florida Legislative session ended on May 4, 2019. He then reported on the transportation legislation that was approved through the end of the session including texting while driving, three new toll roads, and AVs without human backup. There was a brief discussion on the AV legislation and the local shuttle running in Babcock Ranch. Mr. Scott continued his presentation noting that the discretionary surtax and micromobility legislation also passed. Councilmember Butcher questioned micromobility device parking on sidewalks. Mr. Rooney said that parking can't be regulated. Mr. Scott added that the devices will require pick up and removal when a hurricane approaches. Mr. Scott noted that the legislation on motor vehicles and trains and impact fees also passed. He said the Alligator Alley fire item didn't pass but was reflected in another bill. Mr. Scott said now we will wait and see what passes through the Governor. Councilmember Butcher asked about the projected pathways of the three new toll roads. Mr. Scott showed a slide with the projected pathways noting the impact on I-75 has not been modeled yet. There was a brief discussion on the planned routes of the toll roads and their connections to existing roads. Mayor Coviello asked if Mr. Scott had received emails from Mr. Dave Urich on I-75 interchanges and connecting Burnt Store. Mr. Scott said he had communicated with Mr. Urich, and Mr. Urich will be speaking at the MPO Board meeting. Mr. Scott also mentioned an FDOT study that will examine the interchanges. Councilmember Butcher asked about the funding for the toll roads. Mr. Scott said it will come from the state and showed a projected funding slide. He said they will also use bonds for the rest of the system. He added they are forming a committee to oversee the first year and perform environmental and modeling studies. Councilmember Butcher asked what one mile of interstate costs. Mr. Scott said a rough estimate is \$10 million with this new project coming in at over a billion. Mayor Ruane asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #6 - Review of the upcoming MPO Agenda

Mr. Scott handed out the MPO Board agenda. He said topics for the next MPO Board meeting include consent agenda items, transportation grant agreement, transportation disadvantaged planning grant agreement, appointment of an MPOAC representative, draft TIP review, and the MPOAC legislative update. Mr. Scott again mentioned that Mr. David Urich will be at the meeting to give public comment on roadway connections. Mayor Ruane asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Other Business

Agenda Item #7 - Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

A member of the public, Mr. John Majka, commented that he was attending the meeting to learn and then thanked the committee.

Agenda Item #8 – Announcements

Mr. Scott said there would be an MPO Board meeting in June but no meetings in July and August.

Agenda Item #9 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the MPO Board agenda and the latest MPOAC Legislative Update.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

* Action Items + May Require Action

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