

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**2:00 p.m., September 18, 2019**  
Cape Coral Public Works Building  
815 Nicholas Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL  
Green Room/A200



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Ruane at 2:00 p.m.

The roll was called. There was a quorum. Those MEC members in attendance included Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman; Village of Estero Mayor William Ribble; City of Cape Coral Mayor Joe Coviello; City of Fort Myers Councilmember Gaile Anthony; Town of Fort Myers Beach Councilmember Bruce Butcher; and City of Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane. Others in attendance included MPO Legal Counsel Matt Roepstorff; 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**

Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, spoke under public comment regarding statutes and the SR 80 sidewalk/pathway project. The committee briefly discussed this public comment.

#### **Agenda Item #2 - \*Review and Approval of the August 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Councilmember Gaile Anthony made the motion to approve the August 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Mayor William Ribble seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #3 - Overview of the Initial FDOT M-CORES Task Force Meeting and the Current Schedule**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the first FDOT M-CORES Task Force Meeting and Current Schedule. He said he attended the first task force meeting for the three new corridors being developed consistent with SB 7068 that was held on August 27, 2019 in Tampa. He added all members of each task force met together in the morning to hear an overview of the legislation, information on the sunshine law, an overview of corridor planning in Florida, expectations of the task force members and the work plan. He continued, in the afternoon, each task force met separately with the presentations focused on an overview of each the communities included in the study area, the expectations of the task force members, a discussion among the task force members about what data items they would like to see at the next meeting, and public comments. He reviewed the partial schedule of the remaining six additional task force meetings mentioning the next meeting was scheduled for October 30, 2019 in Polk County. He noted at Friday's MPO Board meeting he will be asking the MPO Board to appoint a representative member to the M-Cores Task Force. There was a discussion on the type of representative required for the task force. Commissioner Brain Hamman noted that Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass had been appointed to the M-Cores Task Force by Lee

County. There was a brief discussion on appointees from neighboring counties and organizations and conflicts for the October M-Cores meeting. The committee agreed that this item should be discussed further at the MPO Board meeting on Friday.

#### **Agenda Item #4 - Update on the Transportation Disadvantaged Grant Funding**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the Transportation Disadvantaged Grant Funding. He said the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged met on September 16, 2019 and announced who will be receiving the innovation grant funds for the second round of that program. He added that GoodWheels was recommended for a grant award at that meeting. He noted the information was also emailed out to the committee. Mr. Scott added this funding calls out dialysis and cancer trips and will make up for the lost funding. The committee briefly discussed other funding that Good Wheels receives. Mayor Ruane asked if Mr. Mandel with Good Wheels would be attending Friday's MPO Board meeting. Mr. Scott said that Mr. Mandel will most likely attend.

#### **Agenda Item #5 - Presentation on the Current 2045 Long Range Plan Activities and Overall Schedule**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the Current 2045 LRTP Activities and Overall Schedule. He said the development of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is underway and reviewed what is currently being done including ongoing tasks, interactive growth model, and population projections. The committee briefly discussed the growth projections. Mr. Scott said this would come back in October or November for direction. He also provided information on the project evaluation criteria, existing plus committed projects, and constrained roadways from the 2040 LRTP. There was a brief discussion on constrained roadways in Lee County and ways to address existing congestion. Mr. Scott then reviewed the Federal and State revenues. A brief discussion followed on indexing. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with information on transportation revenues, district regional model, LRTP process and schedule, current regional model, and connected/autonomous vehicle (CAV) activities. Brief discussions followed on connected and autonomous vehicles and amounts of local funding. Mr. Scott then showed a slide on district wide model requirements. The committee then discussed revenues related to electric vehicles and charging stations. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with a slide on addressing CAVs in the model and the LRTP, potential projects, and on the horizon from FDOT. The committee discussed the costs of construction for sidewalks and roadways and lengths of projects. Mr. Scott said this item will come back as the process progresses.

#### **Agenda Item #6 - Information on the Transportation Revenue Collections and Projections in Florida**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the Transportation Revenue Collections and Projections in Florida. He noted twice a year the Revenue Estimating Conference meets to consider the forecast of revenues flowing into the State Transportation Trust Fund. He said the most recent conference was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and referenced their adjustment to the forecast that was also attached to the agenda packet. He said the projected impact to the Trust Fund for the period of FY 2020 through 2025 (FDOT work program) is a reduction of \$120 million (about .5%). He noted that this is used to make sure that we are not projecting

something much different for gas tax growth in the LRTP revenue estimates locally. He commented it is important to note that these projections take into account the redirecting of funds into the transportation trust fund for the M-CORES projects (about \$663 million). He added without those funds, the projected reduction from the trust fund over the period of the work program would be about \$783 million. He said about half of the projected decrease is from the fuel related revenues, which is attributed to lower fuel consumption. He also showed slides on LRTP revenue estimates and the past few years of projections from the revenue estimating committee.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Review of the MPO Board Agenda for September 20, 2019**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the MPO Board Agenda for the September 20, 2019 meeting. He handed out a copy of the agenda to the committee members. He reviewed the items on the agenda.

### **Other Business**

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

Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, gave another public comment regarding the SR 80 sidewalk/pathway project. The committee again briefly discussed the public comment. Mayor Ruane suggested Mr. Majka send a written formal version of his comment to the MPO Board copying Mr. Scott as well.

### **Agenda Item #9 - Announcements**

Mr. Scott noted there would not be a joint meeting with Collier County. He also asked if the committee would still like to change the date of the October meeting. Mayor Ruane suggested bringing this up at the MPO Board meeting on Friday, September 20.

### **Agenda Item #10 - Information and Distribution Items**

The information and distribution items included the FDOT Roadwatch report which Mr. Scott briefly referred to regarding the completion date of the US 41 project.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.**

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\* Action Items    + May Require Action

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