

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2:00 p.m., November 13, 2019
Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL
Green Room/A200



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Commissioner Brian Hamman.

The roll was called. There was a quorum. Those MEC members in attendance included Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman; City of Fort Myers Councilmember Gaile Anthony; Village of Estero Vice-Mayor Katy Errington; City of Cape Coral Mayor Joe Coviello; and Town of Fort Myers Beach Councilmember Bruce Butcher. Others in attendance included MPO Legal Counsel Derek Rooney; Diane Dillon with T. Y. Lin International; and MPO staff Don Scott and Calandra Barraco.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilmember Gaile Anthony nominated Commissioner Brian Hamman to Chair the Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Joe Coviello seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on New Business Items

Ms. Diane Dillon commented on the newly implemented bicycle turn boxes on Daniels/Treeline. Councilmember Gaile Anthony mentioned the ribbon cutting for the new pathway on Palomino.

Agenda Item #2 - *Review and Approval of the October 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Joe Coviello made the motion to approve the October 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Gaile Anthony seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - Review of the FY 2021-2025 FDOT Tentative Work Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025. He noted the FDOT Tentative Work Program along with the project additions, re-schedulings and deletions list were attached to the agenda packet for committee review. He noted several projects that were missing in the work program but were on the additions, re-schedulings, and deletions summary page including the Bonita Pathway and the Big Carlos Bridge. He said they will be included in the final work program. The committee briefly discussed the Big Carlos Bridge project funding and schedule. Mr. Scott said he could forward additional information to the committee. Mr. Scott then reviewed the priorities including bike/ped and Joint TRIP priorities for Lee and Collier. Commissioner Hamman questioned the Estero Boulevard project. Mr. Scott explained. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with a review of the SUN Trail priorities. Vice-Mayor Katy Errington asked the limits of the Bonita Pathway project. Mr. Scott explained the limits. Mr. Scott asked if there were any additional questions. Commissioner Hamman asked if the committee had any direction for MPO staff. Councilmember Bruce Butcher asked who suggests the priorities. Mr. Scott explained the list comes from the MPO Board. The committee briefly discussed resurfacing of I-75 and other areas in Lee County. Mr. Scott mentioned this agenda item will be brought to the MPO Board for approval at their November 22, 2019 meeting.

Agenda Item #4 - Follow up on the Question about the MPO Officer Rotation Schedule

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide the background on the MPO Officer rotation schedule that was brought up at the last meeting. He said at the last meeting, Vice Mayor O'Flinn, who has since resigned, asked about the agency rotation for determining which local agency would be next for providing a member for a Board vote on Chair and Vice Chair. He noted the MPO apportionment of the member organizations that was undertaken to add the Village of Estero was approved by the MPO Board in March of 2015 (following the review and approval of the updated apportionment plan by FDOT). He continued following that vote, each of the jurisdictions had to approve new interlocal agreements along with FDOT and that was not officially completed until March of 2016 when it was recorded. He said at that time the Village of Estero member was officially added to the MPO Board as a voting member and the member had been attending the meeting for several months as a non-voting member. He noted for the December 2016 MPO Board meeting, the election of officer's agenda item included the addition of the Village of Estero in the agency rotation at the end of the rotation. He added there was a discussion about adding them at a different location on the list but the MPO Board member from Estero agreed with the addition at the bottom of the list. Mr. Scott referred to the rotation from the agenda items from December of 2012 through last year that were included in the agenda packet. He said the next MPO Board meeting will include an agenda item for electing the Chair and Vice Chair for 2020 and the City of Bonita is next for Chair and Village of Estero is next for Vice-Chair. He added as always, the MPO Board has discretion to deviate from the order but for the most part they have been following the order for a long time (for instance, the order changed when the Town of Fort Myers Beach asked to have the City of Cape Coral move up so they could have a year at Vice Chair before serving as the Chair). The committee briefly discussed the City of Bonita's appointment and the process to be followed if the appointed officers are not in attendance at the MPO Board meeting.

Agenda Item #5 - Update on the M-Cores Task Force Meetings and FDOT Comments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the M-Cores task force which met for a second time on October 30, 2019 in Polk County. He said the next meetings are December 9 in Labelle and December 12 in Collier County. Councilmember Anthony asked who the Chair of the task force for our area is. Mr. Scott replied Mr. L. K. Nandam. He said the presentations and discussions included the following:

- An overview of the public and task force member comments that they received to date.
- A presentation on the GIS interactive mapping tool that will be on the M-Cores website for access to data layers in the study area.
- An overview and presentation on the avoidance, minimization, mitigation and enhancement considerations that they will be following in regards to impacts.
- A discussion on what other layers the members thought that should be included in the analysis.
- A discussion on guiding principles that the members thought should be considered for avoidance and minimization.
- Comments from the public that were in attendance for the meeting.

The committee discussed need, existing alignments that could be used, impacts on existing funding, and potential toll revenues. Commissioner Hamman noted Commissioner Pendergrass is the current MPO Board and Lee County representative on the task force. He said any questions or comments could be directed to Commissioner Pendergrass. The committee further discussed the alignment of the roadway, where it will tie in to the existing network, economic development, and providing an alternate evacuation route.

Agenda Item #6 - Review and Provide Input on the Long Range Plan Project Scoring Criteria

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide input on the project prioritization evaluation criteria that will be used as part of the update to the Long Range Transportation Plan. He said the MPO staff has updated the Long Range Plan project evaluation criteria to be less subjective and more data driven. He noted the criteria is developed to be consistent with the goals and objectives that were previously reviewed and approved by the committees and the Board. He reviewed the criteria and scoring, including the comments made by the Technical Advisory Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee. He continued staff is looking for input on criteria that we might need to consider adding or the weighting/scoring that we should adjust. The committee discussed changing the weight and scoring, vehicle and population projections, striping of roadways, automated and connected vehicles, funding, and transit. Commissioner Hamman summarized that the committee felt more weight should be given to numbers one, four, and seven. He added that less weight could be given to number two and eight if it was necessary to take from somewhere so the total is still 100. Mr. Scott said he would bring back the project list with scoring for review.

Agenda Item #7 - Overview of the November 22, 2019 MPO Meeting Agenda

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the meeting agenda for the November 22, 2019 MPO Board meeting. He discussed the topics for the meeting including the consent agenda items, MPO Board Officer appointment, MPOAC representative and alternate appointment, and a presentation of the work program. Councilmember Anthony asked who the current MPOAC representatives are. Mr. Scott said the primary member is Councilmember Fred Forbes and the alternate is Councilmember Fred Burson. Commissioner Hamman asked if there were additional questions or comments. There were none.

Other Business

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

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

Agenda Item #9 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #10 - Information and Distribution Items

Mr. Scott mentioned the information and distribution items included the latest MPOAC Legislative Update and LeeTran's Benchmarking Analysis. Councilmember Butcher noted the MPO Lighting Study was recently presented to the Fort Myers Beach Council. He gave a brief overview of the current status of the lighting on Fort Myers Beach. Mayor Coviello said Cape Coral was looking at adding additional funding for sidewalks. Mr. Scott said the City of Cape Coral and MPO staff could coordinate once the funding is approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

* Action Items + May Require Action

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