

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**2:00 p.m., December 11, 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 Vice-Mayor Mick Denham at 2:01 p.m.

The roll was called. There was a quorum. Those MEC members in attendance included Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman; City of Sanibel Vice-Mayor Mick Denham; 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; 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 November 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Joe Coviello made the motion to approve the November 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Brian Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #3 - \*Review and Approval of the Updated SUN Trail Priorities**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the updated Sun Trail priorities for submittal to FDOT by December 20, 2019. Mr. Scott handed out the latest version of the SUN Trail priorities. He noted we have also been informed by FDOT that the unfunded project phases that were submitted as part of the previous SUN Trail funding request, for projects that are currently moving forward, do not need to be resubmitted as they will be automatically considered for funding. He continued this includes the construction phases for the Kismet Parkway Trail from Del Prado Boulevard to NE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Priority 7) and the Kismet Parkway Trail from NE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NE 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Priority 8) that were on the previously adopted priority list. He said staff is adding a request for planning funds for doing the Caloosahatchee Downtown Multimodal Alternative Study that will look at connection opportunities through downtown into North Fort Myers. Mr. Scott showed a map of the area and discussed the possible routes across the Caloosahatchee. He added the TAC and CAC both voted to approve the priorities at their meetings on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Vice-Mayor Denham asked if this would be on the MPO Board agenda in January. Mr. Scott replied no as it was due to FDOT by December 20, 2019. The committee briefly discussed the priority list and funded portions.

**Councilmember Gaile Anthony made the motion to approve the update SUN Trail priorities. Commissioner Brian Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #4 - +Review and Discuss the Preliminary 2045 Population and Housing Projections**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and discuss the Preliminary 2045 Population and Housing Projections. He said over the last six months, the MPO's consultant has been working on the

development of the 2045 socio-economic data that will be used in FDOT's Regional Transportation Model. He said the preliminary analysis, that has been provided so far, is indicating a 2045 population about mid-way between the medium BEBR (Bureau of Economic Business Research with the University of Florida) and the high BEBR projections for 2045. He continued for this long range plan update, the MPO is using the Interactive Growth Model (IGM) to determine the population, housing, demographic and employment data for the traffic analysis zones for 2045. He added this model has been used in several of our communities, like Cape Coral, in the past and over the years has been shown to be very accurate. He said we are also examining what is going on in other counties. Mr. Scott then showed slides on the growth model map of Lee County, BEBR projections, IGM projections, and regional populations of Collier and Charlotte. Mayor Coviello asked if the upcoming census would provide an opportunity to make adjustments. Mr. Scott said the timing of the next census is off for this update, but it would be used for the next update. Vice-Mayor Denham asked if any action was needed. Mr. Scott replied no. The committee briefly discussed dwelling units per year, and related growth. Mr. Scott said he would bring back Marketwatch information as well as splits by jurisdiction. The committee then discussed annexations, future land use maps, and road capacity with respect to projected growth.

#### **Agenda Item #5 - Information on the Increase in TD Funding for the Current Fiscal Year**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide information on the increase in transportation disadvantaged (TD) Funding for the Current Fiscal Year. Vice-Mayor Denham noted this was good news as it was more funding than Mr. Mandel had originally requested. Mr. Scott said the Florida Transportation Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) held an emergency business meeting on November 25, 2019 where they approved moving \$4.3 million of the M-Cores funding to the Counties that lost Trip and Equipment funding in FY 19-20. He noted with that action, the Transportation Disadvantaged funding for Lee County, which is used by Good Wheels for trips, was increased by \$344,300 for the current fiscal year. He added this makes up the loss in funding that had been discussed at previous meetings. Vice-Mayor Denham also mentioned that Cape Coral had provided additional funding as well. Mayor Coviello said the amount was \$54,000. Mr. Scott said, according to Mr. Mandel, that it is possible the additional funding from M-Cores might be for the next three years. He also mentioned the CTD will be discussing how they will calculate future allocations. He said he will bring back informational updates on this agenda item.

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

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide input on the updated Long Range Transportation Plan scoring criteria that were attached to the agenda packet. He said MPO staff has updated the Long Range Plan project evaluation criteria for review reflecting the comments we have received from the committees. He added the changes that have been made include a higher weighting for capacity, project commitment, and safety with lower weighting on the others to total 100. He noted the scoring for resiliency has been revised to add points for projects located in a hurricane evacuation zone and the bridge/resurfacing timelines have been separated for the preservation and maintenance of assets criteria. Mr. Scott said if the Executive Committee agrees with this scoring criteria then MPO staff will score projects and bring them back. The committee briefly discussed safety criteria, how the criteria are used, lighting, and ACES innovations. Vice-Mayor Denham asked how often these criteria are revised. Mr. Scott said they are revised with every LRTP update which is every five years. The committee briefly discussed accidents and related congestion on the bridges. Mr. Scott said he would examine options and go after congestion management funds if possible. The committee also discussed tow trucks, back up of other roads, distracted driving, autonomous vehicle safety features like automatic braking, staggering toll booths, and making all lanes express lanes. Mr. Scott said if the committee agrees to the scoring criteria then he will bring back projects scored at

the next meeting. Councilmember Anthony asked if a vote was required. Mr. Scott said it was not needed.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Update on the FDOT M-Cores Meetings Discussions**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the FDOT M-Cores meetings. He said the FDOT M-Cores task force met for the third time on December 9, 2019 at the Labelle Civic Center. He added a public meeting will be held on December 12, 2019 at the North Collier Park in Collier County. He said the discussions that occurred at the Labelle meeting included information on economic development, hurricane evacuation, environmental preservation, multi-use connectivity, mobility options, leveraging existing corridors, alternative corridor evaluation process, task force work plan, and draft guiding principles. Vice-Mayor Denham asked who the recommendations of the task forces will go to. Mr. Scott said they will go to the governor and the legislature. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with information on the financial analysis, per mile cost, and next steps for engagement. The committee briefly discussed widening of I 75 and I 95, evacuation concerns, and organizations against toll roads. Vice-Mayor Denham asked if any action was needed at this time. Mr. Scott said no action was needed. The committee then discussed previous studies done on I 75 widening and the planned improvements of local roads like Ortiz and Three Oaks Parkway.

### **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. Vice-Mayor Mick Denham asked if there was an MPO Board meeting in December. Mr. Scott replied that there was not.

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

The Information and Distribution Items included the latest MPOAC Legislative Update.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.**

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\* Action Items    + May Require Action

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