

Meeting Minutes

The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by MPO Board Chair Fred Forbes.

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those MEC members in attendance included Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman (2:05 p.m.); City of Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane (2:03 p.m.); Village of Estero Mayor William Ribble; City of Bonita Springs Councilmember Fred Forbes; and City of Cape Coral Mayor Joe Coviello. Others in attendance included MPO Legal Counsel Derek Rooney; Trinity Scott with Collier County; Diana Giraldo, a member of the public; John Majka, a member of the public; FDOT's L. K. Nandam, Michael Tisch, and Wayne Gaither; 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, commented on the SR 80 projects. Mr. Scott noted there is still a construction meeting planned, but he is not sure when. Mr. L. K. Nandam said the public meeting will be held before construction starts. Mr. Majka noted the letting date had been pushed out to July of 2021. Mr. Nandam explained this was not an MPO issue but rather a project development issue and comments could be directed to FDOT. Mr. Derek Rooney noted Mr. Majka's public comment time limit only had one minute remaining and asked if Mr. Majka had anything to add. Mr. Majka commented that he would like to see the project returned to the 2014 specifications.

Agenda Item #2 - *Review and Approval of the June 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mayor William Ribble made the motion to approve the June 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mayor Kevin Ruane seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - +Provide Input on the Long Range Plan Revenue Projection Assumptions

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review of and to provide input on the transportation revenue projection assumptions, the rough calculations of revenues to be reviewed by local government staff, and the latest revenue projections provided by the Department of Revenue. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on transportation revenue estimating conference, transportation reserve information, LRTP gas tax projections, Lee County Capital 2045 revenues, growth increment funding, local municipality revenues, preliminary calculation of revenues for capital projects, and Lee MPO project list. His entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-3-LRTP-Revenues.pdf> Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions or comments. Chair Forbes asked if there were any questions or comments. The committee briefly discussed the growth increment funding, the Lee County Capital revenues, current revenue projections, revenue projections beyond next five years, road impacts, and guidelines for use of certain revenues. Chair Forbes asked if there was additional input. There was none.

Agenda Item #4 - Update and Provide Input on the Development of the Long Range Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the LRTP development activities that includes the review of the draft Roadway Needs Plan Project list, the draft Transit Needs Plan map projects, and the traffic projections from the different model runs. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on LRTP activities, project priorities list, Lee County Cost Feasible Alternative Four with improvements map, Alternative Four plus 35% CAV map, roadway volume comparisons, E + C Network with Charlotte County East West Corridor map, transit needs plan, scoring criteria, and public comments from the June LRTP virtual public meeting. He asked if there were any questions or comments. Chair Forbes asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be accessed here:

<https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-4-LRTP-Update.pdf>

Agenda Item #5 - Information on the Transportation Disadvantaged Funding Allocation Study

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the Transportation Disadvantaged Funding Allocation Study. He explained the Florida Transportation Commission is currently undertaking a funding allocation study for the trip and equipment grants that each of the Community Transportation Coordinators (CTC), LeeTran is our CTC, receives to provide transportation disadvantaged trips. He referred to the report, that was attached to the agenda packet and posted on the website, which provides the various calculation methodologies that they are considering. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation with slides that included information on previous allocations, study analysis, results with funding formula only, funding formula with base allocation, and TD Commission schedule. He asked if there were any questions. Chair Forbes asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-5-Transportation-Disadvantaged-Funding-Allocation-Study.pdf>

Agenda Item #6 - Update on the M Cores Task Force Meetings

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the M Cores Task Force Meetings. He said the task force for the Southwest Central Florida Connector has now met six times and has also held several separate virtual meetings over the last few months. He mentioned the next M Cores meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2020 from 9:30am to 4:00pm. He noted the last few meetings have dealt with the drafting and refinement of the high level needs. He then provided an update on status of these as well as what is planned for upcoming meetings. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on comments, traffic topics, environmental mentions, general mentions, actionable input, task force recommendations, high level needs, draft high level needs, guiding principles by topic, report process, final report outline, reporting drafting process, potential enhancements, co-location, connectivity, gaps, and next steps. Chair Forbes asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be accessed here:

https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-6-SWCF_TF-Meeting-6-Master-Presentation_FINAL-7.23.20.pdf

Agenda Item #7 - Information on Traffic and Commuter Surveys

Mr. Scott presented this informational agenda item on Traffic and Commuter Surveys. He mentioned the traffic count reductions continue in Florida and across the nation and referred to the latest weekly report for District One that shows the difference between July 20th to July 24th versus the historical averages over the prior five years of data. This report was attached to the agenda packet and posted to the website. He said this also includes the reduction of national and state traffic and truck volumes over a month time frame. He noted, in addition, there is survey data that is starting to be shared where the entities are looking at the potential long term impacts of how the pandemic might change work and commuting habits. Mr. Scott then reviewed a survey that was conducted by Kittelson &

Associates that asked commuters about teleworking and commuting patterns of 1,000 commuters across the Country. The survey can be viewed at this link: <https://www.kittelsohn.com/ideas/will-covid-19-permanently-alter-teleworking-and-commuting-patterns-heres-what-1000-commuters-told-us/>
Chair Forbes asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Other Business

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

Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, made additional comments on the SR 80 projects.

Agenda Item #9 – Announcements

Mr. Scott mentioned there would be no MPO Board meeting in August, and the next MPO Board meeting would be held in September.

Agenda Item #10 - Information and Distribution Items

The Information and Distribution Items included the MPOAC Year End Legislative Summary. Mr. Scott referred to the new legislation regarding electric bicycles.

Ms. Diana Giraldo, a member of the public, commented on electric bicycles, multi-use path design speed, and the creation of a mobility task force in Lee County.

Chair Forbes asked if there were additional comments. There were none.

The virtual Zoom meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/08-12-2020-mec>

* Action Items + May Require Action

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