

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2:00 p.m., December 9, 2020
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 MPO Vice-Chair Mayor William Ribble.

The roll was called and recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those MEC members in attendance included Lee County Commissioner Kevin Ruane; City of Sanibel Mayor Mick Denham; Village of Estero Mayor William Ribble; City of Fort Myers Councilmember Fred Burson; and City of Cape Coral Mayor Joe Coviello. Others in attendance included MPO Legal Counsel Derek Rooney; FDOT's Victoria Peters; 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 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Ruane made the motion to approve the November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mayor Mick Denham seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - Review of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Comments/Questions and Current Updates

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review of 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) comments and questions along with updates on comments received on the draft 2045 Adoption Summary Report. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on public involvement, comments/numbers data for public involvement, committee recommended changes, cost feasible tables, transit development plan, and map of Sunshine area in Lehigh where new schools are being constructed. A brief discussion followed on SR 82, Green Meadow Road, modeling, and the location of the schools in Lehigh. Mr. Scott then reviewed the comments/questions and answers he provided to those comments/questions. The list can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/E-mail-responses.pdf> A brief discussion followed on impact fees, funding sources, census results, current funding level still based on 2000 census, population increase, possibility of new Federal Bill based on latest census data, state funding basis in census data, and lobbying. Mr. Scott concluded his presentation with a slide on the bicycle pedestrian projects table. Vice-Chair Ribble asked if there were any additional comments. There were none. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-3-2045-LRTP1.pdf>

The draft LRTP Adoption Summary Report can be viewed here:
<https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/M08a.2045-LRTP-Adoption-Summary-Report.pdf>

Agenda Item #4 - MPOAC Legislative Policy Positions for 2021 and the Status of Other States Electric Vehicle Legislation

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as a review of the MPOAC legislative policy positions for the 2021 session that were approved at the last MPOAC meeting, and were attached and posted to the website. Mr. Scott gave a short Power Point presentation that included slides with information on a review of the MPAOC Legislative Policy Positions. A brief discussion continued on state electric vehicle (EV) fees, EV projections for future, impact on gas tax, percentage of EV in current fleet, electronic toll road system idea, examining all possibilities, per mile fees, growth in Florida, billing visitors by plate as alternative to gas tax, charging for use of roadway, average gas tax charges per year, other area toll road examples, interstate toll options, tolling of managed lanes, and lack of income generated with tolling. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be viewed here:

<https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-4-MPOAC-legislative-positions.pdf>

Agenda Item #5 - Additional Transportation Technologies Being Studied

Mr. Scott Staff presented this agenda item to provide an overview of some of the other studies/projects that are being conducted locally and in Florida as follow up to discussions at the last meeting regarding different transportation technologies. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the US 41 Frame project, Connected Vehicle applications, possibilities for use, and benefits. Mayor Denham asked the purpose of this information. Mr. Scott responded that each vehicle will have an on-board computer to receive information. Mayor Denham asked how the information will be used. Mr. Scott discussed the funding side, features, and assistance to transit vehicles. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with information on recent additional regional project plans and other technology proposed or being used in other areas. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be accessed here:

<https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-5-Transportation-Technologies.pdf>

Agenda Item #6 - Review of Current Crash Data Statistics

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as a review of the current crash data statistics. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the crash dashboard for Lee County. A brief discussion followed on the area covered by the data presented, the total number of bike fatalities per year, recent bicycle fatality in Estero, road striping for bicycle lanes, paved shoulders, widening facilities, traffic citation counts for Estero, decrease in traffic, increase in speed, and total number of hit-and-runs in the state of Florida. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with state data from 2019. A brief discussion followed on unlicensed drivers, uninsured motorists, and local crash data included in packet. Mr. Scott said he would send the link to the crash dashboard to the committee. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be viewed here:

<https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-6-Crash-Data-Analysis.pdf>

Agenda Item #7 - Overview of the December 18th MPO Board Meeting Agenda

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the December 18 MPO Board Meeting Agenda. Mr. Scott reviewed the upcoming agenda items including local funds contribution to the MPOAC, 2045 LRTP, TIP Amendment, SRTS Application, Scanner Selection, Election of Officers, Election of MPOAC Representatives, and Extension of Executive Director's Contract. Mr. Derek Rooney asked if the agenda item for the Extension of the Executive Director's Contract should include the cost of living adjustment for staff as well or if this should be addressed at the January meeting. There was a general consensus among the committee members to included this on the December agenda.

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

Mr. Scott reminded the committee that the MPO Board will meet on December 18 in Downtown Fort Myers.

Agenda Item #10 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no Information and Distribution Items.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/12-09-2020-mecwma>

*** Action Items + May Require Action**

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