

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2:00 p.m., June 9, 2021
Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL
Green Room/A200



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. by MPO Chair Katy Errington.

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 Bonita Springs Councilmember Fred Forbes; Village of Estero Mayor/MPO Chair Katy Errington; City of Fort Myers Councilmember Fred Burson; City of Cape Coral Mayor John Gunter, and City of Sanibel Vice-Mayor Richard Johnson. 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 March 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kevin Ruane made the motion to approve the March 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Fred Forbes seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - *Review and Approve an Extension to the Legal Services Agreement

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the extension of the legal services agreement that expires this month. Commissioner Kevin Ruane said he would make a motion to retain Mr. Derek Rooney as MPO Legal Counsel. Mayor John Gunter said he would second the motion. Commissioner Ruane commented on Mr. Rooney's excellent qualifications and history with the MPO. Mr. Scott then provided a brief background for this agenda item and asked if the committee wanted to do something different than a one year extension. Commissioner Ruane asked Mr. Rooney what the options are. Mr. Rooney replied the contract can be extended, a new contract can be started, or it can go out for RFP. Commissioner Ruane asked if the retainer would remain the same if a new three year contract was started. Mr. Rooney said yes.

Commissioner Kevin Ruane made the motion to approve a new three year contract/Legal Services Agreement with Gray Robinson and Mr. Derek Rooney. Vice-Mayor Richard Johnson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 - Information on the Federal Funding Discussions

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide information on the Federal Funding Discussion. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on CRSSA, eligibility, American Rescue Plan, use of funds, reauthorization of the FAST ACT, and the American Jobs Plan. He asked if there were any comments. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-4-Federal-Funding-Discussions.pdf> The committee discussed funding for cities with populations over 100,000, local appropriations, funding for areas with populations over 500,000, Lee County funding installments and disbursements based on populations of local

jurisdictions, following guidelines for use of funding, timeline for use of funding, disbursements of funding and subrecipient grants, possibility of additional funding for large tourist population, assisting cities with shortfalls due to COVID, ensuring proper and sufficient documentation, challenge in demonstrating loss of revenue, coordination on infrastructure projects, ensuring consistency with FDOT guidelines, septic/sewer and broadband funding, legislation to address/inspect septic systems with sale of house, areas identified in Lee County to concentrate on with regard to septic, legislative session timing, Federal funding received for Ortiz project, broadband versus cybersecurity, transportation trust fund, addressing Caloosahatchee and area water quality issues, pipeline from Cape Coral to Fort Myers, converting all homes in City of Fort Myers limits to sewer from septic, funding received by Cape Coral for pipeline, improving water quality, artificial reefs developed by FGCU, declassifying Caloosahatchee as intercoastal waterway, replacement of bridge in Estero, and providing bridge location and information to MPO staff to check on possible funding.

Agenda Item #5 - Discussion on the Urban Area Criteria for the 2020 Census

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for discussion on the Urban Area Criteria for the 2020 Census. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on proposed criteria for 2020 census, splitting large urban areas, current urban area map, District One urban area map, urban area population estimates table, possible end results, and next steps. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-5-Urban-Area-Criteria-for-2020-Census.pdf> Mr. Scott asked if there were any comments. The committee briefly discussed prior potential carving of MPOs, Bonita and Cape Coral urban areas, new Collier housing development possible impact, Golden Gate Estates example, populations used for apportionment, and an explanation of the map colors and MPO urban areas. Chair Errington asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Agenda Item #6 - Information on Migration and Population Data for Florida

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide information on Migration and Population Data for Florida. He referred to the two links that were included in the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and also copied below. Councilmember Fred Burson asked about using the 2020 census data. Mr. Scott said that data might not be ready and 2010 data may be used. Mr. Scott then gave a brief Power Point presentation that included slides with information on population estimates for urban areas, 2020 population density, migration flows for Lee County, Charlotte County, Collier County, and Hendry County. His entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-6-Population-and-Migration-Data.pdf> Chair Errington asked if there were any comments. There were none. The two links referred to can be accessed here: [Florida Migration Flow](#) and [Florida Population Changes](#)

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

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide an overview of the June 18 MPO Board meeting agenda. Mr. Scott reviewed the upcoming agenda topics including approval of the TIP, approval of LRTP amendments, and a presentation from Commute Connector. The committee briefly discussed commute program tracking data, use of the commute program in Lee County, using commute program data to gain additional funding for LeeTran, assistance to businesses in starting commuter programs, and public comments.

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 mentioned the recent I-75 corridor virtual meeting and comments made. Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT noted she was pleased the virtual meeting was so well attended.

Agenda Item #10 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

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

The full meeting audio can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/06-09-2021-mecwma>

* Action Items + May Require Action

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