

## AGENDA

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### Call to Order

### Roll Call

### New Business

1. Public Comments will be Taken at Each Item
2. \*Review and Approval of the June 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Calandra Barraco)
3. \*Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Cape Coral for Reimbursement of Half of the Hurricane Evacuation Study Costs (Don Scott)
4. \*Review and Provide Input on a Reconnecting Communities Pilot Planning Grant Application in conjunction with the Housing Authority of the City Of Fort Myers and the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant (Don Scott)
5. \*Complete and Approve the Evaluation of the Executive Director (Derek Rooney)
6. Update on the Federal Discretionary and Formula Grant Programs (Don Scott)
7. Proposed Joint Lee and Collier Board Meeting on November 18, 2022 (Don Scott)
8. Overview of the September 16<sup>th</sup> MPO Board Meeting Agenda (Don Scott)

### Other Business

9. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
10. Announcements
11. Information/Distribution Items

### Adjournment

\* Action Items    + May Require Action

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**1:30 p.m., June 8, 2022**  
Cape Coral Public Works Building  
815 Nicholas Parkway E., Cape Coral, FL  
Green Room/A200



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## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by MPO Chair/City of Fort Myers Councilmember Teresa Watkins Brown.

The roll was called and recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those MEC members in attendance included Village of Estero Mayor Katy Errington; City of Fort Myers Councilmember Teresa Watkins Brown; City of Fort Myers Councilmember Fred Burson; City of Cape Coral Councilmember Tom Hayden; City of Sanibel Councilmember Mike Miller; MPO Treasurer/Lee County Commissioner Kevin Ruane; and City of Bonita Springs Councilmember Fred Forbes. Others in attendance included MPO Legal Counsel Derek Rooney; City of Cape Coral Police Department Officer; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Wayne Gaither and L. K. Nandam with FDOT; Chris Kessler and Matt Finelli with Clifton Larson Allen (CLA); and MPO staff Don Scott, Calandra Barraco, and Brian Raimondo.

### New Business

#### **Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments Taken at Each Item**

Chair Watkins Brown noted public comments will be taken at each agenda item.

#### **Agenda Item #2 - \*Review and Approval of the March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Kevin Ruane made the motion to approve the March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Fred Forbes seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #3 - +Review of the Year End Audit for FY 2020/2021**

Mr. Chris Kessler with Clifton Larson Allen (CLA), the MPO's auditor, presented this agenda item for the review of and comment on the MPO's end of year audit for FY 2020/2021. He introduced Mr. Matt Finelli, also with CLA. The [final audited financial statements](#) and [governance letter](#) were emailed to the committee prior to the meeting, posted to the MPO website, and provided as printed copies at the meeting. Mr. Kessler provided a brief overview of the FY 2020/2021 year-end audit that included information on a review of the governance letter, opinion on audit, finding information, accountant issues, and auditor general involvement. The committee discussed history of MPO accounting firms, not receiving quality of services paid for, possibility of changing accounting firm, prior request for proposal process that was followed, length of process, number of years with audit finding with current firm, amount billed by current accountant, response from current accountant, impact of Covid and other accounting staff pregnancy leave, number of entries per month, ethics of talking to other accounting firms, approaching end of fiscal year, inability of MPO staff to handle accounting due to internal controls, difficulty in finding a firm to take a small client like the MPO, possibility of using the same firm as another local agency, possibility and legality of approaching three local firms for service, releasing current accountant, using same firm as the regional planning council, and split from the regional planning council.

**Commissioner Kevin Ruane made the motion for three local firms, Stroemer and Markham and Tuscan, to be contacted by the MPO attorney. Mayor Katy Errington seconded the motion.**

The committee discussed providing information on the MPO's accounting practices to the potential firms, providing scope of services, using a firm that is familiar with local government work, end of fiscal year, impact of starting with new firm, continuing with current firm for year-end closeout and ensuring new firm is part of process, timing of last accountant switch, auditor involvement with new firm to explain past issues and assist with transition, possible occurrence of same issues with the current year closeout, requesting current firm provide corrected statements and ensuring accountability, and management process. Chair Watkins Brown called the motion.

**There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Kevin Ruane made an additional motion for the MPO attorney to identify issues in the management report and provide that and the scope of services to each firm contacted. Councilmember Fred Forbes seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Watkins Brown thanked Mr. Kessler and Mr. Finelli.

#### **Agenda Item #4 - \*Complete and Approve the Evaluation of the Executive Director**

Mr. Derek Rooney with Grey Robinson, the MPO's legal counsel, presented this agenda item to complete and approve an evaluation of the Executive Director. The evaluation form was provided to the Committee back in March, attached to the agenda packet, and [posted to the MPO website](#). Mr. Rooney said he has been collecting the completed forms and is still waiting for additional forms. He said the reviews have been good, and he will provide a summary in memo format when he receives all of them. Commissioner Ruane asked about new members. Mr. Rooney replied the reviews received and outstanding were all from senior members. Mr. Scott asked about addressing a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for staff. Mr. Rooney noted that Mr. Scott cannot receive a COLA if staff doesn't also receive it. The committee discussed the last COLA for MPO staff, recent Lee County Board of Commissioners recent decision on salary and COLA for Lee County employees, consideration of what other local jurisdictions are doing, separate adjustments for salary and COLA, unions in Cape Coral, and City of Fort Myers salary adjustments.

**Commissioner Kevin Ruane made the motion to provide a five percent cost of living increase for staff now and decide on Mr. Scott's salary increase when his reviews are completed/provided to the Executive Committee by Mr. Rooney at a future meeting. Mayor Katy Errington seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Watkins Brown asked if there was further discussion on this item. There was none.

#### **Agenda Item #5 - +Provide Input on the Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Opportunity and Information on Other Grant Opportunities**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to provide input on the MPO applying for discretionary grant funding to develop an Action Plan for the Safe Streets for All Program. He commented that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been sent out for the Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program from USDOT. It was also attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He provided a Power Point presentation on the SS4A grant program that included slides with information on an introduction to the SS4A grant, eligibility, funding, comprehensive safety action plan defined, examples of supplemental activities, implementation

grants, and getting ready to apply. The SS4A presentation can be viewed here: [SS4A Grants](#) The committee discussed the length of the funding program, using resources now, MPO leveraging local resources to apply for grant, disadvantage of using staff time, taking three times to apply for TIGER grant before being awarded, evaluation of application by USDOT, safety treatment/implementation examples, examining problem areas and focusing improvements in those areas of need, example of US 41 downtown median project, performance measures, Estero staff, safety funding for infrastructure, amount of discretionary funding, identification of improvements in plan, commitment from locals, twenty percent local match, application covering several agencies with MPO as lead, funding range for study, hiring consultant to assist, no Federal match, FDOT assistance, possibility for jurisdictions to apply individually, Lee MPO being able to apply for all of Lee County, example of Sarasota/Manatee application, amount of work involved, assistance of local jurisdictions in process, MPO reaching out to local jurisdiction staff, example of sidewalks on SR 78, obligation of local jurisdictions, MPO funding for application and then if awarded bringing decision back to the MPO Board for a collective match of twenty percent, length of time to prepare plan, Lee County high crash area, FHWA observation of Lee County action, application for grant sending message that Lee County is trying to address safety concerns, and possibility of a motion to support grant application. Mr. Scott read a [public comment](#) from Ms. Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive of Southwest Florida that had been emailed to MPO staff prior to the meeting. Mayor Errington asked Mr. Scott to state a motion for this item. Mr. Scott replied the motion would be for MPO staff to apply for the grant in this cycle.

**Mayor Katy Errington made the motion for MPO staff to apply for the SS4A grant in this cycle. Councilmember Fred Forbes seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Scott then provided a short Power Point presentation on an additional grant opportunity on reconnecting communities. The presentation can be viewed here: [Reconnecting Communities](#) The committee briefly discussed possible projects in Fort Myers, purpose of grant and project goals, funding for project, possible grant project general example, emphasis on larger scale projects that separate community, and low chances for a Lee County project to fit for this type of funding.

#### **Agenda Item #6 - Presentation on the MPO TIGER Grant Project**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as a follow up to the discussion at the March MEC meeting. He provided a Power Point presentation on the TIGER grant project, awarded in 2013 with project completing construction in 2018, that included slides with information on summary of project, funding, project description, project map, project team, design and construction, project timeline, what worked, wayfinding sign examples, project development, regional partnering, performance measures, lessons learned, and additional considerations. His presentation can be viewed here: [TIGER Project](#) Mr. Scott asked if there were any comments or questions. Mr. L. K. Nandam commented on letters provided by FDOT. Mr. Scott mentioned the collection of performance measure data continuation over the next two years.

#### **Agenda Item #7 - Overview of the June 17<sup>th</sup> MPO Board Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview to the MPO Board meeting agenda for the June 17 meeting. The agenda items included General Planning Consultant contracts, Transportation Improvement Project, Federal/State/Multimodal priorities, and a presentation on the Old US 41 PD&E. Mr. Scott asked if there were any comments. There were none. He noted that after the June MPO Board meeting, the next MPO Board meeting would be in September.

## Other Business

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

Mr. Scott mentioned an additional [public comment](#) emailed by Ms. Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive of Southwest Florida prior to the meeting. Chair Watkins Brown asked if there were any comments. There were none.

### **Agenda Item #10 – Announcements**

Mr. Scott mentioned the next MEC meeting would be August 10. The committee discussed a potential conflict with a Florida League of Cities conference in Hollywood, FL. Mr. Nandam commented on funding for the Caloosahatchee bridge sidewalk project. Mayor Errington commented on the public service announcement (PSA) project completed by Estero High School students. Mr. Scott added there were two PSAs, and they could also be used for other outreach.

### **Agenda Item #11 - Information/Distribution Items**

There were no information and/or distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

**An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [MEC June 8, 2022](#)**

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**APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL  
FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF HALF OF THE HURRICANE EVACUATION STUDY COSTS**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the interlocal agreement (**attached**) with the City of Cape Coral for reimbursement of half of the Hurricane Evacuation Study costs.

The MPO's Unified Planning Work Program budget included conducting the City of Cape Coral Hurricane Evacuation Study with the \$300,000 cost being split between the MPO's funding and the City of Coral funding. The attached agreement, approved by the City of Cape Coral Council, provides the methodology for providing the funding to the MPO for their half of the study. Staff is seeking approval of the agreement and authorization for the MEC Chair to execute the agreement.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES  
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL AND THE  
LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, made and entered this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between the City of Cape Coral, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, herein after referred to as "City", acting by and through its City Councilmembers, the governing body thereof, and the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization, an intergovernmental transportation planning agency, hereinafter referred to as the "MPO" acting by and through its Board, the governing body thereof; collectively the Parties hereto.

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, both the City and the MPO are duly empowered pursuant to Florida Statutes, in particular, Section 163.01, to enter Interlocal Agreements for the sharing of certain governmental powers and obligations; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has contracted with CDM Smith to provide consultant services to develop the City of Cape Coral Hurricane Evacuation Study; and

WHEREAS, the study will analyze the roadway network, and the clearance times of the roadway network that will be utilized during emergency events; and

WHEREAS, the study will evaluate the evacuation needs of the community, and the need for additional access ways in and out of the City of Cape Coral area during emergency events; and

WHEREAS, the MPO and the CITY agreed to split the cost of the Study; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost of the Study is \$300,000

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitations and the mutual covenants herein set forth, the Parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

**1. RECITALS**

All the above RECITALS are hereby adopted by the Parties as being true and accurate to the best of their knowledge, and as if set out further at length in this Agreement.

**2. PURPOSE**

2.0 The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement is to define the terms and conditions by which the parties will split the cost of the City of Cape Coral Hurricane Evacuation Study.

2.1 This Interlocal Agreement shall be binding only upon the Parties that execute this Interlocal Agreement. No Party that executes this Interlocal Agreement shall be bound by its terms to any third party who has not entered this Interlocal Agreement.

### 3. FUNDING

3.0 The MPO will initially fund the cost of the study estimated at \$300,000.

3.1 The CITY will reimburse 50% of the cost of the study or One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$150,000) to the MPO for their use in developing the City of Cape Coral Hurricane Evacuation Study.

3.2 The CITY's reimbursement will be phased in contributory progress payments per \$100,000 of MPO paid expenditures invoiced to the CITY.

### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MPO

At the completion of the Study, the MPO will deliver a copy of the Study to the City Council of the City of Cape Coral.

### 5. SCOPE OF SERVICES

5.1 The study will analyze the roadway network, and the clearance times of the roadway network that will be utilized during emergency events.

5.2 The study will evaluate the evacuation needs of the community, and the need for additional access ways in and out of the City of Cape Coral area during emergency events.

### 6. MONITORING AND AUDITS

All cost records and accounts shall be subject to audit by representatives of either the CITY or the MPO at their election, during normal work hours and upon reasonable notice. Said records and accounts shall be made available at the respective Party's offices at a location in Lee County, Florida.

### 7. LIABILITY

Parties agree that by execution of the Agreement, no Party will be deemed to have waived its statutory defense of sovereign immunity or increased its limits of liability as provided for in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as may be revised or amended from time to time.

### 8. TERM

This Interlocal Agreement will remain in full force and effect until such time as the funds are delivered.



## 9. UNDERSTANDING

This Interlocal Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties, and any previous Agreements whether written or oral, shall be superseded by the Interlocal Agreement.

## 10. MODIFICATIONS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 10.1 All modifications to the Interlocal Agreement must be in writing, signed by both Parties with the same formality as that contained therein.
- 10.2 Any disputes arising from this Interlocal Agreement which cannot be resolved by the Parties may be settled through arbitration of the disputed matters by following the procedures as set forth in Section 44.104 or Chapter 164, Florida Statutes, or the Parties may utilize any other legal remedies available to either Party with respect to the disputed matters.

## 11. BREACH OF AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this Interlocal Agreement for a breach of the material terms of this Agreement which remains uncured after reasonable notice, not to exceed sixty (60) days.

## 12. NOTICE

All notices or demands are deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person or delivered by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, United States mail and addressed to the respective Parties as follows:

City of Cape Coral: Rob Hernandez, City Manager  
City of Cape Coral  
P.O. Box 150027  
Cape Coral, Florida 33915

MPO: MPO Executive Director  
Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
P O Box 150045  
Cape Coral, Florida 33915-0045

The address to which any notice or demand may be given to either party may be changed in writing.

## 13. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Interlocal Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of the Interlocal Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and all other parts of this Interlocal Agreement shall nevertheless be in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed by their duly authorized officers and their official seals hereto affixed, the date and year first above written.

**LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**


Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MPO Executive Director

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MPO Chair

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MPO Attorney

**CITY OF CAPE CORAL**

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor


Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Date: 8-5-2022

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Date: 6/16/2022

**REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON A RECONNECTING  
COMMUNITIES PILOT PLANNING GRANT IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FORT MYERS AND  
THE CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Provide input on a Reconnecting Communities planning grant.

The Housing Authority of Fort Myers received a \$30 million Choice Neighborhood grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Edison Avenue - Dunbar area (one of only five grants awarded in the country). **Attached** is a map of the neighborhood investment area. As part of the improvements, there have been issues raised with safely accessing the amenities that are being built and crossing SR 82. As part of their discussions about improvements in the area, HUD advised the Housing Authority to contact the MPO about going after a Reconnecting Communities Grant to address the issues. Staff will provide an update on the proposed grant application.

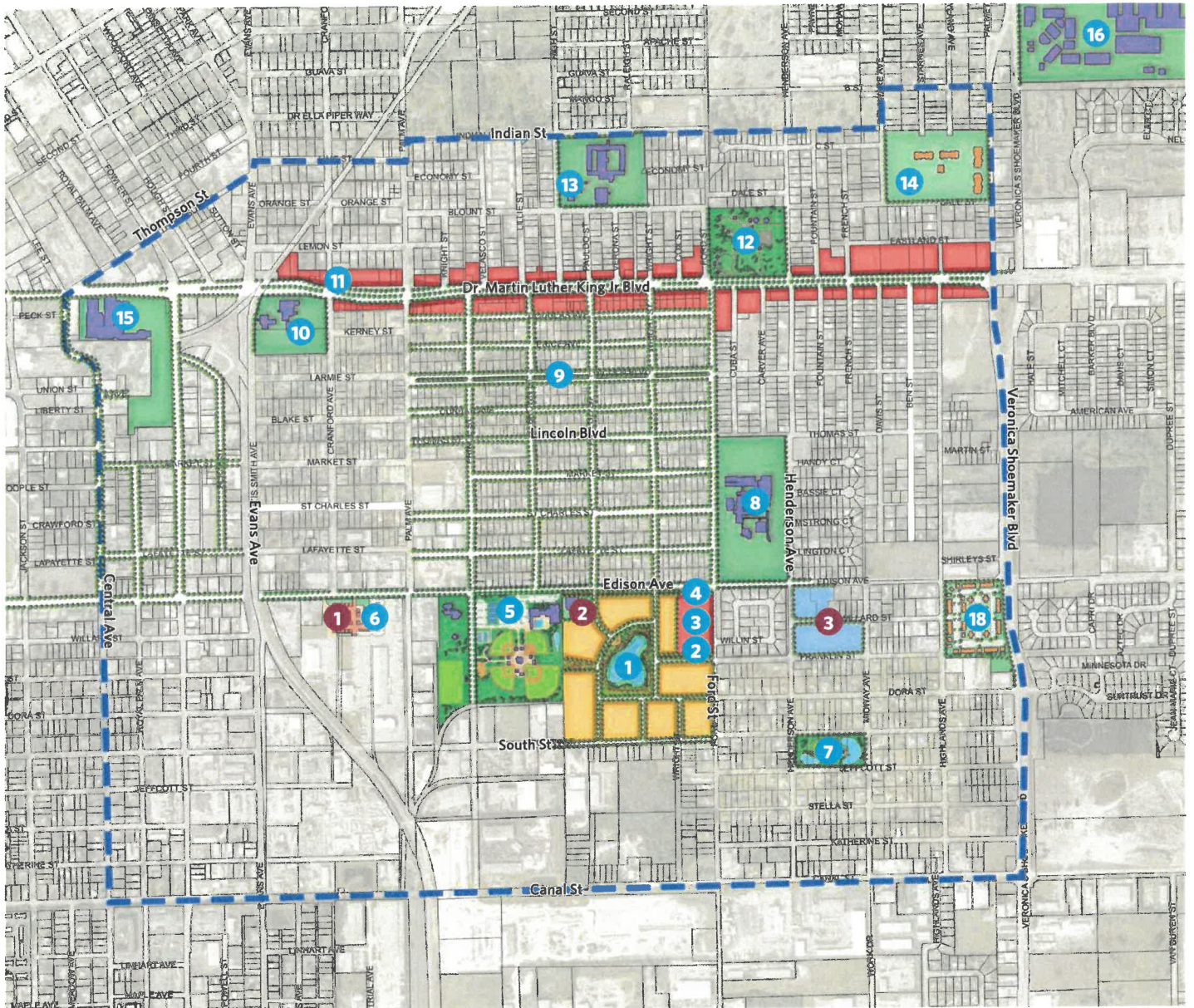


Fig 5. Neighborhood Investment Map



Fig 6. Off-Site Housing Site on Cleveland Avenue

- NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY
- PUBLIC OPEN SPACE
- INSTITUTIONAL USE
- COMMERCIAL USE
- RESIDENTIAL USE

INVESTMENTS

- 1 Southward Village, Transformed
- 2 Future Community Grocery Store
- 3 Future Fifth Third Bank Branch
- 4 Community Retail
- 5 Fort Myers STARS Complex
- 6 Farmer's Market Restaurant
- 7 Cityview Park
- 8 Franklin Park Elementary School
- 9 Future Lincoln Boulevard Redevelopment
- 10 IMAG Science Center
- 11 McCollum Hall
- 12 Roberto Clemente Park
- 13 Dunbar Community School
- 14 East Pointe Place
- 15 Future Fort Myers Police Department
- 16 Fort Myers Technical College
- 17 Cleveland Avenue Housing
- 18 Towles Garden Housing

CRITICAL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 Future State Farmer's Market Activation
- 2 Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Center
- 3 Future Urban Farm

**COMPLETE AND APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S EVALUATION**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** To complete and approve an evaluation of the Executive Director.

The Committee members have completed the evaluation forms, and the MPO attorney will report on the results.



## UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY AND FORMULA GRANT PROGRAMS

### DISCUSSION ITEM:

FDOT has provided dates for the upcoming regional grant information sessions around the state and the dates/times are **attached**. Listed below is a short status outline on some of the current and upcoming grant programs:

- **RAISE** – The 2022 grant announcements were recently announced with 166 total projects being funded around the nation and five projects funded in Florida. The five projects in Florida include a Multimodal Transit Center in Clearwater, a new berth in Port of Tampa, a cargo optimization and resiliency project in Port of Miami, a corridor trespassing and intrusion mitigation project for the East Coast Rail project and a SMART project in St Augustine.
- **Safe Streets for All Grant Program** – The deadline for submittal is September 15, 2022 and funding can be used to develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan), conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan and to carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
- **Reconnecting Communities Grant Program** – The deadline for submittal is October and funding can be used for planning and construction activities that includes:
  - Planning studies of current traffic patterns on the eligible facility proposed for removal, retrofit, or mitigation and the surrounding street network; transportation network capacity; alternative roadway designs or other uses for the right-of-way; impacts to the mobility of freight and people; impacts to the safety of the traveling public; cost; anticipated economic impacts and environmental impacts both human and natural.

Public engagement activities to provide the public opportunities to provide input into a plan to remove and convert an eligible facility. Other transportation planning activities required in advance of a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility to restore community connectivity, as determined by DOT.

- Removal, retrofit, or mitigation of an existing eligible facility. Replacement of an eligible facility with a new facility that

restores community connectivity and is sensitive to the context of the surrounding community.

Preliminary and detailed design activities and associated environmental studies; predevelopment / preconstruction; permitting activities including the completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process; delivering community benefits and the mitigation of impacts identified through the NEPA process or other planning and project development for the capital construction project.

- **National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program** – Provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure and operating expenses. To date, the program has only been addressing the formula funds. As required, FDOT submitted a charging investment plan that added new alternative fuel routes over the original focus that included charging along the interstates around the state. The current plan that FDOT submitted adds in the US 41 and SR 80 corridors in Lee County. Approval of the plan by USDOT is required before they can move forward with the formula funds to Florida and that is expected to occur by the end of September.

Upcoming funding opportunities include the National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program; the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Grant Program and Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program. Current and future grant opportunities can be monitored here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/funding-opportunities>

# Regional Grant Information Sessions



Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) encourages eligible local agencies to apply for the many new discretionary grant opportunities created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). As such, FDOT wants to ensure our local partners are prepared with the knowledge, data, and resources to apply for and be direct recipients of federal discretionary dollars.

Information sessions to cover:

- *Overview of the USDOT grant opportunities*
- *Regional improvements – working together*
- *What do you need to know – grant applications and implementation*
- *Collaborative discussions with FDOT District staff*

**August 26, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**  
Kick-Off Webinar, GoToWebinar

**September 19, 2022 | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
District 7 Auditorium  
11201 N McKinley Dr, Tampa

**September 22, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)**  
District 3 Auditorium  
1074 Highway 90, Chipley

**September 23, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
Turnpike Auditorium, Turkey Lake Service Plaza Mile-  
post 263, Bldg 5315, Ocoee

**October 5, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
District 2 Conference Room  
1109 S Marion Ave, Lake City

**October 6, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
District 2 Training Building  
2198 Edison Ave, Jacksonville

**October 11, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
District 6 Auditorium  
1000 NW 111 Ave, Miami

**October 12, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
District 4 Auditorium  
3400 W Commercial Blvd, Ft Lauderdale

**October 13, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
North Fort Myers Public Library  
2001 N Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers

**October 14, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
District 1 Auditorium  
801 North Broadway Ave, Bartow

A photograph of a city skyline at sunset, with several tall buildings and palm trees in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GXZ3SN>



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**PROPOSED JOINT LEE AND COLLIER BOARD MEETING  
ON NOVEMBER 18, 2022**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

A joint meeting between the Lee and Collier MPO Boards is proposed for November 18, 2022 (our regularly scheduled meeting date) in northern Collier County. We last met jointly in 2017 and the alternative coordination discussions that occurred earlier this year did not work out. Staff is seeking input on proposed agenda items and listed below are some of the items that have been discussed:

- Review and Approve the updated Joint Coordination Agreement
- Status Report on the I-75 Feasibility Study
- Update on Regional Roadway Projects Crossing/in the Vicinity of the County line

**OVERVIEW OF THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> MPO BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

The MPO staff will provide an overview of the September 16<sup>th</sup> MPO Board meeting agenda.

## **INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION**

- a. Notice of the SR 739 Caloosahatchee Bridge to N. of SR 78 Improvements Project on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm (virtual option is from 6:00-7:00pm the same day).
- b. Notice of the SR 78 Corridor Vision Plan Workshop (In-person September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm and Virtual: September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm).

## PUBLIC MEETING

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the State Road (SR) 739 from the Caloosahatchee River to North of SR 78 Public Meeting **on Thursday, September 15, 2022**. The in-person open house will begin at 5:00 p.m. The virtual meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. For your convenience, FDOT is providing three ways to participate:

- 1. Virtual Option:** Attend virtually from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. from a computer, tablet, or mobile device. You can register in advance at [fdot.cc/SR739-CaloosahatcheeRiver-to-N-of-SR78](https://fdot.cc/SR739-CaloosahatcheeRiver-to-N-of-SR78). Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar.
- 2. In-Person Option:** Attend in-person from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **the North Fort Myers Park and Recreation Center, 2000 North Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers, Florida**. Attendees who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person meeting.
- 3. Website:** View the materials online at [swflroads.com/project/446293-1](https://swflroads.com/project/446293-1).

All meeting materials will be available online by September 8, 2022. You do not have to attend a live event in order to submit a comment. Comments can be submitted at the live meeting, through the website, or through the contact information provided on the other side of this notification. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by September 26, 2022, to be included in the formal public meeting record.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

FDOT, District One, is designing improvements to SR 739 from the Caloosahatchee River to north of SR 78 in Lee County. The project was requested by the FDOT District One Traffic Safety Department and is intended to improve safety, enhance traffic flow, and reduce crashes.

The project consists of milling and resurfacing of the roadway as well as constructing a continuous raised median with bi-directional and full median openings. Two pedestrian hybrid beacons will be provided south of Pondella Road and at Mariana Avenue. Additional improvements include upgrading the traffic signal at Pondella Road; providing upgrades in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and lighting, signing and pavement markings, and drainage improvements.

This meeting is being held to present project information and provide an opportunity for the public to offer feedback. FDOT will accept written comments during and after the meeting.



### Register to Attend Virtually

Scan the QR Code shown here to register, and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the public meeting online.





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## CONTACT US

We encourage you to participate in the SR 739 from the Caloosahatchee River to North of SR 78 Public Meeting. If you have questions or comments regarding the project, please contact FDOT Project Manager, Zachary Tapp.



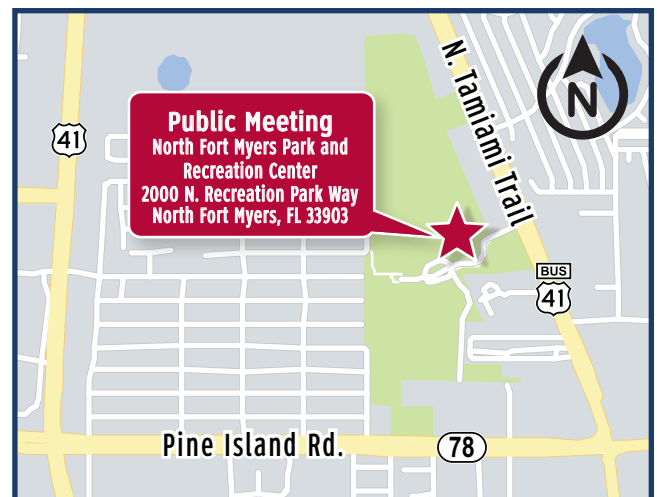
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**SR 739 from the Caloosahatchee River to North of SR 78**

## SR 78 CORRIDOR VISION PLAN IN-PERSON PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**District:** One

**Meeting Type:** Workshop

**Date:** Thursday, September 15, 2022

**Time:** 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Location Name:** Cape Coral Technical College

**Street Address:** 360 Santa Barbara Boulevard N

**City:** Cape Coral, FL 33993

**Purpose:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a public workshop for the SR 78 (Pine Island Road) Corridor Vision & Action Plan in Lee County. You can participate in the public workshop in-person or online. IN-PERSON OPTION: The in-person open house is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022, at Cape Coral Technical College, 360 Santa Barbara Boulevard N, Cape Coral, FL 33993. The in-person workshop will be in an "open house" format and you can attend the event any time between 5 and 7 p.m. The purpose of this study is to help the City of Cape Coral and Lee County community develop a vision plan for the SR 78 (Pine Island Road) corridor to guide transportation and land use decisions over the next 50 years. The workshop is being held to solicit feedback from the community concerning their desires for the future of the corridor. The feedback gathered at the workshop will be used to inform the corridor vision planning process. All workshop materials will be available on the project website by September 14, 2022. A copy of these materials will also be displayed at the in-person workshop. You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments. For more information on all options of the upcoming public workshop, please visit the project website or contact FDOT Project Manager, Vitor Suguri by phone at (239) 225-1959, or email at [Vitor.Suguri@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Vitor.Suguri@dot.state.fl.us). After reviewing the public workshop materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in three different ways: 1) on the project website; 2) emailing the FDOT Project Manager, Vitor Suguri at [vitor.suguri@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:vitor.suguri@dot.state.fl.us); or 3) mailing comments to Vitor Suguri, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received or postmarked by October 6, 2022, to be included in the project record. A summary of the workshop comments and responses will be available on the website approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or email at [Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven days prior to the public workshop. The Florida Department of Transportation may adopt this planning product into the environmental review process, pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 168(d)(4), or to the state project development process.

**Project Web Site:** <https://www.swflroads.com/project/442083-1>

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**Expires:** 9/16/2022

## SR 78 CORRIDOR VISION PLAN VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**District:** One

**Meeting Type:** Workshop

**Date:** Thursday, September 22, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Location Name:** Project Website

**Street Address:** <https://www.swflroads.com/project/442083-1>

**Directions:** <https://www.swflroads.com/project/442083-1>

**Purpose:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a public workshop for the SR 78 (Pine Island Road) Corridor Vision & Action Plan in Lee County. You can participate in the public workshop in-person or online. **LIVE ONLINE OPTION:** The online public workshop will be held on September 22, 2022. FDOT staff will present to the public and will host a live component from 6 to 7 p.m. that will be open to comments from the public. Attend online from a computer, tablet or mobile device. You can register in advance by visiting [https://bit.ly/SR78\\_VisionPlan\\_PublicWorkshop](https://bit.ly/SR78_VisionPlan_PublicWorkshop). The live event can also be accessed online through the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/project/442083-1>. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop online. Please note that registration and attendance via the website links work best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browser. Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this GoTo Webinar. The purpose of this study is to help the City of Cape Coral and Lee County community develop a vision plan for the SR 78 (Pine Island Road) corridor to guide transportation and land use decisions over the next 50 years. The workshop is being held to solicit feedback from the community concerning their desires for the future of the corridor. The feedback gathered at the workshop will be used to inform the corridor vision planning process. All workshop materials will be available on the project website by September 14, 2022. A copy of these materials will also be displayed at the in-person workshop. You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments. For more information on all options of the upcoming public workshop, please visit the project website or contact FDOT Project Manager, Vitor Suguri by phone at (239) 225-1959, or email at [Vitor.Suguri@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Vitor.Suguri@dot.state.fl.us). After reviewing the public workshop materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in three different ways: 1) on the project website; 2) emailing the FDOT Project Manager, Vitor Suguri at [vitor.Suguri@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:vitor.Suguri@dot.state.fl.us); or 3) mailing comments to Vitor Suguri, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received or postmarked by October 6, 2022, to be included in the project record. A summary of the workshop comments and responses will be available on the website approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or email at [Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven days prior to the public workshop. The Florida Department of Transportation may adopt this planning product into the environmental review process, pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 168(d)(4), or to the state project development process.

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