

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1:30 p.m., November 9, 2022
Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway E., Cape Coral, FL
Green Room/A200



Meeting Minutes

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 recorded by MPO staff. There was not a quorum. Those MEC members in attendance included City of Fort Myers Councilmember/MPO Chair Teresa Watkins Brown; City of Fort Myers Councilmember Fred Burson; City of Cape Coral Mayor John Gunter; and City of Sanibel Councilmember Mike Miller. Others in attendance included MPO Legal Counsel Derek Rooney; City of Cape Coral Police Department Officer; members of the public Bruce and Diana Ackerman; Wayne Gaither with FDOT; and MPO staff Don Scott and Calandra Barraco.

Due to a lack of quorum, the agenda items were taken out of order to allow additional time to reach quorum.

Other Business

Agenda Item #9 - Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #10 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #11 - Information/Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

New Business

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments Taken at Each Item

Public comments were taken at each agenda item. There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #8 - Overview of the November 18th MPO Board Meeting Agenda

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the November 18th MPO Board Meeting Agenda. He reviewed the agenda items including review and approval of Safety Targets, review and approval of SUN Trail priorities, electric vehicle registration fee information, FHWA Certification presentation, Burnt Store PD&E presentation, LeeTran ADA Assessment Plan presentation, and LRTP Amendment review. The committee discussed the reason for FDOT request for resubmittal of SUN Trail applications, projects on list, pedestrian bridge across Colonial, Caloosahatchee bridge pedestrian walkway, damages to approaches of Caloosahatchee bridge, specifics of Caloosahatchee bridge project, and quick repair of Caloosahatchee bridge by FDOT.

Agenda Item #7 - Current Traffic Information from Continuous Count Stations in the Area

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the current traffic information from continuous count stations in the area. He said over the last couple of weeks staff has been monitoring the continuous count

stations in the area that can provide real time traffic volumes, on I-75 in Lee County the station is located just south of Daniels Parkway, to respond to comments about traffic conditions since the storm. He referred to and reviewed two of the traffic count data snips that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#), one from October 10th and 11th and one from October 30th and 31st. He also provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on additional traffic count data for various stations in Lee County and the state of Florida. The presentation can be viewed here: [Count Station Data](#) The committee discussed patterns after previous hurricanes, origin and destination study, out-of-area workers, early return of winter residents, water consumption increases, count station increases, clogged streets, and debris on roadways.

Agenda Item #6 - Discussion on the Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measures

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for discussion on the proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measures. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on existing performance measures, greenhouse gas emissions, proposed rule requirements, integrated approach, Federal goals, Florida trends and conditions, proposed performance measures, proposed performance targets, calculations, and significant progress determinations. He also referred to the letter from FDOT to USDOT that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#) that identifies some of these issues. His presentation can be viewed here: [Greenhouse Gas Performance Measures](#) The committee discussed additional information from FDOT, FDOT targets, MPO targets, declining targets not easily achievable in areas with growth, other MPOs handling of the issue, providing additional information as it becomes available, and difficulty in reaching a declining target.

Agenda Item #5 - Discuss the Extension of the Executive Director Employment Agreement that Expires January 30, 2023

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to discuss the extension of the Executive Director's employment agreement. He said his employment agreement expires on January 30, 2023 and based on the terms of the agreement can be extended by mutual written agreement of the MPO and himself. He referred to the signed agreement from December of 2020 that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He confirmed with Mr. Derek Rooney that there were no substantial changes to the document. Mr. Rooney commented on the delay of the Executive Director review due to Covid, favorable responses from the recent review of Mr. Scott by the committee, two-year contract term, and other changes that could be considered and discussed at the committee now before the contract renewal goes before the MPO Board in January. Mr. Scott mentioned a five percent salary increase that was given to staff but delayed for him due to the upcoming contract renewal. Councilmember Miller asked what the expiration date of Mr. Scott's contract was. Mr. Scott replied January 30, 2023. The committee further discussed the five percent cost-of-living-adjustment that was given to staff, suggestions from the committee, and the current salary of Mr. Scott. Mr. Rooney asked if adjusting Mr. Scott's current salary by five percent had a consensus of the present committee members. There was a consensus amongst the present members.

Agenda Item #4 - Update on Project and Meeting Schedule Changes

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide an update on projects and schedule items, previously discussed prior to Hurricane Ian and are now changing, for information and discussion by the Committee. He reviewed the following information: the joint meetings with Collier that were previously discussed for November have now been changed back to regular Committee and Board meetings, Rail Trail presentations previously scheduled with Bonita and Estero Councils for early October are now being scheduled in December/January with MPO Committees in January and the MPO Board probably in March, SR 78 Project/Public Meetings will start back up in January, Regional grant IJA

workshops are moved to January, Origin Destination Study previously approved by the MEC will be delayed until further notice, and the SR 78 and SR 31 alternatives public workshop is scheduled for December 6. The committee discussed the delay of the origin and destination study, waiting until traffic numbers return to a more normal pattern, similar adjustments possible for the LRTP base year data, bringing scope back with new data for the origin and destination study, upcoming public meeting time, other delayed projects, dealing with approval items at future meetings, explanation of TIGER scope and count information, storm debris on roadways and impacts to pedestrians and drivers on sidewalks and roadways, positive impact of TIGER project and doubled counts, fee for TIGER data counts, time frame for TIGER counts, Sanibel causeway reconstruction and other possible alternatives, impact of causeway islands on environment, current ownership of causeway, status of reconstruction, involvement of FDOT, public comments on causeway reconstruction, degradation of water quality due to causeway, discussion of options at upcoming MPO Board meeting, inclusion in the LRTP, resiliency, and referencing discussion held at Executive Committee meeting when brought up at the MPO Board meeting.

Agenda Item #3 - *Review and Approve the TIGER Project Data Collection Scope of Services

This item was moved to the consent agenda of the November 18, 2022 MPO Board meeting due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Item #2 - *Review and Approval of the September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

This action item was table to another meeting due to lack of quorum.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [MEC November 9, 2022](#)

*** Action Items * May Require Action**

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