

Meeting Minutes

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

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those MEC members in attendance included Village of Estero Vice-Mayor Jon McLain; City of Fort Myers Councilmember/MPO Chair Teresa Watkins Brown; City of Cape Coral Mayor John Gunter; and Town of Fort Myers Beach Councilmember John R. King. Others in attendance included MPO Legal Counsel Derek Rooney; City of Cape Coral Police Department Officer; Victoria Peters with FDOT; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; and MPO staff Don Scott and Calandra Barraco.

New Business

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments Taken at Each Item

Chair Watkins Brown asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

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

Mayor John Gunter made the motion to approve the September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Vice-Mayor Jon McLain seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - *Review and Approval of the Scope of Services for the Development of the 2050 Socio-Economic Data

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the scope of services for the development of the socio-economic data that will be used in the update of the Regional Transportation Model. Mr. Scott reviewed the draft scope of services for the development of the 2050 socio-economic data that will be used in the update of FDOT's Regional Transportation Model that was attached to the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as slides at the meeting. Chair Watkins Brown asked if there were any comments. There were none. She then asked for a motion.

Mayor John Gunter made the motion to approve the Scope of Services for the Development of the 2050 Socio-Economic Data. Councilmember John R. King seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 - Information and Discussion Regarding the 2020 Urbanized Census Data

Mr. Scott presented this informational agenda item on the recently released 2020 Urbanized Census Data. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on current census data, prior census urban boundary maps, urban boundaries for Lee County, urban boundaries for Collier County, Bonita Springs urbanized areas, urbanized area population estimates, Transportation Management Areas populations, urbanized area population comparisons, urbanized area square miles, federal fund allocations, funding impacts, and options to resolve. Mr. Scott asked if there were

any comments. His presentation can be viewed here: [2020 Census Data](#) The committee discussed bringing the boundary maps back to the committee as soon as they are released, description of process, example of North Port area, similar issues across the state, discussion with other MPOs at state meeting, Collier concerns with being outvoted, potential loss of jobs and funding, multi-county MPOs in other areas, possibility of smaller population jurisdictions falling off of MPO Board membership, possibility of rotation of jurisdictions due to MPO Board membership limits, maximum number of MPO Board members, weighted voting, FDOT and FHWA involvement, arbitrary lines for boundaries, bringing additional information back when available, population data release, funding calculations, and example of Babcock area.

Agenda Item #5 - Update on the Carbon Reduction Funding Guidance and Project Information

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the Carbon Reduction Funding Guidance and Project Information. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides information on carbon reduction guidance, inclusion in the Long Range Transportation Plan, examples of eligible projects, and local examples of carbon reduction funding projects. His presentation can be viewed here: [Carbon Reduction Funding](#) The committee discussed FDOT pavement resurfacing schedules, inspection of roadways every two years, Marsh Avenue jurisdiction responsible for maintenance, providing copies of presentation slides, ensuring Estero Public Works is aware of funding, FDOT managed projects in Estero, and coordination between FDOT and Estero staff.

Agenda Item #6 - Preliminary Crash Data Statistics for 2022

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the Preliminary Crash Data Statistics for 2022. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on Florida Traffic Safety Dashboard data from 2021 and 2022 and Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Crash Dashboard data from 2021 and 2022. His presentation can be found here: [2022 Crash Data](#) The committee discussed providing the presentation to members, traffic issues with running lights and speeding, need for additional enforcement, supplemental officers in cities and towns, high visibility enforcement grants, possibility for Estero to have own policing vehicle, providing additional information on grant cycle, interlocal agreements for additional law enforcement services, use of radar speed signs, use of monetary fines for infractions, variable speed limit example in other Florida area, presence of large number of HOAs in Estero area, busy intersections, environmental factors, seasonal traffic congestion, and examination of serious injuries.

Agenda Item #7 - Provide Input on Potential Joint Regional Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO Agenda Items for February

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for input on Potential Joint Regional Charlotte-Punta Gorda and Lee County MPO agenda items for the February 17, 2023 meeting. He reviewed the current suggested topics including Burnt Store Road Corridor and SR 31 Corridor. He asked if there were any other topics. The committee discussed the next funded phase of Burnt Store Road, joint meeting location, no separate Lee only MPO Board meeting in February, and other Charlotte County project updates on their North/South reliever roadway and an interconnection to Tuckers Grade.

Agenda Item #8 - Overview of the January 20th MPO Board Meeting Agenda

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the January 20th MPO Board Meeting Agenda. He reviewed the meeting topics including consent agenda items, LRTP Amendment approval, election of 2023 officers, presentation on FHWA Certification, presentation of the I-75 corridor plan update, presentation of the FDOT draft tentative Work Program, and a presentation from the FDOT Safety Office.

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

Mr. Scott mentioned the public meeting for the SR 31 from SR 80 to SR 78 PD&E study, and Ms. Victoria Peters provided additional information on the meeting. Mr. Scott said he would add the meeting notice to the information and distribution items on the January 20, 2023 MPO Board agenda.

Agenda Item #11 - Information/Distribution Items

There were no information and/or distribution items.

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

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [MEC January 11, 2023](#)

* Action Items + May Require Action

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