

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
Green Room, City of Cape Coral Public Works Building  
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990



## Meeting Minutes

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### **Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order**

Chair Jay Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

### **Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions**

The committee members introduced themselves. Roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum.

### **Members Present**

Bill Floyd	Lee County Emergency Management
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
David Rivera	Lee County Schools
David Willems	Village of Estero
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Ian Sikonia	Lee County Port Authority
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jason Freeman	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Jay Anderson	Community Traffic Safety Team
Jillian Scholler	Lee County Department of Transportation
Victoria Poleski	Lee County Department of Transportation, Tolls

Others in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Jim DePatie with the City of Cape Coral; John Kubicki, Keith Robbins, and Steven Davis with FDOT.

### **Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda**

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

### **Agenda Item #4 – Approval of July 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to approve the July 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Dennis Petracca seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #5- Lee County Port Authority Presentation**

Mr. Ian Sikonia with the Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) provided a Power Point presentation that included information on the LCPA, the Page Field airport (FMY), Regional Southwest (RSW) airport, current outlook of RSW, construction project updates for RSW, and master plan updates for RSW. His presentation can be viewed here: [LCPA Presentation](#) Mr. Sikonia also played a video on the terminal expansion that can be accessed at the following link: [LCPA Video](#) The committee discussed the potential top floor parking garage closure, rental car quick turn around area, cost increase of project, example of EOC project cost increase, and accommodation of continued growth.

## **Agenda Item #6 - Recommendation from RSA Conducted on San Carlos Boulevard from Linda Loma to Kelly Road**

Mr. Keith Robbins and John Kubicki with FDOT gave a presentation that included bio data of the two presenters, information on FDOT's District One Safety Office, outreach efforts and endeavors of the Safety Office, Road Safety Audit (RSA) recommendations, and the results of an analysis of high crash corridors in Lee County. The RSA was conducted on San Carlos Boulevard from Linda Loma to Kelly Road. The RSA presentation included information on the timeline of the San Carlos project, corridor location, corridor overview, completed and planned projects, crash history from 2016 through 2021, field review, diagnosis and countermeasure identification, identification of maintenance concerns, short-term recommendations, mid-term recommendations, long-term recommendations, and next steps. The presentation can be viewed here (slides one through twenty-three): [San Carlos RSA](#)

## **Agenda Item #7 - Analysis of High Crash Corridors in Lee County**

The FDOT presentation on Analysis of High Crash Corridors covered information on District One top twenty fatal crash segments from 2017 through 2021, fatal and severe injury crashes from 2019 through 2021, locations of crashes in Lee County, crashes with respect to posted speeds in Lee County, crashes with respect to number of lanes in Lee County, fatal and severe crashes by speed and number of lanes in Lee County, bicycle and pedestrian crashes by context classification in District One, bicycle and pedestrian crashes by posted speed limit in District One, bicycle and pedestrian crashes by number of lanes in District One, statewide trends, roadway and environment, outreach and education, and Lee County public service announcement. Information was also provided on FDOT's call to action. The high crash corridor portion of the FDOT presentation are covered in slides twenty-four through forty-three): [Analysis of High Crash Corridors](#). The committee discussed fatalities at mid-block, tendencies to drive more cautious in inclement weather, tendencies to drive faster when fewer people on the road, Covid impacts, poor driver behavior, design of Florida roads, examples of roads in other areas, large percentage of seasonal visitors in Florida, placement of markings on road to slow traffic, law enforcement component, sharing data and resources, funding types and uses, integrating off-system road data with on-system data, new funding opportunities, explanation of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program, Lee MPO submission for the SS4A grant to develop a countywide comprehensive action plan, continuity between US 41 safety improvements, road safety audit on US 41, pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHB), and their use and perception by public, introduction of new treatments like diverging diamond interchange (DDI) and learning curve, example of using various tools to reduce number of fatalities, FDOT contact information, and target zero.

## **Agenda Item #8 - Village of Estero Project Update**

Mr. David Willems provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the Village of Estero utility expansion project on Sandy Lane, Sandy Lane/Broadway East Bike Ped project, and the Estero on the River project. His presentation can be viewed here: [Village of Estero Updates](#). The committee discussed funding, grants, increases in property values after septic to sewer conversion, other project phases, speed limit on road, priorities, increased traffic around schools, and Sandy Lane construction timeline.

## **Agenda Item #9 - Carbon Reduction Priorities**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item on the Carbon Reduction Priorities. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the carbon reduction program, carbon reduction strategy requirements, eligible projects, program allocations, and recommended priorities. His presentation can be accessed here: [Carbon Reduction Priorities](#). The committee discussed

inclusion of feasibility studies, bipartisan infrastructure law (BIL), and infrastructure investment jobs act (IIJA).

### **Agenda Item #10 - Local Agency/FDOT/MPO Updates**

There were no local agency/FDOT/MPO updates.

### **Agenda Item #11 - Public and Member Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda. Chair Anderson commented on traffic laws and enforcement. The committee discussed the example of Challenger Boulevard, traffic unit staffing, enforcement, direction from USDOT, lack of support in Florida legislation for automated enforcement, and example of downtown Fort Myers signage being stolen.

### **Agenda Item #12 – Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting**

Chair Anderson said topics for next meeting could be emailed to MPO staff.

### **Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items**

Mr. Gogoi mentioned the information and distribution items that included a public meeting notice for a SR 739 project, SR 78 workshop information, and information on Regional Grant Sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at: [TMOG Audio September 14, 2022](#)

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