



## JOINT CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY AND COLLIER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

Estero Community Park & Recreation Center  
9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, 103A  
Estero, Florida 33928

**October 1, 2009**  
**1:00 p.m.**

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Election of a Chairperson**
3. **Public Comments**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Action Items**
  - A. Recommend Amendments to the Bi-County Regional Pathway Map.
  - B. Recommend Joint Regional Enhancement Priorities.
  - C. Update the Regional Priorities for SIS or Statewide Discretionary Funding.
  - D. Review and Approve the LRTP Goals and Objectives.
6. **Reports and Presentations**
  - A. Update on the Proposed Lee-Collier Transit Route Connection on US 41.
  - B. Status of the CR 951 PD&E Study.
  - C. Discussion Regarding Regional Coordination on Future Stimulus Funding.
  - D. Discussion on the LRTP Update and Process and the Status of other Studies that Affect the Final Plan.
7. **Florida Department of Transportation Report**
8. **Transit Update**
9. **Members' Comments**
10. **Information Items**
11. **Adjournment of Joint CAC meeting**



## **RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO THE BI - COUNTY REGIONAL PATHWAY MAP**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Amend the Pathways Component of the Bi-County Regional Network to add facilities consistent with the Lee County Greenways Plan, revise the alignment in northeast Collier to match the results of the Northeast Trail Study and to identify what pathway segments are existing or programmed (**the amended map is shown in Attachment A and the previously approved Joint Map from 4/18/2008 is shown in Attachment B**).

At its August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Lee County MPO added regional facilities to the Pathways Component of the Bi-County Regional Network map so that the pathways network included regional pathways that were consistent with the Lee County Greenways Master Plan. On September 15, 2009 the Lee MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee and the Collier MPO Pathways Advisory Committee voted unanimously (acting as a committee of the whole as Collier PAC did not have a quorum) to add those amendments and to also revise the map in the Northeast Collier area to match the preferred alternative from the Northeast Collier Trail Feasibility Study. In addition, the Joint Committee also voted to revise the map to indicate what pathway segments on this map are considered to be existing facilities, programmed in the five year work program or planned. The Regional Pathway map will be used to identify regional pathway projects that will be prioritized for possible Regional Enhancement funding.

**Attachment A** includes the map as modified at the Joint Bicycle/Pedestrian meeting and the original map that was last amended by the joint Lee County and Collier MPO Board in 2008 is provided in **Attachment B** so that the committee members can identify the proposed changes.

At the October 1, 2009 meeting, the Joint CAC will be asked to review the latest amended map and recommend the map amendments to the joint Lee County and Collier MPO who will be meeting on October 11, 2009.



## **RECOMMEND JOINT REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT PRIORITIES**

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** Review and recommend project priorities for the Regional Transportation Enhancement funds for FY 2014/15.

About \$1.2 million is available to the MPOs and rural counties in FDOT District One for funding regional transportation enhancement projects in FY 2014/15. The MPOs were asked to work with their regional partners to identify projects and submit priorities. Accordingly, the Lee MPO and the Collier MPO, who are regional partners, have been coordinating together to bring regional enhancement projects to the Joint meetings in September and October. The project priorities come from the Regional Pathways map that is included in Agenda Item 5A.

The Joint Lee MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee and the Collier MPO Pathways Advisory Committee acting as a committee of the whole (the Collier PAC did not have a quorum) unanimously recommended the following Regional Pathway projects in the following priority order:

1. A Design phase for a regional pathway along US 41 in Collier County from 6L's farm to CR 92 – Estimated cost of \$165,000.
2. A PD&E study for a regional pathway along US 41 in Collier County from East of CR 92 to CR 29.
3. A design phase for Old US 41 from US 41 in Collier County to Bonita Beach Road in Lee County.
4. A PD&E study for a regional pathway along SR 82 from Daniels Parkway in Lee County to SR 29 in Collier County.



## UPDATE THE REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR SIS OR STATEWIDE DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** Review the staff proposed regional priorities in **Attachment A**, and recommend their approval with changes, if necessary, to the joint MPO.

The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Priorities were last amended on April 18, 2008. Since then, the cuts that were made in the IROX project to bring the cost under the available revenues and reduction of general revenues in the last couple of Florida Revenue Estimating Conferences makes it important that four I 75 projects that were assumed to be programmed previously now be added back to this list. These include:

- ❖ The construction phase of the I 75 six-laning from South of Colonial Boulevard to South of SR 82
- ❖ The construction phase of the I 75 six-laning from South of SR 82 to South of Lockett Road
- ❖ The construction phase of the six –laning of I 75 from South of Lockett Road to South of SR 80
- ❖ Construction of the I-75/Daniels Parkway Interchange Improvements.

In addition, the next unfunded phase (construction) of the SR 80 major interchange improvements should be included in the list of SIS priorities. Also, with the design of the six-lane widening of SR 82 from Lee Boulevard to Daniels Parkway now being programmed, its next unfunded phase - ROW- should be included on the SIS priority list.

The MPO staff has included all the above projects in the updated SIS priority list and proposed priorities for all the projects as shown in **Attachment A**, while removing the SR 82 six-laning from Ortiz to Lee Boulevard (Priority #3) which is scheduled for construction shortly.

While assigning the proposed priorities, staff took into consideration that the six-laning of I 75 (except its northernmost and southernmost segments) was included in the IROX project and should be completed first before we move forward in implementing the other improvements on the priority list. The joint CAC will be asked to review the staff proposed priorities in **Attachment A** at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, and recommend their approval with changes, if necessary, to the Lee County and Collier MPO Boards who will be meeting jointly in October 11, 2009.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR SIS/ STATEWIDE DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

Staff Proposed Priority	2008 Priority	Project	From	To	Improvement Type	Next Unprogrammed Phase
1	-	I 75	S of Colonial Blvd	SR 82	6L	CST <sup>1,2</sup>
2	-	I 75	SR 82	Luckett Blvd	6L	CST <sup>1</sup>
3	-	I 75	Luckett Blvd	SR 80	6L	CST <sup>1</sup>
4	-	I 75	@ Daniels Pkwy		Major interchange improvements	CST <sup>1,2</sup>
5	1	I 75 Airport Access	I 75	Midfield terminal at SWF International Airport	Extension of midfield terminal entrance road to I 75, and connecting ramps and 2L C-D roads	CST <sup>1</sup>
6	2	I 75	@ SR 951/SR 84		Major interchange improvements	PE
7	4	I 75	@ Everglades Blvd		New Interchange	PE
8	-	SR 82	Lee Blvd	Daniels Pkwy	6L	ROW
9	5	I 75	SR 951	Golden Gate Pkwy	6L	PE
10	6	SR 82	Daniels Pkwy	Parkdale	6L	PE
11	7	SR 82	Parkdale	Homestead Rd	6L	PE
12	8	SR 82	Homestead Rd	SR 29	6L	PE
13	9	SR 80	SR 31	Buckingham Rd	6L	PD&E
14	10	I 75	SR 80	North of SR 78	6L	CST
15	-	I 75	@ SR 80		Major interchange improvements	CST
16	13	I 75	@ Colonial Blvd		Major interchange improvements	CST
17	14	SR 29 Bypass	CR 29 @ Immokalee Rd ext	SR 29 @ SR 82	4L	PE
18	12	I 75	@ Bonita Beach Rd		Major interchange improvements	PE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR SIS/ STATEWIDE DISCRETIONARY FUNDING							
Staff Proposed Priority	2008 Priority	Project	From	To	Improvement Type	Next Unprogrammed Phase	
19	15	SR 29	Oil Well Road	Hendry County line	4L	PE	
20	16	I 75	Alico Rd	SR 82	10L	PE	
21	17	I 75	Bonita Beach Rd	Alico Rd	12L	PE	
21	17	I 75	Immokalee Rd	Bonita Beach Rd	10L	PE	
21	17	I 75	Pine Ridge Rd	Immokalee Rd	10L	PE	
21	17	I 75	Golden Gate Pkwy	Pine Ridge Rd	8L	PE	
22	18	I 75	SR 82	SR 80	8L	PE	
23	19	I 75	North of SR 78	Charlotte County line	8L	PE	

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>This project was dropped from the Tentative Work Program for FY 2009/10 through FY 2013/14

<sup>2</sup>This project was cut from the ongoing IROX project

## **REVIEW AND APPROVE THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Review and Approve the Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives (**Attached**).

One of the most critical planning documents that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) creates is a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for their planning area. The Lee and Collier MPOs are currently updating their LRTPs for the year 2035. Dyer, Riddle, Mills and Precourt Consulting are the lead consultants heading up this update for both MPOs. The process to develop a LRTP Update takes almost two years and adoption of the LRTP is planned for December of 2010. As part of the updating process, the goals and objectives have been developed by the Consultant for the Lee/Collier Region and the attached goals and objectives have been revised to reflect the comments that we have received to date. The Joint MPO needs to review the transportation goals and objectives to ensure that they are goals that correctly reflect the values and priorities of the region. The Goals and Objectives are developed to be consistent with the SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) and they form the foundation for the updated LRTP. Projects will later be recommended for inclusion in the 2035 LRTP Update that will help move the region towards achieving these goals and objectives.



## L RTP Goals and Objectives

Metropolitan planning regulations require that in formulating the long range transportation plan, the MPO should provide for consideration of projects and strategies that consider the following nine (9) evaluation factors, as they relate to a minimum twenty (20) year forecast period:

- 1) Support the economic vitality of the United States , the States and Metropolitan planning areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency;
- 2) Increase the safety of the transportation system for all users. The safety element shall incorporate or summarize priorities, goals counter measures or projects contained in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP);
- 3) Increase the security of the transportation system for its users. The security element shall incorporate or summarize the priorities, goals or projects set forth in the transit safety and security planning review process, plans and programs;
- 4) Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight;
- 5) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
- 6) Promote participation and coordination among interested public, tribal and private parties;
- 7) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- 8) Promote efficient system management and operation; and
- 9) Emphasis the preservation of the existing transportation system.

The Lee County MPO and Collier County MPO goals and objectives from their respective LRTPs were combined in an effort to make one cohesive set of goals and objectives for the 2035 LRTP. Language from each was compared, and modified where it was considered appropriate. A consistent numbering system was also developed.

This combined set of Goals and Objectives is provided below.

### **GOAL 1: A multi-modal transportation system that is balanced and integrated with all transportation modes to ensure safe and efficient movement of people and goods.**

OBJECTIVE 1.1 Minimize congestion on roadways and at intersections.

OBJECTIVE 1.2 Maintain roadway and other Level of Service (LOS) standards consistent with regional, county and municipal comprehensive plans.

OBJECTIVE 1.3 Provide a balanced system with viable multi-modal options that are consistent with local comprehensive plans.

OBJECTIVE 1.4 Provide infrastructure that supports intermodal transportation (transit riders, pedestrians, and bicyclists).

OBJECTIVE 1.5 Improve intermodal connectivity and access to intermodal facilities (e.g. airports, transit centers, Greyhound, rail, passenger ferries, etc.) and activity centers.

OBJECTIVE 1.6 Provide more sidewalks and bikeways.

OBJECTIVE 1.7 Improve public transit services so they are efficient, frequent, reliable, convenient, easy to use and understand, and promotes other intermodal uses.

OBJECTIVE 1.8 Provide reasonable and accessible regional public transit services.

OBJECTIVE 1.9 Develop and provide specialized services and systems to meet the needs of transportation-disadvantaged persons.

OBJECTIVE 1.10 Maximize transportation network continuity and promote alternative modes of transport (e.g., rail, pipeline and waterways)

OBJECTIVE 1.11 Provide efficient truck routes.

OBJECTIVE 1.12 Encourage utilization of Transportation Demand Management (TDM).

OBJECTIVE 1.13 Enhance the health and welfare of residents and visitors.

OBJECTIVE 1.14 Establish process to maximize input on all aspects of transportation (planned growth, economic development, environmental protection, air operations and freight operations) and coordinate with State and other entities that are responsible for activities that affect transportation.

OBJECTIVE 1.15 Identify and ensure access to key freight load centers.

**GOAL 2: A transportation system that is safe and secure for existing and future residents, visitors and businesses.**

OBJECTIVE 2.1 Participate in the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) process.

OBJECTIVE 2.2 Safety planning shall be consistent with and reflect the goals and objectives of the State's SHSP.

- OBJECTIVE 2.3 Reduce overall roadway crash rates at intersections and along corridors.
- OBJECTIVE 2.4 Reduce crash rates that involve conflicts among different modes of transportation through engineering and public education (autos, trucks, buses, trains, motorcycles, pedestrians and bicyclists).
- OBJECTIVE 2.5 Identify critical components of the local and regional infrastructure and develop strategies to enhance safety and security.
- OBJECTIVE 2.6 Increase comfort, safety and security on board transit vehicles, at bus stops, at intermodal facilities and connections.
- OBJECTIVE 2.7 Support regional and/or county-level commercial vehicle enforcement programs.
- OBJECTIVE 2.8 Analyze the adequacy of penalties imposed for violations of commercial motor vehicle weight limits and implement improvements as needed.
- OBJECTIVE 2.9 Work with the Department of Homeland Security to identify key steps to take to ensure that all transportation modes including freight hubs meet national security requirements.

**GOAL 3: A transportation system that enhances emergency responsiveness and evacuation.**

- OBJECTIVE 3.1 Minimize emergency response time.
- OBJECTIVE 3.2 Provide efficient evacuation routes.
- OBJECTIVE 3.3 Identify available alternate evacuation routes.
- OBJECTIVE 3.4 Improve accessibility to local evacuation shelters.
- OBJECTIVE 3.5 Coordinate with local officials regarding expansion of local shelter opportunities.
- OBJECTIVE 3.6 Identify available transportation options during evacuations.
- OBJECTIVE 3.7 Ensure transportation options are available for the elderly, persons with disabilities and other transportation-disadvantaged citizens during emergency evacuations.

OBJECTIVE 3.8 Provide support for the ongoing development of ITS infrastructure that will support emergency responders in preventing, reducing and mitigating the effects of incidents.

OBJECTIVE 3.9 Maintain and preserve evacuation routes in both urban and rural areas to allow aid vehicles to better access/leave target areas.

**GOAL 4: A transportation system that is sensitive to the effects to the socio-cultural elements of the communities, the community character and environmental resources.**

OBJECTIVE 4.1 Enhance aesthetics and the character of neighborhoods, communities, commercial districts and transportation facilities.

OBJECTIVE 4.2 Enhance multi-modal transportation opportunities for minority and low-income populations.

OBJECTIVE 4.3 Improve neighborhoods, communities and commercial districts for safe access to multi-modal transportation opportunities.

OBJECTIVE 4.4 Enhance mobility and accessibility for elderly populations, persons with disabilities and transportation-disadvantaged.

OBJECTIVE 4.5 Minimize adverse environmental impacts, including noise and promote energy conservation.

OBJECTIVE 4.6 Avoid and minimize cultural, archaeological or historical impacts.

OBJECTIVE 4.7 Improve resident's quality of life by increasing non-automobile access to shopping, social services, civic activities, healthcare and recreational opportunities.

OBJECTIVE 4.8 Use effective public involvement and context-sensitive design to develop intermodal and freight centers that support community vision and enhance quality of life.

**GOAL 5: A sustainable transportation system that enhances economic growth and anticipates development demands.**

OBJECTIVE 5.1 Minimize congestion on roadways and at intersections.

OBJECTIVE 5.2 Improve public transit services so they are efficient, frequent, reliable, convenient, that is easy to use and understand and promotes other intermodal uses.

OBJECTIVE 5.3 Improve intermodal connectivity and access to intermodal facilities (e.g. airports, transit centers, Greyhound, rail, passenger ferries, etc.) and activity centers.

OBJECTIVE 5.4 Provide safe, secure and efficient movement of freight and goods throughout the transportation system.

OBJECTIVE 5.5 Reserve future corridors, right-of-way.

OBJECTIVE 5.6 Recognize and promote the long term economic benefits of a livable and sustainable community where multi-modal transportation opportunities embrace pedestrians, public transit riders, and bicyclists of all ages and abilities; automobile independence; a human scaled and interconnected network of streets; and accessibility to daily needs within walking or bicycling distance.

OBJECTIVE 5.7 Provide for smooth and efficient transfers for both people and freight between transportation modes and between SIS, regional and local corridors and hubs.

**GOAL 6: A transportation system that is maintained, optimized and expanded using the best available technologies and innovations.**

OBJECTIVE 6.1 Construct and maintain multi-modal infrastructure to standards that minimize their lifecycle costs.

OBJECTIVE 6.2 Identify and implement the best available technologies and innovations to improve the reliability and efficiency of the transportation system. Maximize the use of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies.

OBJECTIVE 6.3 Reduce roadway congestion by maximizing ITS technologies, e.g., efficiently route traffic to alternate routes and divert around congested corridors or incidents.

OBJECTIVE 6.4 Reduce peak period vehicular travel using Travel Demand Management measures (e.g., variable pricing, carpooling, vanpooling, telecommuting, flexible work hours, HOV tolling).

OBJECTIVE 6.5 Identify and reserve corridors and right-of-way for future transportation facilities.

OBJECTIVE 6.6 Provide more transportation corridors connecting activity centers

OBJECTIVE 6.7 Increase mixed use development and densities along major transit corridors.

OBJECTIVE 6.8 Apply truck-specific design standards (lane width, ramp terminal radii, curb radii, pavement thickness) on roadways with significant truck volumes.

**GOAL 7: A transportation system that is financially feasible.**

OBJECTIVE 7.1 Identify opportunities of alternative funding sources.

OBJECTIVE 7.2 Maximize the return on federal and state transportation funds.

OBJECTIVE 7.3 Maximize use of available Federal funding and training primarily through SAFETEA-LU (Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program, Truck Parking Facilities grant, etc.) and Non-SAFETEA-LU (Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration grants) for multimodal freight improvements and planning.

OBJECTIVE 7.4 Maximize use of available SIS and TRIP funds to promote multimodal freight and passenger transportation improvements.

**GOAL 8: A transportation system that is coordinated through local, regional and state agencies and based on effective integration of transportation, land use, conservation and smart growth planning.**

OBJECTIVE 8.1 Coordinate transportation and land use planning.

OBJECTIVE 8.2 Coordinate local and regional planning.

OBJECTIVE 8.3 Facilitate intermodal connections.

OBJECTIVE 8.4 Maximize connections between adjacent land uses.

OBJECTIVE 8.5 Apply transportation and land use planning techniques that support intermodal connections and coordination.

OBJECTIVE 8.6 Apply enhanced access management standards and strategies in corridors of regional significance.

OBJECTIVE 8.7 Provide a coordinated and consistent transportation system.

OBJECTIVE 8.8 Promote participation and coordination among public, tribal and private parties.

OBJECTIVE 8.9 Create institutional structures that support statewide, regional and local mobility needs.

OBJECTIVE 8.10 Maintain close coordination with FDOT, Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the Southwest Florida Alliance and the chambers of commerce in Lee County and neighboring counties on issues related to land use decisions, economic growth policies and transportation needs.



## **UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED LEE-COLLIER TRANSIT ROUTE CONNECTION ON US 41**

### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

This is a discussion item for staff to give an update on the proposed Lee-Collier Transit route connection along US 41. Over the last two years, the two transit agencies (LeeTran and CAT) have been trying to provide a route connection along US 41 to make a connection between their two service areas. Previously, the FDOT had funded a service development grant to help get the service started but the transit agencies have been struggling to get the necessary local match funding. The latest status on this is that an Interlocal Agreement has been drafted and the two transit agencies have agreed on a service map (**attached**). Also, FDOT staff is currently drafting a Joint Participation Agreement. Staff will provide additional information on this at the meeting.



## **STATUS OF THE CR 951 EXTENSION PD&E STUDY**

### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

This is a discussion item for staff to give an update on the CR 951 Extension Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The two Counties have been working on this project over the last few years and the PD&E study has been submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for approval and Lee County is now in the second round of responding to questions. In the near future, the Lee County staff is planning to meet with the FHWA staff to try and move this process along.



**DISCUSSION REGARDING REGIONAL  
COORDINATION ON FUTURE STIMULUS FUNDING**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

There have been recent discussions about trying to coordinate regionally when there are future opportunities for stimulus funds so that we increase our chances on trying to obtain the discretionary funding. This is particularly important where one of the criteria for selection and funding is that the project is coordinated regionally.



## **DISCUSSION ON THE LRTP UPDATE AND PROCESS AND THE STATUS OF OTHER STUDIES THAT AFFECT THE FINAL PLAN**

### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

At the September 18, 2009 Lee MPO Board meeting there was a discussion about the I-75 Expressway Authority, the Rail Corridor grant and other Planning studies around the two Counties and having an agenda item to talk about those studies and how they feed into the LRTP decisions. Staff has added this item on just before the Collier agenda was sent out so we will be working on a presentation of the status of the LRTP update and process and also provide information on the various studies before we get to the Joint TAC and CAC meeting.



## **INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Minutes from the March 5, 2009 Joint Lee-Collier CAC meeting



**MINUTES OF THE JOINT COLLIER & LEE COUNTY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Held on March 5, 2009**

The Joint Collier & Lee County Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was held on March 5, 2009 at the Estero Community Park & Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, 103A, Estero, Florida 33928.

**Attendees:**

**Collier County**

Karen Homiak	District 1
Jack Pointer	District 2
Tim Nance (Chair)	District 5
Richard Rice	Member at-large
Fred Thomas (Vice-Chair)	Minority

**Lee County**

Amy Davies	District 1
Thomas Ruscik	District 1
John Musser	District 2
David Maile	District 2
Tony Cardinale	District 3
Albert O'Donnell	District 3
Heather Mazurkiewicz	District 4
Rick Anglickis (Chair)	District 5
Phillip Boller	City of Cape Coral
John Pohland	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Arthur Godar	Members at-large
Kemi Morten	Members at-large

Those also in attendance were: Phil Tindall, Lorraine Lantz, and Tamika Seaton with Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); Don Scott, Meghan Marion, and Ron Gogoi with Lee County MPO; Trinity Caudill-Scott with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Carmen Monroy with LeeTran; Michelle Arnold with Alternative Transportation Modes (ATM) Department; Chris Swenson with CRSPE Inc.; and David Buchheit with Collier County Transportation Planning Department.

**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mr. Tindall of the Collier MPO called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Ms. Seaton called the roll for Collier CAC. Quorum not present.

Ms. Marion called the roll for Lee County CAC. Quorum not present.

As a quorum was not present, the meeting proceeded as a Committee of the Whole.

**Agenda Item #2 – Election of a Chairperson**

**MOTION BY MR. THOMAS AND SECONDED BY MR. GODAR  
TO ELECT MR. ANGLICKIS AS CHAIRPERSON. APPROVAL  
BY CONSENSUS.**

As a quorum was not present, Chairman Anglickis asked that the non-action items be discussed first.

**(Re-order) Agenda Item #4 – Reports and Presentations**

**Agenda Item #4A – Discuss Planned Bicycle /Pedestrian Facilities that Cross the County Line**

Mr. Scott presented an overview of the planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities that cross the Lee-Collier County line. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cardinale and Mr. O'Donnell arrived at approximately 1:06 p.m. and the Lee County CAC attained a quorum.

**Agenda Item #4B – Update on the Proposed Lee-Collier Transit Route Connection on US 41**

Ms. Arnold stated that the ATM Department is coordinating with LeeTran to make a transit route connection on US 41. She stated that the Collier County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) asked staff to pursue the transit route connection to Lee County, but due to budget constraints, there may be difficulty meeting the local match requirement. This morning, at the Joint Lee-Collier Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, FDOT stated that a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) could be used to secure funding for the connection. Ms. Arnold stated that LeeTran expressed concerns that implementing this new service would cause existing services to be cut.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Lee-Collier Transit route connection on US 41. Mr. Thomas asked if the Joint TAC discussed creating a Lee-Collier transit connection farther east. He stated that implementing a route connecting northern Immokalee to Lehigh Acres would be beneficial for the residents of Immokalee. Ms. Arnold stated that the Joint TAC did not discuss this item but this route was identified as a need. She stated that a northern connection would be another area that the transit would look in the future.

Ms. Homiak arrived at approximately 1:20 p.m. and the Collier County CAC attained a quorum.

**MOTION BY MR. THOMAS AND SECONDED BY MR. POINTER TO OFFICIALLY ELECT MR. ANGLICKIS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT LEE-COLLIER CAC. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Lee-Collier transit connection. Ms. Mazurkiewicz asked what can be done to help transit thrive. Ms. Arnold stated that talking to elected officials about transit would help. Mr. Thomas stated that a transit route connecting Immokalee to Lehigh Acres would get more people on transit and help take the pressure off SR 82. Ms. Davies stated that transit is competing for ad valorem funds and until there is a dedicated funding source like a transit authority or sale tax, transit would continue to compete against law enforcement and other agencies for funding and will lose every time.

Mr. Maile arrived at approximately 1:25 p.m.

**(Re-order) Agenda Item #2A – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda**

None.

**Agenda Item #3A – Prioritize TRIP Projects for FY 2013 and FY 2014**

Mr. Scott presented an overview of the TRIP projects for FYs 2013 and 2014. He stated that the old and new criteria were used to score projects submitted. The Lee-Collier MPO Board will be prioritizing the TRIP projects at their March 20 meeting.

**MOTION BY MR. THOMAS AND SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER TO APPROVE THE PRIORITY ORDER OF TRIP PROJECTS FOR FY 2013 AND FY 2014. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #3B – APPROVAL OF THE REVISIONS TO THE JOINT LEE-COLLIER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION AGREEMENT**

Mr. Scott stated that the Agreement was being revised to be more consistent with the way business is being conducted.

**MOTION BY MR. GODAR AND SECONDED BY MR. THOMAS TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE JOINT LEE-COLLIER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Agenda Item #4C – Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Mr. Scott presented an overview of the LRTP Update. He distributed a copy of the LRTP schedule and stated that the LRTP had to be adopted by December 3, 2010 to be consistent with the Federal Highway Administration's requirements. Mr. Scott stated that further on down the road, the MPOs will be having a LRTP 101 workshop which would be offered to the committees, the board, and all other interested parties. The Lee County MPO is working on a LRTP Public Involvement Plan (PIP) which will be sent out for review. He stated that the MPOs plan to update the committee on the LRTP at every meeting.

Mr. Tindall stated that the Collier MPO's LRTP PIP will involve speaking at civic associations, the chamber of commerce and other community organizations. He stated that the Collier MPO staff will begin conducting its LRTP PIP sometime in the fall.

Discussion ensued regarding the LRTP Update. Mr. Thomas stated that he was concerned that based on the trends, significant things will be happening quickly. He presented an overview of the Hard Rock Hotel that is currently being built in Immokalee and that there may be transportation issues in the future. He stated that Collier County has always been based on growth and that there is a systematic involvement into the process. Mr. Thomas stated that Collier County's Land Development Code (LDC) needed to be changed for the Immokalee area. In his opinion, changing the LCD would spur economic development. Ms. Caudill-Scott stated that FDOT is conducting a PD&E study in Immokalee (SR 29 and SR 29 Bypass) and that information can be provided and incorporated into the LRTP.

Mr. Scott presented an overview of Clean Low-Emissions Affordable New Transportation Equity Act (Clean TEA) which is the proposed transportation bill to replace SAFETEA-LU. He stated that he is uncertain as to when it would be adopted and that this is something that was not addressed in the LRTP Scope.-

#### **Agenda Item #4D – Presentation on Possible Future Funding for Carbon Reduction**

Mr. Swenson, P.E., of CRSPE, Inc., made a presentation outlining how state and local governments have the opportunity to generate transportation funding through Carbon Cap and Trade revenues. He stated that Cap and Trade would allow entities that reduce their carbon emissions to sell credits in a voluntary market to offset their carbon emissions.

Discussion ensued regarding carbon reduction. Mr. Scott stated that he would post Mr. Swenson's presentation on the Joint MPO's web site.

#### **Agenda Item #4E – 2010 SIS Strategic Plan Update**

Ms. Caudill-Scott presented an overview of the 2010 SIS Strategic Plan. She invited everyone to visit the SIS Web Site at [www.sisupdate.org](http://www.sisupdate.org) for updates and upcoming events.

**Agenda Item #5 – Florida Department of Transportation Report**

Ms. Caudill-Scott stated that FDOT is working with the local government to get shovel ready economic stimulus projects. FDOT submitted all municipalities priority lists to Tallahassee for funding allocations. She stated that FDOT did not know which projects would be funded.

**Agenda Item #6 – Transit Update**

Ms. Monroy presented an overview of LeeTran’s economic stimulus projects and stated that LeeTran would continue to work towards the proposed Lee-Collier transit route connection on US 41.

Mr. Thomas stated that he was concerned about the Collier connection from Immokalee to Lehigh Acres.

Ms. Monroy stated that Mr. Thomas’ concern was already identified in LeeTran’s future plan and that they will continue to review the route. **She stated that LeeTran would bring back additional information about the route at the next joint meeting.**

**Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

**Agenda Item #8 – Members’ Comments**

None.

**Agenda Item #9 – Information Items**

None.

**Agenda Item #10 – Adjournment of Joint CAC Meeting**

Having no further business, the Joint Lee/Collier CAC meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:48 p.m.

**Agenda Item #11 – Call to Order/Roll Call Lee County CAC**

Chairman Anglickis called the Lee County CAC meeting to order at 2:51 p.m.

**Agenda Item #12a – Approval of the February 5, 2009 CAC Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION BY MS. MAZURKIEWCZ TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 5, 2009 CAC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #12b&c – Request Public Input and Recommend MPO Endorsement of LeeTran’s USC 5311 Grant Proposals and 5307 Grant Applications for ARRA Funds**

Ms. Monroy requested to combine Agenda Item 12b and 12c into one motion.

Ms. Monroy presented the information regarding the 5311 and 5307 Grant Applications for ARRA funds.

**MOTION BY MR. O’DONNELL TO RECOMMEND MPO ENDORSEMENT OF LEETRAN’S USC 5311 GRANT PROPOSALS AND 5307 GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR ARRA FUNDS. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #12d – Recommend Conditional MPO Approval of TIP Amendments to Include ARRA Funded USC 5311 and 5307 Grant Proposals**

Ms. Monroy presented this item.

**MOTION BY MS. MAZURKIEWCZ TO RECOMMEND CONDITIONAL MPO APPROVAL OF TIP AMENDMENTS TO INCLUDE ARRA FUNDED USC 5311 AND 5307 GRANT PROPOSALS. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Anglickis would like to request that Staff write a letter to Lee County and the Lee County School Board thanking them for the effort to get the sidewalks completed in front of Lehigh Elementary School.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.