

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION AND COLLIER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION**

Held on March 16, 2007

The following members were present for the joint meeting of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization on March 16, 2007 at the Bonita Springs City Hall Council Chambers, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, Florida.

Commissioner Frank Mann	Lee County District 5
Commissioner Tammy Hall	Lee County District 4
Commissioner Ray Judah	Lee County District 3
Commissioner Brian Bigelow	Lee County District 2
Commissioner Robert Janes	Lee County District 1
Mayor Jim Humphrey	City of Fort Myers
Councilman Randy Henderson	City of Fort Myers
Councilman William Shenko, Jr.	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Councilman Richard Stevens	City of Cape Coral
Councilperson Alex Lepera	City of Cape Coral
Councilperson Dolores Bertolini	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Tom Hair	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Ben Nelson	City of Bonita Springs

Those also in attendance included: Michael Rippe and Johnny Limbaugh of FDOT; Dave Burr of SWFRPC; David Loveland, Scott Gilbertson and Amy Davies of Lee County DOT; Steve Myers of LeeTran; Jed Schneck of the Lee County Attorney's Office; Jim Burke from P.B.S.D.; Brandy Otero, Tamika Seaton and Don Scott from Collier County MPO; Peter Schafer from Lee County; Dan Moser from BPCC; Gary Edson from Citizens Transportation; Matt Noble from Lee County Department of Planning; Steve Neff from City of Cape Coral; Chris Swenson from CRSPE, Inc.; Norman Feder from Collier Transportation; Bill Austin from Wilbur Smith and Associates; Sergio Masvidac from PFM; Tina Matte and Tom Conrecode from SWFTI; Ryan Hiraki from the News Press; Scott Teach from Collier County Attorney's Office; John Henderson from Naples Daily News; Brian Bigelow from Lee BOCC; Mick Denham from City of Sanibel; and Ron Gogoi, Brian Raimondo, Debbie Kooi and Meghan Marion of Lee County MPO.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Mr. Dave Burr.

Councilman Nelson led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Marion called the roll for Lee County.

Commissioner Mann-present
Commissioner Hall-present
Commissioner Judah-present

Commissioner Bigelow-present
Commissioner Janes-present
Mayor Johnston-absent
Councilman Shenko-present
Councilman Stevens-present
Mayor Humphrey-present
Councilman Henderson-present
Councilman Flanders-absent
Mayor Feichthaler-present
Councilperson Lepera-present
Councilperson Bertolini-present
Councilman Nelson-present
Councilman Hair-present
Councilman Rothman-absent
Mayor Arend-absent
Councilman Simms-absent
Mayor Boback-absent

Mr. Burr announced that Councilman Mick Denham was here representing Mayor Johnston.

Ms. Marion announced that a quorum was present.

Ms. Otero called the roll for Collier County.

Councilman Price- absent
Commissioner Fiala- present
Commissioner Henning- absent
Commissioner Coyle- absent
Commissioner Halas- present
Commissioner Coletta- present
Councilman Minozzi- absent
Vice-Mayor Nocera- present
Mayor Hamilton Jr.- absent

Ms. Otero stated that Collier County did not have a quorum.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

MOTION TO BY COUNCILPERSON BERTOLINI TO ELECT COUNCILMAN NELSON FROM THE LEE COUNTY MPO AS THE JOINT CHAIRMAN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Nelson stated that since Collier County did not have a quorum that there would just be discussion on the agenda items with no action taken by the respective boards.

Agenda Item #3A – Joint MPO Endorsement of the Change of Access Class on SR 82 from I-75 to SR 29 from 3 to 2 (FDOT)

Mr. Limbaugh stated that this is a Corridor Access Management Plan that FDOT would be seeking endorsement on which would recognize the classes. Mr. Ambikapathy presented a Power Point presentation.

Commissioner Hall stated that at the next joint MPO meeting a legislative program should be put together to go ahead and lobby for a change in legislation that identifies counties that are at their maximum gas tax.

Agenda Item #3E – Update on SWFEA and adoption of a resolution to explore tolling lanes on I-75 (Dave Loveland)

Mr. Loveland stated that Kris Cella of Cella and Associates would be giving a presentation.

Mr. Loveland also introduced Mr. Barton, the Expressway Authority Chairman.

Mayor Humphrey left at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Fiala asked Ms. Cella if she notified the public that the toll lanes would never go away.

Ms. Cella replied that their firm had done so.

Vice-Mayor Nocera stated that we should move forward with tolling.

Mr. Barton stated that Lee County has agreed to fund \$775,000 towards the Expressway Authority. At this point Collier County has earmarked that same amount but only authorized \$150,000.

Mr. Barton stated that he recently attended the Collier County Commission Meeting and noted that there was a feeling of concern from the board members. The two main areas for concern were: 1) The uncertainty of the Florida Legislature and how it is going to effect the budgets of both Lee County and Collier County; and 2) There was no consensus from this community on supporting tolling.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Edson, a Naples resident, stated that he hasn't heard anything about how we are going to get the costs down. Every place in the State of Florida is under pressure to get raw materials. As a community we need to get control of the costs. You always hear go get more money, but that isn't the answer. Maybe taking some money and buying the gravel pit would be cheaper than paying what the pit owner is charging us now. This is a moral issue to have to keep taking citizens money and then say hey I need more money that wasn't enough. I am one man representing the concern of fifty communities.

Agenda Item #3D – Discussion on Potential Joint Lee/Collier MPO Director (Dave Burr)

Chairman Nelson stated that Mayor Johnston sent a memo requesting that we postpone this item until the April meeting.

Mr. Scott stated that the Collier County MPO Board was not interested in having a joint MPO Director.

Councilperson Bertolini stated that she also was not in favor of a joint MPO Director.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item #4A – Update on SR 82 FIHS and PD&E Studies (Johnny Limbaugh)

Mr. Limbaugh stated that FDOT was in the process of conducting a PD&E study and will conduct a workshop this summer.

Agenda Item #4B – Update on Interstate 75 Projects (Mike Rippe)

Mr. Rippe stated that FDOT had gone with option C

Agenda Item #5 – FDOT Report

Mr. Rippe stated that District Secretary Cann informed him that FDOT would have a new Secretary in about three weeks.

Agenda Item #6 – Transit Update

Mr. Myers from LeeTran stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Agenda Item #8 – Members' Comments

Commissioner Nocera asked who is paying for the two lanes.

Mr. Rippe stated that it was a blend of federal, state and citizen funds.

Agenda Item #11 – Adjournment of Joint MPO Meeting

Joint Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Agenda Item #3A – Joint MPO Endorsement of the Change of Access Class on SR 82 from I-75 to SR 29 from 3 to 2

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH TO RECOMMEND MPO ENDORSEMENT OF SR 82 CORRIDOR ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN FROM I-75 IN LEE COUNTY TO SR 29 IN COLLIER COUNTY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHENKO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3B – Changes to the Bi-County Joint Regional Transportation Networks

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH TO RECOMMEND THAT THE MPO AMEND THE BI-COUNTY REGIONAL NETWORK BY MAKING CHANGES TO THE TRANSIT COMPONENT AS SHOWN IN ATTACHMENT A. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HAIR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3C – Amendment to the Joint Regional Multi-modal Transportation Plan Element

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH TO AMEND THE JOINT MULT-MODAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN BY 1.) MODIFICATION OF THE PROJECT LIMITS OF THE SR 82 IMPROVEMENTS; 2.) ADDING A BI-COUNTY LOCAL BUS SERVICE CONNECTION COLLIER AREA TRANSIT (CAT) WITH LEETRAN AT THE LIVINGSTON/BONITA BEACH ROAD INTERSECTION; 3.) DELETION OF A PROPOSED BI-COUNTY LOCAL BUS SERVICE VIA US 41 AND VANDERBILT DRIVE; 4.) DELETION OF A PROPOSED PARK AND RIDE LOT AT IMMOKALEE AT THE END OF A FUTURE EXPRESS BUS SERVICE CONNECTING LEE AND COLLIER COUNTIES; 5.) DELETION OF A FIRST ORDER BUS ROUTE ON GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY FROM US 41 AND AIRPORT PULLING ROAD, AND EXTENSION OF THE FIRST ORDER ROUTE ON US 41 TO THE CAT INTERMODAL TRANSFER FACILITY ON AIRPORT PULLING ROAD. SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON BERTOLINI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #12A – Approval of five-year schedule of local government financial support to the MPO and update on draft FY 2007/08 UPWP

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH TO APPROVE A FIVE YEAR SCHEDULE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE MPO. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HENDERSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #12B – Approval of Application for FTA Section 5303 funds for FY 2007/08

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 07-05 AUTHORIZING THE MPO CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AND FILE THE GRANT APPLICATION PROVIDED FOR RECEIVING FTA SECTION 5303 FUNDS FOR THE TRANSIT PLANNING TASKS IDENTIFIED IN THE FY 2007/08 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM. SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LEPERA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #12C – Endorsement of Proposal for Safe Route to Schools Funds

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO RECOMMEND THAT THE MPO CHAIRMAN ENDORSE THE MPO'S SUPPORT OF THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SRTS PROJECT KNOWN AS SARA AVENUE FROM 9TH STREET WEST TO 12TH STREET WEST FOR A 1000 FOOT SIDEWALK. SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON BERTOLINI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #12D – Lee County LCB Appointments

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO APPOINT TINA MORGAN AS THE VOTING MEMBER FOR THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES' POSITION. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO ENDORSE THE LCB CERTIFICATION FORM FOR THE LCB. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.