

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

**Held on October 21, 2011**

The following members were present for the Joint Board meeting of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Collier MPO on October 21, 2011 at the Bonita Springs City Hall, Council Chambers, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, Florida.

**Lee County MPO Board Members Present:**

Commissioner Tammy Hall	Lee County District 4
Commissioner Frank Mann	Lee County District 5
Councilman Thomas Leonardo	City of Fort Myers
Councilman Levon Simms	City of Fort Myers
Mayor John Sullivan	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Peter Brandt	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Erick Kuehn	City of Cape Coral
Councilman Kevin McGrail	City of Cape Coral
Vice-Mayor Bob Raymond	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Mayor Kevin Ruane	City of Sanibel
Mayor Ben Nelson	City of Bonita Springs

**Collier MPO Board Members Present:**

Commissioner Donna Fiala	Collier County District 1
Commissioner Thomas Henning	Collier County District 3
Commissioner Fred Coyle	Collier County District 4
Commissioner James Coletta	Collier County District 5
Councilman Sam Saad, III	City of Naples

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Secretary Billy Hattaway, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One  
Johnny Limbaugh, FDOT, District One

Those also in attendance included: Ms. Trinity Scott and Mr. Russ Muller, Mr. Lawrence Massey, Mr. Jon Sands, Mr. Eddy Gonzalez, Bob Romig, and Gwen Pipkin, with FDOT; Mr. David Loveland with Lee County Department of Transportation (DOT); Ms. Lucilla Ayer, Ms. Tamika Seaton, and Ms. Lorraine Lantz, with the Collier MPO; Mr. Scott Teach with the Collier County Attorney's Office; Ms. Glama Carter with the Collier County Alternative Transportation Modes (ATM) Department; Mr. Don Scott, Ms. Meghan Marion, and Mr. Ron Gogoi with the Lee County MPO; Mr. Steve Myers with LeeTran; Ms. Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Mr. Joe Bonness with the Collier Pathways Advisory Committee; Ms. Michelle Avola with the Naples Pathways Coalition (NPC); Mr. Norman Feder with the Collier County Growth Management Division; Ms. Nicole Johnson of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida; Mr. Don Eslick with the Estero Council of Community Leaders; Mr. Bruce Anderson of Roetzel & Andress; Ms. Nancy Payton with the Florida Wildlife Federation; Mr. George Archibald with the City of Naples; Mr. Jim Flanagan and Mr. Peter Gaddy with the Golden Gate Estates Civic Association; Mr. Jack Pointer with the Collier MPO Citizens Advisory Committee; Mr. Norman Trebilcock with Trebilcock Consulting Solutions; Mr. Antonio Quevedo, private citizen; Mr. Scott Gilbertson with Wilson & Company; Mr. Jeff Perry with Stantec Consulting; Ms. Deb Haprop, private citizen; Ms. Darla Letourneau; Mr. Gerald LaDue, private citizen; Mr. Robert Frazer, private citizen; Mr. Scott Coover with the Lee County Attorney's Office; Mr. Doug Fee, private citizen; Mr. Ron Talone with David Plummer & Associates; Mr. Brad Cornell with the Audubon Society and Audubon of Florida; and Councilman Doug Congress with the City of Sanibel;

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:03 a.m.

Ms. Seaton of the Collier MPO called the roll for the Collier MPO Board and announced that a quorum was attained.

Councilwoman Sulick- absent  
Councilman Saad-present  
Commissioner Fiala-present  
Commissioner Henning-present  
Commissioner Coyle-present  
Commissioner Hiller-absent  
Commissioner Coletta-present  
Councilman Trotter-absent  
Mayor Hamilton-absent

Ms. Marion of the Lee County MPO called the roll for the Lee County MPO Board and announced that a quorum was attained.

Commissioner Mann- present  
Commissioner Hall- present  
Commissioner Judah- absent  
Commissioner Bigelow- absent  
Commissioner Manning- absent  
Mayor Nelson- present  
Councilman McGrail- present  
Councilman Brandt- present  
Councilman Leonardo- present  
Councilman Simms- present  
Councilman Flanders- absent  
Mayor Ruane- present  
Vice-Mayor Raymond- present  
Councilman Spear- absent  
Councilman Chulakes-Leetz- absent  
Mayor Sullivan- present  
Councilman Kuehn- present  
Councilman McIntosh- absent  
Councilperson List- absent  
Vice-Mayor Denham- absent

Vice-Mayor Raymond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MCGRAIL TO ELECT VICE-MAYOR RAYMOND AS CHAIR. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FIALA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER COLETTA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MAYOR NELSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment Will be Taken at Each Item**

Mr. Scott announced that public comments will be taken at each agenda item.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Agenda Item 5 A– Amendments to the Joint Regional Highway Network Map**

Mr. Scott reported that in the spring, the staff of the Lee County and Collier MPOs held two Joint meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to amend the Bi-County Regional Roadway network based on criteria that were developed through the input and discussion at those meetings. The criteria used to determine regional roadways in the two counties and the amended maps have been endorsed through the TAC and CAC of both MPOs and are being presented to the Joint Lee County-Collier MPO Board for approval.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BRANDT TO APPROVE THE JOINT REGIONAL HIGHWAY NETWORK MAP. SECONDED BY MAYOR SULLIVAN.**

Chairman Raymond asked for public comment.

Mr. Fee noted that he signed up to speak on this item, but instead, his comment would be more appropriate for Agenda Item 7 (Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda).

Chairman Raymond asked for discussion.

Mayor Nelson was concerned that Logan Blvd. (marked from Immokalee Road to Bonita Beach Road) dead ends at Bonita Beach Road. The CR 951 Extension was removed from the Lee County MPO's 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and at some point in time, the road needs to go through and take the traffic to Ben Hill Griffin Parkway. Veterans Blvd. also needs to be connected because without it, there would be no connection and it will be important if Logan Blvd. is extended.

Councilman Leonardo asked Mr. Scott if it was appropriate to object to two items (Fowler Ave. / Evans Road one way pair and the Metro Parkway/Fowler Avenue flyover).

Mr. Scott stated that the Fowler Ave. one-way pair will be discussed as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment on the Lee County agenda next Friday and that the Metro Fowler Crossover is programmed for Construction this year. .

Councilman Leonardo stated that the City of Fort Myers was against the Metro Parkway flyover, noting that the original study was conducted in 1992/93 and that before the project moves forward, the Board should look at how long ago studies were approved. Last week, the Fort Myers City Council unanimously passed a resolution (refers to the study being conducted in 1992/93 and that the study has to be readdressed).

Mr. Scott stated that the Lee County TAC and CAC voted to go with a planning study first (planning phase) and that the project was discussed with FDOT to not move forward with the TIP amendment and try to incorporate the planning phase. He noted that the Crossover is programmed for this year.

Councilman Saad asked for an update on the SR 82 project from Immokalee to RSW (Southwest Florida International Airport).

Mr. Scott stated that SR 82 (6 Lanes for Daniels Parkway/Gunnery Road and 4 Lanes after that) is programmed for the design phase all the way out to SR 29 from where the current project ends in Lee County and that as it moves forward, hopefully, the additional phases will be funded.

Mr. Feder noted that both Everglades Blvd. and Camp Keais Road are not Federal Aid eligible and discussed the importance of getting them eligible. He stated that there are no new alignments in Collier County and he was told that projects on the map have to be in the 2035 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan.

Commissioner Coyle stated that the City of Fort Myers and Bonita Springs have a problem with the map and questioned approving it.

Mr. Scott discussed functional classification for projects to be Federal Aid eligible, noting that projects cannot be funded if they are not in the Cost Feasible Plan.

Commissioner Coyle asked if it would make sense to postpone approving the map until the concerns can be addressed.

Mr. Scott noted that the criteria for the map were decided by the Joint TAC and CAC which included each jurisdiction. He stated that the map provides more opportunities to go after TRIP funding and that every road is not included on the map, noting that the City of Fort Myers projects discussed are consistent with the Lee County MPO's 2035 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan.

Mayor Nelson stated that he had no objections to approving the map, but interconnectivity needs to be addressed during the next update.

Commissioner Coletta objected to the map, noting that the Everglades Interchange was shown on the previous map (Collier-Lee Bi-County Regional Transportation Network- Highways Component- Amended 2/24/06 & 7/26/06) and that it was removed from the new map (Map A-Proposed Regional Transportation Network) and it was not presented to the Collier MPO Board. The project has been the Collier MPO Board's top Federal priority for many years and that it does not make sense to remove it. Camp Keais (Oil Well Road from Camp Keais to Immokalee) is recognized as a necessary corridor for Eastern Collier County.

Commissioner Coletta stated that there is tremendous support for the interchange and that he wanted it back on the map.

Mr. Limbaugh stated that the map is a regional network and not project specific. He stated that the Fowler Ave. is project specific noting that the map does not show all I-75 improvements that will be included in the network. The map will come back at a future meeting and FDOT will ask for priorities within the network.

Commissioner Coletta reiterated that the interchange was on the previous map and that it should be included with a nomenclature that it is under consideration.

Mr. Limbaugh noted that the map is just a regional network.

Commissioner Coletta was concerned that the removal of the interchange from the map would be detrimental and wanted consideration to include it back on the map.

Mr. Scott stated that the Board can provide staff direction to put the interchange back on the map with a nomenclature.

Commissioner Coletta asked Councilman Brandt to amend his motion to include the I-75 Everglades Interchange back on the map with a nomenclature.

Councilman Leonardo supported Commissioner Coletta's request to amend the motion regarding adding the interchange on the map with a notation and he asked that Fowler Ave. one way be taken off.

Councilman Saad supported Councilman Leonardo's comments and questioned the revisions to the map and why it was not discussed with the Collier MPO Board.

Mr. Scott discussed the criteria for the map and reiterated that the Joint committees were involved in the process.

Commissioner Henning stated that the Board needs to understand the criteria for the map, the revisions, and the ultimate goal of the map. He questioned the need for TRIP funding if the project is financially feasible.

Mr. Scott presented background information on the map and the criteria, and explained TRIP funding, noting that the goal is to move projects out of the 2021 to 2035 tie frame into the 2015-2020 timeframe to fit within the local jurisdiction's capital improvement program (CIP).

Commissioner Henning stated that if the project is in the LRTP and the project (interchange) moves up on the list, it cannot move forward because it is in the study phase and not in Collier County's CIP. He stated that the county needs to amend its five year plan and figure out what to take out that is already proposed to put in the interchange.

Mr. Feder stated that the LRTP was developed based on FDOT providing the expected funding. The US 41 East Tamiami Trail project is Collier County's top priority and FDOT told the county that \$54 million in right-of-way (ROW) was needed for the first section of the project noting that the county already had 200 ft of ROW which was enough. At the time, there was developer interest and a consortium came forward before the economic slowdown. Now it has been determined that additional ROW was not needed and the LRTP has not been updated since. If the project is not in the Cost Feasible Plan, it cannot be considered for TRIP funding. He recommended that future joint agenda items be brought to the individual MPO boards before being presented at the Joint Board meeting.

Mr. Scott noted that documents have always gone through the joint committees then to the joint board, but the process can be changed.

Councilman Leonardo asked that the map be approved with the removal of Fowler Ave. being one way and to take into consideration including the I-75/ Everglades Blvd. Interchange back on the map with a nomenclature.

Commissioner Coletta felt that taking off the interchange sends the wrong message that the project was not needed.

Commissioner Mann stated that he must have missed the discussion about the Fowler Ave. one way issue as he last heard that the project was fine with his counterpart and asked when the project fell off.

Councilman Leonardo stated that the City of Fort Myers recognized it and city council passed a resolution to oppose the Fowler Ave. one way.

Mr. Scott noted that the project is in the Lee County MPO's LRTP Cost Feasible Plan and that it is on the MPO agenda to discuss next week.

Mr. Limbaugh explained that the MPOs establish priorities to go after TRIP or discretionary funding and to identify funds for surface transportation projects. Fowler Ave. is still a state road and needs improvements. He noted that the street lacks sidewalks, bike lanes, and bus stops, and discussed the importance of bike/pedestrian facilities. Mr. Limbaugh stated that the plan is now a 10 mile canal flyover and that the map is just to identify facilities, noting that it does not tell the state what to do with it.

Vice-Mayor Raymond discussed the map being a generality.

Councilman Leonardo expressed that the map was very specific.

Commissioner Hall provided background information on Fowler Ave. noting that it has been an ongoing issue, noting that it was taken off the map in 2000. She stated that it is a two-way road with no pedestrian facilities and the City of Fort Myers and the MPO have identified the facility and suggested removing the one-way design, but not the project from the map or it would be a missed opportunity for improvement. Businesses need the pedestrian facilities to increase traffic or it would be an economic opportunity lost.

Mr. Limbaugh stated that both Fowler Ave. and Evans Road are state roads and that the map is technically correct.

Councilman Leonardo stated that if this is technically correct and the study moves forward, the City of Fort Myers can oppose having Fowler Ave. one-way.

Councilman Brandt withdrew his motion to approve the Joint Regional Highway Network Map.

Mayor Sullivan withdrew his second to the motion.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN LEONARDO TO APPROVE THE JOINT REGIONAL HIGHWAY NETWORK MAP TO ADD THE PROPOSED I-75/ EVERGLADES BLVD. INTERCHANGE. SECONDED BY MAYOR SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Coyle stated that much of the discussion today could have been avoided if the agenda items were presented to each county's MPO Board separately prior to the meeting. He hoped that the Joint Board learned from this process and next time when this process is done, each county's MPO Board can come to the joint meeting with solutions rather than a lot of questions.

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Agenda Item 6A – Presentation on Florida's Future Corridors and the Potential Heartland Highway Corridor**

Commissioner Mann stated that the Joint Board would be missing some of the concerns of Commissioner Judah regarding the potential Heartland Highway Corridor and asked for confirmation that this item is for informational purposes only and that no action would be taken today.

Vice-Mayor Raymond confirmed that no action would be taken on this item consistent with the way it was advertised.

Mr. Romig, FDOT, Interim Assistant Secretary of Intermodal System Development, presented background information on the Heartland Highway Corridor and reported on the following:

- In 2006, the state developed the Future Corridors Action Plan:
  - Policy direction for a statewide network of high speed and high capacity corridors critical to the state's continued growth and development;
  - The plan identified 14 initial study areas where FDOT would work with partners and stakeholders to explore potential new or transformed corridors;
  - The remaining corridor study areas represent regional pairs not well connected by a high speed, high capacity corridor today or where existing corridors do not have the capacity to support the future growth over the next 50 years;
  - North-South Heartland Highway from Collier County to Polk County is recommended for advancement; and
  - FDOT, in conjunction with the Dept. of Economic Opportunity, Dept of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will advance the study to preserve the future grow of the state.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential Heartland Highway Corridor. Mr. Romig stated that everyone has to see what the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will do. Commissioner Fiala stated that the corridor would eliminate some of the farming and asked if the state wanted to eliminate farming. Mr. Romig stated that that everything the state does is within the context of the regional vision and that a lot of effort needs to take place in order to make it happen. Commissioner Fiala asked if the state wanted future residential sprawl. Commissioner Coletta discussed the corridor and asked about site specification. Mr. Romig stated that the new alignment and a rail system needs to be determined over time, over a 50 year period. Commissioner Coletta discussed being reasonably environmentally friendly and support the decision if it is decided it was best to cease all studies which would be the end result and that a lack of visioning and plan. Commissioner Mann stated that Commissioner Judah and Bigelow are not present today and that they would be concerned about the corridor. According to him, Commissioner Judah would be concerned about destroying agriculture, wetlands, and urban sprawl and Commissioner Bigelow would be concerned that the plan is still looking at cars and that the state should be focusing on mass transit.

Discussion continued regarding the potential Heartland Highway Corridor. Ms. Letourneau stated that the state is lucky to have District One Secretary Hattaway in Southwest Florida noting that he is a longtime advocate of a balanced multimodal transportation system with an emphasis on complete streets, transit-oriented development, and sustainable communities. She expressed that the state should be focusing on the economic development of the existing community and that this project would divert funding from other projects. Ms. Avola stated that BikeWalkLee is the NPC's counterpart and she agreed with Ms. Letourneau's comments stating that this plan moves people with vehicles and does not take into account bikes/pedestrians. The solution to solving traffic problems is not more lanes; use alternatives such as transit. The state needs to think ahead and pedestrian facilities cannot be an afterthought. Mr. Cornell stated that the corridor conflicts with several intervals of the NRSCA as they bought easements in Highlands County holding and cleaning of water supplies in rural and ranch land economy already going. Mr. Eslick stated that the Lee County MPO had done a good job at trying to get at the land use issue. This thing has to work backwards, transportation first would cause a great amount of sprawl. Mr. Quevedo complimented everyone at the master mobility plan and emphasized the need for complete streets as everyone drives a car to work. He invited the environmental group to sit at the table with everyone as transportation is needed because everyone drives and there are ways and that he hoped that this project moves forward. Ms. Johnson discussed the encouragement of urban development and sprawl noting that there is no funding to fix existing facilities. Councilman Leonardo discussed a statement made by Commissioner Hall in June 2010 regarding the land use plan being precedent over transportation and that this has to be a priority. Councilman Saad discussed managing growth effectively and responsibly.

## **Agenda Item 6B – Presentation on the Proposed I-75/Everglades Boulevard Interchange**

Mr. Quevedo stated that he is a resident of Golden Gate Estates and encouraged conserving water, complete streets, and everyone being at the table to work things out.

Mr. Gaddy was registered to speak, but waived his speech.

Mr. Feder of the Collier County Growth Management Division gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed I-75/Everglades Boulevard Interchange, providing background information and noting that an interchange justification report (IJR) and the Cumulative Effects Evaluation (CEE) studies have to be conducted before the project can move forward.

Ms. Payton of the Florida Wildlife Federation gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed I-75/Everglades Boulevard Interchange in opposition of the project; expressing concerns for wildlife, wetlands, and interchange exacerbating sprawl and negatively impact Estates' Community Character. She presented the following alternatives to the interchange:

- Build additional bridges in Golden Gate Estates;
- Enhance and expand the current roadways; and
- The emergency access utilized for the Everglades Restoration Project be used for emergencies.

Mr. Trebilcock of Trebilcock Consulting Group gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed I-75/Everglades Boulevard Interchange in favor of the project reporting on the following:

- Collier County has precluded commercial land uses through zoning which would not exacerbate sprawl in the Estates;
- Current studies (IJR and CEE);
- Zoning for residential;
- Park access;
- Public safety;
- Panther protection; and
- Conceptual mitigation options.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed I-75/Everglades Boulevard Interchange. Commissioner Henning asked about emergency vehicles if an accident is westbound. Mr. Trebilcock stated that traffic would be detoured to State Road 29 if the interstate was closed. Commissioner Henning stated that Conservation Collier halted the purchase of any land due to funding. Mr. Trebilcock stated that there are willing sellers of land, but the funding is not available. Commissioner Henning asked if the environmental groups are stopping this project. Mr. Trebilcock did not feel that they are stopping the project, but they have concerns. Commissioner Henning stated that this project is becoming a political issue and that the state and federal agencies are required to conduct the studies for the project. It is good to know that people are working on the project together.

## **Agenda Item 6C – Discussion on the Recent Growth Management Changes and Transportation Concurrency**

Ms. Letourneau reported on the following:

- New legislation:
  - House Bill (HB) 7207- Community Planning Act:
    - Eliminates state concurrency requirements for transportation;
    - Limited state role in review;
- Key themes:

- Concurrency will not just disappear;
- Many local governments are keeping concurrency systems in place;
- Reductions in traffic and congestion due to economic downturn in conjunction with less development;
- New steps:
  - Look to the Dept. of Economic Opportunity for guidance and interpretations;
  - Consider options relative to FDOT;
  - Monitor the actions of others;
  - Legislative;
  - Take advantage of new flexibility; be creative;
  - Educate elected officials and decision makers;
  - Look beyond Florida for alternatives and ideas;
  - FDOT:
    - Emphasize economic important of Strategic Intermodal System facilities;
    - Continue to work with MPOs' and local governments; and
    - Repeal level-of-service rule and replace with new policy and implementing procedure for FDOT use.

Mr. Scott reported that FDOT held a workshop on Growth Management changes two weeks ago and discussed HB 7207. He stated that he will be sending out the Lee County MPO Board a copy of the Proportionate Share Study prepared by FDOT. The report includes background on changes to transportation concurrency overtime and changes to transportation concurrency and the calculation of proportionate share made by the Community Planning Act.

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

Mr. Fee stated that he lives in North Naples near Wiggins Pass and Veterans Memorial Boulevard noting that a pathway is proposed there. He believes that this road will be significant and would help alleviate some of the traffic concerns and that he would like to see bike paths.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Florida Department of Transportation Report**

Mr. Limbaugh introduced the new District One Secretary Mr. Billy Hattaway.

Secretary Hattaway presented an overview of his background and experience and stated that he looks forward to meeting with everyone to hear what their needs are. He announced that the department will be having a public hearing on its Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. broadcasted live from Bartow via a webinar (Go to Meeting) or the public is welcome to view the webinar at the SWIFT Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers. Written comments on the work program can be received up to November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Limbaugh reported that FDOT has held two revenue estimating conferences since developing the work program and there was a reduction of \$896 million in revenues from gas tax. In addition, General revenue of \$322 million reduction in cash which affects projects as the department cash flows everything out. The department is working with Central Office on the effects to the work program and that the department will come back in December with more information.

#### **Agenda Item 9 – Transit Update**

Ms. Carter of the Collier County Collier Area Transit (CAT) reported on the following:

- There has been positive feedback on the LinC (Lee County- Collier County route connection) route as passengers are calling, thanking the two counties for providing the service. An operational meeting will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss more;

- Ridership for CAT has increased over 8% from last year;
- Two new east/west routes have been implemented on Golden Gate Parkway and Pine Ridge Road; and
- CAT's fare box recovery increased by 25%, whereas most fare box recovery stands between 14% and 18%.

Mr. Myers of LeeTran reported on the following:

- The LinC route started on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 212 trips were made the first day of service, the route averages 226 trips on the weekday, 238 on Saturday, and 127 trips on Sunday in only the first 14 days. There are 17 ½ passengers per hour which is a good indicator of the route's success. LeeTran thanks FDOT, Bonita Springs, and other partners who helped make this route possible;
- LeeTrans' ridership is up 6.8% over last year; and
- LeeTran received a grant from the Federal Transit Administration in the amount of \$13.9 million for bus replacement to bring its buses up to the current state repair standard. The agency thanks the Lee County MPO for its support.

**Agenda Item 10 – Members' Comments**

None.

**Agenda Item 11 – Information Items**

Mr. Scott noted that next year the Joint Lee County-Collier MPO Board meeting (March & October 2012) locations will be split between the two counties as follows:

- March 16, 2012 at 9 a.m. – to be held at the Bonita Springs City Hall, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; and
- October 19, 2012 at 9 a.m. – to be held at the Collier County School Administration Building, School Board Room, 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples.

Mr. Scott asked the board if they would like to start future meetings at 9:30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

By general consensus, the Joint Board was in favor of keeping the start time at 9 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE JOINT MPO BOARD MEETING**

**MOTION BY CHAIRMAN RAYMOND TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LEONARDO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Having no further business, the Joint Lee County-Collier MPO Board meeting adjourned at approximately 11:43 a.m.

**LEE MPO MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COLLIER MPO MEETING**

**Agenda Item #13 – Call to Order/Roll Call Lee MPO Meeting**

Chairman Raymond called the Lee County MPO meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

Ms. Marion called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item #14 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda**

None.

**Agenda Item #15A – Update and Direction on the Status of the Lee MPO’s Lease Agreement**

Mr. Scott presented this item and stated that at the October 18<sup>th</sup> MPO Executive Committee meeting the Committee passed a motion to recommend the MPO move forward with negotiations on a lease agreement with the City of Cape Coral.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN LEONARDO TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL. SECONDED BY MAYOR NELSON.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MAYOR BEN NELSON – AYE  
COUNCILMAN JOHN SPEAR – AYE  
COUNCILMAN KEVIN MCGRAIL – AYE  
COUNCILMAN PETER BRANDT – AYE  
MAYOR JOHN SULLIVAN – AYE  
COUNCILMAN ERICK KUEHN – AYE  
COUNCILMAN TOM LEONARDO – AYE  
MAYOR KEVIN RUANE – AYE  
VICE-MAYOR BOB RAYMOND – AYE**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #15B – Endorsement of the TIGER III Project Submission and Adoption of Resolution**

**MOTION BY MAYOR NELSON TO ENDORSE THE TIGER III PROJECT SUBMISSION AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 11-08 IN SUPPORT OF TIGER III PROJECT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCGRAIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #16 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

Councilman Leonardo brought up MPO Board member attendance and early dismissal from meetings for discussion.

**Agenda Item #17 – Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.