

COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) BOARD MEETING

Board of County Commissioners Chambers

3299 E. Tamiami Trail, Naples

9:00 a.m.

February 9, 2018

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Taylor called the meeting to order at approximately 9 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Otero called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4, Chair
Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr., Collier County BCC District 5, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2
Vice-Mayor Linda Penniman, City of Naples
Councilman Reg Buxton, City of Naples
Commissioner Donna Fiala, Collier County BCC District 1
Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3
Councilman Joe Batte, City of Marco Island

Members Absent

Councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt, City of Everglades City

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, MPO Executive Director
Brandy Otero, MPO Senior Planner
Eric Ortman, MPO Senior Planner
Gabrielle Gonzalez, MPO Administrative Secretary

FDOT

Victoria Peters
Zach Burch

Others Present

Trinity Scott, Collier County Transportation Planning
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning
Mike Bosi, Collier County Planning and Zoning
Michael Cox, Collier County Admin Services
Wally Blain, Tindale Oliver Associates
Andrea Halman, Citizens Advisory Committee
Michael Seaf, Collier Citizen's for Sustainability
Alison Wescott, Conservancy of Southwest Florida

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner McDaniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Election of Chair & Vice-Chair

A. Elect MPO Board Chair & Vice-Chair

Commissioner Taylor stated that it had been a pleasure to work with Anne McLaughlin during her time as MPO Board Chair. She stated that it seemed to her that there was a natural bias attributed to the fact that the MPO Board sits in the County. Commissioner Taylor also stated that she had asked the Executive Director to compile a list of who has been MPO Chair for the past 10-years and it seemed clear that it was Marco Island’s turn to Chair the MPO Board.

Councilman Batte stated that he was unsure if he would be able to fulfill the role because of personal circumstances that would arise within the coming months. He also stated that there was a possibility that Marco Island would soon replace him on the council.

Commissioner Taylor opened the floor for nominations and further discussion.

Commissioner Fiala: I nominate Bill McDaniel as Chair.

Commissioner Taylor: I nominate Linda Penniman as Chair.

Saunders: I move that we close the nominations and have a discussion.

Discussion ensued amongst committee members. Commissioner Taylor asked for a roll call vote to be taken for the nominations. A roll call for Commissioner McDaniel was taken first. Ms. Otero called the roll.

Commissioner Taylor: No.

Commissioner Solis: Yes.

Commissioner McDaniel: Yes.

Vice-Mayor Penniman: Yes.

Commissioner Fiala: Yes.

Councilman Buxton: No.

Commissioner Saunders: Yes.

Councilman Batte: Yes.

THE MOTION CARRIED 6:2 WITH COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND COUNCILMAN BATTE BEING OPPOSED.

Commissioner Saunders: I nominate Linda Penniman for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner McDaniel: I second the motion.

Ms. Otero called the roll for the nomination of Vice-Mayor Penniman for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Taylor: Yes.

Commissioner Solis: Yes.

Commissioner McDaniel: Yes.

Vice-Mayor Penniman: Yes.

Commissioner Fiala: Yes.

Councilman Buxton: Yes.

Commissioner Saunders: Yes.

Councilman Batte: Yes.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Approval of the Agenda, Previous Minutes, and Consent Items

A. December 8, 2017 MPO Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Taylor: I move to approve.

Councilman Buxton: I second the motion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Joint Lee/Collier MPO Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Taylor: I move to approve.

Commissioner Solis: I second the motion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Adoption of the Revised Lee/Collier Interlocal Agreement

Commissioner Fiala: I move to approve.

Councilman Buxton: I second the motion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Annual Review and Adoption of the LCB-Bylaws

Commissioner Fiala: I move to approve.

Commissioner Taylor: I second the motion.

Commissioner McDaniel asked how many members were on the Local Coordinating Board (LCB). Ms. Otero stated that there were 17 total member positions with 3 current vacancies.

COMMISSIONER MCDANIEL CALLED THE MOTION TO QUESTION. IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

7. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Mr. Burch stated that FDOT recently presented the Crossing Guard of the Year award to Ms. Becky Batte who has been a crossing guard in Collier County for over 25 years.

Ms. Peters stated that they were moving forward with a lighting project on US-41 East. She stated that though the speed limit wasn't changing at the moment, FDOT would be revisiting the possibility and that this was explained to the general public at a meeting in the Reflection Lakes community.

Commissioner Fiala stated that 41 East was expanded from 2-6 lanes several years ago and while that was a wonderful improvement, they did not include street lighting as part of the project as lighting was scheduled for FY 2023. She stated that the lack of lighting was a safety concern and that she is happy that they have moved the lighting up to this fiscal year. Commissioner Fiala also stated that FDOT would be addressing the washboard issue on 951 from Fiddler's Creek to Marco Island.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the water flow was causing the washboard effect underneath the surface of the road. Mr. Burch stated that FDOT believes it has been caused by the subbase being compacted. He stated that they had originally planned to resurface the road several years out but were able to move it up. Mr. Burch stated that they've heard from residents that many people come close to losing control of their boat trailers because of the unevenness of the roadway. He stated that FDOT was pleased to have been able to move this up in schedule to this summer.

Commissioner Taylor asked if this occurred due to erosion. Mr. Burch stated that they believed so. He stated that the water that moves through that area has destabilized the base of the road.

Discussion ensued amongst committee members. Commissioner McDaniel cautioned members in saying that this issue has been caused by erosion. He stated that he believed there were issues with the subgrade infrastructure under the road. Commissioner McDaniel stated that often this is due to the surficial runoff of the road and the lack of maintenance along the berms, to allow the dispersal of the impervious area of the pavement to allow the water to run away. Because the water is not able to run off, it puddles underneath the road and causes subsurface infrastructure issues, not necessarily erosion.

Vice-Mayor Penniman asked FDOT for a copy of the engineer's report on this issue. Mr. Burch stated that resurfacing staff has looked at this and they are taking these matters into consideration so that they don't resurface the road and experience the same issues a few years from now. He stated that they can provide the MPO a copy of the report. Vice-Mayor Penniman stated that this has become a common problem. She

referenced Belair Lane stating that the same issue had occurred there. Mr. Burch stated that if there is a pattern emerging this was certainly something that needed to be further explored.

Commissioner Taylor asked if FDOT would be raising the road during the resurfacing and whether FDOT was building to sea level rise. Mr. Burch stated that he would bring back further information on the direction the department was going with building to sea level rise and further information on this specific project.

Commissioner Fiala stated that FDOT was also working on addressing the repairs to the lights going over the bridge to Marco Island. Mr. Burch stated that maintenance staff was currently working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to address this and that he'd update the Board on this as things moved along.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the Collier MPO staff was entering a busy season and there were several projects the Board would be hearing about in March and April, including the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and other plans underway.

8. Committee Chair Reports

A. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Mr. Ortman gave the committee chair report. He reported that the committee re-elected their previous Chair and Vice-Chair and that they received a presentation from Tindale Oliver on the LRTP amendment reallocation of socioeconomic (SE) data. The committee also received an update on the CAT Fare Study. Mr. Ortman reported that the committee endorsed the following items:

- FDOT Safety Performance Target
- 2040 LRTP Amendment Reallocation of SE Data

The next CAC meeting will be held on February 26th. The full committee chair report can be made available to anyone who requests it.

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Ms. McLaughlin gave the TAC chair report. She reported that the committee re-elected their previous Chair and elected a new Vice-Chair (Michelle Arnold). Ms. McLaughlin stated that the committee received presentations on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan and the CAT Fare Analysis. They also had a discussion on the bridge and TRIP priorities. Ms. McLaughlin reported that the committee took the following actions:

- Endorsed FDOT safety performance targets
- Endorsed 2040 LRTP Amendment Reallocation of SE Data

The next TAC meeting will be held on February 26th. The full committee chair report can be made available to anyone who requests it.

C. Congestion Management Committee (CMC)

Ms. Otero gave the committee chair report. She stated that the committee received presentations on the draft scope of services for the Transportation System Performance Report and the Collier/Lee/Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team. The next CMC meeting will be held on March 21st. The full committee chair report can be made available to anyone who requests it.

9. Regular Board Action (Roll Call Required)

None.

10. Regular Board Action (No Roll Call)

A. Adopt FDOT Safety Performance Targets

Ms. McLaughlin stated that this was a new requirement coming from the Federal Government requiring all MPOs around the Country to adopt safety performance targets by the end of February. She stated that she was recommending that the Board support FDOT's 'Vision Zero' targets. Ms. McLaughlin stated that this meant setting an annual target of zero for the items described in the executive summary. Those being:

- Number of Fatalities
- Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
- Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

Ms. McLaughlin stated that by supporting FDOT's measures the Collier MPO would be joining 2/3 of the MPOs in Florida who were doing the same. She stated that she believed this would place the MPO in the most solid position in this new area of safety performance measures. Ms. McLaughlin stated that FDOT retains responsibility on reporting to the federal government on performance measures. She stated that by supporting FDOT's 'Vision Zero' target the MPO was a partner with FDOT and safety would be a very high priority goal for the MPO; affecting how projects are prioritized moving forward. Ms. McLaughlin also stated that FDOT had indicated there would not be any punitive actions from FHWA on the MPO for not meeting the state's targets. She stated that this seemed to be the most risk-free position to take.

Commissioner Taylor asked FDOT whether they were responsible for measuring this target. She also asked how this target compared with other states. Ms. Peters stated that FDOT would be reporting directly to FHWA on how they were meeting this standard. She stated that she was unsure what other states were doing in terms of performance targets. Ms. Peters explained that the 'Vision Zero' target came about because there was a consensus that even one death was too many. She stated that she would bring back further information on what other states were adopting. Commissioner Taylor stated that she was concerned with the possible ramifications to the MPOs funding if this target was not met. Ms. Peters stated that FDOT was currently carrying the ramifications that may come from this.

Vice-Mayor Penniman asked if these were one-year targets. Ms. Peters confirmed that they are annual targets. She stated that she was unsure if things would be changed down the line, as these were the first of targets to come.

Commissioner McDaniel asked how many years the DOT has had these targets in place. Ms. Peters stated that this was the very first year. Commissioner McDaniel stated that the estimation of fatalities was set between 2,715 – 3,052. However, the standard was being set to zero as there was no limited value attributable to one life. He stated that the performance measure was set at the highest estimated number of fatalities which seemed to mean that there should be no jeopardy with regard to the MPO's funding. Commissioner McDaniel stated that he'd like to see a historical database with regard to how these numbers were derived and a geographic depiction of where these fatalities occurred. He stated that the ultimate goal he was seeking to accomplish were measurables and milestones. Commissioner McDaniel stated that if this was not being done through a

measurable process, this simply became a paper exercise and would not address the most important issue at hand; reducing crash fatalities.

Mr. Burch stated that this was the first time that this process was formalized with FHWA. He stated that everyone's goal, including the MPO, has always been to have zero fatalities. Mr. Burch stated that FDOT has worked with the Collier MPO and other MPOs in the past to look at areas with high crash fatalities and this was simply a formalization of that process with FHWA and FDOT. He stated that he was confident that FDOT could bring back what Commissioner McDaniel was looking for historically. Mr. Burch addressed the Board's concern with ramifications to federal funding, stating that the FDOT's budget was 75-80% state funding. However, FDOT was committed to do everything possible to meet these goals and continue to get as much federal funding as possible for all counties.

Commissioner Solis asked if the federal requirements were statewide or countywide. Mr. Burch stated that this was a statewide number but certainly each district would work with their counties to do what they can to improve these numbers.

Commissioner McDaniel entertained a motion for approval of this item.

Vice-Mayor Penniman: I move to approve FDOT's safety performance targets.

Councilman Buxton: I second the motion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Approval of Annual Performance Review of MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the annual performance review was a requirement of her contract with the MPO Board. She stated that this was a precursor to the Board's decision on whether or not to renew her contract, which would be brought before the Board in March. Ms. McLaughlin stated that in December of each year the Board votes on the performance evaluation criteria which she has based on what the job description says should be accomplished and incorporates what the Strategic Plan says staff should be doing. She stated that this year she may have caused Commissioner Fiala some confusion when she presented the Annual Report in December, which was intended to give the Board a list of accomplishments for the year. She stated that to avoid causing confusion in coming years she would cross-reference the Annual Report on the evaluation form.

Commissioner Fiala stated that Ms. McLaughlin has been outstanding and an excellent director. She stated that wanted to give Ms. McLaughlin all 3's on her ratings however, she had nothing to reference to on the evaluation form.

Brief discussion ensued on whether Commissioner Fiala would like to redo the evaluation form now that she understood what it was based on. Ms. McLaughlin stated that she didn't think any new scores would change the totals much.

Commissioner McDaniel entertained a motion to approve the annual performance review.

Commissioner Fiala: I move to approve the MPO Director's annual performance review.

Vice-Mayor Penniman: I second the motion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Presentations (May Require Board Action)

A. Presentation on Collier County Interactive Growth Model

Mike Bosi, Zoning and Planning Director with Collier County, gave the Board a presentation on the update to the County's Interactive Growth Model. He stated that the model was originally developed over a decade ago during the East of 951 study. Mr. Bosi stated that the County has always been interested in trying to understand the growth and development schedule that the Growth Management Plan allows for and how to accommodate the infrastructure and service needs of the population and aligning that with the budgetary limitations. He stated that the model was developed over a 2-year period from 2007-2008 and was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2009 as an additional planning tool. Mr. Bosi stated that the original growth model was only focused on the eastern portion of the County, but the updated model includes the entire County. Mr. Bosi continued with the Power Point presentation, which can be made available to anyone who requests it. He covered what the growth model does and how it is used stating that the model is used as a tool that forecasts when and where development will take place for each of the County's Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs). Mr. Bosi stated that the model was useful in identifying deficiencies in land use regulations and future economic trends. Mr. Bosi continued stating that the model was interactive and can be programmed to predict future needs for commercial centers, schools, parks, fire stations, utility expansion, etc. The model can also demonstrate alternative growth scenarios and their impacts. Mr. Bosi explained the way that the model works, stating that it uses growth trends, regulatory allowance of zoning, and the regulatory allowance of the Growth Management Plan to create algorithms. The equations express the limitations of growth for any one individual TAZ and determine what support services are needed to support the residential units. Mr. Bosi stated that this was important for the MPO because the data that can be provided from the Growth Model would be essential for the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He also stated the Model wasn't only useful for infrastructure planning but also for evaluation of proposed new land uses to determine how the area is doing in terms of overall land use budgeting allocation. Mr. Bosi explained that all of the sub models work off of the base numbers provided by the housing net growth summary, which is a projection of the growth in the number of housing units over time based on the algorithms provided in the model.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the model used census data to come up with predictions. Mr. Bosi stated that while the County does use census data the model projects housing units over time not based upon the census but based upon the housing units that are contained within the algorithms. Ms. McLaughlin clarified that for the purpose of the LRTP the MPO would receive population caps to plan towards from the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) and the fact that the County's growth model allocates population and employment to TAZs supports the data input needs of FDOT's District 1 Travel Demand Model. Ms. McLaughlin stated that by using the proper analysis and tools the MPO could best allocate growth within the population cap provided and within the region for the LRTP. She stated that this needed to be consistent with the County's Master Plan for development.

Mr. Bosi continued with his presentation stating that the model would serve as a common database for many other plans. He stated that the CIGM has been recognized by the American Planning Association (APA) as a unique tool for infrastructure planning and population growth. Mr. Bosi talked about upcoming workshops for the development of the CIGM and timeline for completion in the fall. He stated that land use planning is working in coordination with the MPO and transportation department. Mr. Bosi stated that from the land use planning view he can try to improve the transportation network without increasing one lane mile of new additional road. He stated that if we stay attentive to land uses and support land uses and their locations then we can have a positive impact on the trip characteristics and the trip length that are associated with and coming from the generators in the community. The generators being households, and attractors being commercial centers, employment, etc. Mr. Bosi further stated that if we have a better relationship between where the generators and where attractors are, we can in effect change the trip characteristics and improve the transportation network not through physically outlays for new roads but through better land use planning.

Vice-Mayor Penniman stated that there is a nexus of growth out in the County (referencing Ave Maria) that has never realized its full potential. She asked if this is something that needs to be looked at. Mr. Bosi stated that when Ave Maria came on, the recession hit and they were not able to build out fully; however, Oil Well Rd was widened. He stated that that in fairness, the evaluation of the Rural Lands Stewardship Area was long term. Mr. Bosi also stated that Ave Maria is one of the only communities in the County that offers lower housing prices and stated that now Arthrex has a very large manufacturing center there. He stated that within a few years, this will change the trip characteristics. It was the County's long-range vision to create economic opportunities within the eastern portions of the County in a responsible way while attending to the environment, ecological needs, and agricultural needs of the community. He stated that with Rural Lands West coming in this would further develop the eastern portions of the County. Mr. Bosi stated that this would create opportunities for people to sustain themselves within the areas that they live. Vice-Mayor Penniman stated that this was an opportunity and it seemed to her that we should be recommending that this area of the County reaches its full potential as there is already infrastructure there.

Discussion ensued amongst committee members concerning the CIGM tool. Commissioner McDaniel stated that the goal of the CIGM is to be able to provide staff with more accurate information so that we don't end up with things like an overbuilt infrastructure system. He stated that there are policy decisions that have to do with opening up other areas of development.

Commissioner Taylor stated that she saw another part to this which was the increasing of density. She stated that it has been the County Commission's practice to increase density. Commissioner Taylor stated that increasing the density skews the model and then the model needs to be rerun. She stated that the plea from people in her constituency is to say what is enough. She asked if there will ever be a time when the commission will say they can't and won't accommodate anymore development.

B. Update on Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Ortman introduced Mr. Wally Blain with Tindale Oliver - the consultant hired for the update to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP). Mr. Ortman discussed public outreach efforts the MPO has undertaken for the BPMP then turned it over to Mr. Blain.

Mr. Blain gave the Board a Power Point presentation, which can be made available to anyone who requests it. Mr. Blain's presentation covered the plan's goals and objectives along with broad themes and the direction of the plan. Mr. Blain stated that during the community engagement process several key comments came in pertaining to safety, connectivity, health, environment, equity, livability, and economic concerns and/or interests. The public gave ideas for connectivity such as connecting the greenways, connections to and from the beach, and connections between Immokalee and the rest of the County. Safety also came up as a concern several times during the public engagement process; specifically, trail/traffic crossings and other roadway dangers. Mr. Blain stated that the TAC had a broad discussion concerning developer responsibility and connectivity of the existing system. He went on to discuss the success of the online WikiMap tool that allows members of the public to note their comments and concerns directly on a map. Mr. Blain also discussed the response to the online survey stating that over 200 responses have been received. He stated that the online surveys brought forth further concerns of the general public; those include lack of facilities, driver behavior, high speed traffic, large intersections, and others. Mr. Blain stated also discussed the vision statement that has been developed for the BPMP, "to provide a safe and comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian network that promotes and encourages community use and enjoyment." He then covered the proposed goals and objectives that have been developed out of the public engagement process. Mr. Blain also summarized what the next steps would be in the development of the BPMP.

Commissioner McDaniel opened the floor for comments from Board members. He stated that he'd like to see measurables and milestones developed. Commissioner McDaniel stated that it was important to develop parameters so that we are able to measure the success of the plan.

Commissioner Taylor complimented Mr. Ortman for his presentation to the Community Redevelopment Association (CRA) recently.

Vice-Mayor Penniman stated that she'd like more information on the exact areas of crashes and safety concerns that were noted on the WikiMap. Mr. Blain clarified that this was information received from the public however, actual crash data was available and would be incorporated into identifying implementation of policies and specific projects.

C. Update on Amendment to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Ms. Otero stated that the MPO Board approved the scope of work, funding agreement, and selection of Tindale Oliver for the amendment in October of last year. She stated that the purpose of the amendment was to update the 2040 LRTP Socio-Economic (SE) data, needs projects, and cost feasible list. Ms. Otero stated that the MPO is working with the MPOs advisory committees and the first step in this amendment includes reallocation of the SE data to reflect the Rural Lands West (RLW) development. She stated that the adopted 2040 LRTP included 80% of proposed dwelling units and employment for approved growth areas and that same methodology has been used for this amendment. Ms. Otero stated that the MPO has worked with Mr. Bosi and the County Zoning and Planning Department to take a three-tiered approach to reallocate growth. The first being the reallocation of growth from the original Big Cypress Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ). Second, the removal of growth from potential stewardship sending areas and thirdly a reduction in the areas East of 951. Ms. Otero stated that this has gone before the TAC and CAC, who have endorsed the methodology used to reallocate the SE data. She stated that the next steps would be to present a draft of the needs and cost feasible revisions to the advisory committees. The lists would then come before the MPO Board in March before commencing a public involvement period. Ms. Otero stated that the MPOs goal was to have the amendment adopted at the Board's May meeting. Ms. Otero stated that there were two public speakers for this item.

Commissioner McDaniel asked a question related to the calculation for the tier 3 reallocation methodology. He commented that there is a discussion in the report that starts off talking about reallocating growth east of 951 and then moves into the four quadrants of 951 and I-75. He asked why the reallocation was taken was from all 4 quadrants surrounding 951 instead of just the 2 to the east. He also asked about additional TAZ units that were reallocated in tier three as well, stating that he did not see a reference as to where those additional TAZ units were located and how those allocations were being appropriated. Commissioner McDaniel stated that his questions did not need to be answered at the meeting, but could be responded to later. He then opened the floor for public speakers. Their comments are summarized below.

Ms. Alison Wescott, representing The Conservancy of SWFL, stated that the Conservancy thinks it is premature to complete an amendment at this time. She stated that there are at least five Stewardship Receiving Areas in the Rural Lands Stewardship Area in various stages of development, including Ave Maria, RLW, Alico, Hogan Island, and Winchester Lakes; all in various stages of design. Ms. Wescott stated that the Conservancy wonders why this is being done now instead of during the development of the 2045 LRTP. She stated that they'd like to see the County look at the entire picture in this area instead of just the RLW portion. Ms. Wescott stated that it appeared that projected populations and employment is being reduced in some areas in order to accommodate RLW while staying within the 2040 LRTP's population assumptions. She asked if these assumptions would really hold when it is known that these areas will continue to grow. Ms. Wescott stated that the fact that RLW is paying for this amendment does not mean that they plan on paying for the new roads that need to be developed. Ms. Wescott also stated that the Conservancy would like to know how this will impact the existing needs for roads and projects already identified as priorities in the MPO needs assessment and in the cost feasible

plan. She stated that those priorities are considered critical for existing populations. She also stated that the Conservancy would like to know what is planned for public outreach for this amendment. Ms. Wescott then presented a map and discussed the Conservancy's concerns.

Mr. Michael Seaf, representing the Collier Citizen's for Sustainability, stated that modeling and population projections are very difficult. He compared these to weather forecasting, stating that there is a large uncertainty. Mr. Seaf stated that using median population projections is a poor methodology. He stated that though Ave Maria was developing it is still not at the point it was thought to be by this time and neither is Oil Well Road. Mr. Seaf stated that another issue with using population projections is the seasonality of the community. He stated that there is a high portion of our population that is seasonal and this needed to be factored in as well. Mr. Seaf stated that there are many fallibilities with models. He asked to what extent does the model deal with RLW. Mr. Seaf also asked how much of an extension of Everglades and Desoto Blvd will be needed and what the cost per lane will be. He questioned where the data is. Mr. Seaf's concerns were that there were a lot of assumptions that go along with this amendment and it is critical to understand what the assumptions are prior to moving forward.

12. Member Comments

Commissioner Solis commended staff and Ms. McLaughlin. He stated that the MPO process was very complicated and the depth of staff's knowledge was impressive.

Vice-Mayor Penniman also thanked staff and stated that Mr. Bosi's presentation was impressive. She stated that the impacts on the City of Naples will be tremendous and we should tread slowly.

Councilman Buxton also thanked Ms. McLaughlin and the MPO staff. He stated that is more important than ever that there is synergy between the City and the County to accommodate the growth that is coming.

Commissioner Saunders also thanked staff. He stated that he'd like to see a report on SR 82 and any projects happening on SR 82. Commissioner Saunders also asked for a report on the MPO's funding allocation and fair share.

Commissioner McDaniel stated that he'd like to see some historical data pertaining to what the MPOs fair share and what those numbers have been recently, as well as what they would've been had the MPO been getting their fair share all along. Commissioner McDaniel stated that the Everglades City Seafood Festival begins that evening. He stated that Everglades City has done a marvelous job at recovering from Hurricane Irma.

13. Distribution Items

None.

14. Next Meeting Date

A. Regular Meeting – March 9, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. Board of County Commissioners Chambers

15. Adjourn

With no further comments Commissioner McDaniel adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:10 a.m.