

AUGUST 8, 2011

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Lee County Commissioners sitting as the Board Management and Planning Committee was held on this date with the following Commissioners present:

Frank B. Mann, Chairman  
 John E. Manning, Vice Chairman  
 A. Brian Bigelow  
 Ray Judah  
 Tammara Hall

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS WERE HEARD OUT OF AGENDA ORDER BEGINNING WITH ITEM 2, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 3, AND CONCLUDING WITH ITEM 1.

1. **LEE TRAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAJOR UPDATE**

**LeeTran is presenting a major update to its Transit Development Plan spanning FY2012-2021.**

**The State of Florida Public Transit Block Grant Program requires public transit service providers to develop and adopt a 10-year comprehensive planning document in accordance with Rule chapter 14-73, Florida Administrative Code. Major updates are required every 5 years with annual progress reports. LeeTran has completed the 2011 Major Update to its Transit Development Plan for 2012-2021. This plan sets forth a strategic improvement plan for transit service in Lee County which is consistent with local plans and the Lee County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long Range Transportation Plan and which will serve as the guiding document for the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program as well as the FDOT Five-Year Work Program covering public transit projects in Lee County.**

**The Transit Development Plan was developed with input from various stakeholders. Public participation workshops were conducted and public comment was solicited through various means. The plan was vetted through the Transit Task Force Committee and stakeholder interviews with elected officials representing the County and all municipalities. Presentations will be made to the MPO and its subcommittees prior to final adoption by the Board.**

OPTIONS:

The Transit Development Plan is presented to the Board to allow for additional input prior to final adoption of the plan. An adopted plan with the required elements is due to FDOT by September 1, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION:

Allow staff to proceed with adoption of the Transit Development Plan

Transit Director Steve Myers briefed the Board on the status of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) that looks ahead for 10 years, as required by FDOT in order to receive Block Grant funding. Mr. Myers then introduced Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., Director of Transit Planning Joel Rey who narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the fundamentals of the Plan, and he and Mr. Myers responded to Board questions. Commissioner Hall briefly left the Chambers during the presentation. Following the presentation, discussion ensued on: financial implications of the envisioned needs and improvements; anticipated Federal and State revenues; park-n-ride facilities; and use and testing of bio-diesel fuel. Commissioner Manning briefly left the Chambers at this time. County Manager Karen Hawes provided input on perceived opportunities within the County, and Mr. Myers stated he was looking for direction from the Board to adopt the TDP as presented. Chairman Mann indicated there was Board consensus to move forward at this time for presentation to the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Rey concluded his remarks and advised that a 25-year visioning plan is also anticipated to be presented going forward.

2. **ANNEXATION AND INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS – STATUS REPORT**

**The Board directed the following at the June 6, 2011 Management & Planning (M&P) meeting:**

- **Proceed with scheduling of meetings with the cities of Sanibel, Fort Myers Beach, Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Bonita Springs;**
- **Return to August M&P meeting with progress update;**

- **Finalize interlocals by end of September, if possible.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational Item.

Community Development Director Mary Gibbs updated the Board on the outcome of meetings held with the cities of Sanibel, Fort Myers Beach, Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Bonita Springs to discuss Annexation and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements. Ms. Gibbs referenced an [August 5<sup>th</sup> memorandum](#) that provided progress summarizations specific to each city. She indicated that the issues had been narrowed down, and Sanibel and Fort Myers Beach agreements were ready for finalization, as neither had any annexation interest. Following response by Ms. Gibbs to Board questions and comments, there was a recommendation to work toward boundary consistencies, beginning with enclaves. There was consensus to continue discussions with Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Bonita Springs with updates provided at the October 2011 Management and Planning Committee Meeting.

3. **LEE COUNTY COMMISSION REDISTRICTING**

**Commission district boundaries must be reviewed periodically to keep them as nearly equal in proportion to population as possible. Utilizing the latest 2010 census information and the County's ArcMap software, planning staff has prepared a report that contains five alternatives for the Lee County Commission Districts that meet these statutory and other common redistricting practices.**

OPTIONS:

Five alternatives are listed in the report. All five alternatives meet or exceed statutory requirements for equal population.

- Option One is the most similar to the existing district boundaries;
- Option Two places a larger portion of the City of Cape Coral within District 4;
- Option Three places the coastal island communities all in the same district;
- Option Four places District 2 on both sides of the Caloosahatchee River;
- Option Five places the majority of the rural communities east of I-75 in the same district.

RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1, as it most closely follows the current district boundaries. Significant changes to any of the alternatives may require additional staff evaluation for compliance with the applicable regulations.

Community Development Principal Planner Richard Burriss confirmed that each Commissioner had been briefed on the [five options](#) that staff created to equally divide the 2010 census population figures into each of the five districts. Mr. Burriss provided the timeline necessary to advertise and hold 5:00 p.m. Public Hearings on this matter with a redistricting decision mandatory by the end of the calendar year. Following discussion, including consideration of the School Board's current practice to follow the County Districts, there was Board consensus to narrow the options for future consideration down to One, Four and Five. Staff indicated that, in an effort to be proactive with the community prior to the Public Hearings, the redistricting map options would be placed on the County website and a guest opinion placed in the local media.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

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Deputy Clerk

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[Chairman, Lee County Commission](#)

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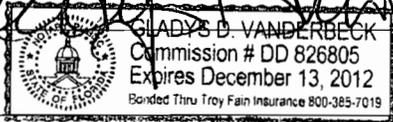
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