

Reconsidering Our Mobility Priorities and Designing Sustainable Options

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Is this your idea of Mobility

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Or is this more your speed



How about a bicycle, or two?



Or, will a Bus do?



Maybe you have special needs, or
know someone who does



What about Light Rail?



**Wouldn't you like a
choice?**

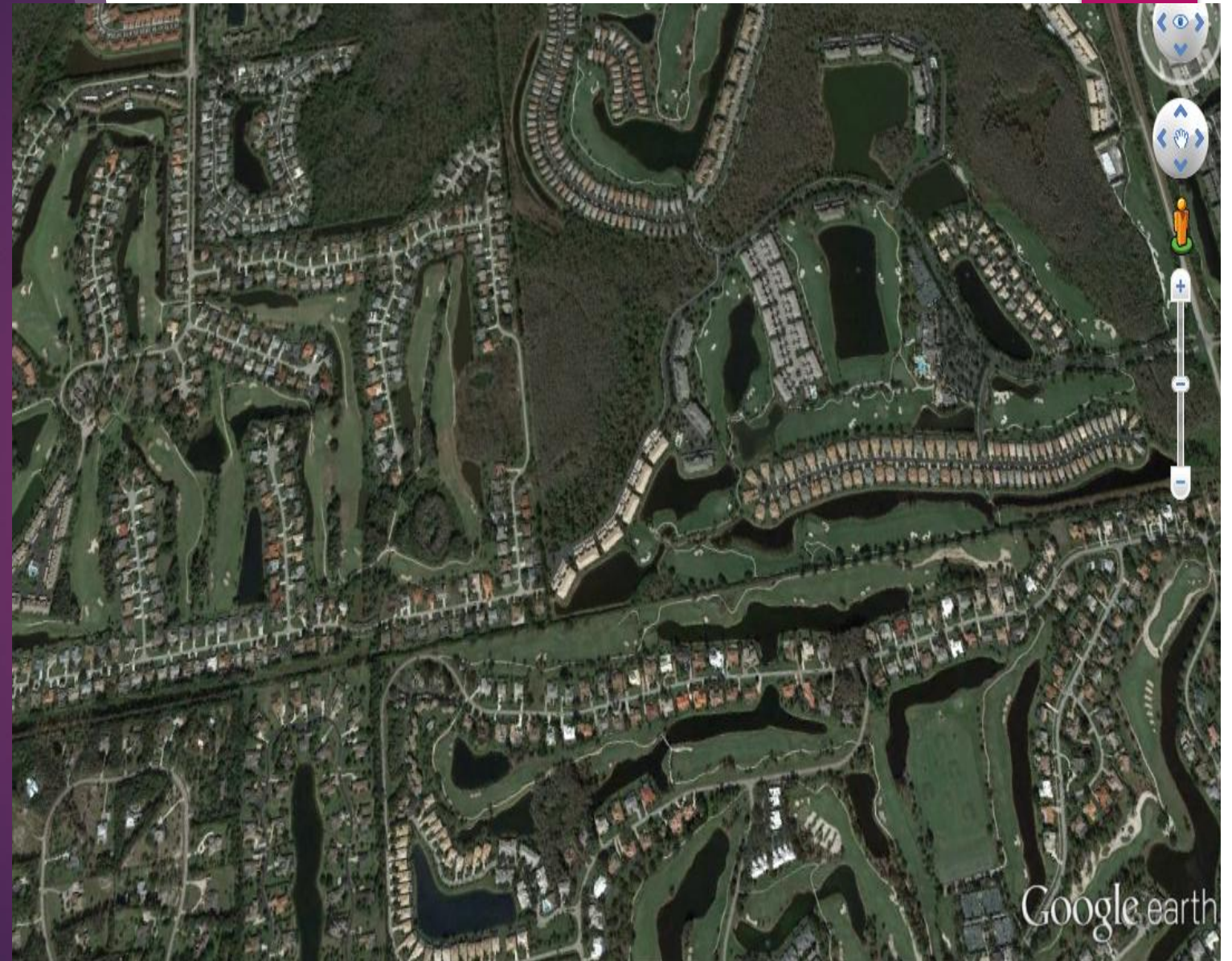
Our mobility choices are interconnected to our land development patterns. These are dependent upon our communities' priorities.

How many Worm-like developments are there, just in Lee County?

Where do these people go:

- to school,
- to work,
- to the Grocery Store?
- to visit friends?

And how do they get there?



These communities are designed so that the automobile is the only way in or out.

Is this development pattern, sustainable?



**We act like this is the only mobility choice.
Is this priority sustainable?**

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Will there EVER be enough travel lanes? What does it cost to build more lanes?



I-4 Ultimate Project Moves Forward

How do we achieve sustainability

“Personal importance, or taking things personally, is the maximum expression of selfishness because we make the assumption that everything is about “me.”

-- From *The Four Agreements* by Don Miguel Ruiz

If a sustainable transportation system is one that provides a variety of mobility options, how do we move from the “Me” to the “We”

Let's start with the money...

Washington- Federal



Tallahassee - State



Local



**Federal, State and
Local funding levels
are driven by local
decisions**

Local priorities are also communicated to the State and Federal government, from the local level

Be aware of and get involved in the MPO Transportation Planning process, where local priorities are set



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2014
Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
City of Cape Coral Annex/Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990



9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

1. [*Minutes from the March 11, 2014 Regular and Joint TAC Meeting](#)
2. Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

New Business

3. [*Review and Provide Input on the Proposed LRTP Amendments](#) (Don Scott)
4. [*Recommendation of Joint Lee/Charlotte TRIP Priorities](#) (Don Scott)
5. [+Review of Federal Functional Classification Updates of Lee County Roadways](#) (Ron Gogoi)
6. [*Update of the Continuity of Operations Plan](#) (Don Scott)

7. [+Review of Preliminary Bicycle Pedestrian and Congestion Management Priorities](#) (Ron Gogoi)
8. [+Review of the Public Involvement Plan and Open the Public Comment Period](#) (Don Scott)
9. Update on Ongoing MPO Projects

Other Business

10. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda
11. LeeTran Report
12. FDOT Report
13. Announcements
14. Topics for next meeting
15. Information and Distribution Items

Adjournment *Action Items †May Require Action

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION REPORTING SURVEY

Please identify traffic congested locations and describe any measures you think might help alleviate the congestion by filling out the form below and returning it to the Lee MPO (For reporting multiple locations you may like to make multiple copies of this form). Or, you may choose to complete an interactive form¹ online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014LeeMPOCMS>.

LEE COUNTY MPO BY APRIL 18, 2014
33915-0045, or faxed to 239 790 2695

1. Location of traffic back up: _____
2. Direction that becomes backed up:
Northbound Southbound Eastbound Westbound
3. Time of day back up occurs:
Morning Rush Hour Evening Rush Hour Other: _____
4. How often does back up occur: Daily Seasonally
5. What is the cause of the back up? (i.e. Traffic crashes, signal timing, inadequate turn lane storage, road work etc.)

What else can we do?

- Advocate for “complete streets”

El Paso:

An Incomplete Street

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- No places to walk
- No places to bike
- No crosswalks
- Speeding traffic

- Poor business access
- Low surrounding property values
- No transit access

- Higher pedestrian & bicycle injuries/deaths
- No 'eyes on the street'
= increased crime

•Is this sustainable?

Future El Paso: A Complete Street



- Nice places to walk
- Nice place to bike
- Crosswalks
- “Calmed” traffic (slower speeds)

- * Lower pedestrian & bicycle injuries/deaths.
- * Better movement of cars & people.
- * Increased transit access

- Excellent business access
- Lots of ‘eyes on the street’ = decreased crime
- Higher surrounding property values
- We tend to care about these places

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Existing conditions: high speed center road with local serving side roads

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New sidewalks, one-way local access lane, parking lane, street lamps

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New infill development at sidewalks

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Palmetto trees in median

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Street trees on far side

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Street trees on near medians

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Street trees on near side

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Increased street life

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Light rail in median

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Residential development alternative

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