



DRAFT AGENDA
ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Tuesday, September 10, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
SWFRPC
1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 1
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2018
- 4) Funding on New Business
- 5) Old Business – Letter on LeeTran
- 6) Old Business-Funding for the State of the Bay
- 7) Emerging Issues:
- 8) Announcements
- 9) Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- 10) Set Date for Next EBABM
- 11) Adjournment



Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management
C/O Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
1400 Colonial Blvd Suite 1
Ft. Myers, FL 33907

September 10, 2018

Dear Lee County Board of County Commissioners,

The Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management recently received a presentation about a proposal to better synchronize the LeeTran system which is at www.abetterleetransite. We were very interested and intrigued by the possibility that services could be made more efficient with little or no further cost or significant change in services. We were disappointed to hear that although the plan has been presented to LeeTran since November of 2015 there is still no report available to inform us as to its validity and/or to address when or how it might be implemented. We urge you to obtain a report from Lee Tran and or the MPO evaluating the basis of the proposal, and, if possible implement as many aspects of it as possible so that the public transit for our system can continue to improve and serve the needs of our community as best we can. Furthermore, we ask that you consider making synchronizing our public transit as a primary goal of the transit element of the Long Range Transportation Plan that is up for renewal. A more efficient public transit system should allow for more efficient use of our roads, and hopefully lessen the need for road expansions, saving more habitat and water resources for the natural systems as identified in our principles (below).

The Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (ABM) is a non-regulatory advisory committee to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. Its directive is to make comments and recommendations regarding the management of Estero Bay and its watershed. The ABM is dedicated to the preservation and sustained productivity of this natural resource. The membership of the ABM includes local, state, and federal government officials, representatives of special interest groups such as developers, civic associations, builders, environmental groups, chambers of commerce and marine trade associations, and citizen representatives.

The following principles of the ABM are the basis for the above suggestions:

- I. A. The ABM will be cognizant of the "big picture" and to the concept of "ecosystem management" and sustainable development.
- II. H. (2) Transportation planning shall be undertaken with goals of increasing public transportation and enhancing new and existing roads with walkable, bikeable passageways that are connected and landscaped.

Sincerely,

Wayne Daltry, Chairperson
Estero Bay Agency for Bay Management

CC: Lee Tran
Lee County MPO