

12. CITY MANAGER

a. Informational Items

**ii. Notification of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Re-Appportionment Plan**



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September 29, 2008

Ms. Judie Zimomra, City Manager
800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

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CITY OF SANIBEL
ADMIN./LEGIS.

RE: MPO Re-Apportionment Plan for the City Council's Consideration

Dear Ms. Zimomra:

At the June 2008 MPO Board meeting, the Board approved a re-apportionment plan to add one member to the City of Bonita Springs (the plan is attached). The change was proposed based on the changes in population over the last eight years, which was the last time that there was a change in the MPO Board membership. This vote followed two other MPO meetings where this item was discussed and questions regarding the procedures and what other MPO areas do were answered. The process for re-apportioning the MPO Board also requires that we get approval from the local governments in the MPO representing 75% of the population in the area and the largest incorporated City.

We are currently seeking a resolution of support from each jurisdiction on the MPO Board and are sending this letter and a draft resolution that can be used to determine if the City of Sanibel supports this change at an upcoming City Council meeting. If this is approved by the local jurisdictions, the next step will be to submit the plan to the Florida Department of Transportation and the Governor's office for the Governor's approval. The Governor's approval of the plan constitutes the official designation of the MPO.

Please feel free to contact me at 239-338-2550 Ext. 238 or at dscott@swfrpc.org if you have any questions regarding this request and please forward the date and time when this item can be included on the City Council agenda for consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,
LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Donald Scott
MPO Director

RESOLUTION 2008-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL SUPPORTING THE RE-APPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR THE LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the voting membership of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is currently made up of elected officials from the incorporated cities of Cape Coral, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel and Lee County; and

Whereas, there have been no changes to the voting membership since the year 2000 when the City of Bonita Springs was added to the MPO Board and one additional representative was added to the MPO Board for the City of Cape Coral; and

Whereas, there have been population changes during this time period and based on that, the MPO Board has approved an apportionment plan to add one additional representative to the MPO Board for the City of Bonita Springs; and

Whereas, the addition of one member is consistent with the provisions of Florida Statutes 339.175; and

Whereas, on June 20, 2008, by majority vote, the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization approved a membership apportionment plan composed of five members from the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, four members from the City of Cape Coral, two members from the City of Bonita Springs, three members from the City of Fort Myers, one member from the Town of Fort Myers Beach and one member from the City of Sanibel; and

Whereas, the Florida Department of Transportation, District One Secretary will continue to serve as an ex-officio member: and

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Sanibel endorses the apportionment plan approved by the MPO Board.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2008.

City of Sanibel

Mayor Mick Denham

Attest: _____

Pamela Smith, City Clerk



2008 APPORTIONMENT PLAN

Approved by MPO Board June 20, 2008

Adopted (Approved by FDOT and Governor): ?

Ben Nelson, MPO Chairman

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DESCRIPTION

The MPO area is depicted on Map 1. As shown on that map, the MPO area includes the entire portion of the county and includes all of the county's population, which according to 2007 BEBR (Bureau of Economic Research) numbers is currently 615,254 in total population.

Besides showing the MPO boundary, Map 1 also depicts municipal boundaries as well as County Commission district boundaries. The 2007 population for each of the jurisdictions is also illustrated on the map.

As indicated, all five of the county's municipalities are within the metropolitan area. The five incorporated areas are: the City of Cape Coral, the City of Fort Myers, the City of Bonita Springs, the City of Sanibel and the Town of Fort Myers Beach. Of these, the City of Cape Coral is the largest with a 2007 population of 164,523 and the City of Sanibel is the smallest with a 2007 population of 6,297. Table 1 identifies 2000, 2002, 2006, and 2007 populations for the County and each of the municipalities.

BACKGROUND

APPORTIONMENT 2000

At the April 2000 MPO meeting, Staff provided seven (7) different reapportionment options to the MPO Board for their review. Plan 1, stated that all jurisdictions would retain their current voting members and the new City of Bonita Springs would receive one voting member. The total number of voting members would increase to 14.

Plan 2, stated that Lee County, the City of Fort Myers, the City of Sanibel, and the Town of Fort Myers Beach would each retain their voting members while Cape Coral would gain one member and the new City of Bonita Springs would receive one new voting member. The total voting members in the MPO would increase to 15.

Plan 3, stated that Lee County and the City of Fort Myers would each retain their current voting members, while the City of Cape Coral would gain one additional voting member. The City of Sanibel and the Town of Fort Myers Beach would lose a voting member between them, so that instead of the single voting member they each have in the current apportionment plan, the City of Sanibel and the Town of Fort Myers Beach would have to rotate a member between them annually.

Plan 4, stated that apportionment under this Plan was based strictly on municipal population. The City of Cape Coral's estimated 1999 population of 96,670 was twice that of the City of Fort Myers population of 47,068. So the City of Cape

Coral would get a membership apportionment twice that of the City of Fort Myers. Accordingly, the City of Cape Coral would get four (4) voting members while the City of Fort Myers would get two (2). As a result, the City of Cape Coral would gain one (1) additional member while the City of Fort Myers would lose one (1). The City of Bonita Springs has a population of 23,506, which is half that of the City of Fort Myers. Therefore, the City of Bonita Springs would get one (1) voting member. The City of Sanibel and the Town of Fort Myers Beach have a combined population of 12,119 which is approximately half the population of the City of Bonita Springs. So the Islands would share one (1) voting member between them. This one (1) voting member would rotate annually between the two (2) jurisdictions. Under this Plan, Lee County would retain all five of its county commissioners, while the total number of current voting members would remain at 13.

Plan 5, stated that apportionment under this Plan would be based on the same methodology as Plan 3. The only difference is that the City of Sanibel and the Town of Fort Myers Beach would each retain their own voting members, while the total number of voting members would have increased to 14.

Plan 6, stated that apportionment under this Plan was to be based upon the ratio of population in the unincorporated areas to the number of Lee County Commissioners. This ratio was used to determine the membership apportioned for the remaining jurisdictions. With a 1999 population estimate of 237,661 in the unincorporated areas, there is one county commissioner to every 47,532 persons. Applying this ratio, the City of Cape Coral would get two (2) voting members and the City of Fort Myers, one (1); while the City of Bonita Springs, the City of Sanibel, and the Town of Fort Myers Beach would rotate one (1) voting member among them. The total number of voting members would be reduced from thirteen to nine.

Plan 7, stated that under this Plan, Lee County, the City of Cape Coral, the City of Sanibel, and the Town of Fort Myers Beach would each retain their voting members while the City of Fort Myers would lose one (1) member. The City of Bonita Springs would get one (1) voting member. The total voting members in the MPO would remain at 13.

During the April 2000 TAC and CAC meetings, the TAC and CAC approved Plan #1, which called for inclusion of Bonita Springs to the MPO membership without disturbing the membership apportionment of the participating jurisdictions. The TAC requested that the actual apportionment of the MPO plan be based upon geography and population should be deferred until after the 2000 census. At the MPO meeting comments were received from the public in favor of apportioning an additional representative to the City of Cape Coral in addition to the City of Bonita Springs representative.

During the April 2000 MPO meeting, Commissioner Coy made a motion to recommend Plan #2 which would incorporate the City of Bonita Springs with an MPO representative and also apportion an additional member to the City of Cape Coral, based on their increase in population. Commissioner St. Cerny seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPORTIONMENT 2001

In 2001, after the census data was made available, the MPO reaffirmed what was changed when the City of Bonita Springs was added and the City of Cape Coral was also given an additional representative.

APPORTIONMENT 2008

In February, the City of Bonita Springs requested that apportionment of MPO members be brought to the MPO Board as a discussion item. At the February 2008 MPO meeting the MPO discussed looking at other MPO areas in Florida to see how they are apportioned and to see if there are any other ways to re-apportion the members. The staff direction was to go and research what other MPO's in Florida, answer some questions regarding the maximum number of members that the MPO could have were possible and determine the process and bring back that information at a future meeting.

At the May 2008 MPO meeting, the Board discussed the follow up items and gave direction to bring back a draft apportionment plan that added one member to the City of Bonita Springs which keeps the population per member fairly consistent among the participating jurisdictions and keeps it simple until this needs to be addressed again after the census in 2010. Attached is the number of MPO members per the latest 2007 jurisdiction population numbers and reflects the addition of one new member for the City of Bonita Springs with a new total MPO membership of sixteen members. Upon approval of the new apportionment plan, each jurisdiction will be asked to approve a resolution supporting the change which will then be attached to the final report that will be sent to the FDOT and the Governor's office for review and approval.

During the June 20, 2008 MPO meeting, the MPO Board discussed the draft apportionment plan, which would add one representative to the City of Bonita Springs and leave all others as is, and approved by a 9 to 4 vote. The next step in the Apportionment process is to seek a resolution of support from each of the different jurisdictions for approval. If the resolutions come back in favor of continuing forward with the process, then the Apportionment Plan is sent to FDOT and the Governor for approval.

1999 Membership Apportionment

Participating Agency	Unincorporated Area	Bonita Springs	Cape Coral	Fort Myers	Town of Fort Myers Beach	Sanibel	Countywide Total
1999 Population	237,661	23,506	96,670	47,068	6,107	6,012	417,024
Current Membership	5	0	3	3	1	1	13
Apportioned by Population	7.41	0.73	3.01	1.47	0.19	0.19	13.00
Population per Member	47,532	0	32,223	15,689	6,107	6,012	32,079

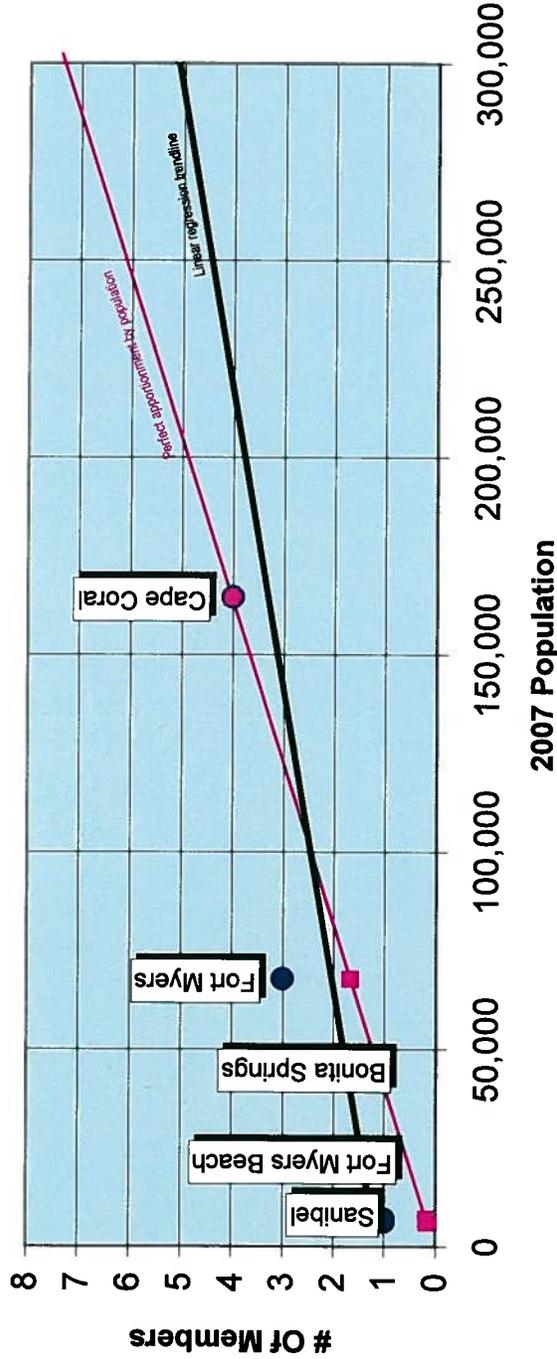
2002 Membership Apportionment

Participating Agency	Unincorporated Area	Bonita Springs	Cape Coral	Fort Myers	Town of Fort Myers Beach	Sanibel	Countywide Total
2002 Population	258,467	39,154	113,253	51,323	6,741	6,135	475,073
Current Membership	5	1	4	3	1	1	15
Apportioned by Population	8.16	1.24	3.58	1.62	0.21	0.19	15.
Population per Member	51,693	39,154	28,313	17,108	6,741	6,135	31,672

2008 Membership Apportionment

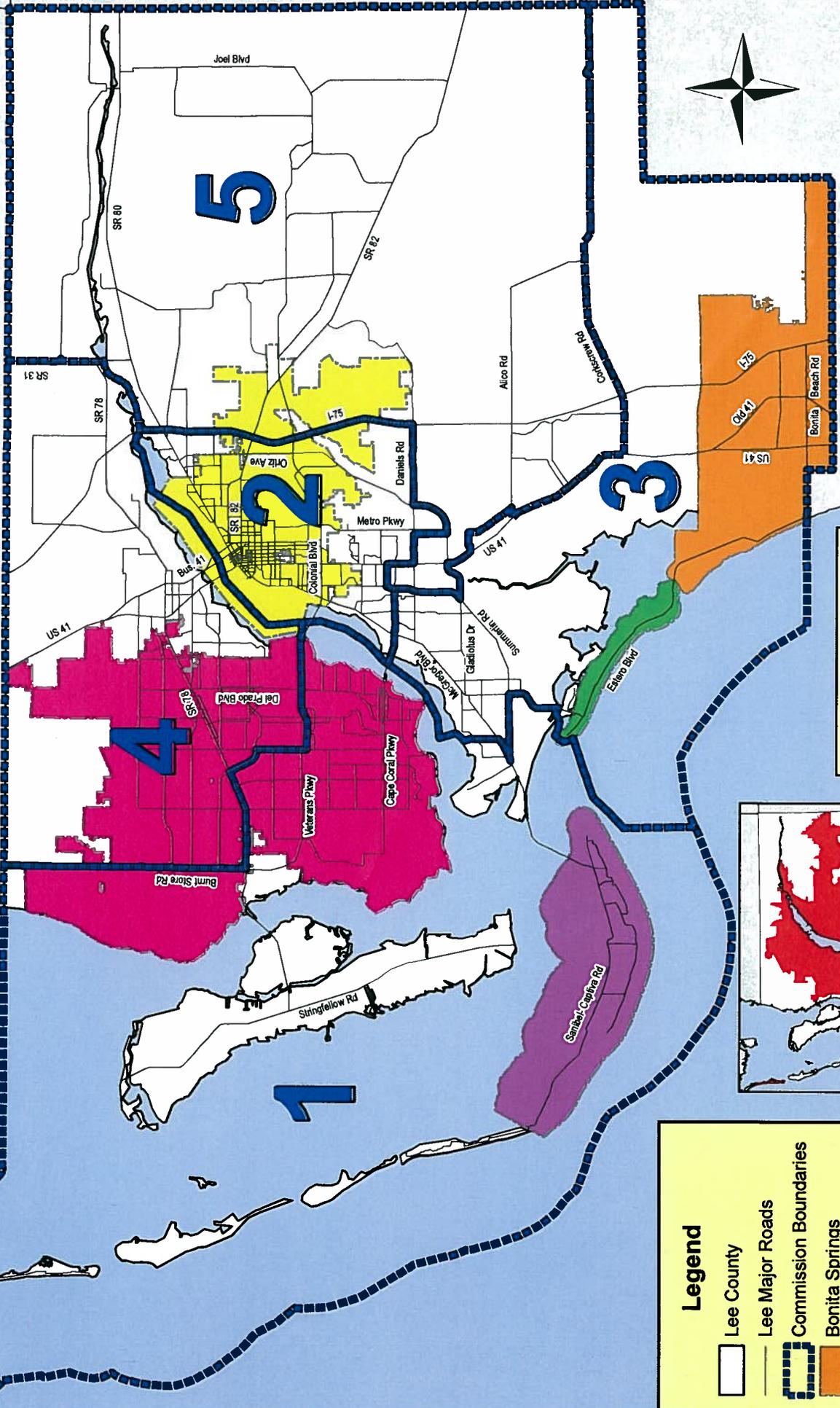
Participating Agency	Unincorporated Area	Bonita Springs	Cape Coral	Fort Myers	Town of Fort Myers Beach	Sanibel	Countywide Total
2007 Population	324,398	45,148	164,523	67,851	7,037	6,297	615,254
Current Membership	5	1	4	3	1	1	15
Apportioned by Population	7.91	1.10	4.01	1.65	0.17	0.15	15.00
Population per Member	64,880	45,148	41,131	22,617	7,037	6,297	41,017
Proposed Membership	5	2	4	3	1	1	16
Proposed Apportionment by Population	8.44	1.17	4.28	1.76	0.18	0.16	16.00
Proposed Population per Member	64,880	22,574	41,131	22,617	7,037	6,297	38,453

APPORTIONMENT: Current MPO Membership vs. 2007 Population (BEBR).



Participating Agency	Unincorporated Area	Bonita Springs	Cape Coral	Fort Myers	Fort Myers Beach	Sanibel	Countywide Total	Pearson's Coefficient
2007 Population	324,398	45,148	164,523	67,851	7,037	6,297	615,254	0.97
Current Membership	5	1	4	3	1	1	15	
Apportioned by Population	7.91	1.10	4.01	1.65	0.17	0.15	15.00	
Population per Member	64,880	45,148	41,131	22,617	7,037	6,297	41,017	
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Proposed Apportioned by Population	8.44	1.17	4.28	1.76	0.18	0.16	16.00	
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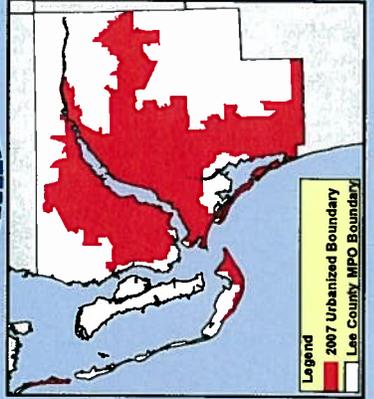
2008 LEE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT PLAN



Legend

- Lee County
- Lee Major Roads
- Commission Boundaries
- Bonita Springs
- Cape Coral
- Fort Myers
- Fort Myers Beach
- Sanibel

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Legend
 2007 Urbanized Boundary
 Lee County MPO Boundary



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