

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board of County Commission Chambers
Collier County Government Center
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor
Naples, FL 34112
April 10, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

****HYBRID REMOTE – IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Schwan called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Kingston called roll and confirmed a quorum was present in the room.

Members Present (in BCC Chambers)

Councilor Bonita Schwan, *Vice Chair*

Commissioner Chris Hall

Commissioner Rick LoCastro

Councilor Berne Barton

Councilor Scott Schultz

Members Absent

Councilor Tony Pernas, *Chair*

Commissioner Burt L. Saunders

Commissioner Dan Kowal

Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr.

MPO Staff

Carmen Monroy, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Planner III

Dusty Hansen, Planner II

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

FDOT

Wayne Gaither, Director, District 1 Southwest Area Office

Marcellus Evans, District 1 Community Liaison

Jason Heironimus, Public Information Officer

Others Present

Trinity Scott, Collier County Transportation Management Services Department Head
Scott Teach, Esq., Deputy County Attorney
Lorraine Lantz, Planning Manager, Collier County Transportation Planning
Don Scott, Lee MPO Executive Director
Wally Blain, Benesch
Michelle Avola Brown, Naples Pathways Coalition
Ravyn Sylvia, Kimley-Horn
Julio Ordonez, HNTB

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Schwan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS

4.A. Approval of March 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the agenda and previous minutes, and Councilor Barton seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. AGENCY UPDATES

6.A. FDOT

Mr. Gaither reported that in March, FDOT picked up thirty-two tons of trash along arterials, eighteen tons along I-75, and another thirty-two tons at rest areas. There is continued drainage work in some areas along US 41 and asphalt repair at Royal Cove Dr later this month.

Mr. Evans reported a closure on the outside southbound lane on I-75 along the entrance and exit ramps, expected into the weekend.

6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Monroy reported that there are three vacancies on CAC and asked the Board for their assistance in filling the vacancies.

7. CHAIR REPORTS

7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report

The report was presented in writing.

7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report

The report was presented in writing.

7.C. BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

7.C.1. Joint Collier & Lee Bicycle Advisory/Coordinating Committees Report

The report was presented in writing.

7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report

The report was presented in writing.

8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

8.A. Approve an Amendment to the Collier MPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Monroy said that an amendment to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was requested to add several roadway projects to the 2050 LRTP Roadway Needs Plan. These projects had previously been included in the 2045 LRTP. Collier County requested that they be incorporated into the updated 2050 Needs Plan.

Ms. Lantz explained that the request was made for projects which were inadvertently not carried over from the 2045 LRTP.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Amendment to the Collier MPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, and Councilor Schultz seconded.

Roll Call Vote.

Councilor Bonita Schwan - Yes

Commissioner Chris Hall - Yes

Commissioner Rick LoCastro - Yes

Councilor Berne Barton - Yes

Councilor Scott Schultz - Yes

Passed unanimously.

9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)

9.A. Approve Amendment 4 to the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Hansen said the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines the Collier MPO’s two-year budget and runs through June 30, 2026. Amendment 4 updates the MPO Executive Director name to Carmen Monroy, is non-financial, and includes updated participants and minor editorial cleanup.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve Amendment 4 to the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program, and Commissioner LoCastro seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.B. Review and Comment on the Draft Collier MPO FY 2026/27 – 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Hansen provided a presentation, available in the April 10, 2026 MPO Board Agenda, on the Draft Collier MPO FY 2026/27–2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program, which the MPO must submit to the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The UPWP outlines major planning initiatives and the MPO’s budget for the coming two fiscal years, and a final draft will be presented to the Board on May 8th for approval prior to submission to FDOT by the May 15, 2026 deadline.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Draft Collier MPO FY 2026/27 – 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program, and Councilor Schultz seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.C. Review Draft Performance-Based Merit Plan to Evaluate the Collier MPO Executive Director

Ms. Monroy explained that her employment contract requires the development of a performance-based merit plan and presented a proposed plan for evaluating her as Executive Director. She requested review and comments and noted that a final version will be brought to a future meeting for approval and adoption.

10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)

10.A. Congestion Management Process Status Update/Board Member Feedback

Ms. Hansen stated that work on the major update to the Congestion Management Process (CMP) started late last year, and would include a joint regional element with Lee County MPO. She welcomed feedback from the Board so that plan development could move forward.

Mr. Blain provided a presentation on the development of the CMP (which can be viewed in the April 10, 2026 MPO Board Agenda).

A group discussion followed, focusing on the role of crash incidents in congestion and the use of crash data to identify locations where incident-management resources might be prepositioned. It was noted that crash history is reviewed as part of the CMP, and findings from the MPO's Safety Action Plan and existing incident-management efforts can be incorporated. Transit's role in reducing congestion will also be considered. The final CMP report will return with recommendations, including transit-related strategies.

Ms. Scott provided an update on transit ridership numbers and indicated that ridership had been increasing since the drop during the pandemic.

10.B. Report on Regional Coordination Activities With Lee County MPO

Ms. Monroy said that, at the Board's request following the consolidation study presentation in March, staff prepared a briefing documenting current regional coordination with the Lee County MPO, and will present recommendations on next steps for regional coordination to continue the discussion.

11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hall requested an MPO acronym list.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

13.A. Next Meeting Date: May 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m., Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice Chair Schwan adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.