

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 22, 2024, 2:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Ms. Middelstaedt** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Ms. Miceli** called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

**CAC Members Present**

Elaine Middelstaedt, *Chair*

Neal Gelfand, *Vice-Chair*

Dennis DiDonna

Dennis Stalzer

Josh Rincon

Karen Homiak

Misty Phillips

**CAC Members Absent**

Fred Sasser

Josephine Medina

Michelle Arnold

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

**Others Present**

Abra Horne (FDOT)

Kimberly Abate (FDOT)

Kim Warren (FDOT)

Melody Joyner (FDOT)

Lauren Brooks (FDOT)

Michael Van Der Heyden (Stantec)

Bill Howell (Lochner)

Donnie Holcomb (HDR)

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Ms. McLaughlin** suggested moving items 8A and 8B after Item 6 to allow for FDOT presentations.

*Ms. Homiak moved to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Rincon seconded. Carried unanimously.*

**4. Approval of the March 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

*Ms. Homiak moved to approve the March 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Gelfand seconded. Carried unanimously.*

**5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda**

None.

**6. Agency Updates**

**A. FDOT**

**Ms. McLaughlin** announced that FDOT's Victoria Peters had accepted a position as Manager of Transportation Planning with FDOT's District Four. The Committee noted that she would be missed.

**B. MPO Executive Director**

None.

*\*Items 8A and 8B were heard after item 6B, followed by 7A and onward.*

**7. Committee Action**

**A. Endorse Amendment to the FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program**

**Mr. Kingston** explained that the item was for the Committee to endorse an Amendment to the FY 24-28 Collier MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and authorizing resolution. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had asked Collier MPO to modify the FY 24-28 TIP to add five new projects and modify an existing one: Adding thru lanes to Airport Pulling Rd from Vanderbilt Rd to Immokalee Rd, Pine Ridge Rd Interchange Improvement, Oil Well Rd Shoulder Improvement Segment 4; Widen/resurface existing lanes, Oil Well Rd Shoulder Improvement Segment 4; Widen/resurface existing lanes, Four Point Roundabout; Roundabout. Staff recommended that the Committee endorse the Amendment to the FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program.

*Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the Amendment to the FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program, and Mr. Stalzer seconded. Mr. DiDonna opposed. Motion carried.*

### **B. Endorse FY 25/26 Unified Planning Work Program**

**Ms. Hansen** said that the item was for the Committee to endorse the State Fiscal Year (FY) 25-26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which serves as the resource and budgeting document for the MPO for FY 24-26. The new UPWP would be required to be approved by the MPO Board and submitted to the to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) no later than May 15, 2024. It would be presented for approval at the Board's May 10th meeting. She went on to say that the Committee reviewed the draft FY 25-26 UPWP and received an update as to major planning tasks and focus areas at its March 25th meeting. Since the Committee's March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the following changes were made: the Financial Management (FM) numbers and FDOT Contract number were added to the cover page, language regarding the required PL fund allocation for Complete Streets planning was modified and moved from Task 5 to the beginning of the UPWP, new section specifying the funding allocations for each fiscal year, new MPO Board members, City of Naples representatives, Council Members Penniman and Barton, were added, Appendix D was updated to reflect comments from FHWA and FDOT, Appendix E was updated to include the MPO Resolution number. **Ms. Hansen** explained that there had been an additional change since the CAC agenda packet had been distributed, the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant FY25 allocation was increased from its estimated \$29,754 to \$30,780.

*Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the FY 25/26 Unified Planning Work Program and Mr. Rincon seconded. Carried unanimously.*

### **C. Review and Comment on the Draft Annual List of Project Priorities**

**Ms. McLaughlin** said the item was being presented for the Committee to review and comment on the draft annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP) for FY 30, explaining that the new list of project priorities for Surface Transportation Block Grant-Urban (SU) funding would go to Congestion Management Projects which had been ranked by the Congestion Management Committee (CMC). The projected SU funds available were \$5 million, and the prioritized projects were estimated to be relative to funds available at \$5.4 million. Projects include an ATMS and Controller Update and an ITS Retiming of Arterials for Collier County, and a Fiber connections upgrade from US 41 to Mooring Line Drive & Crayton and Harbour & Crayton span-wire to mast arm intersection improvements and a US 41 from 3rd Ave to SR 84 Intersection/Mobility Improvements PD&E for the City of Naples.

For the annual Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) state funding, in coordination with Lee County MPO, Collier County submitted a project to study design possibilities for a major intersection improvement at Golden Gate Pkwy & Livingston Rd and Lee County MPO submitted a Sunshine extension project. Two freight projects are included for prioritization by the MPOAC and FDOT, including Construction of a Diverging Diamond Interchange at I-75 & Immokalee Rd and an Old US 41 road widening project in a joint submittal with Lee County MPO. On April 12th, the MPO Board voted unanimously to support Commissioner McDaniel's proposed Safety improvement project to install streetlights at the SR 29/Oil Well Rd intersection. The MPO Board also voted unanimously to support the

Trust for Public Land's request to add the Bonita-Estero Rail Trail ROW Acquisition as a priority project for SUN Trail funding in addition to the Collier to Polk Trail PD&E. The Planning priorities were updated to reflect current timeframes and funding amounts contained in FDOT's FY 25-29 Work Program.

*This item was presented for review and comment only.*

#### **D. Review and Comment on the Draft FY 25-29 Transportation Improvement Program**

**Mr. Kingston** said that the item was for the committee to review and comment on the draft FY 25-29 TIP. Part One of the TIP contains the narrative and project sheets and Part Two contains supporting documentation required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The project sheets were up to date with FDOT's April 8, 2024 Work Program snapshot received on April 10, 2024. The next steps would be MPO Board review on May 10, 2024, TAC/CAC endorsement on May 20, 2024, followed by MPO Board approval on June 14, 2024.

**Mr. Kingston** reviewed changes in the TIP which can be viewed in the [April 22, 2024 CAC Agenda](#).

A group discussion followed regarding various locations in the region which were proposed to need upgrades and **Ms. McLaughlin** explained that with rising costs, the MPO and the County were working diligently to assess the greatest needs for the allotment of available funds.

*This item was presented for review and comment only.*

#### **8. Reports and Presentation (May Require Committee Action)**

##### **A. Project Update for SR 29 PD&E Study from Oil Well Road to SR 82 – FDOT**

**Ms. Horne** mentioned that FDOT had recently provided the SR 29 PD&E Study from Oil Well Road to SR 82 presentation at various public meetings in Immokalee and held open office hours at FDOT offices to follow up on refinements that were made after previous FDOT public hearings regarding the project.

**Ms. Horne** provided a presentation which can be viewed in the [April 22, 2024 CAC Agenda](#)

**Ms. Horne** said that the project documents would be available on the [SR 29 from I-75 to Oil Well Road project webpage](#) on the SWFL FDOT website.

##### **B. I-75 at Pine Ridge Rd Interchange Improvements - FDOT**

**Mr. Howell** provided a presentation which can be viewed in the [April 22, 2024 CAC Agenda](#) and mentioned that project information could be found at [swflroads.com/project/445296-1](http://swflroads.com/project/445296-1).

**9. Member Comments**

**Mr. DiDonna** mentioned that he believes the Collier Area Transit (CAT) should look toward the future and consider electric busses.

**Mr. Rincon** recommended that **Mr. DiDonna** bring his comment to a Collier County Board of County Commissioners meeting.

**Mr. DiDonna** also requested to bring an item to CAC for vote, regarding using cameras at intersections to enforce traffic laws.

**Ms. Homiak** informed **Mr. DiDonna** that Collier County once attempted using cameras to enforce traffic laws and found it to be ineffective and the idea was dismissed. She also mentioned that the item would fall under Collier County jurisdiction and was not an item for the Collier MPO.

A group discussion followed, and it was recommended that if **Mr. DiDonna** wanted to pursue the inquiry, that he bring it to a Collier County Board of County Commissioners meeting.

**10. Distribution Items**

**A. FY 24-28 TIP Administrative Modification**

*The item was distributed.*

**11. Next Meeting Date**

*May 20, 2024, 2:00 p.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg. Main Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.*

*(off-cycle meeting due to Memorial Day holiday)*

**12. Adjournment**

**Ms. Middelstaedt** adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.