

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Chair Homiak called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Karen Homiak, Chair
Fred Sasser, Vice Chair
Becky Irwin
Harry Henkel
Kevin Dohm

CAC Members Absent

Josh Rincon
Michelle Arnold
Misty Phillips
Neal Gelfand

MPO Staff

Sean Kingston, Planner III
Dusty Hansen, Planner II
Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Jacob Stauffer, Collier Area Transit
Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Dohm moved to approve the agenda. *Mr. Henkel* seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Sasser moved to approve the March 23, 2026 meeting minutes. *Mr. Dohm* seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

None.

B. MPO

Ms. Kingston said that the MPO Board would like committee chairs to attend Board meetings and present chair reports in person when possible. He also mentioned that Collier MPO staff will be presenting at the TEAMFL event on May 21 and May 22, and that additional information about the event is available at www.TEAMFL.org.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Endorse the Collier MPO FY 2026/27 – 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Hansen said that since the Committee reviewed the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) at its March 23 meeting, the updated draft now includes incorporated Collier County post-meeting comments, along with other revisions such as updates to the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant amount and the addition of FDOT’s completed checklist.

Mr. Dohm moved to endorse the Collier MPO FY 2026/27 – 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program. Vice-Chair Sasser seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. Review and Comment on the Draft Fiscal Year 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Kingston provided a presentation on the Draft Fiscal Year 2027–2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which includes a narrative and project sheets derived from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project Detail and Summaries Online Report, project costs, and supporting documentation. Revisions will be made for endorsement at the May Committee meeting, including correcting projects deleted in error and adding phase codes.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

C. Review the Draft Collier MPO Planning Study Priority List for 2026

Ms. Hansen said that planning priorities were updated to reflect current timeframes, adjust certain annual funding requests, and align with funding amounts in FDOT’s FY 2027–31 Work Program. The draft will be presented to the Committee for endorsement at its May 18 meeting.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

D. Review the Draft Transit Priority List for 2026

Ms. Hansen said that after completing the major update to the Transit Development Plan (TDP) last year, Collier Area Transit (CAT) provided an updated 2026 transit priority list.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

E. Review the Draft Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priority List for 2026

Ms. Hansen said the Collier and Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organizations coordinated regional priorities under the Transportation Regional Incentive Program using jointly developed ranking criteria, that the Immokalee Overpass project should be included on the list for Fiscal Year 2031-2032, and that the Santa Barbara Blvd/Logan Blvd project would be corrected to reflect a capacity-improvement effort rather than an operational improvement.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

F. Review and Comment on the Draft 2026 Annual List of Project Priorities for SU Box Funds

Mr. Kingston presented the 2026 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) that will guide future FDOT Work Programs and MPO Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). There was no 2025 Call for Projects issued, due to a project priority backlog.

It was noted that because Collier Boulevard includes both County and State segments, the widening project is considered both a County and State roadway project, and Surface Transportation Urban (SU) funds could serve as a buffer for funding needs.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

G. Endorse the Use of SU funds to Cover Cost Overruns on Three Sidewalk Projects

Mr. Kingston said that the MPO was advised by the Collier County Transportation Management Services Department of three Local Agency Projects needing additional funding for cost overruns. The Golden Gate Sidewalks, the Lavern Gaynor Safe Routes to School, and the Bayshore CRA Sidewalks projects all meet FDOT eligibility, are programmed in fiscal year 2026 when Surface Transportation Urban Block Grant (SU) funds are available, can meet FDOT obligation and expenditure deadlines.

Vice Chair Sasser moved to endorse the use of SU funds to Cover Cost Overruns on Three Sidewalk Projects Mr. Henkel seconded. Passed unanimously.

H. Review and Comment on Draft SUN Trail Project Priority List for 2026

Mr. Kingston said that two SUN Trail projects were prioritized in 2025, that the Collier to Polk Regional Trail has since been renamed the Heartland Regional Trail and is undergoing a Project Development and Environmental study (PD&E), and that the 2026 SUN Trail Priority List includes the Livingston FPL Trail Extension.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

I. Review the Draft Highway & Freight Priority List for 2026

Ms. Hansen said the Collier MPO's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan was approved on December 11, 2025, that its Cost Feasible Plan identifies projects with full or partial funding, that the draft 2026 Highway and Freight Priority List includes National Highway System projects from that plan, and that the list will go to the MPO Board on May 8, to this Committee on May 18, and back to the Board for approval on June 12.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

None.

9. Member Comments

Ms. Irwin asked whether the Congestion Management Process survey could include questions about interest in airport shuttle service or light rail to Regional Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) as a way to reduce roadway congestion.

A group discussion followed, and it was mentioned that presenting the idea of airport shuttle service or light rail at a County Board of Commissioners meeting would likely have the greatest impact, that such a service could involve collaboration between the airport and the County, and that it would be advantageous to inquire whether the Lee Port Authority has plans for public transit service to the airport.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

May 18, 2026, 2:00 p.m. – Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Chair Homiak adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.