

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Homiak called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Karen Homiak, Chair

Dennis Stalzer

Kevin Dohm

Michelle Arnold

Misty Phillips

Becky Irwin

Neal Gelfand

CAC Members Absent

Fred Sasser, Vice Chair

Dennis DiDonna

Josh Rincon

Harry Henkel

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, MPO Executive Director

Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Marcellus Evans, FDOT

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning

Sonal Dodia, Jacobs Engineering

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning (*arrived at item 7.C.*)

Others Present Via Zoom

Michael Baker, Jacobs Engineering

Michael Alvino, TY Lin

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Ms. Phillips moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Dohm seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the May 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the May 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Gelfand seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

Mr. Evans said there were no public meetings scheduled and no projects updates.

B. MPO

Ms. McLaughlin said she had nothing to add to the agenda and mentioned that all of the plans are related to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

7. **Committee Action**

A. Endorse Amendment Incorporating the Roll Forward Report in the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. McLaughlin said the FDOT Work Program office annually provides the MPO with a Roll Forward report that includes projects from the previous state fiscal year not processed before the June 30th fiscal year end, which are continued into the current state fiscal year's MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Dohm moved to endorse the TIP Amendment. Ms. Irwin seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Endorse Amendment 3 to the FY24/25 – 25/26 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Hansen said the current Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) directs the MPO's budget and planning activities for two Fiscal Years (FY) beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, and that FDOT informed Collier MPO of an additional \$16,922 in transit planning funds and \$557,071 in unspent planning funds from the MPO's FY22-24 UPWP due to delayed plans, which must be incorporated into the current UPWP.

Ms. Hansen reviewed the FY25-26 Planning Fund Allocation Changes for UPWP Amendment 3 table (which can be viewed in the August 25, 2025 CAC Agenda), showing additional funds being directed toward tasks like staff salaries, website hosting, and consultant services (including possible funding for the next phase of the Collier-Lee MPO consolidation study).

Mr. Dohm moved to endorse UPWP Amendment 3. Ms. Arnold seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Endorse 2050 LRTP Roadway Needs List, Revised Evaluation Criteria and Financial Resources; Review and Comment on Draft Evaluation Matrix and Cost Feasible Roadway Projects

Ms. Dodia provided a presentation on the 2050 LRTP Roadway Needs List, Revised Evaluation Criteria and Financial Resources, Draft Evaluation Matrix and Cost Feasible Roadway Projects (which can be viewed in the August 25, 2025 CAC Agenda), explaining that alternative roadway needs were modeled, financial resources and project costs identified, and project evaluation criteria refined. The travel demand modeling process helped to identify a cost feasible roadway network. The multimodal component plans were nearing completion and would be presented for review and comment separately from the LRTP.

A group discussion followed, and it was noted that the plan is guided by a combination of public input, the Committees and the MPO Board, and that one of the project prioritization evaluation criteria was projects that had been partially funded. Collier County Transportation had submitted questions regarding some of the cost feasible projects so there might be further revisions.

Ms. Irwin requested that more transit options within Marco Island and connections to regional destinations be considered.

Ms. McLaughlin mentioned that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had endorsed all three items in 7.C. as one motion, and that if CAC wanted to do the same, that would work.

Ms. Arnold moved to endorse the 2050 LRTP Roadway Needs List, Revised Evaluation Criteria and Financial Resources. Mr. Dohm seconded. Carried unanimously.

D. Review and Comment on Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Ms. McLaughlin provided a presentation on the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) (which can be viewed in the August 25, 2025 CAC Agenda). Revisions to the draft BPMP included replacing environmental justice language with safety and education to comply with federal mandates and align with Collier County's recent bike/ped Ordinance, expanding and refining evaluation criteria, and updating census data. The BPMP Update is guided by the previous BPMP, bike/ped plans of the local jurisdictions, and the draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). The BPMP is an important multimodal component of the LRTP.

A group discussion followed, and the idea of a light rail with shared-use path was discussed, how designs for bike/ped safety would be different than for vehicles, and how the High Injury Network is factored into the evaluation criteria.

E. Review and Comment on Draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Mr. Alvino provided a presentation on the draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) (which can be viewed in the August 25, 2025 CAC Agenda), mentioning that the purpose and benefits of the CSAP are to establish a framework for strategies to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes, an opportunity to make revisions to existing policies and procedures, as well as to provide guidance for project prioritization and funding. The Plan identifies a High Injury Network (HIN) to focus on roadways where safety improvements were most needed, describes the root causes of crashes, and ways to improve safety year round.

A group discussion followed regarding the length of time for the plan and projects to be implemented. It was noted that short-term projects were anticipated to be completed within a year, medium-term projects between 1-3 years, and long-term projects in 4 years or more. The question was raised whether automated vehicle technology was considered in the plan, and **Mr. Alvino** responded that it was not included because the Plan focuses on elements the MPO has some control over.

F. Endorse the 2026 MPO Meeting Schedule

Ms. McLaughlin said the 2026 MPO Meeting Schedule was being presented for Committee endorsement.

Ms. Phillips moved to endorse the 2026 MPO Meeting Schedule. Mr. Dohm seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

None.

9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

September 22, 2025, 2:00 p.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Homiak adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.