

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

TAC Members Present

Lorraine Lantz, Chair, Collier County Transportation Planning Manager
Alison Bickett, Vice-Chair, Traffic Engineer, City of Naples Public Works
Bert Miller, Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency
Dave Rivera, City of Naples Traffic Operations Supervisor
Don Scott, Executive Director, Lee MPO
Bryant Garrett, Collier County Airport Authority, Airport Operations Executive Manager
John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation
Justin Martin, City of Marco Island Public Works Department Director
Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

TAC Members Absent

Daniel Smith, Director of Community Affairs, City of Marco Island
Harry Henkel, City of Everglades Mayoral Appointee
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Omar De Leon, Public Transit Manager, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Sean Kingston, Principal Planner
Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

Others Present

Carmen Maldonado, FDOT
Sonal Dodia, Jacobs Engineering
Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering
Chris Mason, Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency Division Director
Kathy Eastley, Planner III, Collier County Transportation Planner

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Scott moved to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the May 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Bickett moved to approve the May 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

None.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin thanked the Committee for their support during Collier MPO's federal review. She mentioned that she recently met with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)'s Wayne Gaither who is asking all the MPOs in District One to consider their project priorities for their Surface Transportation Block Grant – Urban (SU) funds for the next five years. He said that because of escalating costs, allocated funds may be overcommitted when projects get to the construction phase and that the funding sources FDOT would have previously used to cover overage costs would be unavailable. The MPO needs to identify a “path forward” to funding the construction phase of projects in the pipeline using the MPO's SU allocation, roughly \$6 million per year. **Ms. McLaughlin** said that **Ms. Lantz** had attended the meeting, as quite a few of the potentially effected projects were for Collier County. **Ms. McLaughlin** said she would be talking with Committee members from the other municipalities about their priorities as well and was still exploring other sources of funding for those projects.

Mr. Scott asked if any meetings had been planned to discuss the Old 41 project.

Ms. McLaughlin said the question arose if the Old 41 project should remain on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as costs for construction couldn't be guaranteed. She mentioned that freight funding might be possible to fund the construction of that project.

The group discussed different ways programmed projects might be prioritized, the possibility that some projects might have to be moved to future fiscal years, and that some projects might involve trying to procure more local funding.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Endorse Roll Forward Amendment to the FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Kingston said the MPO was seeking to amend the FY25-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and an authorizing resolution to add projects from the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Roll Forward report of FY2024-2028 TIP projects which had not been authorized before June 30, 2024.

Ms. Lantz asked for more details regarding transit projects.

Ms. McLaughlin said she would confer with Collier Area Transit and follow up with **Ms. Lantz** with more details at a later date.

Mr. Scott moved to endorse the Roll Forward Amendment to the FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, and Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Endorse FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – Transit Maintenance Facility

Mr. Kingston said the MPO was seeking Committee endorsement of an Amendment to the FY 25-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and an authorizing Resolution to recognize a federal earmark and local funding towards constructing a new transit maintenance building. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had requested Collier MPO to amend its FY 25-29 TIP to add capital for new Collier County Transit Maintenance Facility. The amendment would add \$4,190,000 in Congress General Fund Earmarks (CD24) and \$1,047,500 in local funds for a total of \$5,237,500.

Mr. Scott moved to endorse the Roll Forward Amendment to the FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, and Mr. Miller seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Endorse FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment to Add SU Funds to the Collier Alternate Bike Lane Project

Mr. Kingston said the City of Marco Island requested Collier MPO to amend its FY25-29 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (TIP) to enable the construction phase of the southern segment of the Collier Alternate multiple segments Bike Lane Project, currently programmed in the TIP.

The project was originally submitted in 2019 as a 2020 Bike/Ped project priority with a cost estimate of \$0.965 million and received an additional \$1.504 million to meet project cost increases, with an Amendment approved by the MPO Board September 8, 2023. The bid proposal the City received in June of 2024 exceeded project funds and included utilities improvement requirements. The City was now asking for a revised bid that would reduce the project scope to only the southern segment. Due to construction costs, the now reduced project scope, would require an additional \$1.736 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant – Urban (SU) funds.

The project would be funded at \$2.457 million with adoption of the Roll Forward TIP amendment at the September 13, 2024 MPO Board meeting. With the requested addition of \$1.736 million from the revised bid, the total would be \$4.283 million for construction and preliminary engineering for the southern segment. The amendment package would go to the Board for approval on October 11, 2024.

This Amendment was presented to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on August 20, 2024, with eight members voting to endorse the Amendment and three members dissenting. The project was, nonetheless, endorsed.

Mr. Martin provided a presentation which can be viewed in the August 26, 2024 TAC Agenda.

Mr. Martin moved to endorse the Roll Forward Amendment to the FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, and Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Introducing the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan - Public Involvement Plan, Vision, Goals & Evaluation Criteria

The Committee received an introductory overview of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) schedule, process, vision, goals and evaluation criteria and drafts of associated documents by Collier MPO consultant, Jacobs Engineering.

Ms. Dodia provided a presentation which can be viewed in the August 26, 2024 TAC Agenda.

A group discussion followed, regarding the reduction in state revenues projected for the 2050 LRTP, the impact that would have on the Cost Feasible Plan, and possible projects throughout the Collier region that could be included in the 2050 LRTP.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Martin announced that the City of Marco Island was just finishing its street resurfacing project, and that Collier Blvd was complete. The City had also completed painting eight out of ten signalized intersections, using the City of Naples black paint theme, and would complete the remaining two within the month.

Mr. Lambcke said he was contacted by a consultant project manager for the state regarding a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for a S.R. 29 widening project from Immokalee to Sunniland and wanted to know if the project would be moving forward. He had noticed recently that two Habitat for Humanity communities had been established in the area, and asked if sidewalks were planned as part of the project. **Ms. McLaughlin** advised him that the state is not typically involved in sidewalk projects. She said she would look into the matter and follow up with **Mr. Lambcke** at a later date.

Ms. Bickett said that the City of Naples was updating some of its traffic technology. She also said that the local Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) met regarding the streetscape project Ms. Bickett was working on which covers streets in the Arts District, aimed towards resiliency and Complete

Streets, as well as capturing some stormwater issues in the area. It was anticipated that a sixty percent plan submittal would be completed by October 2024.

Mr. Garrett said he was working with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on Collier County Airport's five and ten year plans and had met with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) about funding.

Mr. Rivera said that the City of Naples recently paved Mooring Line Dr from Mooring Line Bridge to U.S. 41 and would be updating its bike facilities as well.

10. Distribution Items

A. Administrative Modification to Collier MPO's Fifth Amended FY 22/23-23/24 Unified Planning Work Program

The item was distributed.

B. FDOT Federal Functional Classification and Urban Area Boundaries for Collier County

The item was distributed.

C. Administrative Modification to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (FDOT TIP Review Checklist Items)

The item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

September 23, 2024, 9:30 a.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg. Main Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.