

**CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at approximately 2:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CMC Members Present In-Person

Dan Hall, *Chair*
Chris Ordonez
Dave Rivera
Dayna Fendrick
Don Scott
Jacob Stauffer
Karen Homiak

CMC Members Absent

Alison Bickett, *Vice-Chair*
John Lambcke
Justin Martin

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Dusty Hansen, Planner II
Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning Planner III
Ravyn Sylvia, Kimley-Horn

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the amended agenda. **Mr. Rivera** seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the November 19, 2025 minutes. **Mr. Scott** seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

None.

B. MPO

Ms. McLaughlin said incoming Collier MPO Executive Director, Carmen Monroy, had signed her employment contract, which was scheduled for approval at the February 13, 2026 MPO Board meeting.

C. Other

(i) City of Naples

None.

(ii) Collier County Public Transportation & Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE)

None.

(iii) Collier County Transportation Planning

None.

(iv) Collier County Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operations

None.

(v) Lee County MPO

None.

7. Committee Action

A. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Rivera moved to re-elect Dan Hall as Chair and Alison Bickett as Vice-Chair. Mr. Scott seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. Reschedule the Committee’s September 16, 2026, Meeting to October 21, 2026

Ms. Hansen said staff was requesting to reschedule the Committee’s September 16, 2026 meeting to October 21, 2026, to accommodate the schedule for completion of the Congestion Management Process (CMP).

Ms. Homiak moved to reschedule the Committee’s September 16, 2026, Meeting to October 21, 2026. Mr. Scott seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Overview of Updated MPO Call for Projects Submittal Requirements, Schedule and Funding

Ms. McLaughlin said the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan reflects limitations imposed by steep reductions in the State’s revenue projections. A portion of the MPO’s Surface Transportation Block Grant - Urban (SU) annual funding is allocated to roadway improvements as well as congestion mitigation and safety projects. Transportation Alternative – Urban (TALU) funding is allocated to bike-ped projects. The MPO is prioritizing the completion of projects already in the pipeline over funding new projects. Other scheduling considerations include FDOT’s annual March 31st deadline and, a decision to postpone issuing a Call for Projects for SUN Trail funding this year, and that some projects may need to be resubmitted in FDOT’s GAP portal system.

Ms. McLaughlin provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the January 21, 2026 CMC Agenda).

A group discussion followed, and it was noted that inflation and increasing costs are significantly affecting the call-for-projects process. It was suggested that Committee members wait for the updated Congestion Management Process (CMP) scoring criteria before submitting new applications. Bridges have dropped off as an eligible category of SU funding with the 2050 LRTP. The LRTP identifies approximately \$7.5 million in SU funds for congestion management/safety projects per five-year period (approximately \$1.5 million per year). There is a current backlog of prioritized but unfunded projects. MPO staff anticipates issuing a call for congestion management/safety projects for FY2034 or FY2035 after completion of the major update to the CMP, now underway.

FDOT’s new policy directive of January 7, 2026, requires a feasibility study demonstrating full project funding before a Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) or Preliminary Engineering phase can be funded, that a PD&E must be completed within 18 months, and funding for construction must be identified within 8 years of the start of the PD&E phase. Committee members expressed concern regarding the feasibility of submitting projects under this requirement. FDOT is expected to re-evaluate the policy and provide further guidance in the future.

This item was presented for presentation and discussion only.

B. Update on Collier and Lee MPO Consolidation Feasibility Study

Ms. McLaughlin said FDOT contracted with the Center for Urban Transportation Research, University of South Florida (CUTR), to conduct the first phase of a Feasibility Study to evaluate the potential consolidation of Collier and Lee County MPOs. CUTR provided a presentation to the Collier MPO Board and the Lee County MPO Board's Executive Committee in November. The anticipated timeline for completion of the phase one study is:

- March 2026: Survey results presented to the MPO Boards
- Spring 2026: Preparation of draft proposed MPO Apportionment Plan
- Summer 2026: Collier/Lee MPO Board Joint Workshop to review the Apportionment Plan
- Fall 2026: Final presentation to the MPO Boards
- December 2026: Study completion

A group discussion followed, and it was mentioned that more would be known when CUTR's apportionment plan was released. It is important to note that merging would not create new money for either region or ensure funding availability for regional projects. It was also noted that consolidation could increase local competition over the limited amount of money available and smaller areas could suffer. Tampa was struggling with apportionment fairness in its proposed consolidation with Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco Counties. However, a merged, larger MPO may have a competitive advantage when applying for discretionary grant funding.

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9. Member Comments

Mr. Rivera said that construction of two additional lanes and flashers was almost completed for Broad Avenue South and 2nd Street.

Ms. Fendrick said she noticed that the mid-block crossings on U.S. 41 East are frequently utilized.

10. Distribution Items

A. Excerpts from INRIX 2025 Traffic Scorecard Report

This item was distributed.

B. FDOT Project Development Policy effective January 7, 2026

This item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

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

12. Adjournment

There being no further comments or business to discuss, **Chair Hall** adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.