

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Chair Homiak 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

Karen Homiak, *Chair*

Becky Irwin (*arrived at item 8.A.*)

Dennis DiDonna

Harry Henkel

Kevin Dohm

Michelle Arnold

Josh Rincon

Neal Gelfand

CAC Members Absent

Fred Sasser, *Vice Chair*

Misty Phillips

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Planner III

Dusty Hansen, Planner II

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Marcellus Evans (FDOT)

Chris Speese (FDOT Atkins)

Sean Pugh (FDOT PM)

Trevor Hawkins (FDOT PGA)

Kevin Muzyk, Faller, Davis & Associates, Inc. Prime AE

Jacob Stauffer, Collier Area Transit

Litiasha Thomas, MV Transportation

Carmen Monroy, Successor Collier MPO Executive Director

Ravyn Sylvia, Kimley-Horn

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Gelfand seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the November 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Dohm moved to approve the November 24, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Henkel seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

None.

B. MPO

Ms. McLaughlin introduced **Ms. Monroy** as the incoming Collier MPO Executive Director.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Elect Chair & Vice Chair

Mr. Dohm moved to re-elect Chair Homiak to continue to serve as Chair and Mr. Gelfand seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Gelfand moved to re-elect Vice Chair Sasser to continue to serve as Vice Chair, and Ms. Arnold seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. Endorse Amendment to the FY2026-30 Transportation Improvement Program for three new transit projectsFY26

Ms. Kingston said that FDOT requested that the MPO amend its FY 26-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for three transit projects: adding a new transit project for capital to purchase vehicles/equipment, adding a new transit project for operating assistance for paratransit, and adding a new transit project for operating assistance to Easter Seals for paratransit.

Ms. Arnold moved to endorse the Amendment to FY26-30 TIP, and Mr. Henkel seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. FDOT Presentation on SR29 PD&E Studies

Mr. Pugh, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Speese provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the January 26, 2026 CAC Agenda).

A group discussion followed, and it was estimated that construction would take approximately three years. Afternoon traffic volume on SR 29 was noted as very heavy in the area. The designation would move a portion of SR 29 to the new alignment, and the downtown segment would be resurfaced before being transferred to the County. Environmental concerns were factored into the process, though recent state funding has helped. There had been communication regarding the road near the Immokalee Airport. Pedestrian accommodations include signalized crosswalks, reconstructed sidewalks, and a shared-use path. It was noted that roundabouts improve safety, and public education on roundabout navigation will be provided. The two project segments, SR 29 from CR 846 East to North of New Market Road and from New Market Road/Westclox Road to SR 82, are being coordinated, and the widening will extend to SR 82.

It was noted that the presentation provided was on the design phases, and not on the PD&E phases, which had been previously completed.

9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items

A. Updated 2026 Collier MPO Meeting Calendar

This item was distributed.

B. FDOT Project Development Policy effective January 7, 2026

This item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

February 23, 2026, 2:00 p.m. – Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

MPO staff noted that there was a chance the February meeting might be cancelled.

12. Adjournment

Chair Homiak adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.