



Agenda TAC

Technical Advisory Committee

IN-PERSON MEETING

Transportation Management Services Department
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
2885 South Horseshoe Dr.
Naples, FL, 34104

January 27, 2025, 9:30 A.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Approval of the November 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
5. **Open to Public for Comments Items Not on the Agenda**
6. **Agency Updates**
 - A. FDOT
 - B. MPO Executive Director
7. **Committee Action**
 - A. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for Calendar Year (CY) 2025
 - B. Endorse FDOT Target Zero Safety Performance Targets for 2025
 - C. Endorse Amendment to FY 2025-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Add Funds for Paratransit
 - D. Endorse Scope for Joint Lee/Collier Regional Congestion Management Process Element
 - E. Review and Provide Input on the Lee/Collier MPO Consolidation Feasibility Study Draft Scope
8. **Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)**
 - A. FDOT Presentation on Old 41 Project Development & Environment Study
 - B. FHWA/FTA Collier MPO TMA 2024 Certification Review Report
 - C. Status Report on 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan
9. **Member Comments**
10. **Distribution Items**
 - A. MPO Letter of Support for Acquisition of Bonita-Estero Rail
 - B. Administrative Modification #4 to the FY2025-2029 TIP - Add funds for Livingston FPL Trail
11. **Next Meeting Date**

February 24, 2025
12. **Adjournment**

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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:33 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
Tonia Selmeski, Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency
Bryant Garrett, Collier County Airport Authority, Airport Operations Executive Manager
Don Scott, Executive Director, Lee MPO
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Omar De Leon, Public Transit Manager, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)

TAC Members Absent

Daniel Smith, Director of Community Affairs, City of Marco Island
Dave Rivera, City of Naples Traffic Operations Supervisor
John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation
Justin Martin, City of Marco Island Public Works Department Director
Harry Henkel, City of Everglades Mayoral Appointee
Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner
Sean Kingston, Principal Planner
Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Marcellus Evans, FDOT
Chris Mason, Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency Director
Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planner
Juliann Thomas, SWFL Conservancy

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Garrett moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Wuerstle seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the October 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Wuerstle moved to approve the October 28, 2024 meeting minutes. Ms. Bickett . 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 mentioned that the handouts the committee had received included the summary of changes relating to item 7.A. and a new model run for item 8.A.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Review and Comment on FDOT Draft FY2026-2030 Work Program

Ms. McLaughlin said that FDOT had just released the first draft of the FY26-30 Work Program, and that **Mr. Evans** had created a spreadsheet of the Summary of Changes.

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the draft (which can be found in the November 25, 2024 TAC Agenda), mentioning that the Collier region would benefit from the Moving Florida Forward (MFF) initiative with some large projects on I-75, including beginning the design phase of widening I-75 from Golden Gate Parkway to Bonita Beach Rd. in various segments. At the September TAC meeting, FDOT said there was not enough funding for all project requests, but local allocations, including Transportation Alternative and Carbon Reduction funding, were able to help some more projects move forward. No projects had been deleted.

Mr. Scott said that the plan was that work would begin on the design phase for widening I-75 from Immokalee to Bonita Springs, and then move to south to Pine Ridge and the Immokalee Road Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) reconfiguration.

A group discussion followed, as members reviewed project status updates. It was noted that some projects had been allotted more Surface Transportation Block Grant (SU) funds, some that had not but still remained in the Work Program, some projects which had been deferred. **Ms. Lantz** asked **Mr. Evans** to confirm that the Immokalee Interchange DDI project did not need local funds as shown in the draft.

Mr. Scott mentioned that the public hearing for the draft would occur December 9, 2024 through December 13, 2024.

Ms. McLaughlin asked for members to review the draft and send their comments, and she would share them with the MPO Board at the December 13, 2024 meeting.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

B. Review and Comment on Draft Scope of Work for Joint Lee/Collier Regional Congestion Management Process Element

Mr. Scott said Lee MPO and Collier MPO made a commitment to complete a joint Congestion Management Process (CMP) since state legislation had asked for a study to be conducted regarding consolidation feasibility. Each MPO would use their current plans to start the study, as both Lee and Collier MPOs had recently updated their CMPs and add a regional element jointly, looking mainly at the Bonita Springs Area, from Alico Road on the north end to Immokalee Road on the south end.

Mr. Scott reviewed the map of the regional network (which can be viewed in the November 25, 2024 TAC Agenda), mentioning that the plan would be focusing on commuter traffic between Lee and Collier, there would be public involvement through committee meetings and public workshops, and that the MPOs have an overlap in two of their general planning contract consultants.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

8 Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Report on 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan – Status of Existing Plus Committed Model Run, Needs Plan, Public Outreach and Next Steps

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the model runs (which can be viewed in the November 25, 2024 TAC Agenda) and said that previous socioeconomic data that had been submitted was inaccurate in regard to anticipated future employment and population rates in the region, which affected the traffic congestion projections that were presented. The MPO’s consultant, Jacobs Engineering, worked with MPO to correct the inaccurate data using the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan as a guide.

A group discussion followed regarding connectivity issues, using transit as a congestion solution, the funding status of some of the congestion projects, and the possibilities of moving funding around to attend to the most urgent congestion problem areas.

9 Member Comments

Ms. Selmeski introduced herself as Bert Miller’s alternate for the Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency Division.

Mr. Mason introduced himself as Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency Division Director, and said the division was fairly new and currently handling several studies, including a vulnerability assessment, repetitive loss area analysis, and a repeat flooding study, serves as staff liaison to the Army Corp’s Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, and facilitates the community rating system. He invited Committee members to reach out if they wanted to learn more information.

Mr. De Leon said Collier Area Transit was working on the Transit Development Plan (TDP) as part of the LRTP, including a ten-year horizon plan, and just kicked off a zero emissions for alternative fuel methods for vehicles study.

Mr. Scott said that FDOT had funded a consolidation study, anticipated to begin at the end of 2025, with a \$250,000 budget, and that Collier and Lee MPOs would be looking for a joint consultant.

Ms. Lantz said that Collier County would be holding a public meeting for the Wilson Blvd project on December 9, 2024. The project was expected to be presented to the Collier County Board of County Commissioners in spring of 2025.

10 Distribution Items

A. Administrative Modification #3 to the FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program -Operating Assistance for a Transit project

The item was distributed.

B. BCC Approval of Red-light Indicators for Intersection Safety

The item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

January 27, 2025, 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 10:34 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
COMMITTEE ACTION
ITEM 7A

Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for Calendar Year 2025

OBJECTIVE: For the Committee to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for calendar year 2025.

CONSIDERATIONS: The Committee Bylaws require that the Committee elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year when a quorum is attained.

Any Committee member may nominate or be nominated as Chair/Vice-Chair. Elections shall be decided by the majority vote of Committee members present. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve a one-year term or until a successor is elected. Lorraine Lantz was the Chair for 2024; Alison Bickett is the current Vice-Chair.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for calendar year 2025.

Prepared By: Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

ATTACHMENT(S):

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
COMMITTEE ACTION
ITEM 7B

Endorse Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Target Zero Safety Performance Targets for Calendar Year 2025

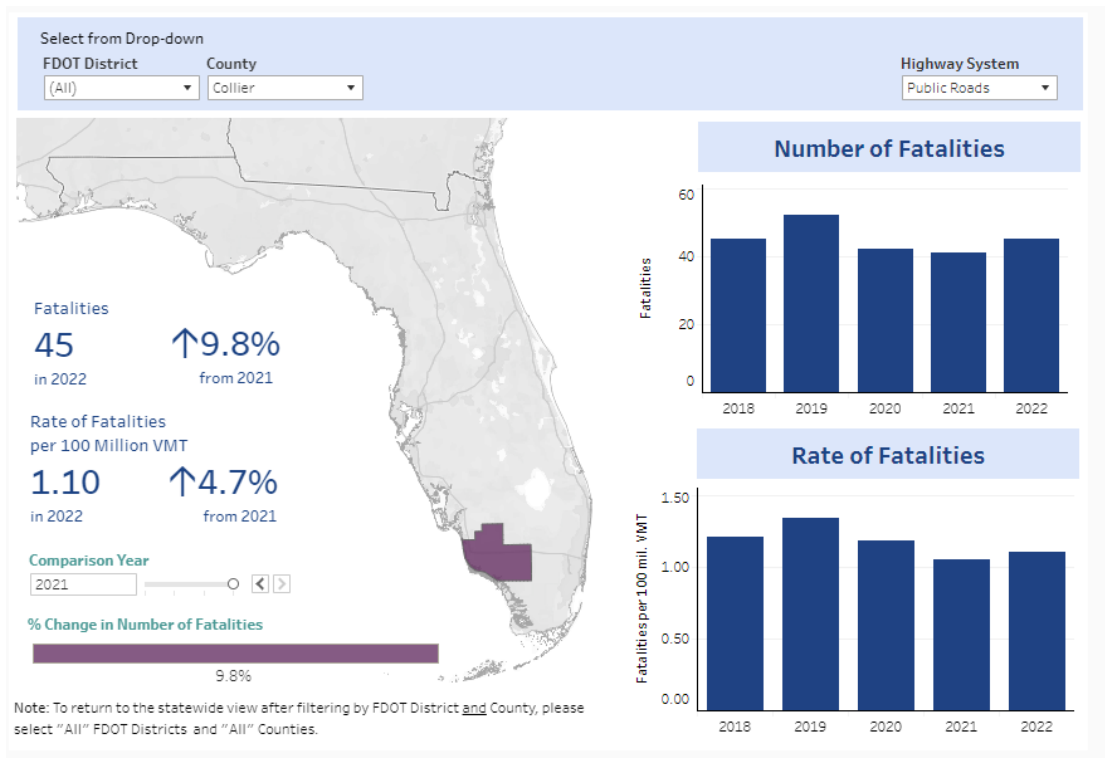
OBJECTIVE: For the Committee to endorse the FDOT Safety Performance Targets for calendar year 2025.

CONSIDERATIONS: Safety Targets are the only federal Transportation Performance Measure that must be adopted annually. FDOT establishes the State’s safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Plan. FDOT is maintaining its Target Zero safety performance targets for 2025: zero fatalities and zero serious injuries on Florida roadways.

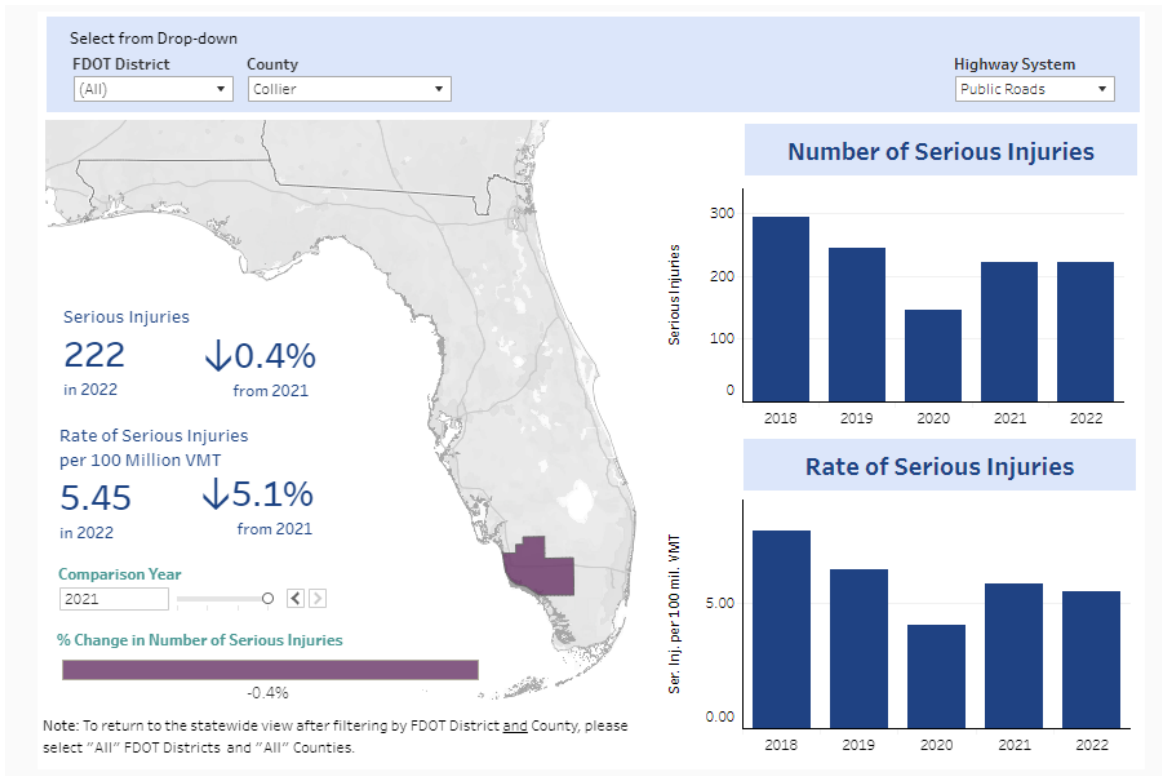
MPOs have the option to either adopt the Statewide safety targets or establish their own quantifiable safety targets. Collier MPO has consistently elected to adopt the FDOT statewide targets.

Performance metrics for Collier County are shown in the following screenshots taken from FDOT’s online Sourcebook on 11/21/24:

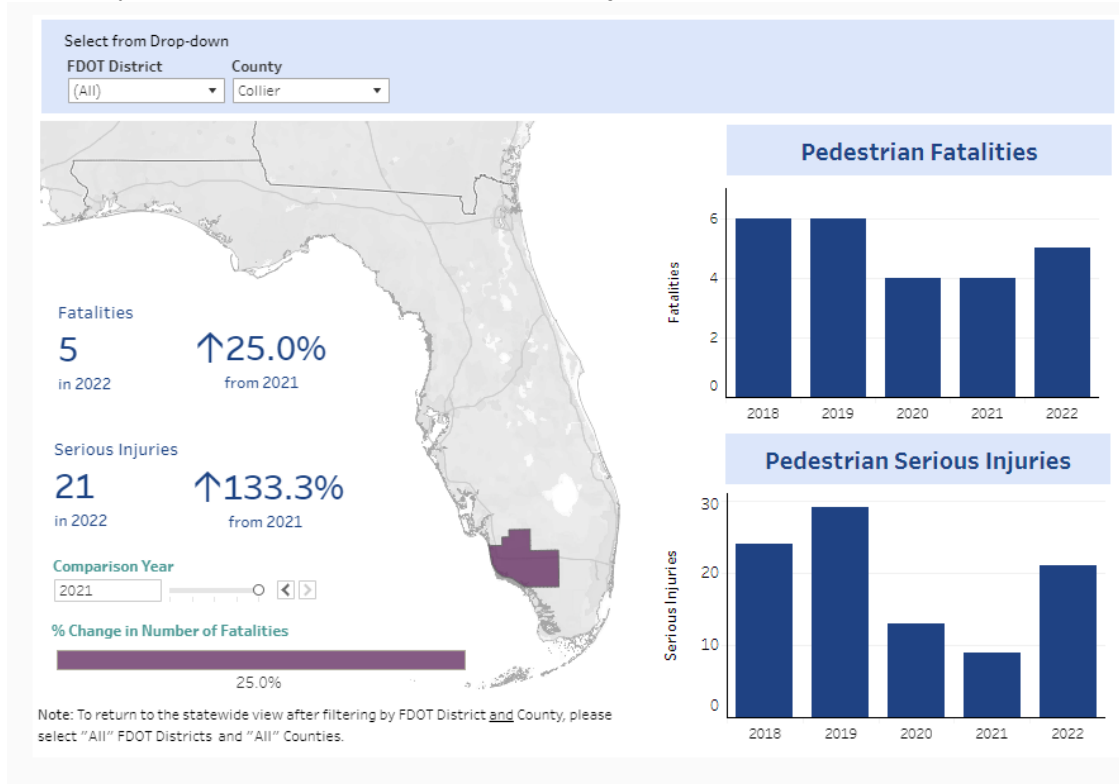
Collier County – Number and Rate of Fatalities



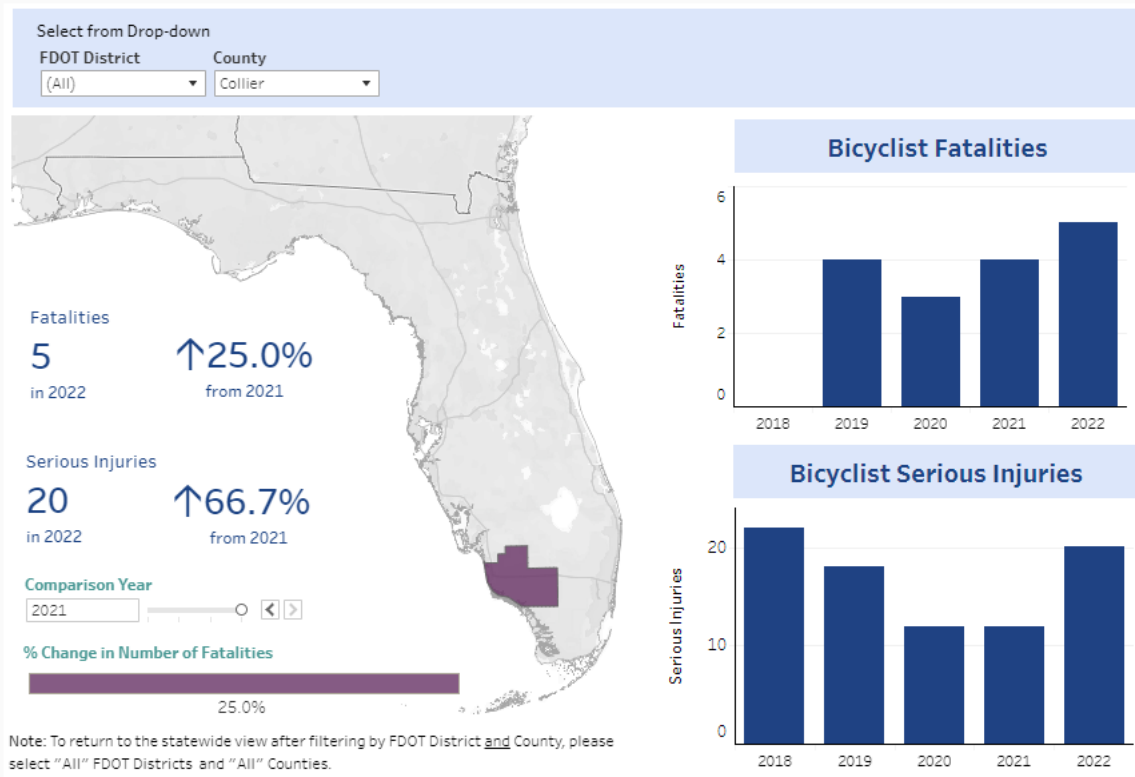
Collier County – Number and Rate of Serious Injuries



Collier County – Pedestrian Fatalities and Serious Injuries



Collier County – Bicyclist Fatalities and Serious Injuries



FDOT’s Statewide Existing Conditions (Attachment 1)

EXISTING STATEWIDE CONDITIONS							
HIGHWAY SAFETY PERFORMANCE DATA							
Federal Performance Measure (Five-Year Rolling Average)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	CALENDAR YEAR 2023 TARGET	2023 TARGET MET?
Fatalities	3,109	3,192	3,306	3,387	3,441	0	NO
Fatality Rate (Per 100 Million VMT)	1.43	1.47	1.52	1.54	1.54	0	NO
Serious Injuries	20,181	18,994	18,030	17,146	16,381	0	NO
Serious Injury Rate (Per 100 Million VMT)	9.30	8.72	8.25	7.79	7.34	0	NO
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	3,290	3,194	3,190	3,154	3,148	0	NO

By supporting FDOT’s Target Zero Statewide safety targets, the MPO is making a commitment to support FDOT’s investments in safety improvements and to making safety a priority in the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee endorse the FDOT Target Zero Safety Performance Targets for calendar year 2025.

Prepared By: Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FDOT System Performance Report, Highway Safety, January 2025

STATEWIDE PM1: HIGHWAY SAFETY

OVERVIEW

The first of FHWA's performance management rule establishes measures to assess safety on all public roads and the process for tFDOT and Florida's MPOs to establish and report their safety targets.

GOALS

2045 FTP GOAL

Safety and security for residents, visitors, and businesses.

NATIONAL GOAL

To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

IMPORTANCE

FDOT's top priority is to provide a safe transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods throughout Florida. Safety is an important focus throughout all of the state's planning efforts. The Florida SHSP, developed by FDOT and its safety partners, serves as a framework of plans and activities that will improve safety and efficiency on our roadways with an ultimate goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries. Florida's safety vision focuses on motor vehicle safety and includes pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, micromobility device users, and transit users using the roadway system, as well as connections between the roadway system and other modes of transportation.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

NUMBER OF FATALITIES

The total number of persons suffering fatal injuries in a motor vehicle crash during a 5-year rolling average.

RATE OF SERIOUS INJURIES

The total number of serious injuries per 100 million VMT in a 5-year rolling average.

RATE OF FATALITIES

The total number of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in a 5-year rolling average.

NUMBER OF NON-MOTORIZED FATALITIES AND NON-MOTORIZED SERIOUS INJURIES

The combined total number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries involving a motor vehicle during a 5-year rolling average.

NUMBER OF SERIOUS INJURIES

The total number of persons suffering at least one serious injury in a motor vehicle crash during a 5-year rolling average.

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PROGRESS

The personal and societal costs of traffic crashes in Florida today are unacceptably high. More than 3,100 Florida residents and visitors die in a crash each year, and more than 18,000 are seriously injured. The number of fatalities and fatality rate have increased annually since the last performance report, while serious injuries and the serious injuries rate have shown a steady decrease. Nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries are also declining.

FDOT and the MPOs continuously discuss and reevaluate safety needs and strategies, with an emphasis on making progress toward the target of zero. FDOT closely monitors safety performance and uses this information to guide decision making. The safety projects selected and funded reflect the collaboration between the MPOs and FDOT in recognizing the vision of Target Zero and jointly implementing strategies to achieve zero.

FDOT and all 27 Florida MPOs support the vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries. A total of 21 MPOs supported the statewide targets for 2024 and 6 MPOs established specific targets for their planning area. The following table shows performance since the last FTP with data from 2019 to current progress in 2023.

MPO PM1: HIGHWAY SAFETY

EXISTING MPO CONDITIONS

MPO	# of Fatalities		Rate of Fatalities per 100M VMT	
	2023 Statewide Target: 0		2023 Statewide Target: 0	
	2019 Performance	2023 Performance	2019 Performance	2023 Performance
Bay County TPO	31.6	36.8	1.584	1.806
Broward MPO	225.4	249.8	1.302	1.531
Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO	25.8	30.0	1.063	1.168
Collier MPO	41.2	44.0	1.105	1.117
Florida-Alabama TPO*	85.0	86.0	1.410	1.360
Gainesville MTPO	73.0	58.0	2.250	1.690
Heartland Regional TPO	77.6	93.8	2.465	2.860
Indian River County MPO	25.0	19.0	1.440	1.040
Lake-Sumter MPO	78.8	93.2	1.474	1.606
Lee County MPO	101.0	116.4	1.313	1.430
Martin MPO	28.0	26.4	1.256	1.430
MetroPlan Orlando	272.8	300.4	1.180	1.258
Miami-Dade TPO	303.0	327.6	1.509	1.630
North Florida TPO	226.4	251.4	1.323	1.424
Okaloosa-Walton TPO*	58.0	50.0	1.510	1.240
Palm Beach TPA	176.0	197.6	1.262	1.403
Polk TPO	122.0	146.8	1.598	1.884
Sarasota/Manatee MPO	119.2	125.6	1.448	1.454
Space Coast TPO	87.0	93.4	1.302	1.355
St. Lucie TPO	38.2	45.2	1.111	1.245
Volusia-Flagler TPO	137.0	134.0	1.800	1.620
Capital Region TPA	MPO 2023 Target: <52.0		MPO 2023 Target: <1.149	
	60.8	62.2	1.329	1.394
Forward Pinellas	MPO 2023 Target: <97.4		MPO 2023 Target: <1.180	
	116.8	121.6	1.377	1.481
Hernando/Citrus MPO	MPO 2023 Target: <63.3		MPO 2023 Target: <1.380	
	58.6	68.6	1.587	1.782
Hillsborough TPO	MPO 2023 Target: <224.0		MPO 2023 Target: <1.560	
	200.8	232.0	1.424	1.605
Ocala/Marion TPO	MPO 2024 Target: <101.0		MPO 2023 Target: <2.140	
	80.8	99.8	1.791	2.130
Pasco County MPO	MPO 2023 Target: <99.8		MPO 2023 Target: <2.002	
	92.4	101.4	1.902	1.922

* MPO/TPO includes partial counties, data is presented for whole counties where applicable. Partial county data is not available

# of Serious Injuries		Rate of Serious Injuries per 100M VMT		# of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries	
2023 Statewide Target: 0		2023 Statewide Target: 0		2023 Statewide Target: 0	
2019 Performance	2023 Performance	2019 Performance	2023 Performance	2019 Performance	2023 Performance
208.2	149.0	10.449	7.289	38.2	31.8
1363.6	1156.0	7.890	7.019	311.4	282.8
109.4	163.0	4.517	6.279	19.0	25.0
233.2	224.2	6.234	5.617	45.0	44.2
306.0	385.0	5.080	6.080	19.0	27.0
305.0	193.0	9.390	5.630	11.0	14.0
467.2	320.2	14.839	9.834	34.8	35.2
106.0	102.0	6.090	5.590	7.0	6.0
521.2	548.8	9.716	9.485	49.2	56.8
562.6	640.0	7.292	7.890	98.8	116.6
111.0	125.2	4.945	5.073	16.2	17.6
2576.8	1763.4	11.318	7.431	382.4	333.4
1662.4	1325.6	8.281	6.578	421.8	385.0
1104.4	860.6	6.486	4.870	178.6	172.0
195.0	338.0	5.090	8.360	13.0	17.0
1095.8	881.2	7.850	6.261	205.4	198.4
474.0	434.2	6.342	5.488	77.0	85.0
1504.0	971.4	18.275	11.304	184.4	171.6
546.6	431.4	8.203	6.265	84.6	88.6
146.0	158.6	4.277	4.350	25.6	32.0
796.0	569.0	10.470	6.870	40.0	45.0
MPO 2023 Target: <227.0		MPO 2023 Target: <4.975		MPO 2023 Target: <38.0	
251.8	232.0	5.508	5.195	43.0	43.8
MPO 2023 Target: <657.3		MPO 2024 Target: <7.900		MPO 2023 Target: <206.6	
1015.2	755.6	12.007	9.203	213.8	196.8
MPO 2023 Target: <508.6		MPO 2023 Target: <13.510		MPO 2023 Target: <46.0	
525.6	482.8	14.199	12.586	45.2	52.4
MPO 2023 Target: <1084		MPO 2023 Target: <7.560		MPO 2023 Target: <241.0	
1318.4	1084.0	9.370	7.503	226.4	234.2
MPO 2023 Target: <417.0		MPO 2023 Target: <8.880		MPO 2023 Target: <56.0	
413.4	383.6	9.145	8.140	52.6	55.6
MPO 2023 Target: <1058.6		MPO 2023 Target: <21.337		MPO 2023 Target: <125.2	
1119.8	855.4	23.369	16.279	121.0	114.2

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
COMMITTEE ACTION
ITEM 7C

Endorse an Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and Authorizing Resolution – Capital for Paratransit

OBJECTIVE: Committee endorsement of an Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 Collier MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and authorizing resolution to add a new paratransit project.

CONSIDERATIONS: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested the Collier MPO to amend its FY 2025-2029 TIP to add the following paratransit project:

- **448810-1:** Capital to purchase vehicles/equipment for paratransit

Attachment 1 contains Resolution 2025-01, including Exhibits 1 and 2.

The MPO is following the TIP amendment public involvement process outlined in the MPO's Public Participation Plan in that this Amendment has been:

- Posted for review by the TAC and CAC;
- Public comment period announced on the MPO website; and
- Distributed via e-mail to applicable list-serve(s).

The comment period began on January 17, 2025, and ends with the MPO Board meeting on February 14, 2025.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee endorse the Amendment and authorizing resolution.

Prepared By: Sean Kingston, AICP, PMP, Principal Planner

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MPO Resolution 2025-01, including Exhibits 1 and 2

**MPO RESOLUTION #2025-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE COLLIER METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2024/25- 2028/29
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, State and federal statutes, rules and regulations require that each designated Metropolitan Planning Organization develop and adopt a Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”) and set forth the procedures for doing so; and

WHEREAS, the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (the “MPO”) TIP may require amending as authorized and required by 23 C.F.R. Part 450 Sections 326, 328, 330, 332 and 334, and by F.S. § 339.175(6), (8) and (13); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) requested the Collier MPO to amend its FY 2024/25-2028/29 TIP to add Federal Project Number (“FPN”) 448810-1, to add capital to purchase vehicles/equipment for Paratransit as shown in Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has submitted a letter to the MPO stating that the amendments are necessary to include in the MPO’s TIP to ensure consistency with FDOT’s Work Program, as shown in Exhibit 2; and

WHEREAS, the MPO announced the TIP Amendment on its website, distributed it via e-mail to various list-serves, and followed all of the steps of its Public Participation Plan through the expiration of the public comment period, which terminated with the MPO’s meeting on February 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has reviewed the proposed TIP Amendment for this project and determined that it is consistent with the MPO’s adopted plans and policies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with all required State and federal procedures, rules and regulations, including but not limited to the FDOT’s MPO Administrative Manual, the TIP Amendment must be accompanied by an endorsement indicating official MPO approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization that:

1. The FY 2024/25 - 2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment set forth in Exhibits 1 and 2 is hereby adopted.
2. The Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization's Chairman is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution certifying the MPO Board's approval of the Amendment to the FY 2024/25-2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program for transmittal to FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

This Resolution PASSED and duly adopted by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization Board after majority vote on this 14th day of February, 2025.

Attest:

COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By: _____

Anne McLaughlin

MPO Executive Director

By: _____

MPO Chair

Approved as to form and legality:

Scott R. Teach, Deputy County Attorney

**EXHIBIT 1 to Resolution 2025-01
TIP Amendment for Approval by MPO Board on February 14, 2025 for
FY 2024/25 through FY 2028/29 TIP**

FPN	Action	Project Name	Requested By	Fund	Amount	FY	Phase	Responsible Agency	TIP Location	L RTP Reference
448810-1	Capital to purchase vehicles/equipment for Paratransit	5310 CAPITAL COLLIER COUNTY BOCC (CAT) – BONITA SPRINGS UZA	FDOT	DPTO DU LF	\$64,033 \$512,247 \$64,035	25	CAP	Collier County	Appendix K	P6-23, Table 6-12

COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Attest: _____ Date: _____ By: _____ Date: _____
 Anne McLaughlin MPO Chair
 Collier MPO Executive Director

Approved as to form and legality

 Scott R. Teach, Deputy County Attorney

COLLIER MPO FY 2025 - 2029 TIP



448810-1	5310 CAPITAL COLLIER COUNTY BOCC (CAT) - BONITA SPRINGS UZA
Type of Work Description	PURCHASE VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT
Responsible Agency	MANAGED BY COLLIER COUNTY
Project Description	Capital for Paratransit
Project Length	0
SIS	No
2045 LRTP	P6-23, Table 6-12

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>Totals</u>
DPTO	CAP	64,033	0	0	0	0	\$64,033.00
LF	CAP	64,035	0	0	0	0	\$64,035.00
DU	CAP	512,247	0	0	0	0	\$512,247.00
		640,315	0	0	0	0	\$640,315.00



Exhibit 2

Florida Department of Transportation

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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

January 7, 2025

Collier County MPO
ATTN: Mrs. Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
2885 Horseshoe Dr S
Naples, FL 34104

RE: Request to Revise Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25-2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mrs. McLaughlin:

Florida Department of Transportation requests Collier County MPO revise the FY 2024/25-2028/29 TIP to reflect project changes as described below.

Project # **448810-1** is a new Transit project that received 5310 Federal funds to cover capital expenses. Adding a new project requires a TIP **amendment** so that federal funds can be authorized.

Project # **447514-1** was already included the MPO FY 24/25-28/29 TIP. Additional federal funds have been added to the project. TIP **modification** is needed for transparency and consistency.

Please use the information below to revise the TIP accordingly:

FM#	Project Description	Length	Phase	Fund Source	Amount	FY
448810-1	5310 CAPITAL COLLIER COUNTY BOCC (CAT) - BONITA SPRINGS UZA	0.000 miles	CAP	DPTO DU LF Total	\$ 64,033 \$ 512,247 <u>\$ 64,035</u> \$ 640,315	2025

447514-1	LIVINGSTON FPL TRAIL EXT FROM RADIO RD TO COLLIER COUNTY LINE	0.000 miles	PD&E	DIH SU Total	\$ 5,000 <u>\$ 700,000</u> \$ 705,500	2025
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As always, feel free to contact the Liaison Group at D1-Liaisons@dot.state.fl.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Kristi A. Smith

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Kristi A. Smith, CPM, PLS
Community Liaison Manager

Cc: Wayne Gaither, FDOT
Marcellus Evans, FDOT

FLP: TRANSIT

Item Number: 448810 1		Project Description: 5310 CAPITAL COLLIER COUNTY BOCC (CAT) - BONITA SPRINGS UZA		Type of Work: PURCHASE VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT		Project Length: 0.000		
District: 01		County: COLLIER						
						Fiscal Year		
Phase / Responsible Agency		<2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	>2028	All Years
CAPITAL / MANAGED BY COLLIER COUNTY								
Fund Code:								
DPTO-STATE - PTO		114,707	64,033					178,740
DU-STATE PRIMARY/FEDERAL REIMB		917,660	512,247					1,429,907
LF-LOCAL FUNDS		115,133	64,035					179,168
Phase: CAPITAL Totals		1,147,500	640,315					1,787,815
Item: 448810 1 Totals		1,147,500	640,315					1,787,815
Project Totals		1,147,500	640,315					1,787,815
Grand Total		1,147,500	640,315					1,787,815

HIGHWAYS

Item Number: 447514 1		Project Description: LIVINGSTON FPL TRAIL EXT FROM RADIO RD TO COLLIER COUNTY LINE		Type of Work: BIKE PATH/TRAIL		Project Length: 0.000		
District: 01		County: COLLIER						
						Fiscal Year		
Phase / Responsible Agency		<2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	>2028	All Years
P D & E / MANAGED BY FDOT								
Fund Code:								
DIH-STATE IN-HOUSE PRODUCT SUPPORT			5,000					5,000
SU-STP, URBAN AREAS > 200K			700,000					700,000
TLWR-2015 SB2514A-TRAIL NETWORK		1,100,000						1,100,000
Phase: P D & E Totals		1,100,000	705,000					1,805,000
Item: 447514 1 Totals		1,100,000	705,000					1,805,000
Project Totals		1,100,000	705,000					1,805,000
Grand Total		1,100,000	705,000					1,805,000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
COMMITTEE ACTION
ITEM 7D

Endorse Scope of Services for Joint Lee/Collier Regional Congestion Management Process Element

OBJECTIVE: For the committee to endorse the Scope for a Joint Lee/Collier Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP) Element.

CONSIDERATIONS: Lee and Collier MPO staff have developed a proposed Scope of Services for a Regional CMP Element to be incorporated into each MPO's LRTP (**Attachment 1**). Staff presented the draft scope to the committee for review and comment in November 2024.

The Regional CMP Element will address regional roadways within the Bonita Springs-Estero Urban Area that is part of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), including Alico Road on the north and extending south to include Immokalee Road in Collier County (**Attachment 2**). The Regional Roadway Network map approved by both MPO Boards in 2017 is shown in **Attachment 3**.

The regional coordination for this project helps fulfill commitments made during the discussions that came out of efforts by the Legislature last year to consolidate the two MPOs.

The next step is to take the scope to the MPO Board for approval, and request concurrence from FHWA and FDOT.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the committee endorse the proposed Scope of Services.

Prepared By: Anne McLaughlin, MPO Director

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Regional Congestion Management Process Element Proposed Scope of Services
2. Bonita Springs Urban Area / Regional CMP Study Area Boundary
3. Collier Lee Regional Roadway Network (2017)

REGIONAL CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS ELEMENT SCOPE OF SERVICES

Background

The federal government requires all urbanized areas to have in place a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation (3-C) planning process as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance. As part of this 3-C planning process the MPO is required to prepare and adopt a 20 year Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP is made up of several components including the Freight and Goods Movement element, the Congestion Management Process (CMP) element, the Bicycle Pedestrian element and Transit element. This Scope of Services has been written for the update and development of the Congestion Management Process Element for the 2050 LRTP.

For this LRTP update, the two MPOs are developing a regional Congestion Management Process component of the CMP which will be included in both the Lee and Collier MPO plans. The regional CMP component is being developed to help the MPOs meet one of the commitments that was made as part of the consolidation discussions last year. In addition, this analysis is being done to help address commuting congestion during the peak hours between the two MPO urbanized areas.

Task 1 – Kickoff Meeting and Project Management

The Consultant will provide overall project management, QA/QC review of documents and provide support services as needed. Coordination between the two Lee and Collier Project Managers and the Consultant Project Manager will be conducted on a routine schedule to ensure management of the schedule, resolve any issues/questions and get timely review of the project deliverables. The Consultant will schedule a virtual meeting with the Lee and Collier MPO staff to discuss the scope, schedule and data/previous reports and studies needed for the update and development of the 2050 CMP Element.

Deliverables:

- Kick off meeting and meeting summary
- Project schedule with updates
- Periodic Teams coordination meetings

Task 2 – Update of the Current Regional Objectives, Performance Measures and Define the CMP Network

The Consultant will update the current regional objectives using the MPOs previous CMP as well as the current goals and objectives in the 2050 LRTP that is under development. This will also include a review of the performance measures that are currently being used to define how the multi-modal transportation system is operating and make recommended changes as needed.

The MPO staff is proposing that the CMP network for this update include the joint regional Lee and Collier roadway network, the most recent version that was approved by the Joint MPO Board's back in 2017 (attached). The separate regional component that will be included in both MPO plans will include the regional roadways that are within the portion of the Bonita urbanized area that is a part of the Lee County MPA down to Immokalee Road in Collier County. From the US census analysis, this equates to the area in Lee County where more than 50% of the commuters living in Lee County commute to the Bonita urbanized area. The Consultant will review and make recommendations to the two MPO's where the regional network needs to be revised to address any recent changes or planned changes to the roadway system. The CMP bicycle pedestrian network will follow the facilities on the regional roadway map as well as the SUN (Shared Use Network) facilities in Lee and Collier Counties. The transit network will follow the service routes and new potential routes consistent with the regional roadway network map as well.

Deliverables:

- Updated regional CMP objectives and performance measures
- Updated regional network maps and tables

Task 3 – Overview of Current CMP Policies, Procedures and Requirements

The Consultant will provide an overview and background of each of the MPOs CMP requirements and update the documentation, as necessary. This task will also include documenting the current programmed projects on the regional roadway network that are planned to be implemented to help address congestion and safety issues on the CMP network. Examples of these projects for inclusion include the US 41 and Bonita Beach Road displaced left that is programmed for design in FY 2026 and the I-75 and Pine Ridge Road DDI that is currently being designed.

Deliverables:

- Documentation and update of each MPOs CMP policies, procedures and requirements
- Develop table and map of the programmed congestion and safety improvements

Task 4: Identify Congested Corridors and Hot Spots and Document Potential Toolbox Solutions

Utilizing existing and prior studies, reports and databases, the Consultant will develop corridor level travel summaries of conditions. The summaries will also include information on peak hour bottlenecks to identify hot spot locations to focus on for identifying potential improvements. This task will include the analysis of non-re-occurring (crash, incidents, construction etc.) congestion and the impacts of that on the other regional facilities. The Consultant should use pictures, video, maps and any other visual data available to illustrate the issues that are experienced on the congested corridors and intersection hot spots.

The data sources that should be reviewed and used for this analysis includes the following:

- Prior Lee and Collier Congestion Management Process documents and projects
- Lee County Traffic System and Management Operations (TS&MO) Plan
- FDOT Districtwide LOS Analysis
- District One regional model runs to date (E+C and Alt 1 as of November 2024)
- Collier County Annual Update Inventory Report (AUIR)
- Lee County concurrency analysis
- Collier MPO origin and destination study
- RITIS
- FDOT Lee and Collier mobility profiles
- Crash analysis from the Lee and Collier MPO's High Injury Network (HIN) analysis as part of the SS4A projects. FDOT HIN analysis on state roads in Lee County
- Travel time data from BlueTOAD sensors and other sources
- Transit ridership, operational and coverage information from the TDP's and other recent studies
- Corridor and intersection analysis included in the I-75 Master Plan

This task will include conducting a regional origin and destination study focusing on peak hour commuter traffic between Lee and Collier Counties. The breakdown of trips will be by community/planning district and the analysis should be by one of the big data sources that is commonly used. The two MPO's are open to recommendations as to what is used but also how this data can be checked for accuracy as well. The origin and destination data will be used to recommend improvements and strategies.

Also as part of this task, the Consultant will develop a process to classify and address congestion and recommend an updated toolbox of projects and CMP Strategies to

address recurring and non-recurring congestion. The updated toolbox of projects and strategies should include generalized information on costs of implementation.

Deliverables:

- Corridor level travel condition summaries
- Identification of Intersection hot spots and bottlenecks
- Peak hour commuter origin and destination data between Lee and Collier counties
- Updated toolbox of projects and strategies to improve recurring and non-recurring congestion with generalized cost data

Task 5: Analyze Conditions and Develop Recommended Projects and Strategies for Potential Implementation by the MPO's

Using what comes out of task 4, as well as the toolbox of Congestion Management Process strategies, identify specific projects and strategies that will help reduce congestion on roadways and at intersections for implementation. This task will include developing an implementation schedule (short term, mid-term and long term), implementation responsibilities and costs at a planning level cost estimate. The recommended projects and strategies should include a mix of the following:

- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Operational improvements
- Capacity expansion
- Transit improvements
- Commuter services and van pools
- Technological improvements
- Bicycle/pedestrian and micromobility improvements

The identification of projects should include where the proposed fix needs further study and include that cost and responsibility for that analysis as well.

Deliverables:

- Identification of site specific projects and strategies to address congested locations with schedule, responsibility and planning level cost estimates

TASK 6: Develop a Prioritization Process to Identify a Prioritized List of Projects and Strategies for Implementation

The Consultant will, with the help of the MPO staff, identify the distinct types and amount of funding that is currently available to the MPOs for programming projects and strategies. The Consultant will develop a prioritization process with the input of the MPO staff and MPO committees to develop a list of prioritized projects to be included in the LRTP update for implementation.

Deliverables:

- Identification of available funding for projects and strategies and prioritization process
- List of prioritized projects, strategies and recommendations for both MPOs

TASK 7: Monitoring Strategy Effectiveness

This Task will address the monitoring of the effectiveness of strategies and projects that are implemented. As part of this task, the Consultant will review the MPO's processes and provisions to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the CMP strategies and projects that have been implemented to address congestion, and recommend ways to improve these provisions.

Deliverables:

- Technical Memorandum on findings and recommendations to improve and enhance the MPO's current practices to monitor the effectiveness of implemented strategies and recommendations.

Task 8: Public Involvement and MPO Committee Presentations

The Consultant will participate in the public involvement meetings that take place as part of the development of the Long Range Plan. In addition the Consultant will make presentations (or provide materials for MPO staff to present) and seek input at the MPOs Congestion Management meetings, TAC, CAC and MPO Board as needed. The total number of meetings estimated as part of this task is sixteen over the project time frame.

Deliverables:

- Summary of comments and recommendations received as part of the public involvement activities

Task 9: Develop the Draft and Final Congestion Management Elements Documentation

This task will include pulling together the documentation that has been done in the previous tasks and developing the updated congestion management elements for the Lee and Collier MPO's for inclusion in their Long Range Plans. This will also include a separate regional technical memorandum that will be included in both MPO plans. The CMP elements will include the documentation of the deliverables identified in each of the project tasks. The Consultant will compile and present the first draft of the 2040 CMP Element to the MPO's Traffic Management and Operations Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee and the MPO Board. A final version of the 2050 CMP Element will be completed after input from the public, staff and the committees.

Deliverables:

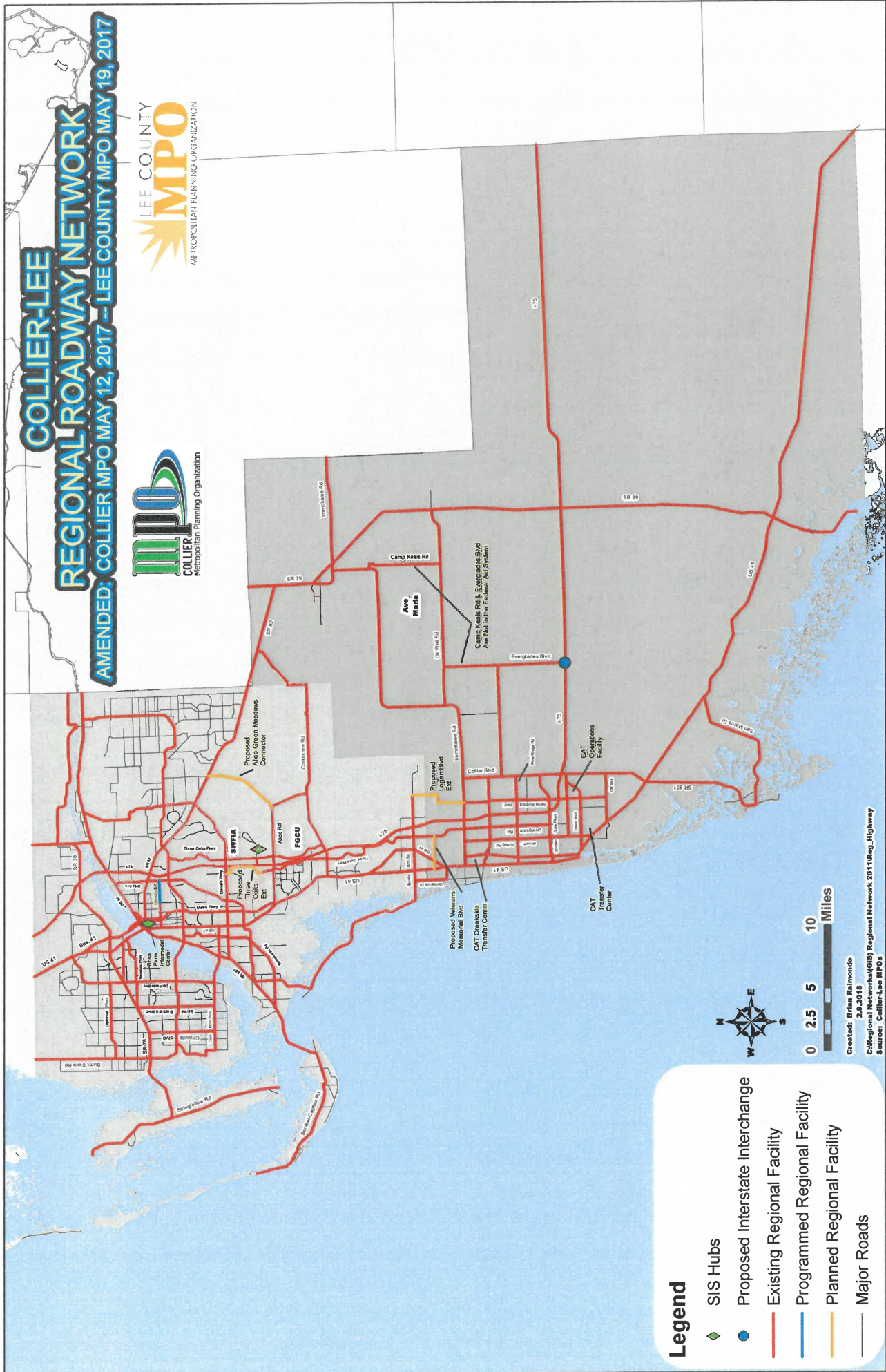
- Draft and final congestion management element documentation for inclusion on the 2050 LRTPs

Schedule and Budget

The Consultant will perform the scope tasks within twelve months of the Notice to Proceed. The budget for this project is \$120,000 for the Lee MPO and \$ 67,765 for the Collier MPO for FY2024/25. Collier MPO has an additional FY2025/26 allocation of \$155,000 for the Congestion Management Process update, some of which can be applied toward this Regional Element, if necessary.

COLLIER-LEE REGIONAL ROADWAY NETWORK

AMENDED: COLLIER MPO MAY 12, 2017 - LEE COUNTY MPO MAY 19, 2017

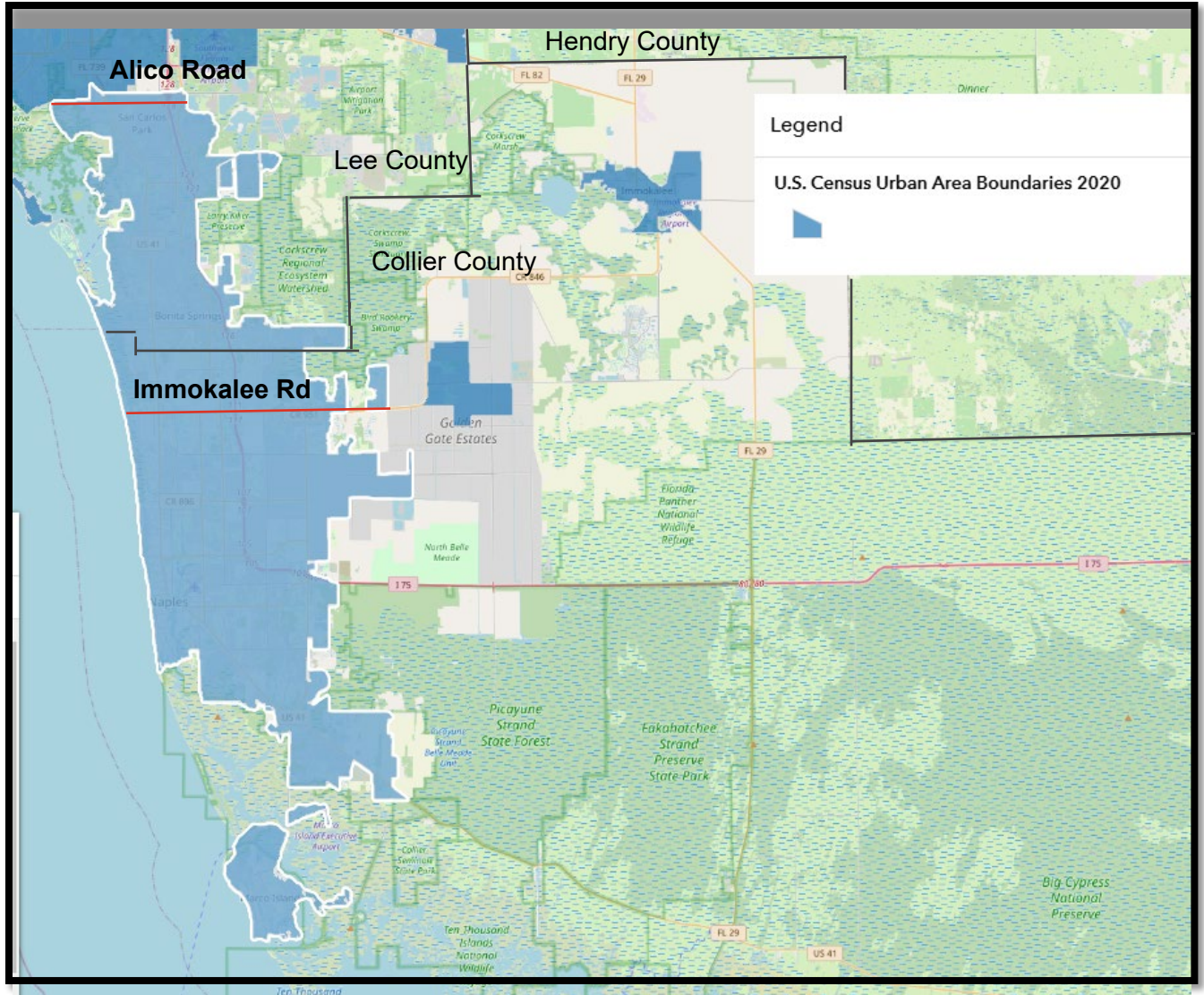


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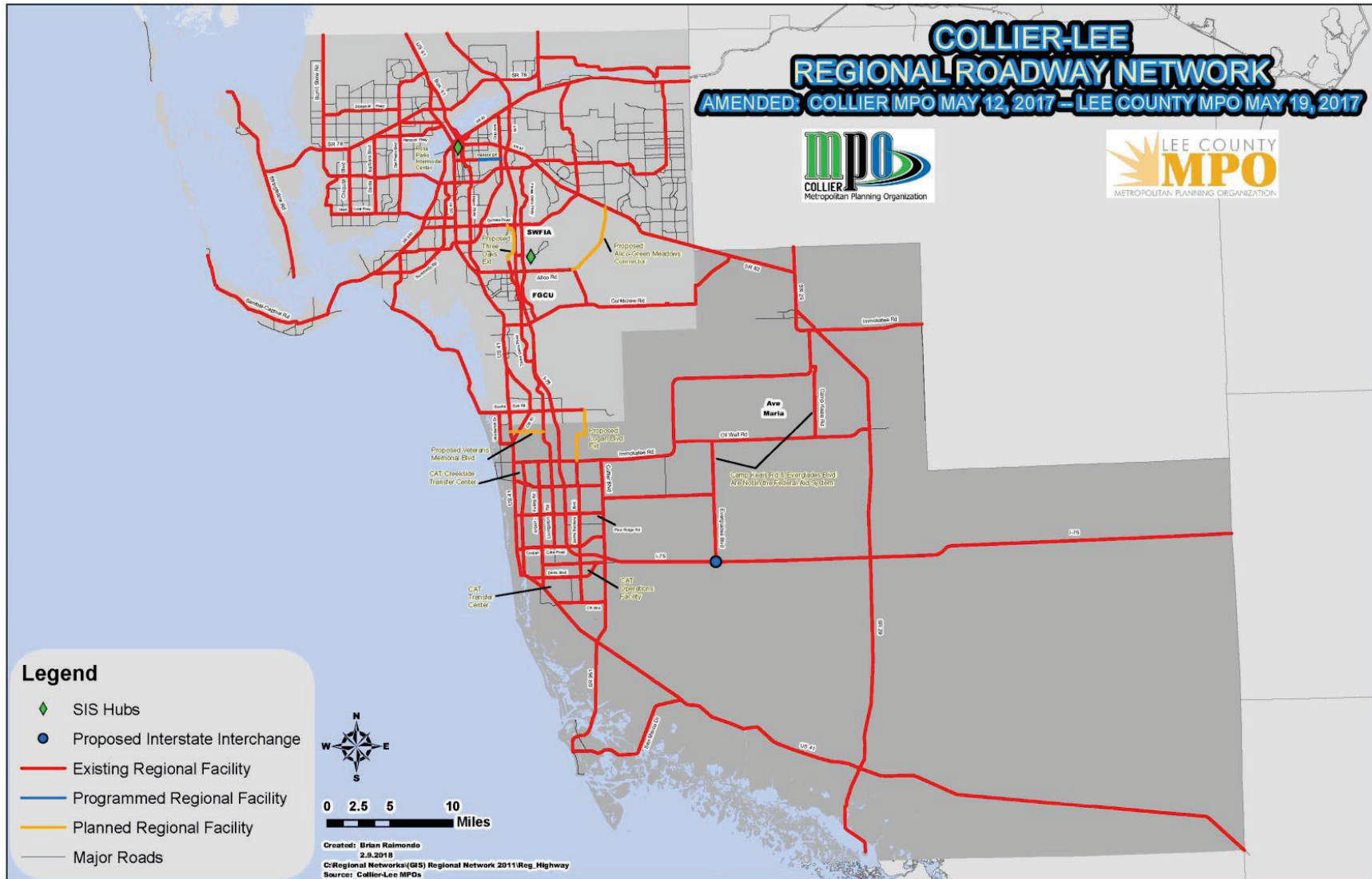
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- Existing Regional Facility
- Programmed Regional Facility
- Planned Regional Facility
- Major Roads



Created: Blair Balimondo
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Collier Networks(GIS) Regional Network 2011 Reg_Highway
Source: Collier-Lee MPOs



Bonita Springs-Estero Urban Area - Lee/Collier Regional CMP Study Area



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
COMMITTEE ACTION
ITEM 7E

Review and Provide Input on the Lee and Collier MPO Consolidation Feasibility Study Draft Scope of Services

OBJECTIVE: For the Committee to be informed about, and have the opportunity to provide input on, a draft Scope of Services for the Lee and Collier MPO Consolidation Feasibility Study.

CONSIDERATIONS: The draft Scope shown in **Attachment 1** has been developed in response to last year's legislative proposal (Senate Bill 1032) that included a requirement for the Lee and Collier MPOs to conduct a feasibility study on consolidating the two MPOs. Though this legislation did not get to a final vote, it is likely to come back up again. From the discussions that occurred due to the proposed legislation, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is funding and administering the study, which is budgeted at \$250,000. FDOT staff reached out to the Lee and Collier MPO Directors on potential Scope tasks and the attached Scope was developed to address what the directors think the study would entail.

FDOT recently met with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) to review the Scope and anticipates CUTR will submit a proposal that fine tunes the Scope to make it timelier and more affordable. In the meantime, Lee and Collier MPOs are taking the draft Scope to their respective advisory committees and MPO Boards for review and comment.

Listed below is the relevant language that was included in the Senate Bill 1032 last year:

(i) By February 28, 2025, the M.P.O.s serving Lee and Collier must submit a feasibility report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives exploring the benefits, costs, and process of consolidation into a single M.P.O. serving the contiguous urbanized area, the goal of which would be to:

- 1. Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be regionally significant.*
- 2. Review the impact of regionally significant land use decisions on the region.*
- 3. Review all proposed regionally significant transportation projects in the transportation improvement program.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee review and provide input on the draft Feasibility Study Scope of Services.

Prepared By: Anne McLaughlin, MPO Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Lee and Collier MPO Consolidation Feasibility Study Scope of Services

**Lee and Collier MPO Consolidation
Feasibility Study Scope of Services**

Purpose and Need

In response to proposed state legislation during the 2024 Florida Legislative Session and recent support by local legislators and elected officials, FDOT is providing \$250,000 to study the feasibility of consolidating the Lee and Collier MPOs. The study will include the issues, revenues/costs/financial management plan, organizational structure, benefits/drawbacks and a potential timeline and process for creating a single metropolitan planning organization serving the Cape Coral and Bonita Springs urbanized areas. FDOT will negotiate a task work order with a consultant firm or team to assist the staff and the Boards of the two MPOs in creating a staffing, management, and procedural framework to fulfill the responsibilities of a federally designated MPO, consistent with federal regulations (23 US Code 134) and state statutes (Chapter 163) for consideration by the two MPO Boards.

The Consultant will work with the MPO staff to address the scope tasks listed below to provide the necessary information for the two MPO Boards to determine whether to pursue the creation of a new regional MPO. It is important to note the milestones of each task and coordination with the two MPOs to receive input to determine if those items can be resolved before moving on to the next step in the process.

Project Management and Schedule

The project will be jointly managed by the two MPOs and FDOT. The MPOs shall each appoint a single project manager to serve as the primary point of contact for the project.

Task 1: Kick Off Meeting, Project Management and Coordination Activities

The Consultant will hold a kick off meeting with the Lee and Collier MPOs and FDOT staff where the scope tasks and schedule will be discussed. As part of this meeting, the MPO staff for each MPO will provide the Consultant pertinent information on how each MPO currently conducts business in regards to MPO apportionment, agreements, funding, operations and staffing.

This task will also include periodic virtual progress meetings with the Lee and Collier MPO Directors and FDOT to provide updates throughout the study, seek input on issues, discuss future work activities and coordinate deliverables.

Deliverables:

- Kick-off meeting agenda and a summary of the results
- A project schedule that MPO staff can share with our respective Boards
- Agendas for the progress meetings along with summary notes on what was discussed and any follow up items

Task 2: Coordination with FHWA and FTA to Provide Guidance on Questions and Issues

The Consultant with the MPO staff and FDOT will coordinate with FHWA and FTA staff on questions and clarifications on items that impact the consolidation of the two TMA areas and need to be answered before drafting an apportionment plan. For example, one of these items includes the interpretation of the central city(ies) of both TMA's in the approval of the apportionment plan. The Consultant and staff will put together questions to be provided to the FHWA and FTA staff ahead of scheduling a coordination meeting to ensure ample opportunity for them to research the answers to the questions.

The Consultant will draft a memorandum with the responses and any remaining regulation questions that have not been resolved. The memorandum will also include a breakdown of the remaining issues and how each of the responses impacts positively or negatively the consolidation of the MPO's.

Deliverables:

- List of questions to be provided to FHWA and FTA
- Memorandum with the results of the coordination efforts

Task 3: Document Existing Regional Coordination and Benefits/Drawbacks to the Proposed Consolidated MPO

The Consultant will develop a memorandum for use in providing information on what the current regional coordination entails along with outlining what a consolidated MPO could do for the area in the future. This analysis will help provide information as to what is currently done but also provide an overview of what could be done as part of a consolidated MPO in the future. The memorandum needs to identify the benefits and drawbacks of combining the MPO's to provide the two MPO Boards with this needed information prior to getting into the discussions regarding the apportionment.

This documentation should include examples of other regional MPO's best practices in operations, coordination, duties, public involvement, voting, project prioritization and balancing local versus regional needs. Finally, this memorandum should include recommendations on work responsibilities that Board members think the regional MPO should be doing that are currently not accomplished by the existing regional coordination agreements and requirements.

Deliverables:

- Memorandum that includes current regional activities, benefits/drawbacks of consolidation and best regional practices from other areas. This memorandum will also include input from the current Board members on tasks or responsibilities that they think we should be doing as a consolidated MPO that are beyond our current federal and state requirements.

Task 4: Proposed Apportionment Plan

The Consultant will assist the two MPOs and their local government partners in identifying proposed apportionment plans for the proposed consolidated board composition consistent with federal and state requirements. This task will include developing a preferred apportionment Board member alternative as well. The proposed and preferred alternative will be presented to the MPO Boards for consideration. The intent of this task is to seek a consensus and draft an agreement on the voting allocations before moving on to the remaining tasks of this scope.

The consultant will prepare and present a draft Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) or some other draft approval process. The Consultant, MPO staff and attorneys shall meet to decide how the draft apportionment plan should be approved before moving on to the next step in the process. If this moves forward, the final apportionment plan will be approved by the MPO Boards at a future date and presented to the Governor for final approval. But it makes little sense to move forward with the remaining tasks in the study if an agreement on the voting appears like it is a barrier that the two MPO's cannot overcome.

Deliverables:

- Draft apportionment plans to be presented to the two MPO's for consideration
- Some form of a draft agreement from the general purpose local governments representing 75% of the population of the urbanized area(s) and the central city(ies)

Task 5: Determine the Organization Structure, Costs and Policies/Procedures

The Consultant shall review the current MPO structure of both MPO's, operating costs and staffing and put together a memorandum of what a consolidated MPO may look like. This analysis will include a proposed budget (initial start-up and ongoing operations) and staff for the consolidated MPO in enough detail to get input by the member jurisdictions on whether or not they are willing to take on the responsibilities of having the consolidated MPO attached to them for all or certain services. The most important being the capital float/bank as the MPOs are operating on a reimbursement basis. If none of the local entities indicate that they are willing to take this on, the analysis for the new regional MPO will then default to the assumption that it will become an independent entity consistent with how the Lee MPO currently operates.

Once a determination on whether the new consolidated MPO is hosted or independent, the Consultant will then identify how the MPO financial, office operations and benefits will be handled (including agreements, if hosted). Examples of these items include IT, legal, accountant, HR, auditor, phones, internet copier, website, insurance, office and meeting space and benefits etc.

The Consultant will assess and report on the financial liabilities and assets of each MPO (develop a balance sheet of assets and liabilities) likely to be in place at the time

of a merger and develop a transition plan assigning responsibilities to each MPO.

The Consultant will develop a financial plan for operating the consolidated MPO based on projected PL allocations and member contributions and show how core planning documents will be funded using TMA SU funds if needed to supplement PL and local contributions. This task will also include recommended MPO policies, procedures, internal controls and bylaws for the proposed consolidated MPO for consideration.

Task 5 represents another major milestone in determining whether the two Boards wish to continue on to Task 6.

Deliverables:

- Determination of a hosted or independent MPO structure
- Develop a financial plan for the MPO structure that takes into account projected revenue streams and costs.
- Memorandum that includes what the consolidated MPO will look like for financial management, office operations and benefits

Task 6: Review of Interlocal Agreements, Contractual Requirements and Recommended Timeline for Inclusion in Final Report

The Consultant will review existing agreements and contracts to make recommendations on what needs to be changed regarding existing MPO agreements and contracts as well as what future agreements will need to be put in place. From this review, recommendations will be made on the possible timeline for consolidation.

This task will include drafting a final report that includes the information on any issues with existing agreements, future needed new MPO agreements and based on that information, recommendations on the timing for consolidation. The final report will also include the combining of the memorandums from each of the preceding tasks and a synopsis of the findings for review by the two MPO's. Following receipt of comments, the consultant will revise the report and produce a final version.

Deliverables:

- Review and recommendations on existing and future agreements
- Development of final draft report for review by the two MPO's and finalize the report following review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS
ITEM 8A

FDOT Presentation on Old 41 Project Development & Environment Study (PD&E)

OBJECTIVE: To give the committee an update on the status of the Old 41 PD&E Study.

CONSIDERATIONS: FDOT will give a presentation on the status of the Old 41 PD&E to the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees in January and to the MPO Board in February. (**Attachment 1**)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No action required; provided for informational purposes only.

Prepared By: Anne McLaughlin, MPO Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FDOT Presentation on Old 41 PD&E

CR 887 (OLD US 41) PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT STUDY

From US 41 to Lee County Line and Collier
County Line to Bonita Beach Road

Spring 2025





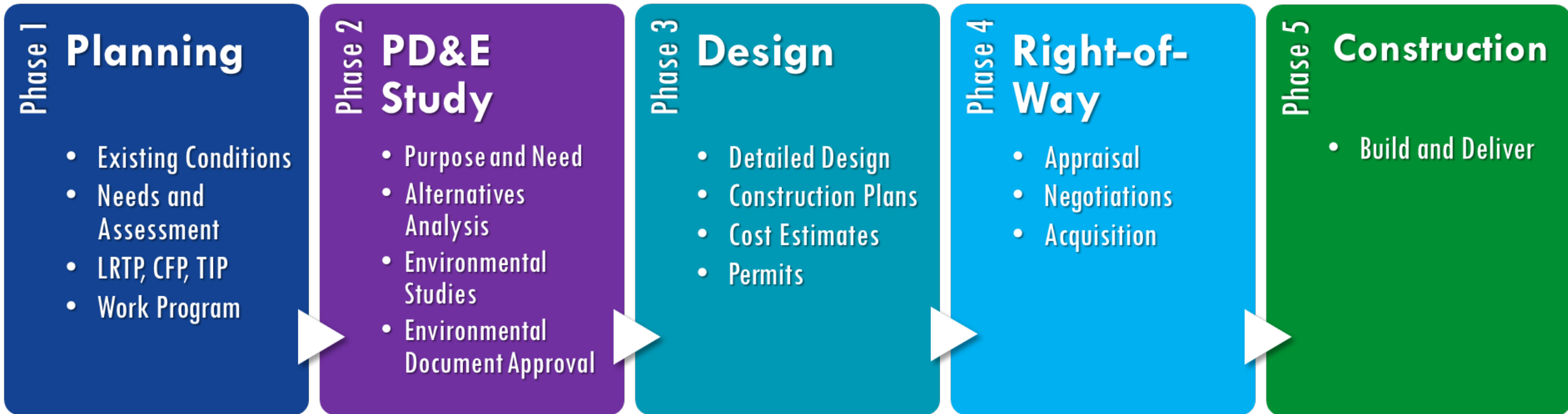
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“Safety is the true north and top priority while communities are at the center of everything we do”

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The Construction and Right-of-Way (property) acquisition phases are not currently funded.

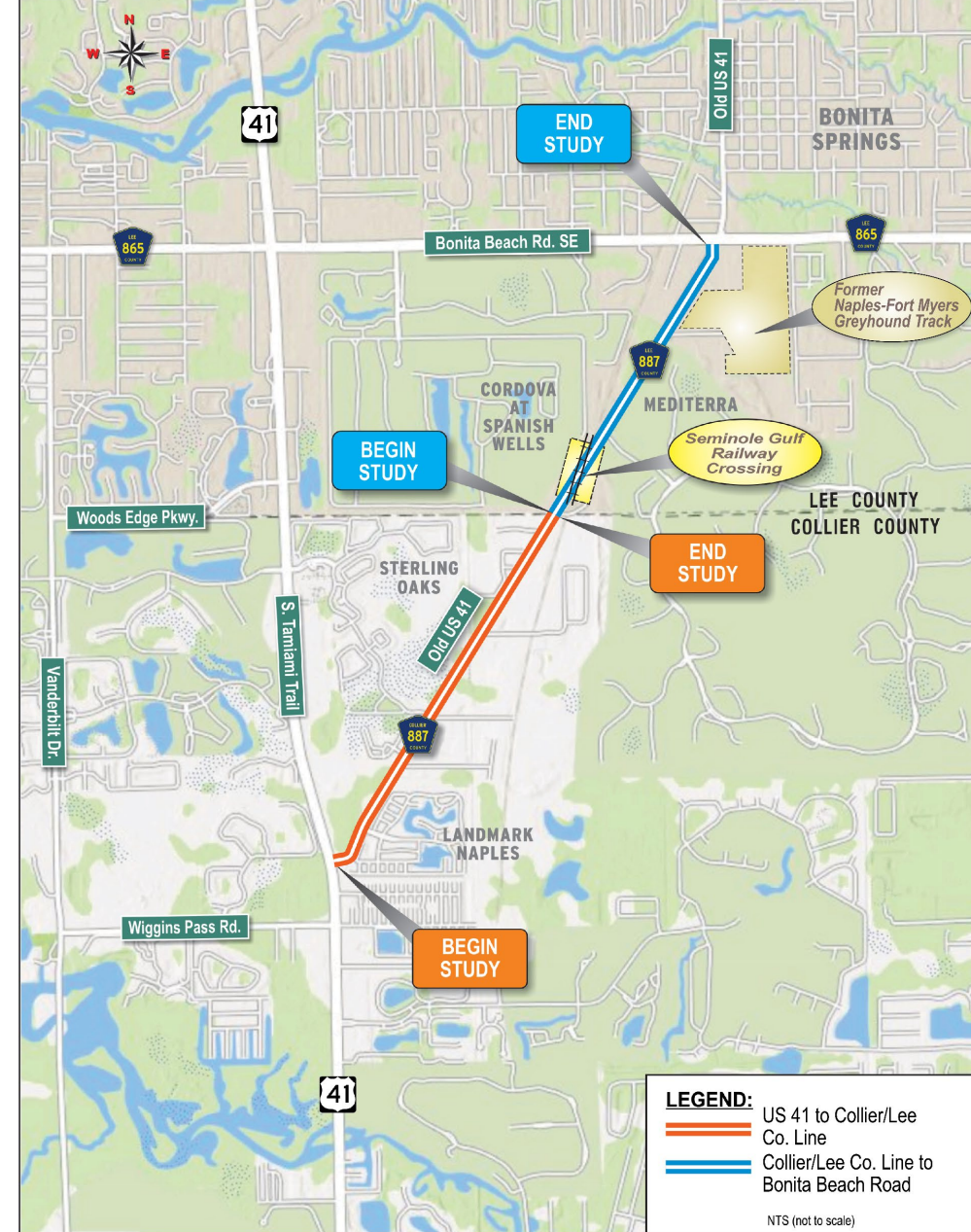
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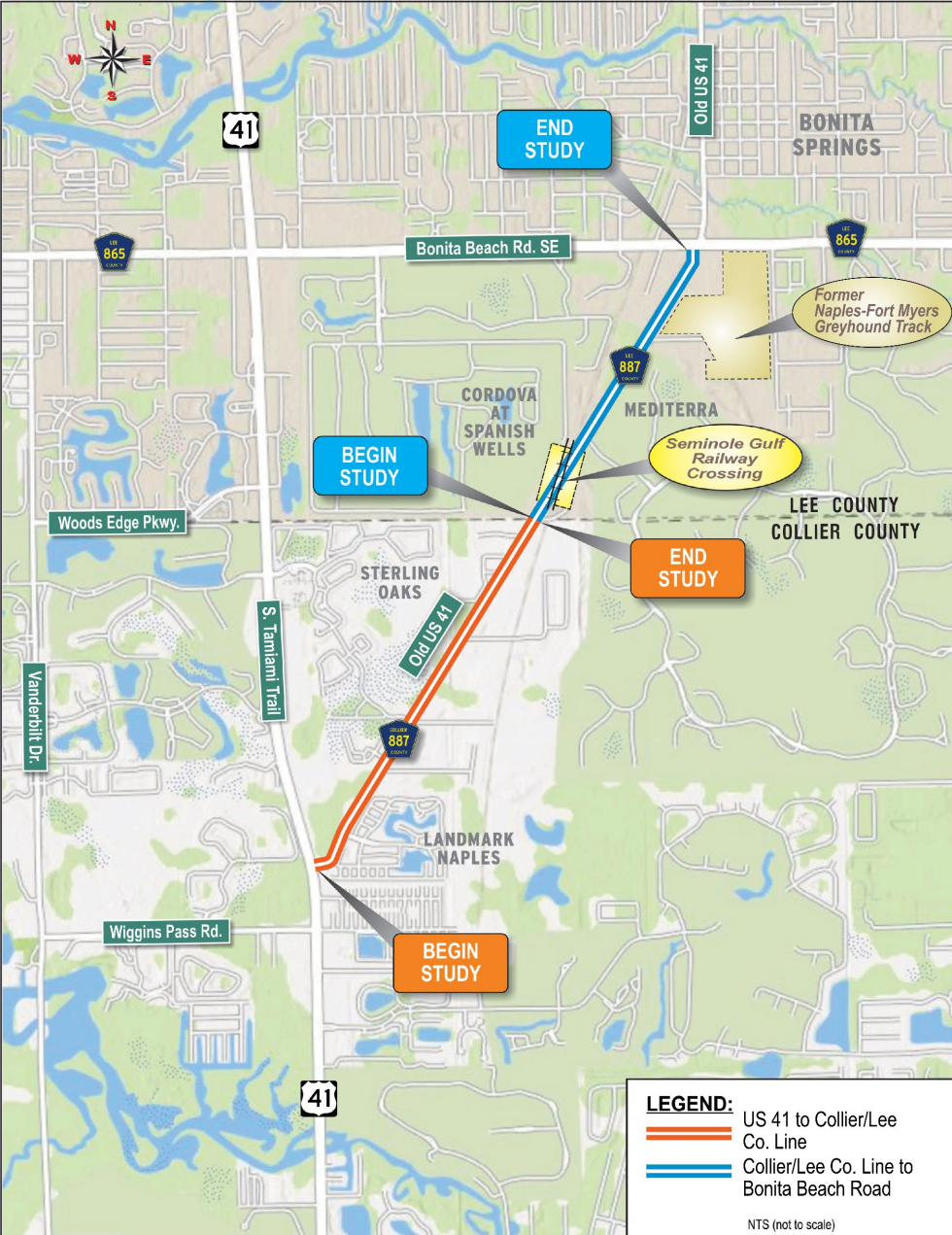
- Project Background
- Preferred Alternative
- Drainage Analysis and Floodplain Compensation Status Update
- Project Cost
- Project Schedule



Project Description

- **Off-System Roadway between Naples and Bonita Springs**
- **Total Length:** 2.73 miles (1.55 miles – Collier, 1.18 miles – Lee)
- 2 Major Intersections (US 41, Bonita Beach Road)
- Collier County – Commercial/Industrial – Heavy freight corridor
- Lee County – Suburban – Residential corridor
- 6 New Traffic Signals Proposed Along Corridor





Project Background

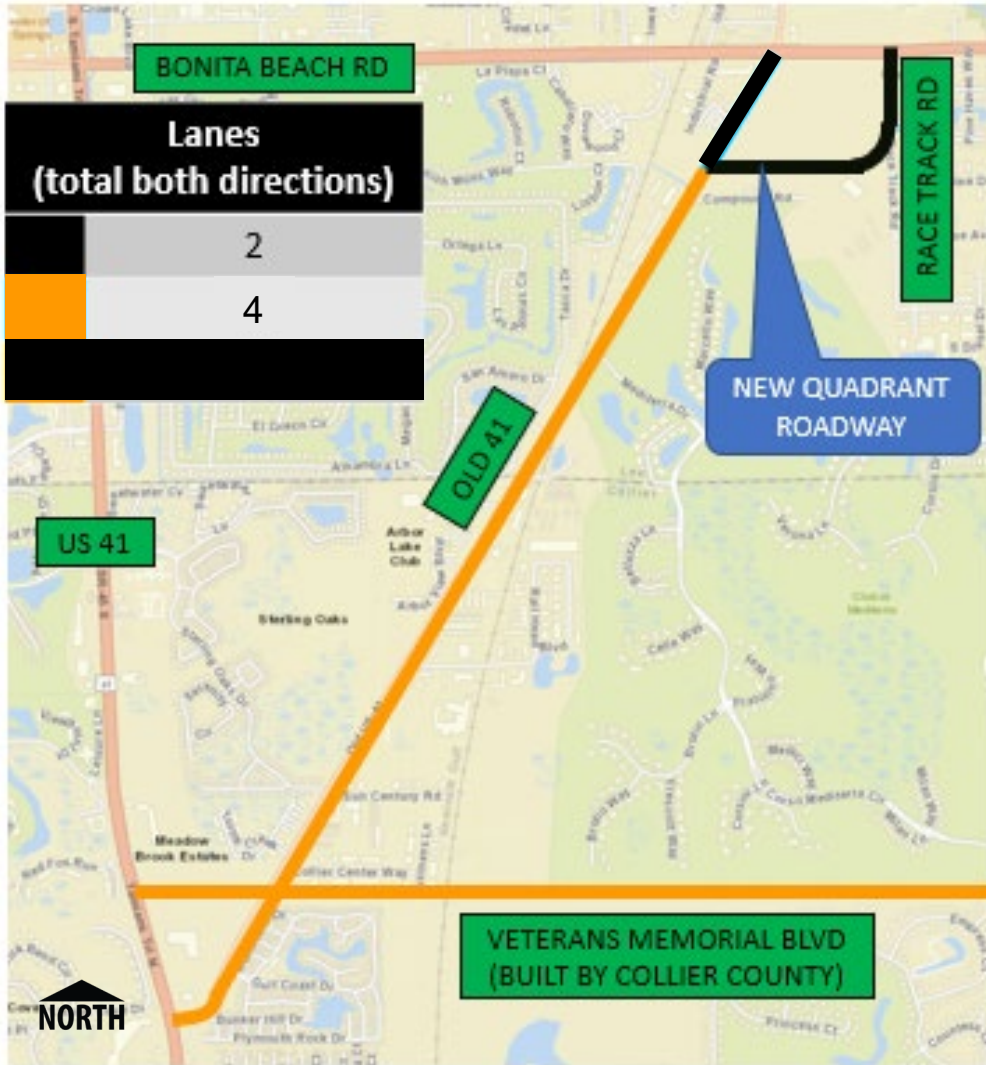
Project Goals

- Relieve congestion and accommodate future travel demand
- Improve safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians

Project Need

- Support increased industrial and residential development
- Sub-standard operating conditions

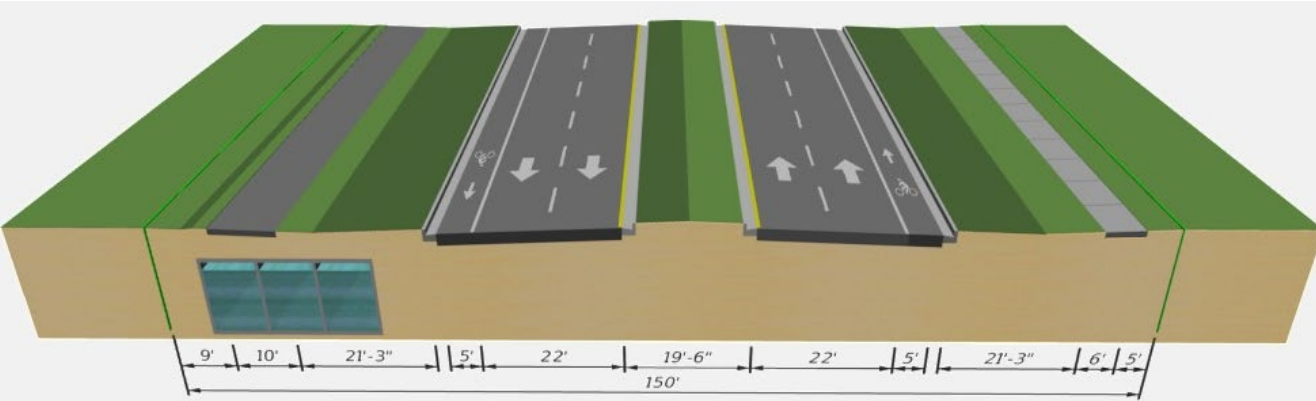
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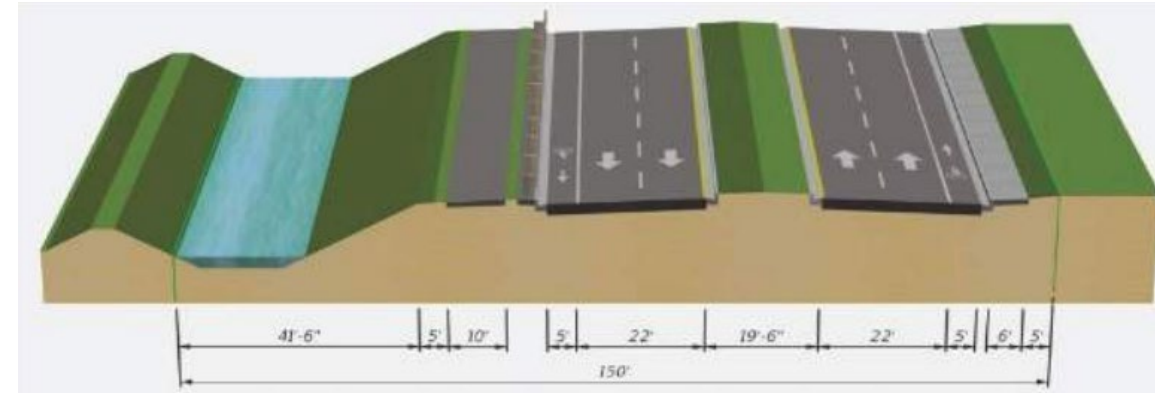
- Widen Old 41 from two lanes to four lanes south of former greyhound track
- Add new quadrant roadway south of Bonita Beach Road connecting to Race Track Road
- Add traffic signals at Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Rail Head Boulevard, Via Palacio Avenue, Mediterra Drive, and the new quadrant roadway

FPID: 435110-1 Typical Sections

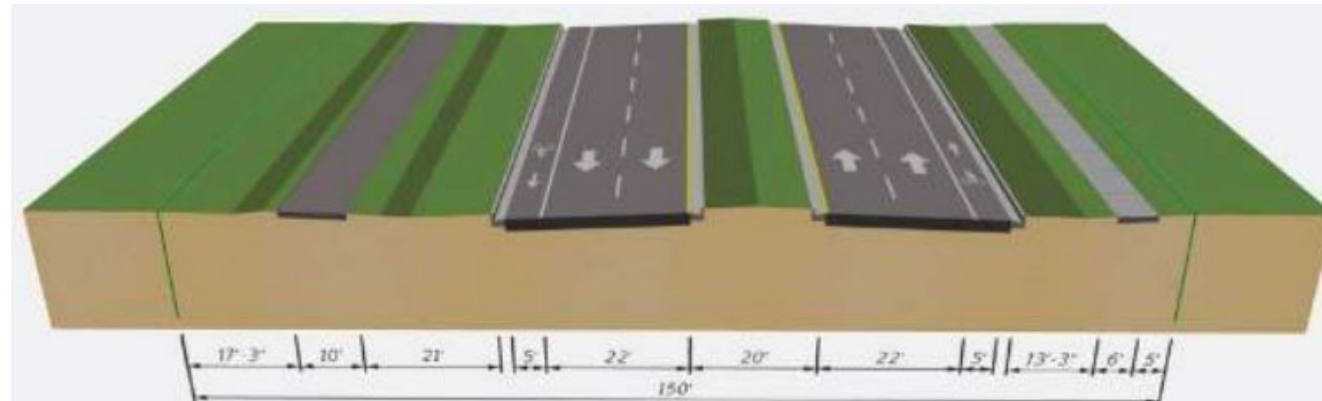
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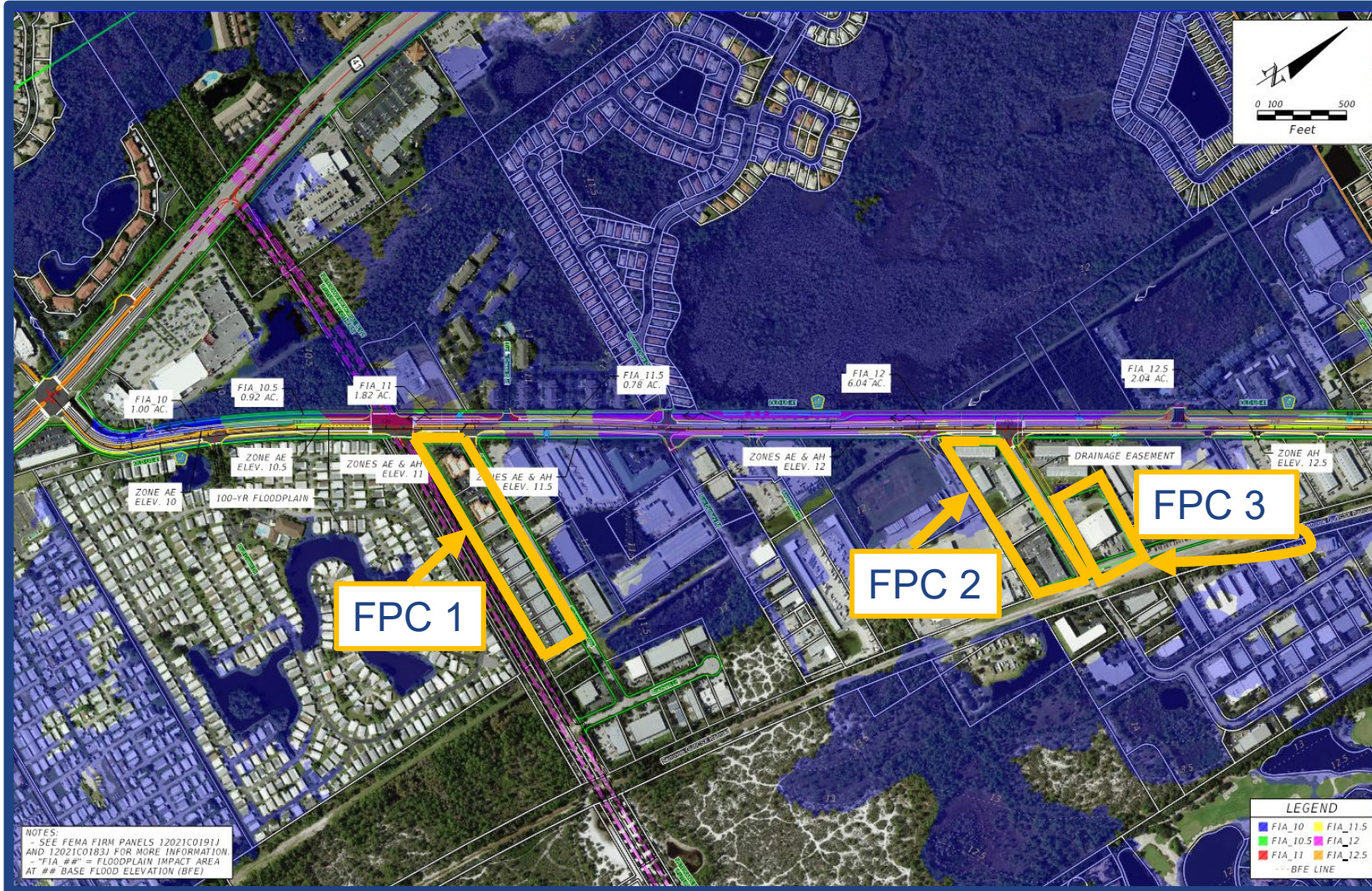
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1,000' North of Sterling Oaks Drive to Lee County Line



Floodplain Compensation Sites (FPC) & Impacts



Total FPC Impacts:

- Approximately 75 business relocations
- 17.08 acres

ROW Cost: (FPC Sites Only)

- \$75 million

435110-1 Cost Estimates (Collier County)

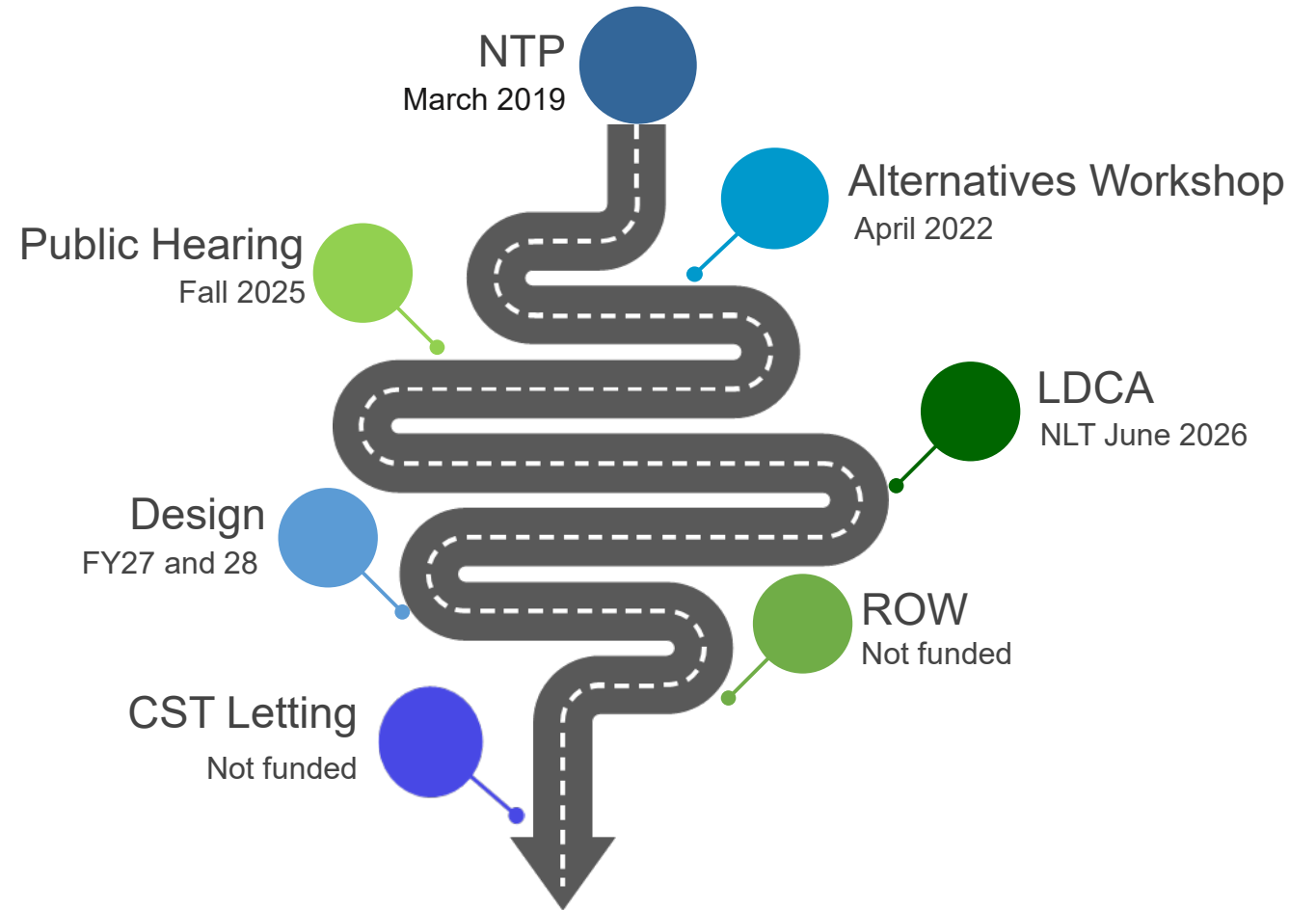
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Planning	Complete			
PD&E	On-going	2019-2024	\$800K	N/A
Design	Programmed	2028	\$3 M (435110-2)	\$3.85 M (FY26-30)
ROW	Not funded	2099	\$90 M	\$1.7 M (FY26-30)
CEI	Not funded	2099	\$ 5.2 M	\$30.06 M (FY 31-35)
Construction	Not funded	2099	\$51.9 M	

435110-1 & 435347-1: CR 887 (Old 41)

Timeline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Milestone</u>
March 19, 2019	PD&E Start (NTP)
April 4, 2022 (In-Person) April 19, 2022 (Virtual)	Alternatives Workshop
Fall 2025	Public Hearing
NLT June 2026	LDCA

Schedule – subject to change



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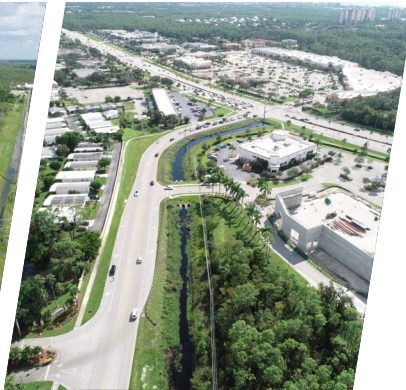
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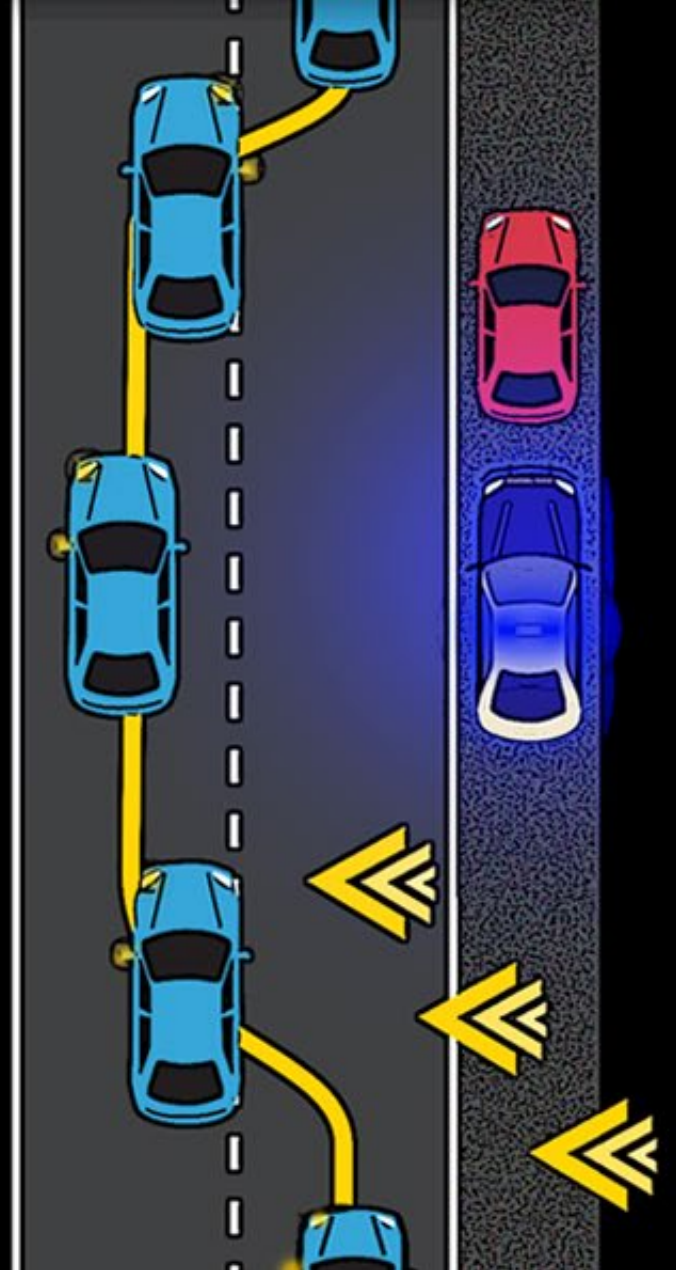


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS
ITEM 8B

FHWA/FTA Collier MPO TMA 2024 Certification Review Report

OBJECTIVE: To inform the committee of the outcome of the 2024 Federal Certification Review.

CONSIDERATIONS: MPO staff will provide an overview of the 2024 Federal Certification Review. The final Certification Report is shown in **Attachment 1**.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No action required; provided for informational purposes only.

Prepared By: Anne McLaughlin, MPO Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FHWA cover letter (12/30/24); Collier MPO TMA 2024 Certification Review Report



8B Attachment 1
TAC/CAC 1/27/25

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December 30, 2024

Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr.
2885 South Horseshoe Drive
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Dear Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr., Chairman:

Federal law requires the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to jointly review and certify the metropolitan transportation planning process for each Transportation Management Area (TMA) every four years. A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with an urbanized area of 200,000 or more in population is referred to, in federal legislation, as a TMA. We recently conducted a review of the Bonita Springs-Estero TMA, more commonly referred to as the Collier MPO.

As a part of the TMA certification review process, FHWA and FTA utilized a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. The certification review process is one of several methods used to assess the quality of a regional metropolitan transportation planning process, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, as well as the degree of technical assistance needed to enhance the effectiveness of the planning process. This certification review was conducted to highlight best practices, identify opportunities for improvements, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

The review of Collier MPO's planning process included a site visit, conducted by representatives from the FHWA and the FTA on July 23-24, 2024. During the site visit, time was spent with the MPO staff, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and the transit agency to discuss the status of the MPO's "3-C" planning process. Throughout the site visit, opportunities were afforded to local elected/appointed officials and the general public to provide their insights on the Collier MPO's planning process. In addition to assessing the MPO's progress in addressing the findings from the previous certification review, the MPO's current and/or future implementation of the metropolitan transportation planning requirements was also considered.

Enclosed for your consideration is the final TMA Certification Review Report for the Bonita Springs-Estero TMA, which includes documentation of the various components of the

FHWA/FTA certification review of the Collier MPO. The report provides an overview of the TMA certification review process, summarizes the various discussions from the recent site visit, provides a series of review findings, and issues the FHWA/FTA certification action. In general, the review determined the existence of a “3-C” metropolitan transportation planning process that satisfies the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303/5305, and associated Federal requirements. The Federal Review Team recognized six (6) noteworthy practices, identified no corrective actions, and offered one (1) recommendation to improve the current planning process of the Collier MPO.

Based on the overall findings, the FHWA and the FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Bonita Springs-Estero TMA, which is comprised entirely by the Collier MPO, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until **December 2028**.

If you have any questions regarding the certification review process and/or the TMA Certification Review Report, please contact Carlos A. Gonzalez at (850) 553-2221 or by email at Carlos.A.Gonzalez@dot.gov or Curlene Thomas at (407) 867-6422 or by email at Curlene.Thomas@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Final TMA Certification Review Report

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2024 Certification Report

**Bonita Springs-Estero
Transportation Management
Area**

**Collier Metropolitan
Planning Organization**

Prepared by:

Federal Highway Administration

Florida Division

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Region 4

December 2024

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Executive Summary

Federal Law requires the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to jointly certify the transportation planning processes of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) at least every four years (a TMA is an urbanized area, as defined by the US Census, with a population over 200,000). A certification review generally consists of four primary activities: a site visit, a review of planning documents (in advance of the site visit), the development and issuance of a FHWA/FTA certification report and a certification review closeout presentation to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) governing board.

As a part of the TMA certification review process, FHWA and FTA utilize a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. The certification review process is only one of several methods used to assess the quality of a regional metropolitan transportation planning process, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, and the level and type of technical assistance needed to enhance the effectiveness of the planning process. This certification review was conducted to highlight best practices, identify opportunities for improvements, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Transportation planning for the Bonita Springs-Estero TMA is conducted by the Collier MPO. The last certification review was completed in 2020. The Federal Review Team conducted a site visit for the current review of the Collier MPO on July 23-24, 2024. The Federal Review Team recognizes six noteworthy practices, identifies no corrective actions, and offers one recommendation the Collier MPO should consider for improving their planning processes. More information related to these findings can be found in the Findings/Conclusions section of this report.

Based on the overall findings of the certification review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Bonita Springs-Estero TMA, which is comprised entirely by the Collier MPO, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until **December 2028**.

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Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization

Section I. Overview of the Certification Process

Under provisions of 23 CFR 450.336(b) and 49 CFR 613.100, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must jointly certify the planning process of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) “not less often than once every four years.” This four-year cycle runs from the date of issuance of the previous joint certification report.

The primary purpose of a certification review is to formalize the continuing oversight and evaluation of the planning process. The FHWA and the FTA work cooperatively with the TMA planning staff on a regular basis. By reviewing and approving planning products, providing technical assistance, and promoting best practices, the formal assessment involved in a certification review provides an external view of the TMA’s transportation planning process.

A certification review generally consists of four primary activities. These activities include: 1) a “desk audit” which is a review of the TMA’s planning documents (e.g. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); 2) a “site visit” with staff from the TMA’s various transportation planning partners (e.g. the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), local/regional transit service provider, and other participating State/local agencies), including opportunities for local elected officials and the general public to provide comments on the TMA planning process; 3) a Certification Report, which the Federal Review Team prepares, to document the results of the review process; and, 4) a formal presentation of the review findings at a future Collier MPO Board Policy meeting.

Certification of the planning process is a prerequisite to the approval of Federal funding for transportation projects in metropolitan areas. The certification review also helps ensure that the major issues facing a metropolitan area are being addressed. The review process is individually tailored to focus on topics of significance in each metropolitan planning area. Since 2018, to initiate the TMA certification review process, the Federal Review Team has utilized a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. **Appendix A** summarizes the risk evaluation, and the report notes in the relevant sections which topic areas were not selected for review due to existing stewardship and oversight practices after considering the risk factors.

The review for the Collier MPO was held July 23-24, 2024. During this site visit, the Federal Review Team met with MPO Staff, FDOT, Collier Area Transit Staff, Collier County Transportation Management Services Staff, the Collier MPO Board Chair, the Lee County MPO Executive Director, and the meeting was open to the public in person and

online. See **Appendix B** for a list of review team members and site visit participants, and **Appendix C** for the TMA Certification Meeting Agenda.

The purpose of the public engagement process is to inform the public of the Federal transportation planning requirements and allow the public an opportunity to provide input on the transportation planning process to the Federal Review Team. A virtual public meeting for this certification review was held on July 23, 2024. Public feedback and engagement on the MPO's planning process was obtained through MPO Board Meetings, Agency Partner Meetings, the *IN MOTION* Collier MPO Newsletter, through various Collier MPO committees, press releases, Facebook, and periodic e-mail blasts following the public meeting. For those that could not attend the public meeting or who did not want to speak or post publicly, contact information for the Federal Review Team was provided. Members of the public were given 30 days from July 23, 2024, to mail or email their comments and/or request a copy of the certification review report. Additional comments were received by FHWA and FTA during the 30-day comment period.

A copy of the public engagement notices can be found in **Appendix D**. Screenshots of public input, minutes from the public meeting, including a listing of commenters and a summary of the public comments is provided in **Appendix E**.

A summary of the 2020 corrective actions and recommendations and their statuses can be found in **Appendix F**.

An explanation of planning acronyms can be found in **Appendix G**.

Section II. Boundaries and Organization (23CFR 450.310, 312, 314)

A. Description of Planning Area

Observations: The Collier MPO covers the entire county and is located in Southwest FL. As of the 2020 Census, the Collier MPO's population was 376,000. The planning area boundary includes all of Collier County and the cities of Everglades City, Naples, and Marco Island, both of which are within census defined urbanized areas. The planning area is bounded on the West by the Gulf of Mexico and on the East by the Everglades National Park. The Collier MPO planning boundary is visually depicted in the following maps:

Figure 1: Collier Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

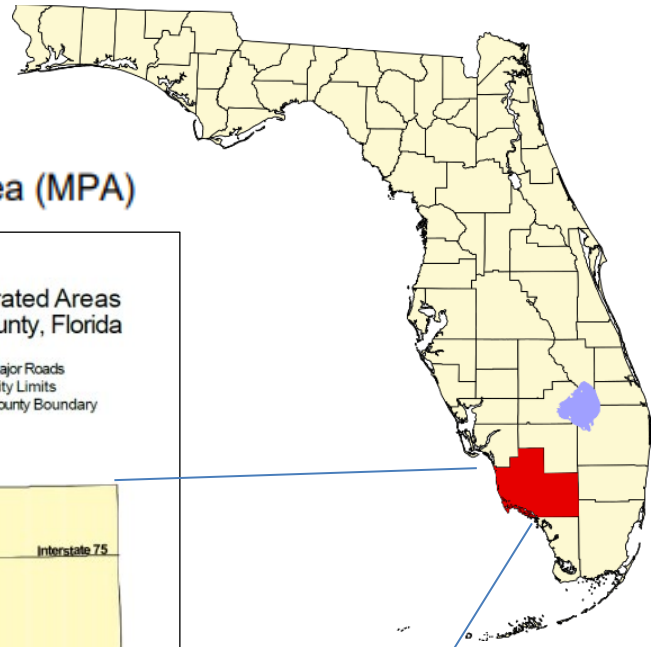
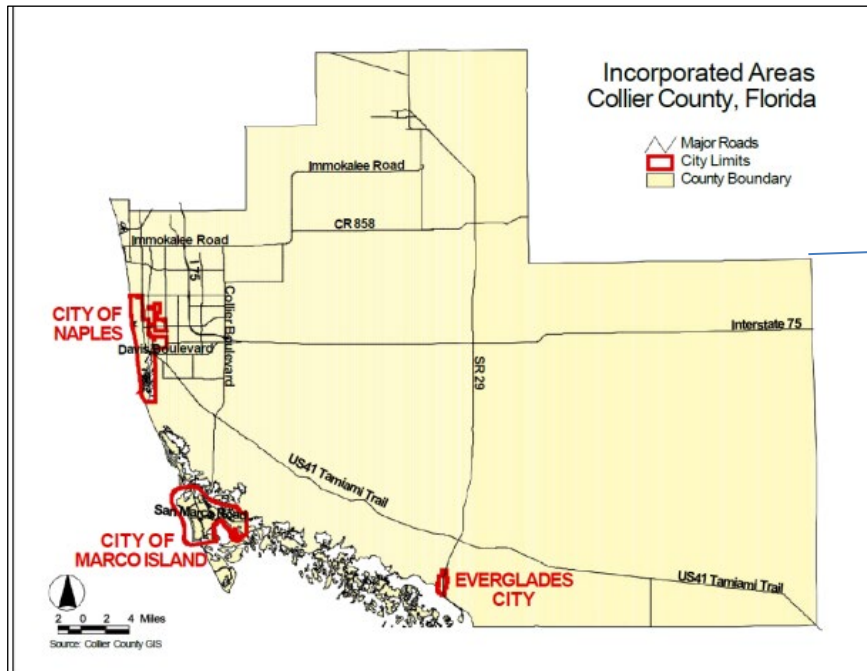
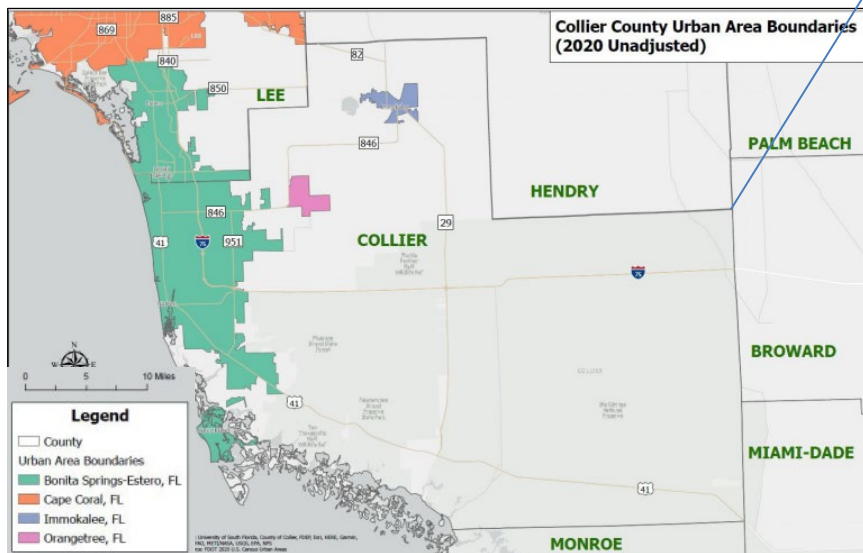


Figure 2: Bonita Springs – Estero Urbanized Area Map



B. Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure

Observations: The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board is comprised of the five members of the Collier County Board of County Commissioners, two members of the Naples City Council, one member of the Marco Island City Council, one member of the City of Everglades City Council, and one non-voting member from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The Collier MPO has five sub committees: The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), the Bike & Ped Advisory Committee (BPAC), the Congestion Management Committee (CMC) and the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB). The Collier Area Transit is a member of the TAC and CMC.

Finding: The MPO's boundaries and organization substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.310 and 312.

C. Agreements

Current Agreement(s)/Date(s) Adopted:

Agency Name	Agreement	Created/Updated	End Date
FDOT/MPO	FDOT/Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement	5/16/24	06/30/26
Collier MPO & Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged	Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Agreement	07/01/24	06/30/25
Collier MPO & FHWA	SS4A Grant Agreement	11/13/23	12/30/25
Collier MPO & Collier County	Local Match Agreement	09/12/23	11/30/25
Collier MPO & Collier County	Staff Services Agreement	05/24/22	05/24/25
Collier MPO & Collier County	Lease Agreement	05/22/22	06/30/25
FDOT & Collier MPO	Public Transportation Grant Agreements (2)	04/15/21; 06/09/22	12/31/25

Agency Name	Agreement	Created/Updated	End Date
FDOT, Collier MPO, SWRPC, City of Naples Airport Authority, Collier County Airport, Collier Area Transit	Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICAR) 3-26-15	03/25/16	Until Terminated
Collier MPO & Lee County MPO	Interlocal Agreement for Joint Regional Transportation Planning Between Collier and Lee County MPOs	03/20/09	Until Terminated
Collier MPO & Lee County MPO	Interlocal Agreement for Joint Regional Transportation Planning Between Collier and Lee County MPOs	03/20/09	Until Terminated

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results for the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's agreements substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.314.

Section III. Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 450.306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results for the risk assessment process.

Finding: The Collier MPO's transportation performance planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 314, 324, and 326.

Section IV. Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306)

A. Transportation Planning Factors

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based upon the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The Collier MPO's planning process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b).

B. Air Quality

Finding: The Collier MPO is currently designated as an attainment area for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results for the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's bicycle and pedestrian planning activities substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b), 324(f), and 326.

D. Transit

Observations: Transit service in the Collier MPO is provided by the Collier Area Transit (CAT). CAT service consists of a network of 16 fixed routes that are serviced by 31 buses. Collier County also has a fleet of 33 minibuses that operate ADA paratransit service known as CAT Connect Paratransit. CAT provided 722,918 and 697,856 fixed route rides for FY23 and FY24 YTD, respectively. CAT provided 108,836 and 107,357 paratransit trips for FY23 and FY24 YTD, respectively. The population of its service area is approximately 375,752 according to the 2020 Census report.

Through the MPO agreements, cooperative development of the planning products, coordination activities, and implementation of transit projects, the Collier Area Transit is a full partner in this MPO's planning process and is consulted when developing planning documents.

Finding: The MPO's transit activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 613.100 as well as the transit supportive elements outlined in 23 CFR 450.

Noteworthy Practices: The Federal Review Team recognizes two noteworthy practices regarding Transit. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

E. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The Collier MPO's ITS activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 322, and 23 CFR 940.

F. Freight Planning

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The Collier MPO's freight planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 316, 324, and 326.

G. Security Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The Collier MPO's security planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(f), 324(h), and 326.

H. Safety Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's safety planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(h), and 326.

Noteworthy Practice: The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice regarding Safety. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

Section V. Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)

Current Document Title:

UPWP FY24/25 - 25/26 (Adopted on May 10, 2024)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's UPWP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.308.

Section VI. Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316)

A. Outreach and Public Participation

Current Document Title: Collier MPO Public Participation Plan

Date Adopted: June 12, 2020

Observations: The Collier MPO (MPO) 2020 Public Participation Plan (PPP) provides reasonable opportunities for public participation in MPO transportation processes by all interested parties, including area residents, visitors, affected public transportation employees, freight shippers and providers of freight transportation services, public ports, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties to participate in all transportation processes.

The MPO electronically provides documentation related to transportation planning processes on its website, actively soliciting input into its planning products and providing the many ways by which interested parties can be more involved. The MPO also effectively employs visualization techniques in all documents such as the LRTP, TIP, STIP, and UPWP, satisfying federal requirements.

The MPO uses the PPP and regularly coordinates its programs, services, and activities with FDOT, demonstrating robust public participation and considering public input throughout the development of the LRTP and the TIP. Moreover, the MPO considers its traditionally underserved communities, including minority and low-income households. The MPO periodically revisits the PPP, updating it as needed and assessing its performance to ensure a continued full and open participation process.

Additionally, the MPO employs select social media outlets as well as an expansive advisor network to further inform the public about meeting times, locations, and participation opportunities, such as those for developing and amending the LRTP and TIP. The MPO has the update to its PPP (including the Title VI plan) for consideration on the December 2024 Board meeting agenda.

Finding: The MPO's outreach and public participation activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316.

Noteworthy Practices: The Federal Review Team recognizes two noteworthy practices regarding Outreach and Public Participation. For more details about these noteworthy practices, please see Section XI.

B. Tribal Coordination

Observations: The Collier MPO provides a reasonable opportunity to the Indian Tribes and Nations by involving Tribal Government(s) with lands located within its jurisdiction to participate in transportation planning processes, including the development of the public participation plan, LRTP and the TIP.

Finding: The MPO's tribal coordination activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316(c).

C. Title VI and Related Requirements

Current Document Title: Nondiscrimination Policy, Complaint Procedure, & LEP Plan
Date Adopted: June 12, 2020

Observations: The Collier MPO has a coordinator assigned to Public Involvement and Title VI, who has direct, independent access to the MPO Executive Director. The MPO has developed and executed a nondiscrimination policy, assurance, a complaint filing procedure and 4-factor Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, all of which are broad enough to cover Title VI classifications and those defined by other federal and state authorities. The MPO reviews its plans, programs, and services at least triennially to

determine nondiscrimination and equitable distribution of benefits and burdens and collects/analyzes demographic data of those impacted by its transportation decisions.

Since the last certification, the MPO has significantly advanced its Community Characteristics Inventory as well as the extent to which it uses demographic data to prioritize projects or otherwise analyze impact of its transportation decisions on traditionally underserved populations. For example, the MPO employed both the US EPA EJScreen and the USDOT ETC Explorer to map disadvantaged communities and document transportation needs. The MPO then validated the data using US Census products and community input before layering data over crash statistics, to create a priority schema for bike and pedestrian projects. The result included implementing three significant bike/ped projects in an underserved community, improving safety and access to employment, medical, social, and retail services.

The MPO provides reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in providing access to its plans, programs, and services. The MPO-posted nondiscrimination policies and complaint filing procedures specifically enumerate disability as a protected classification and identify a coordinator by name who is responsible for administration of the ADA program. The MPO ensures that its plans and activities include input by and consideration of those with disabilities or their service providers. The MPO is an independent entity with a Staff Services Agreement and Lease Agreement with Collier County, which has a transition plan as described by 28 CFR 35.150(d) covering both program access and pedestrian facilities. The plan is periodically updated, and the results are made available for public inspection.

Finding: The MPO's Title VI and related activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 21, 49 CFR 27, 23 CFR 200, 23 CFR 450.316 and 336(a).

Section VII. Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g))

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's linking planning and NEPA activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), and 324(g).

Section VIII. Congestion Management Process (CMP) (23 CFR 450.322)

Current Document Title: *Collier MPO Congestion Management Process - 2022 Update*
Date Adopted: April 8, 2022

Observations: The Collier MPO developed a congestion management process that was developed and implemented as part of the planning process, included coordination with system management and operation activities, and multimodal system performance measures and strategies which are reflected in the LRTP and the TIP. The MPO's CMP includes the following: methods to monitor and evaluate performance, defines congestion management objectives and appropriate performance measures for assessing congestion and evaluation of strategies, a coordinated program for data collection and system performance monitoring, and the identification and evaluation of performance and benefits from the process. The MPO has also periodically assessed the effectiveness of the implemented strategies and used the assessment results when selecting effective strategies for future implementation. The MPO last assessed the process in April 2022.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.322(h), the Collier MPO developed a congestion management process that includes projects and strategies that are incorporated into the TIP and consists of regional goals to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) during peak commuting times in densely populated areas; identifies transportation services that support access to jobs in the region; and identifies future projects and programs to reduce congestion and increased access to job opportunities.

Finding: The MPO's congestion management process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.322.

Noteworthy Practice: The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice regarding the Congestion Management Process. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

Section IX. Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)

Current Document Title: *Collier MPO 2045 LRTP*
Date Adopted: December 11, 2020
Amended: December 8, 2023

A. Scope of LRTP

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit.

The Collier MPO's LRTP addresses a 20-year horizon period and includes long-range and short-range strategies that provide for the development of an integrated multimodal transportation system. The plan includes current transportation demand, existing and

proposed facilities, operational and management strategies, assessment of strategies to preserve existing infrastructure, transportation and transit enhancement activities, and a financial plan that demonstrates how the adopted plan can be implemented.

Finding: The general scope of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324.

B. Travel Demand Modeling/Data

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's travel demand modeling processes substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(e).

C. LRTP Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint

Observations: FDOT provides an estimate of federal and state revenue available over the life of the plan, as well as an estimate of administrative, operations, and maintenance costs over the life of the plan for the MPO to use. For the adopted 2045 LRTP, the revenue estimates are included in Chapter 5 and Chapter 6 of the plan. Fiscal constraint is demonstrated using tables and narrative. The plan identifies funding revenue sources, project costs, and project phases for projects from the effective date of the plan through the plan's horizon year. Year of Expenditure costs are used in the plan. The LRTP is fiscally constrained.

Finding: The financial plan/fiscal constraint of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(f)(11).

Recommendation: The Federal Review Team offers one recommendation regarding LRTP Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint. For more details about this recommendation, please see Section XI.

Section X. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's TIP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.326,328, 330, 332, and 334.

Section XI. Findings/Conclusions

The following items represent a compilation of the findings that are included in this 2024 certification review report. These findings, which are identified as noteworthy practices, corrective actions, and recommendations, are intended to not only ensure continuing regulatory compliance of the Collier MPO's transportation planning process with federal planning requirements, but to also foster high-quality planning practices and improve the transportation planning program in this TMA. Corrective actions reflect required actions for compliance with the Federal Planning Regulations and must be completed within the timeframes noted. Recommendations reflect national trends or potential risks and are intended to assist the Collier MPO in improving the planning process. Noteworthy practices highlight efforts that demonstrate innovative ideas or best practices for implementing the planning requirements.

A. Noteworthy Practices

1. **Transit:** Regional coordination between Collier MPO, Lee County and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPOs has moved to the forefront since 2022. The Collier MPO and Collier County served as co-leads on the Collier Area Transit Regional Service and Fare Study. In December 2023, Collier MPO signed a Joint Resolution initiated by Lee County MPO and involving Charlotte-Punta Gorda and Sarasota Manatee MPOs, to submit a funding request to conduct a Southwest Florida Rail Feasibility Study. These are two examples of Collier County's exemplary coordination and collaboration related to transit and multi-modal transportation with MPOs and other agencies in the region.
2. **Transit:** The Federal Review Team commends the Collier Area Transit (CAT), who collaborated to transform a retired bus into a mass casualty ambulance. The bus is now a fully functional mass casualty ambulance with medical supplies and cots. The new bus-ambulance will serve as a crucial resource for the community during emergencies, providing vital transportation & medical care for those in need.
3. **Safety:** The Federal Review Team commends the Collier MPO for its proactive actions when integrating safety in the planning process. The MPO adopted a Local Roads Safety Plan (LRSP) in May 2021. The high crash corridor and intersection locations identified in the LRSP were incorporated into project prioritization criteria in the 2045 LRTP, the Bike-Ped Master Plan, and the Congestion Management Process. The MPO Director regularly reports on progress made towards implementing the LRSP in the Annual Report to the Board.
4. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The Federal Review Team was impressed with the optional field visit organized by the MPO. The field visit related to the identified topic areas and provided a sense of the local community through interviews with project principals. The Federal Review Team visited the Traffic Management Centers for Collier County and Naples, observing operations and learning more about the technology employed to monitor and mitigate congestion. The Team also

received a thorough tour of the main Collier Area Transit (CAT) facility and maintenance yard, observing firsthand the deterioration of the building, particularly in the wake of Hurricane Ian, and the challenges it creates. Finally, the Team visited the Golden Gate neighborhood, emphasizing how an enhanced understanding of community needs led to critical pedestrian network improvements and a planned complete streets project that will advance safety and the community's access to area facilities and services. The field visit highlighted for the Federal Review Team the level of mutual respect and commitment these communities have to work together.

5. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The Federal Review Team commends the MPO for its recent development of a public service video used to introduce viewers to transportation planning and encourage public involvement. The video was produced entirely in house and edited with the assistance of Collier County Communications. Interviews with board and committee members highlight the diversity of the MPO and the importance of public participation for transportation decision making. The success of the project has boosted the MPO's confidence and is anticipated to lead to further internally created public service videos, perhaps related to safety or specific planning products.
6. **Congestion Management Process:** The Federal Review Team is impressed with the Collier MPO fact sheets created to provide key traffic information and recommended multimodal strategies for alleviating congestion. Additionally, the Collier MPO process to call for congestion management projects is a good way to identify and prioritize congestion issues and provide funding to locally identified solutions to that address congestion. Eligible projects include signal-timing improvements, ITS technology, transit, and bike/ped projects.

B. Corrective Actions

No corrective actions have been identified.

C. Recommendations

1. **LRTP Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint:** The MPO's 2045 Plan discusses the revenue sources and how those revenue sources were used to identify funding for the projects in the Cost Feasible Plan. It also includes a narrative demonstrating the fiscal constraint of those funds and projects programmed. The Federal Review Team noted that 1) the Federal and State Revenue Projections table (Table 5.2) does not include revenue from for years 2021 - 2025 of the Plan, and 2) the Cost Feasible Projects list (Table 6.1) shows the project costs and funding for the first five years. However, Table 6.1 does not clearly show the accumulated total sums of the project costs and revenue sources for the first five years. The Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO clearly demonstrate the fiscal constraint of the full plan in one table when developing the 2050 LRTP. This could be accomplished by providing a table that summarizes the total sum of all revenue sources and project costs,

covering the horizon years which includes the first five years of the Plan. For additional assistance, please see the FDOT Technical Memorandum 21-02 Fiscal Constraint of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

D. Training/Technical Assistance

At the conclusion of the site visit, the Federal Review Team asked the MPO staff if they had any training or technical assistance needs. The Collier MPO identified technical assistance requests for the following topical areas: resiliency and impacts of climate change (with regards to the 2050 LRTP) and E-bikes and other forms of micro-mobility – including facility planning, safety considerations, and regulations. FHWA and FTA will work with the MPO to provide resources in these areas.

E. Conclusion

Based on the overall findings of the certification review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Bonita Springs-Estero TMA, which is comprised entirely by the Collier MPO, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until **December 2028**.

Appendix A. Summary of Risk Assessment

Florida TMA Certification Review Risk Assessment	
MPO:	Collier MPO
Date of Assessment:	March 2024
Cert Review Report Date:	December 2024
Topic Area	Selected for additional review?
Organization of MPO/TPO (23 CFR 450.310, 312, 314)	No
Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transportation Planning Factors	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Air Quality	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transit	Yes
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Freight Planning	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Security Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Safety Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Outreach and Public Participation	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Tribal Coordination	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Title VI and Related Requirements	No
Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g))	No
Congestion Management Process (23 CFR 450.322)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Travel Demand Modeling/Data	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint	No
Transportation Improvement Program (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)	No
*Note: With the exception of Transit, if all areas are a "No", then the top 3 areas will be reviewed.	
The additional areas are: Interested Parties - Title VI and Related Requirements; Congestion Management Process	
Long Range Transportation Plan - Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint	

Appendix B. Site Visit Participants

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Appendix C. TMA Certification Site Visit Agenda

Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) TMA Certification Review

July 23 - 24, 2024

Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
2885 South Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104

AGENDA

<p>Day 1 July 23, 2024</p>	<p>Public Virtual Link: Collier MPO Quadrennial Federal Certification Review. public virtual link</p>	<p>Virtual Link Collier MPO TMA Certification Review</p>
<p>Federal Certification Team Members & MPO Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Carlos A. Gonzalez (FHWA), Brandon Oliver (FTA) ➤ Curlene Thomas (FHWA), Carey Shepherd (FHWA) ➤ Anne McLaughlin, Collier MPO Director 	
<p>Time</p>	<p>Item</p>	<p>Lead / Participants</p>
<p>8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Welcome / Introductions Roles/Responsibilities/Key Activities of MPO and Transit Agency Staff</p>	<p>Federal Team, Collier MPO</p>
<p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Site Visit Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Purpose of the Certification Process ➤ Discussion of Risk Assessment ➤ Review schedule and close-out process 	<p>Federal Team</p>
<p>9:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Discussion of Previous Review Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Federal TMA Certification ➤ State/MPO Annual 	<p>Federal Team, FDOT</p>
<p>9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>MPO Overview including changes within MPO since last TMA Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Informational Video – People and Places ➤ Population Growth/Urban Area Boundary Changes ➤ Community Dynamics, Issues & Opportunities ➤ Noteworthy Practices 	<p>Collier MPO, Federal Team</p>
<p>10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Break</p>	

Time (CST)	Item	Lead / Participants
10:15 a.m.	Adapting to Constant Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Planning; Growth; Revenue Projections and Resiliency; MPO Responses and Initiatives 	Collier MPO and Lee County MPO Directors
11:00 a.m.	Technical Topic #1: Transit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants Awards Project Status 	Federal Team, Collier MPO, County Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE) / Collier Area Transit (CAT)
12:00 p.m.	Technical Topic #2: Congestion Management Process	Federal Team, Collier MPO, Collier County Traffic Operations Division
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Technical Topic #3: Title VI and Related Requirements	Federal Team, Collier MPO
2:30 p.m.	Technical Topic #4: LRTP – Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declining Revenue / Unfunded Needs Plan LRTP - TIP Fiscal Constraint / Alignment Integrating Land Use, Housing, Employment & Growth 	Federal Team, Collier MPO
3:30 p.m.	Break	
3:45 p.m.	Technical Assistance & Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Future Needs ➤ Additional Questions 	Federal Team, Collier MPO
4:00 p.m.	Preliminary Findings Discussion with Federal Team	Federal Team
4:45 p.m.	Preliminary Findings Discussion with MPO staff	All
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn Site Visit (MPO Chair may stop by after BCC adjourns)	
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Public Meeting for the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Quadrennial TMA Certification Review Public Meeting Description: The public will have the opportunity to provide comments remotely during the Collier MPO TMA Quadrennial Review Public Meeting.	Virtual Link Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Public Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Conclude Public Meeting	

Collier MPO
TMA Certification Review
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Day 2 July 24, 2024	TOUR	Participants
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Starts and ends at: Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2885 South Horseshoe Drive Naples, FL 34104	Collier MPO, FTA, FHWA,

TOUR SIGHTS AND STOPS

- **8:15-8:30: 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr / County Traffic Operations Center (TOC)**
- **8:45 – 9:00 Stop: 8300 Radio Rd CAT Admin Office & Transit Center**
- Radio Rd/Collier Blvd Intercity Bus pick-up/drop-off spot
- I-75/Collier Blvd. Innovation Zone Overlay & Major Interchange Improvements Project
- **9:15-9:30: Stop at Regional Sports Center/Uline (Industrial Center)**
- **9:45- 10:00: Stop Golden Gate Community Center**
- FDOT US41 Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- US 41 Triangle Site – County Infill Project
- Performing Arts Center & Adjacent – Naples Infill Projects
- 4-Corners – 5th Ave, US41, 9th St S
- **10:30 – 10:45 Stop: City of Naples Traffic Operations Center**
- **11:00 – 12:00 BRUNCH**
- **12:15: Return to MPO Office 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr**

Appendix D. Public Engagement Notice

June 14, 2024 (Newsletter Posted on MPO's website, distributed to the MPO's Board members, Advisory Committee Members and the MPO's Adviser Network & Staff and Agency Partner contacts)



IN MOTION

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COLLIER MPO'S QUADRENNIAL FEDERAL REVIEW

Every four years, the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations conduct a certification review of the local transportation planning process. The purpose of the review is to evaluate Collier MPO's compliance with Federal transportation rules and regulations.

The review site visit will be conducted at Collier MPO on July 23, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Virtual observation is offered to the public. [Register to observe the Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Site Visit](#)

The site review will include a Public Meeting on July 23, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity for the public to provide comments regarding the Collier MPO transportation planning process.

The public meeting will be held at Collier MPO. Virtual observation and/or participation is offered for the public meeting. Public participation is encouraged.

[Register to observe and/or participate in the Collier MPO TMA Certification Public Meeting virtually here.](#)



SLOW DOWN, STAY COOL

As a motorist, it's your responsibility to know and obey the speed limit on each road you travel. Speed limits are in place to keep you and those around you safe. Together, we can create a safer summer for all by slowing down and staying cool on the road.

In Florida, the speed limit will never be higher than 70 mph on highways. Slow down – no excuses. Speeding is against the law and extremely dangerous. Obeying speed limits improves safety by reducing the probability and severity of crashes.

Learn more at [Florida Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles Safe Summer Travel](#)



Back row: Kevin Dohm -BPAC, Sean Kingston -Collier MPO, Alan Musico -BPAC.
Front row: Dayna Fendrick -BPAC, Tanya Merkle -FDOT, Michelle Avola-Brown -NPC, Lorraine Lantz -CCTP, Patty Huff -BPAC

June 24, 2024 (Final Certification Review Agenda added to MPO website news article on July 9, 2024)

Upcoming Events – Description:

<https://www.colliermpo.org/events/collier-mpo-tma-certification-review-public-meeting/>

COLLIER MPO TMA CERTIFICATION REVIEW

Date/Time
Date(s) - 07/23/2024 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location
Collier MPO, 2895 South Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL, 34104

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The review is scheduled on-site at Collier MPO on July 23, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to observe the on-site review virtually. A link to register for virtual observation via Zoom is as follows: [Collier MPO TMA Certification Review](#).

Additionally, part of the review includes an opportunity for the public to provide comments on how Collier MPO carries out the transportation planning process. Your comments will be submitted to Carlos A. Gonzalez, FHWA, and Brandon Oliver, FTA. Comments can be submitted during the public meeting, through the FHWA FL Division Website, by phone, or by email. **You can provide comments from July 23, 2024, through August 22, 2024.** Comments received by August 22 will be considered in the writing of the report.

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COLLIER MPO CERTIFICATION REVIEW-JULY 23, 2024-PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 22, 2024

June 24, 2024

Collier MPO TMA Certification Review

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

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Virtual Public Meeting	6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Link to register for virtual participation: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Public Meeting

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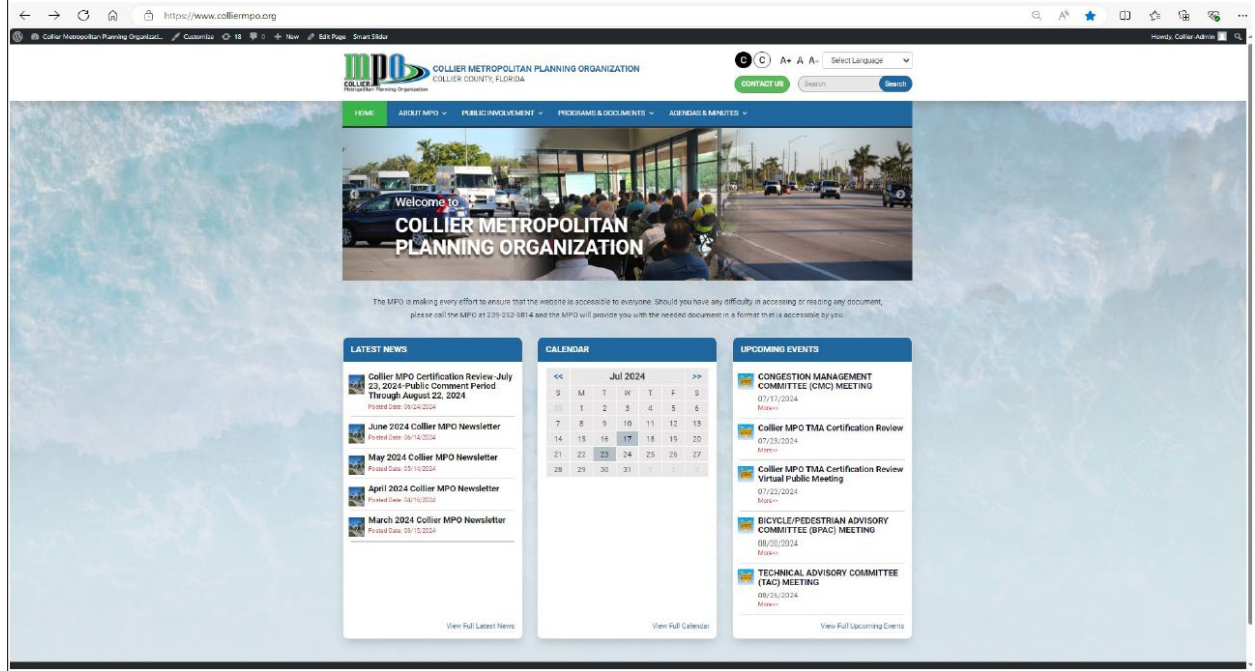
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Collier MPO TMA Certification Review-2024

1. Public Notice posted on Collier MPO's website (www.colliermpo.org) on June 24, 2024

Home page:



June 24, 2024

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Subject: NOTICE OF COLLIER MPO CERTIFICATION REVIEW - JULY 23 2024 - PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD THROUGH AUG. 22
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 2:24:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Dear MPO Board members,

Please take notice of the following:



Collier MPO TMA Certification Review
Tuesday, July 23, 2024



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Please take notice of the following:


Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Site Visit	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Link to register for virtual observation: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review
Virtual Public Meeting	6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Link to register for virtual participation: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Public Meeting

Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct a Certification Review of the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (Bonita Springs TMA) transportation planning process as required by law. The purpose of this review is to evaluate the MPO’s compliance with Federal transportation rules and regulations. As part of the review, a site visit will be held on July 23, 2024, from 8:30 a.m., through 5 p.m., for which virtual public observation is welcome.

Part of the review includes an opportunity for the public to provide comments on how the Collier MPO carries out the transportation planning process. Your comments will be submitted to Carlos A. Gonzalez, FHWA, and Brandon Oliver, FTA. [You can provide comments from July 23, 2024, through August 22, 2024.](#) Comments received by August 22 will be considered in the writing of the report.

Ways to Provide Public Comments beginning on July 23, 2024:

Attend the Public Meeting Virtually 	Register Here: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Public Meeting
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Site Visit	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Link to register for virtual observation: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review
Virtual Public Meeting	6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Link to register for virtual participation: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Public Meeting


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COLLIER COUNTY TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ON THE USE OF SIGNALIZED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Take a couple minutes to watch a [video](#) by Collier County Traffic Operations on the use of signalized pedestrian crossings-it shows how they work and how to use them safely, by pressing the button to activate the signals which will then stop traffic and allow pedestrians to walk on the crosswalks. Collier County has about 220 intersections with pedestrian signals and crosswalks and 6 signalized pedestrian crossing facilities at midblock. These crossings can include Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB) or Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) as shown in the two displays below by FDOT's Safe Mobility for Life Coalition:



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 Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization
 Collier County, Florida

Collier MPO TMA Certification Review
Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Agenda Link:	Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Agenda	
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Part of the review includes an opportunity for the public to provide comments on how the Collier MPO carries out the transportation planning process. Your comments will be submitted to Carlos A. Gonzalez, FHWA, and Brandon Oliver, FTA. [You can provide comments from July 23, 2024, through August 22, 2024.](#) Comments received by August 22 will be considered in the writing of the report.

Ways to Provide Public Comments beginning on July 23, 2024:

Attend the Public Meeting Virtually 	Register Here: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Public Meeting
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Dear Adviser Network, Staff, and Agency Partners,

A reminder about the below events, for which the agenda is attached:

Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Site Visit	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Link to register for virtual observation: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review
Virtual Public Meeting	6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Link to register for virtual participation: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Public Meeting

Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct a Certification Review of the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (Bonita Springs TMA) transportation planning process as required by law. The purpose of this review is to evaluate the MPO's compliance with Federal transportation rules and regulations. As part of the review, a site visit will be held on July 23, 2024, from 8:30 a.m., through 5 p.m., for which virtual public observation is welcome.

Part of the review includes an opportunity for the public to provide comments on how the Collier MPO carries out the transportation planning process. Your comments will be submitted to Carlos A. Gonzalez, FHWA, and Brandon Oliver, FTA. [You can provide comments from July 23, 2024, through August 22, 2024.](#) Comments received by August 22 will be considered in the writing of the report.

Ways to Provide Public Comments beginning on July 23, 2024:

Attend the Public Meeting Virtually 	Register Here: Collier MPO TMA Certification Review Public Meeting
FHWA FL Division Website 	Link: FHWA Certification Review Comments
By Email 	Carlos.A.Gonzalez@dot.gov (FHWA) Brandon.Oliver@dot.gov (FTA) Anne.McLaughlin@colliercountyfl.gov (MPO Executive Director)
By Telephone 	(850) 553-2221 (Carlos Gonzalez, FHWA) (404) 865-5475 (Brandon Oliver, FTA) (239) 252-5884 (Anne McLaughlin, MPO Executive Director)

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Appendix E. Summary of Public Feedback

FHWA and FTA would like to thank everyone who participated in and contributed comments for the Collier MPO TMA Certification Review. Public comments are a vital element of the certification review, as they allow citizens to provide direct input on the transportation planning process for their transportation planning area. The MPO received comments during the virtual public meeting on July 23rd. Additional comments were also received during the 30-day public comment period following the site visit. Comments included praise for the MPO's transparency and coordination practices, on increasing funding for paratransit and bus services in Collier County, such as providing better service to schools, work, and areas to socially gather. We have reviewed all comments and have taken them into consideration throughout the writing of this report. The public comments received begin below.

Public Comments Received at the July 23, 2024, Public Meeting

Attendees

Tony Khawaja, Chief of Collier County Traffic Operations

Charles Lasari

Lorraine Lantz

William L. McDaniel Jr, MPO Board Chair, Collier County Commissioner

Brandy Otero, Collier County Grants Supervisor

Trinity Scott, Collier County Service Department Head

Don Scott, Lee County MPO Executive Director

Brian Wells, Director of Collier Area Transit

Comments

Charles Lasari, Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Member

Mr. Lasari lives in Naples, FL and is legally blind/low vision. He currently uses paratransit services. He's been using it for five months now because he cannot drive. Mr. Lasari relies heavily on it. "I very much appreciates the paratransit system because without it I could not be as active as I'd liked to be. When I came to Naples I worked even after retiring as an end of life RN. But I had to stop working two years ago due vision loss. Yet, there are services that can be improved." Mr. Lasari thinks the paratransit system is underfunded. He serves on the LCB and is beginning to learn how government systems work and because Collier is growing in leaps and bounds but the transit isn't growing with it. "The paratransit service needs to be looked at. It is a great asset to people like me who are disabled. I could not get place to place without it. I also use Lighthouse as an asset to learn how to be independent. I would hope that federal government would provide more funding to the county so that they could have more buses on the road. Growth is exponential and paratransit cannot keep up with the needs. Thank you to

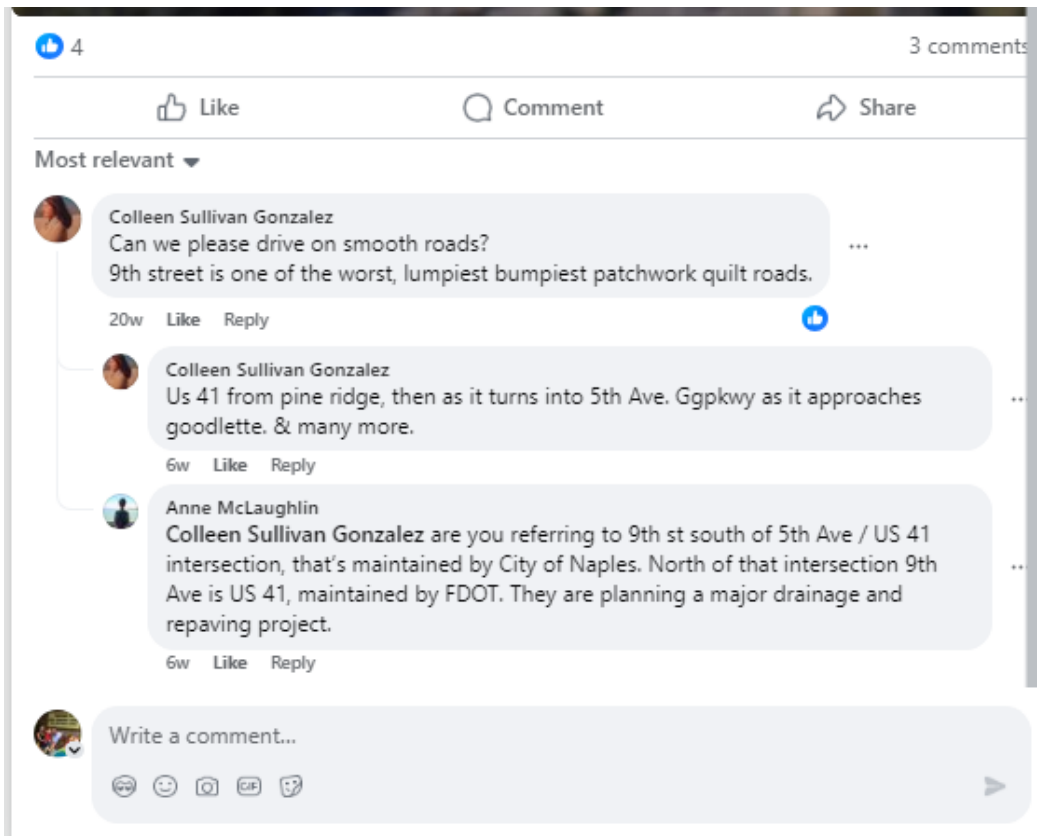
Collier County but I hope that more funding is forthcoming. I just turned 74 last week and there are so many youth over at the Lighthouse that really need services to get to school, work and to visit friends so they aren't socially isolated. The County does the best it can with the funds that it has – but county needs more personnel, a better routing system, and more resources. I just wanted to make that point. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. MPO works hard to meet the needs of everyone, and I am just one small part of that and happy to be an advocate for others in the community that have the same and similar needs". The information was relayed to Transit provider (Omar De Leon, Transit Manager, Collier Area Transit is aware of Mr. Lazari's comments)

Lorraine Lantz

Lorraine was formerly with the Collier MPO and is now the Collier Planning Manager. Lorraine sits on the TAC as the chair and attends the CMC and the CAC.

"I wasn't planning on speaking but since there isn't a lot of people online, I thought I'd speak to the MPO's coordination with the local agencies. I find them very responsive and helpful and a very good resource. MPO recently applied for and is starting a SS4A grant, but the ultimate goals for the results and recommendations would result in a project that can be implemented by the county. That has worked very well with the county, where the MPO does a study and the County implements it, acts on it. I find that pipeline to be very helpful. It's nice to have a champion in the MPO for the local agencies."

Public Comments Received via Facebook (June 28, 2024)



Public Comments Received via email

From: Patrick Post <patrickclaypost@outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:11 PM

To: Gonzalez, Carlos A (FHWA) <carlos.a.gonzalez@dot.gov>; Oliver, Brandon (FTA) <brandon.oliver@dot.gov>

Subject: Collier MPO - Public Comment

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Hello,

I've attached my proposal for creating sustainable communities. It provides information on building solar-powered light-rail train community transit systems and sustainable affordable housing. I would like to have the proposal to improve Southwest Florida included in the long-range MPO discussion.

Kind regards,

Patrick Post
239-738-0115

Four Page Attachment within Patrick Post's 8.19.24 e-mail message:



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The net-zero home

Net-zero homes that generate all the power they use are becoming more prevalent and more affordable. At the higher end are homes that use some of these techniques to create energy and lower their impact on the environment. Here are some features:

Passive solar design: Using south-facing windows to harvest the sun's warmth in winter and keep the house cooler in summer.

Insulated wall panels

Site prep: All trees removed are chipped for mulch; all excavated materials screened and used for road base, backfill and topsoil. Construction debris sorted and recycled.

Concrete: Recycled cement with local coal ash and local demolition concrete

Solar thermal heating system: Evacuated tube solar collectors mounted on roof heat water used for in-floor radiant heating system in the home.

Solar electric power

Wind power system: Wind turbines on the roof

Veggie-based insulation: Soy paint, corn-based carpet and Forest Stewardship Council certified lumber and framing materials

Energy efficient windows and doors

Stone: Locally quarried stone exterior

Geo-thermal heating and cooling system: Heat recovery ventilation system. Geothermal heat pumps use stable ground temperatures for home heating and cooling.

Gray water recovery: Water used in sinks, showers, washing machines is collected and used for toilet flushing and landscape irrigation.

From 20 years of research, I have discovered how to connect to the Sun to supply most of the world's energy needs and this can be accomplished by utilizing existing well-known solar power and battery power storage technologies. My goal is to promote the development of sustainable transportation and housing throughout Florida, the U.S., and globally. This includes providing solar power for passenger and commercial vehicles, light-rail mass transit, residential housing, and small to large buildings. These concepts can be quickly and cost-effectively implemented to provide free, clean, and unlimited solar electricity to consumers as a replacement to fossil fuels.

I have a vision to create a 200-mile solar-powered light-rail train community transportation system with bicycle and pedestrian pathways from Marco Island to Tampa. There will be 200 transit stations spaced one mile apart and every station will have parking for 100 vehicles with 2000 solar panels on the parking structure roofs. Each panel will generate \$50+ annually x 2000 panels = \$100,000 x 200 stations = \$20 million each year in free and clean electricity. The cost to construct this solar-powered light-rail system with bicycle and pedestrian pathways would be \$25 million a mile x 200 miles = \$5 billion. This is the same estimated cost to build a 200-mile freeway, such as the state legislature proposed toll road in 2021 to connect Naples to Orlando. Developing these solar and power storage concepts will provide alternatives to costly and dirty fossil fuels by creating an improved infrastructure design with the capability of recharging the power storage batteries used in housing, buildings, trains, and vehicles at no cost to consumers.

Florida has shown its desire to provide funding to improve the transportation infrastructures in our state, and it is a priority of the government to encourage building more affordable housing. Sustainable and affordable housing should be constructed near this transit system in smaller residential units in homes, condos, and apartments, etc. at 400-1200 sq. ft. for each unit. We will seek the support of large private transportation and development groups to assist us in constructing this project. The State of Florida could provide most of the \$5 billion funding to build this innovative transportation project, and there are numerous state and federal grants available that could provide startup funding for creating thousands of affordable housing units.

Tesla Inc. is one of the few companies in the world that has the capability to manufacture and supply the necessary renewable energy equipment that is needed for the creation of this new transportation and affordable housing project. Tesla vehicles would be utilized in a car-share program with 10-20 vehicles at each station to rent by the hour, day, week, or month, and they will be recharged from solar power at the stations. We have requested that Tesla support the development of our renewable energy proposals and provide the equipment and vehicles for this project. Their direct involvement could provide \$1 billion in sales to Tesla over ten years.

This effort will not require any financial assistance from Tesla Inc. What we need from their company is technical support and selling their electric vehicles, solar panels, solar roof tiles, residential battery power storage, and industrial power storage for the transit stations. Possibly Tesla, Inc. would also consider manufacturing the solar-powered electric trains, and they would benefit significantly from their association with this project and by helping Florida become a new national and global leader in the development and implementation of renewable energy. Tesla has the credibility needed to effectively launch this solar transportation and affordable housing project and their involvement will quickly set everything into motion in state, county, and city governments. We will also create a bike-share system with 20 bikes at each station.

Increasing electric utility and vehicle fuel costs, rising rental rates, and the escalating cost to purchase homes and condos, with mortgages near 8%, have made it difficult for most people in Florida to find a quality and affordable place to live. With the tremendous demand for homes, condos, and apartments, limited supply, and rising population growth throughout Florida, we must immediately begin reinventing our housing and transportation infrastructures to create more livable communities. Constructing affordable housing units near the light-rail train line will provide conveniently located apartments, condos, and homes close to this transit system with attractive park-like bike and pedestrian pathways. I am familiar with the homebuilding process because I work for Kaye Lifestyle Homes, which builds custom homes from \$300 K to \$ 5 million.

It has been reported that Collier and Lee County are planning on spending \$4 billion during the next 20-25 years to improve the roadways in our communities to accommodate more vehicles and reduce traffic congestion. I am proposing that we should also spend \$4 billion on reducing vehicle dependence and improving the lives of our citizens by constructing an alternative to passenger vehicles. An example is creating a 160-mile grid system of small solar-powered light-rail community trains with bicycle and pedestrian pathways in Collier and Lee County. We can start with reconditioned vintage trolleys or use tram-style cars with a rear car just for bicycles. There would be 160 transit stations spaced roughly one mile apart with car and bike-share.

Two main routes would travel north and south, and 8-9 would go east and west along major roadways, and they would all be interconnected. Bicycle and pedestrian pathways would be created along both sides of the tracks in a park-like setting. The cost would be \$25 million a mile x 160 miles = \$4 billion. This transportation project will make our communities infinitely more livable, enjoyable, and healthier. It will help reduce the cost of living for numerous people by providing easier, faster, and less expensive alternatives to driving vehicles everywhere that we need to go. It would also make our local communities significantly more bicycle and pedestrian-friendly for our residents, snowbirds, and the millions of tourists who visit SW Florida annually.

In addition, one north and south light-rail line should be created from Marco Island to Tampa, which would be 200 miles x \$25 million a mile = \$5 billion. In March 2019, I contacted Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and the FDOT and requested that they provide funding to create this 200-mile light-rail train regional community train transit system for Southwest Florida, and we can start the construction in Collier and Lee County. Governor DeSantis forwarded my proposals to the FDOT, and they suggested that I contact our city and county governments for support.

The I-75 freeway in Florida was originally designed for the future addition of trains between the north and south lanes, and it makes sense to start constructing this community light-rail train system on this established route. I propose constructing the first 20-mile section of the rail line in the middle of I-75 starting at Golden Gate Parkway and ending at Corkscrew Road. It will take less time and cost to build this project by utilizing the existing freeway route and this will provide the least traffic disruptions. This is a better choice as compared to a proposed ten-year plan to widen the I-75 freeway for the same 20-mile section from six to eight lanes. The cost to taxpayers would be similar for both projects at \$25 million a mile x 20 miles = \$500 million.

My letter to Governor DeSantis in 2022, proposed the construction of a 50-mile community light-rail train system from Marco Island to Southwest Florida International Airport. It would go along Collier Blvd. to Highway 41 and continue north on 41 to downtown Naples. It would then go north along Goodlette-Frank Rd. and connect to the abandoned Amtrak railroad tracks north of Immokalee Road at Wiggins Pass Road. It would travel through North Naples, Bonita Springs, and Estero on the track right-of-way. At Estero Parkway, it would turn east and go over I-75 to reach Hertz Arena at Ben Hill Griffin Rd. It would then go north to Florida Gulf Coast University, Gulf Coast Mall, SW Florida Int. Airport, and JetBlue Park in Fort Myers. Another good route is Marco Island to the airport, primarily along Collier Boulevard, and it could continue north from the airport an additional 20 miles to connect with the Solar City of the Future Babcock Ranch.

The five PDF attachments below can be provided regarding the state and national energy proposals I have developed during the last 20 years. I recently contacted Tesla Inc. and requested that they become involved in this project by providing their technology expertise and their solar and residential/industrial battery power storage equipment, etc. Developing this sustainable energy project also will attract numerous new businesses to Southwest Florida.

Letter to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis - April 22, 2022

Letter to Catherine McKenna at the United Nations - April 22, 2022

Six past letters of support from state and federal leaders and FP&L (2006-2009)

Summary renewable energy letter to President Biden - January 21, 2022

Business Plan to Tesla Inc - October 10, 2023

I look forward to your response to my proposals.

Kind regards,

Patrick Post

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E-mail: Mr. Patrick Post (8.22.2024)

Railbus Naples Transit System

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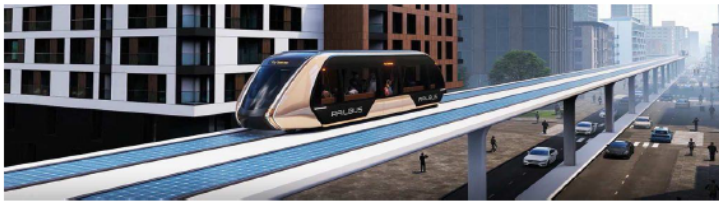
Hello,

I've attached my proposal for a Railbus transit system for Naples. I would like to include it in future transportation planning for Florida.

Kind regards,

Patrick Post

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**NAPLES FLORIDA ELEVATED 10-MILE LOOP
SOLAR-POWERED COMMUNITY TRANSIT SYSTEM**

Written by Patrick Post 08/22/24

I propose creating an elevated 10-mile-long loop solar-powered light-rail community transit system in Naples, Florida. It would resemble the new Railbus, Inc. concept promoted globally from Dubai, UAE. The Naples transit system will start near the new Ritz-Carlton Residences Naples, now under construction on the corner of Gulf Shore Drive and Vanderbilt Beach Road.

The lightweight tram cars, which will hold 20-40 passengers, will travel east and west along Vanderbilt Beach Road and Immokalee Road, and north and south along Gulf Shore Drive and Airport-Pulling Road. Since the tracks would be elevated, the train cars would not need to stop due to traffic congestion.

This transit system will easily, quickly, and efficiently move thousands of people each day around a five-square-mile area in North Naples. This area is home to two Ritz-Carlton Hotels, The LaPlaya Beach Hotel, Vanderbilt Beach, Wiggins Pass State Park, Veterans Park, and LaPlaya and Tiburon Golf Clubs.

Along the rail route are: Naples Community Hospital, Arthrex Corp. Offices, several schools, Mercato Shopping Mall, Pavillion Shoppes, Riverchase Shopping Center, Granada Shoppes, and Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, etc. In addition, there are many high-rise condos, housing developments, and apartment buildings, as well as numerous restaurants, retail shops, medical facilities, and professional businesses, all within a short walk of the rail line. This system is needed and will help make Naples a world-class city, which will attract tourists and new businesses that want to be a part of our community.

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I am a 36 year resident of East Naples. A member of Collier MPO CAC for over 20 years now. When I started there was no transit system, no multi-use pathways, sidewalks were lacking, and many roadways were two lanes with four-way stops.

Collier has experienced non-stop growth for many years. During all the years of Collier County growth the MPO transportation planning process has been a needed source of funding Collier's transportation needs.

The Collier MPO Director Anne McLaughlin is one of the best of the best. Anne along with her knowledgeable staff have been updating Collier MPO plans and programs. The Collier MPO website is great and easy to use for the public to access information. The public can easily be involved with the MPO.

My compliments to the Collier MPO Director and her staff.

Regards
Karen Homiak
Collier CAC District 4
Collier CMC-CAC Rep.

Appendix F. Status of Previous Certification Findings

The following is a summary of the previous corrective actions and recommendations made by the Federal Review Team to the Collier MPO. The MPO's last certification review report was published in 2020.

A. Corrective Actions

- 1. Long Range Transportation Plan - Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint:** The Collier MPO's 2040 LRTP provides the often-complex financial information in an easy to read format and infographics for the public and its partners over a 25-year period from 2015 - 2040. However, while a comparison of the Plan revenue sources and costs was included in the Cost Feasible Plan to demonstrate the fiscal constraint of the Plan, it did not include the first 5 years of the Plan and therefore does not demonstrate full fiscal constraint of the Plan. In accordance with 23 CFR 450.324(f)(11) and discussed in the November 2012 FHWA/FTA LRTP development expectations letter, the LRTP must include projects and funding for the entire timeframe covered by the LRTP, from the base year to the horizon year. Because this information is missing from the financial infographics and tables, fiscal constraint of the plan could not be determined. **Revisions to the LRTP must be made to include this information to clearly demonstrate fiscal constraint for the entire Plan either with the 2045 LRTP adoption by December 11, 2020, or as part of the next 2045 LRTP amendment.** The Collier MPO addressed the Corrective Action before the final Certification Report was published and no further action is needed.

Update: N/A.

B. Recommendations

- 1. Interested Parties – Outreach and Public Participation:** Florida MPOs are increasingly savvy in collecting and analyzing community characteristics data, and Collier MPO is no exception. The MPO has access to multiple data sources, not the least of which is a powerful GIS tool developed by the County for land use projections. However, as sources, types, and size of data increase, so does the risk of duplicating efforts and perhaps worse, capturing data that will not be used. For example, despite the use of the same data sources, the MPO and the transit provider produce different mapping products. Further, though the MPO collected zip code data from its advisor network as part of a recent survey, it has yet to determine whether the unprecedented number of responses were representative of area demographics. The Federal Review Team recommends the MPO consider a single mapping tool with layering that will serve transit and other planning needs. The Review Team also suggests that any public involvement data collected be timely reviewed for equity and nondiscrimination and to help identify the need for outreach improvements, if any.

Update: With the signing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the new Environmental Justice40 initiative, the mapping tools and criteria diverged to an extent that the Collier MPO did not try to consolidate the analysis. However, the Collier MPO developed and uses the EJ Communities 2019 Map as it appears in the MPO's PPP. Additionally, the MPO staff produced in-house 2023 map using CEQ – Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool released Nov 2022.

The MPO has been tracking zip codes of respondents to on-line and social media surveys in addition to conducting in-person outreach at special events located in EJ communities and outreach to organizations that serve EJ communities to reach as diverse a population as possible.

2. **Long Range Transportation Plan – Scope of the LRTP:** The Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO more thoroughly document within the LRTP its consultation activities with Federal and State Land Management Agencies; Natural Resources; Environmental Protection; Conservation; and Historic Preservation, and other “interested parties” as referenced in 23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g))

Update: The 2045 LRTP documentation consultation activities are referenced in Chapter 2 – Plan Process and in the LRTP's Public Information Summary Report in the Technical Compendium. The PPP states the MPO coordinates and consults with State and Federal Land Management. Environmental mitigation for projects is completed through a partnership between the Collier MPO, its member jurisdictions, FDOT, state and federal environmental resource and regulatory agencies, and environmental preservation organizations.

Appendix G. Acronym List

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act	NTI – National Transit Institute
AQ – Air Quality	PEA – Planning Emphasis Area
CAAA – Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990	PL – Metropolitan Planning Funds
CFP – Cost Feasible Plan (of the LRTP)	PPP – Public Participation Plan
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations	RA – Regional Administrator
CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	RTIP – Regional Transportation Implementation Plan
CMP – Congestion Management Process	RTP – Regional Transportation Plan
DA – Division Administrator	SAFETEA-LU – Safe, Accountable, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
DBE – Disadvantaged Business Enterprises	RPC – Regional Planning Commission
DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services	SFY – State Fiscal Year
EJ – Environmental Justice	SHA – State Highway Administration
ETDM – Efficient Transportation Decision Making	SHSP – Strategic Highway Safety Plan
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency	SIP – State Implementation Plan
FAST Act – Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act	SOP – Standard Operating Procedures
FDOT – Florida Department of Transportation	SOV – Single Occupancy Vehicle
FHWA – Federal Highway Administration	SPR – State Planning and Research
FTA – Federal Transit Administration	STIP – Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
FY – Federal Fiscal Year	STP – Surface Transportation Program
GIS – Geographic Information Systems	TAM – Transit Asset Management
HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program	TAMP – Transportation Asset Management Plan
HPMS Reviews – Highway Performance Monitoring System	TAZ – Transportation Analysis Zone
ISTEA – Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act	TCM – Transportation Control Measure
ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems	TDM – Transportation Demand Management
LEP – Limited English Proficiency	TDP – Transit Development Plan
LRTP – Long Range Transportation Plan	TEA-21 – Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
M&O – Management and Operations	TIP – Transportation Improvement Program
MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century	Title VI – Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
MOA – Memorandum of Agreement	TMA – Transportation Management Area
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding	TMIP – Travel Model Improvement Program
MPA – Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary	TPA – Transportation Planning Agency
MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization	TPCB – Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program
MPOAC – Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council	TPM – Transportation Performance Management
NAAQS-National Ambient Air Quality Standards	TPO – Transportation Planning Organization
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act	UAB – Urban Area Boundary
NHI – National Highway Institute	UPWP – Unified Planning Work Plan
NHS – National Highway System	U.S.C. – United States Code
	UZA – Urbanized Areas
	VMT – Vehicle Miles Traveled

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS
ITEM 8C

Status Report on 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

OBJECTIVE: To keep the committee informed about the regional travel demand modeling underway for the 2050 LRTP, development of the Needs Plan, public outreach and next steps.

CONSIDERATIONS: Work on the 2050 LRTP is well underway and involves close coordination between the MPO, FDOT, Lee MPO and local agency staff in developing the Needs Plan. Jacobs Engineering has provided a report on the model runs for Collier Alternative 1 – Roadway Needs and Collier Alternative 2 – Lee County Connections; development of the Needs Plan and Cost Feasible Plan, Stakeholder Coordination and Next Steps. (**Attachment 1**)

Staff will give a brief summary of Jacobs' report at the committee meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No action required; provided for informational purposes only.

Prepared By: Anne McLaughlin, MPO Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Jacobs Update on 2050 LRTP for Jan 27 2025 TAC/CAC meetings



January 27, 2025 – TAC/CAC Meetings

Alternative 1 – Roadway Needs

- The 2050 LRTP Update is currently in the process of developing its draft Needs Plan. Last time we met I shared the initial deficiency analysis map (attached), which was based on future population projections (to 2050) and the 2028 Existing + Committed project network. I also shared the Draft Needs List, which I explained would be the input data for Alternative 1 of the FDOT D1 Regional Planning Model (D1RPM).
- Since then, Alternative 1/Roadway Needs (map attached) was submitted to FDOT and results were received.
- The Roadway Needs are developed based on the 2028 E+C deficiency results (presented to you at the November 2024 meeting). A list of potential improvements (or roadway needs) was fed into the D1RPM model (irrespective of budget). These improvements were chosen to address/relieve the most heavily impacted roadways to turn those dark black, red, and orange lines on the deficiency map to orange, yellow, or green.
- It's important to note that the modeling results will not provide a full list of roadway needs for the LRTP, as the model is only a tool to help us develop an initial set of needs and is only sensitive to capacity improvements. Other roadway needs such as intersection improvements, bridge improvements, etc. are being developed through coordination with our stakeholders.

Alternative 2 – Connectivity between Collier and Lee Counties

- Alternative 2 was coordinated with Lee County MPO to determine potential connections between the two counties that could act as reliever roadways for the existing, congested connections. This alternative is also irrespective of budget. Three major connections were fed into the D1RPM model:
 - Bonita Beach Road Extension
 - Collier Boulevard Extension
 - Big Cypress Parkway
- Alt. 2 was submitted on 12/13/24, and FDOT provided the results on 1/7/25. Alternative 2/Lee County Connections (map attached) presents the predicted deficiencies based on the inputs.
- In comparing the Alternative 2 results with the 2028 Deficiency Analysis results, the Big Cypress Parkway connection seems to have the largest impact out of the three connections we tested. This connection pulled the largest number of vehicles from the existing inter-county roadways. This is good information for the County's future planning. All three of these projects would be cost prohibitive.

Other Needs

- Needs other than roadway needs will be incorporated into the Needs Plan by reference. The LRTP will reference the MPO's other plans including the Congestion Management Process, Transit Development Plan, Safety Action Plan, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan.
 - We expect to have the draft needs from each of these plans by mid-March 2025.



Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Stakeholder Coordination

- We have been meeting with stakeholders such as the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes, Immokalee CRA, Bayshore CRA, and are planning to meet with the Cities of Naples, Marco Island, and Everglades City. Our consultant Jacobs is assisting us with these meetings.
- The purpose of these meetings is to collect feedback from each of these stakeholders regarding roadway needs that the model may not have picked up.
- This input will be documented in the Needs Plan.

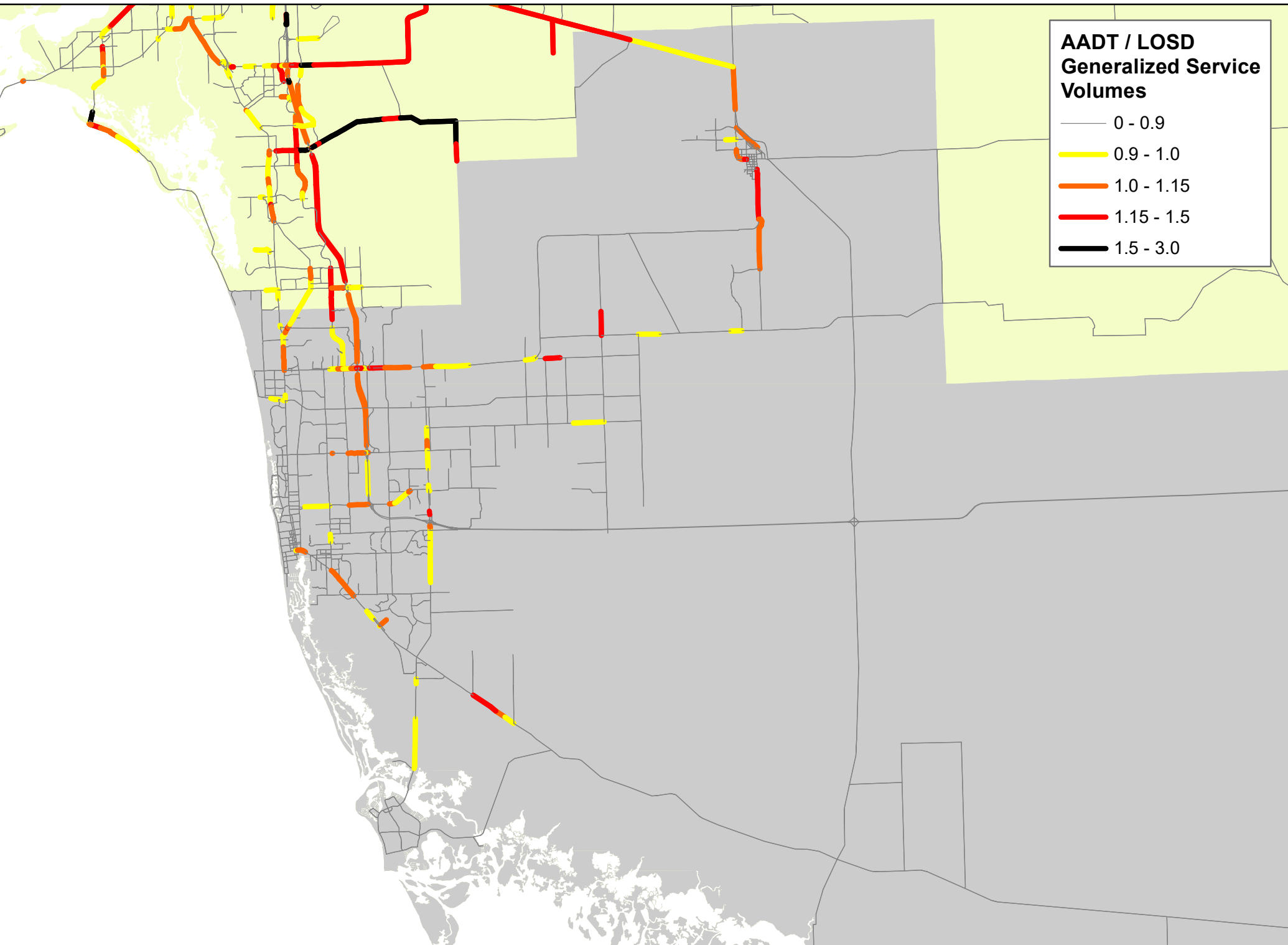
Next Steps

- We are coordinating with the County on an initial list of cost feasible projects for the Alternative 3 network. This is our first round of cost feasible testing of the D1RPM. Alternative 3 is due to FDOT on February 3, 2025. The results are expected by early March.

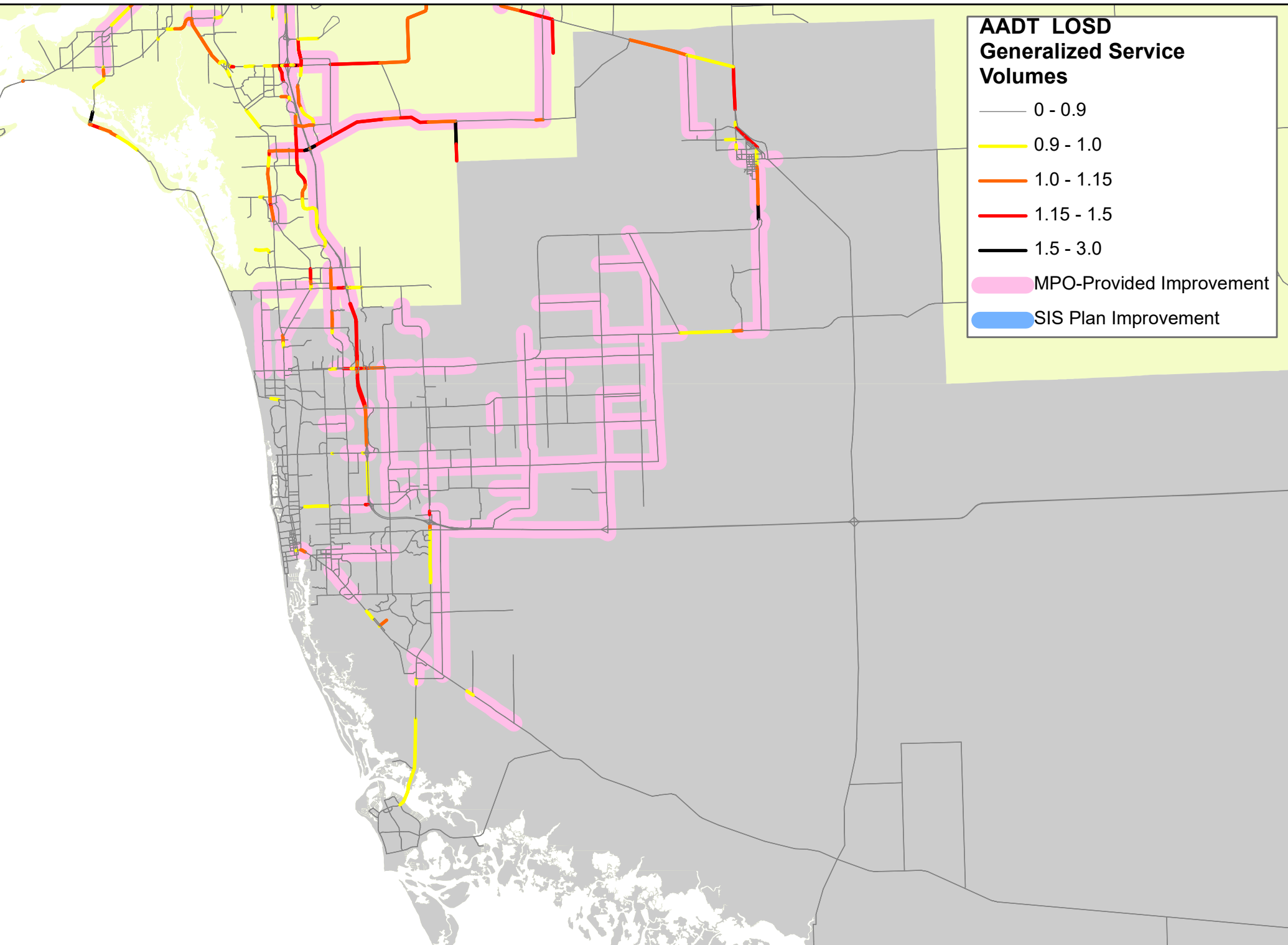
Collier 2028 E + C Network (with 2050 SE Data) Potential Deficiencies

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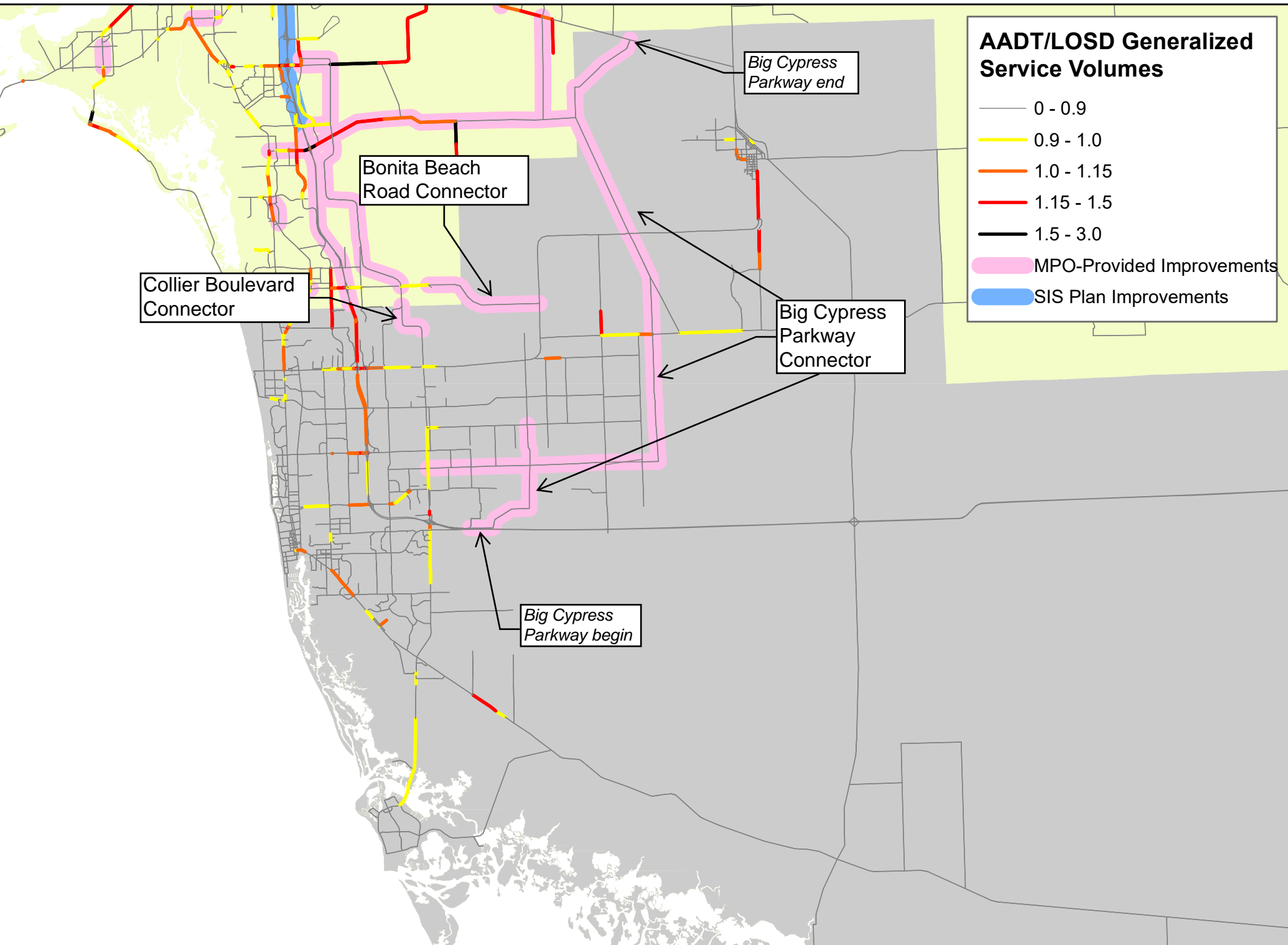
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Collier Alternative 1 Roadway Needs (with 2050 SE Data) Potential Deficiencies



Collier Alternative 2 - Lee County Connections (with 2050 SE Data) Potential Deficiencies



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
DISTRIBUTION ITEMS
ITEM 10A

Letter of Support for Acquisition of Bonita-Estero Rail Trail (BERT) SUN Trail Application

OBJECTIVE: For the Committee to receive a copy of the MPO's BERT letter of support.

CONSIDERATIONS: The Collier MPO Director submitted a letter of support (**Attachment 1**) for Lee MPO's SUN Trail application for \$20 million for Phase 1 acquisition of the Seminole Gulf Rail corridor from Wiggins Pass Blvd in Collier County to Estero Parkway in Lee County. The acquisition will make it possible to design and construct the Bonita-Estero Rail Trail, a Collier MPO priority project for the use of SUN Trail funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: N/A.

Prepared By: Anne McLaughlin, MPO Director

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Letter of Support for BERT acquisition (12/18/24)

2885 South Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL 34104 • (239) 252-5814 • collier.mpo@colliercountyfl.gov

December 18, 2024

Ms. Robin Birdsong
Statewide SUN Trail Coordinator
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street, MS 19
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450

Dear Ms. Birdsong:

I am writing to express Collier MPO's support for the Lee MPO SUN Trail application for \$20 million for Phase 1 acquisition of the Seminole Gulf Rail corridor from Wiggins Pass Blvd in Collier County to Estero Parkway in Lee County.

The acquisition of the rail corridor will make it possible to design and construct the Bonita-Estero Rail Trail (BERT) as a safe and attractive venue for cycling and walking that residents and visitors of all ages could enjoy for generations to come. Acquisition also creates opportunities to integrate transit and other multimodal features that support public access to the trail system.

The 14.9-mile-long BERT extends 1.5 miles south into Collier County from the Lee/Collier County Line and is an important connecting link in the Florida Gulf Coast Trail. The regional connections and local recreational opportunities that such trails make possible are highly valued, as demonstrated by the Collier MPO Board's unanimous vote on April 12, 2024 to make the acquisition of the Bonita-Estero Rail Trail a priority project.

Sincerely,



Anne McLaughlin
Executive Director

Cc: MPO Board Members

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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ITEM 10B

Administrative Modification #4 to the FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program -Add funds for Livingston FPL Trail

OBJECTIVE: For the committee to receive a copy of the fourth administrative modification made to the FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

CONSIDERATIONS: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) sent a letter requesting an addition of federal funds to the following project:

- **FPN 447514-1** – SU and DIH funds for the Project Development and Environment phase of Livingston FPL Bike Path/Trail Extension from Radio Road to Collier County Line of the SUN Trail network.

The TIP Administrative Modification signature page and project sheet are shown in **Attachment 1**.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the committee receive a copy of the fourth administrative modification made to the FY2025-2029 TIP.

Prepared By: Sean Kingston, PMP, AICP

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TIP Administrative Modification #4

**TIP Administrative Modification #4 for MPO Executive Director Approval
to the FY 2025 through FY 2029 TIP**

<u>Action</u>	<u>FPN</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Requested By</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY</u>
Add funds	447514-1	LIVINGSTON FPL TRAIL EXT FROM RADIO RD TO COLLIER COUNTY LINE	FDOT	DIH	\$5,000	PD&E	25
				SU	\$700,000		

Total Project Cost: \$705,000

Responsible Agency: Managed by Collier County

TIP Reference Page: Appendix K – Amendments and Admin Mods

LRTP Reference Page: P6-17, Table 6-8

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Approved By:

Date: 1/16/2025

Anne McLaughlin, MPO Executive Director

COLLIER MPO FY 2025 - 2029 TIP



447514-1	LIVINGSTON FPL TRAIL EXT FROM RADIO RD TO COLLIER COUNTY LINE
Type of Work Description	BIKE PATH/TRAIL
Responsible Agency	MANAGED BY FDOT
Project Description	Joint County/MPO SUNTrail Application 2019
Project Length	0
SIS	No
2045 LRTP	P6-17, Table 6-8

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>Totals</u>
DIH	PDE	5,000	0	0	0	0	\$5,000.00
SU	PDE	700,000	0	0	0	0	\$700,000.00
		705,000	0	0	0	0	\$705,000.00



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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

January 7, 2025

Collier County MPO
ATTN: Mrs. Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
2885 Horseshoe Dr S
Naples, FL 34104

RE: Request to Revise Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25-2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mrs. McLaughlin:

Florida Department of Transportation requests Collier County MPO revise the FY 2024/25-2028/29 TIP to reflect project changes as described below.

Project # **448810-1** is a new Transit project that received 5310 Federal funds to cover capital expenses. Adding a new project requires a TIP **amendment** so that federal funds can be authorized.

Project # **447514-1** was already included the MPO FY 24/25-28/29 TIP. Additional federal funds have been added to the project. TIP **modification** is needed for transparency and consistency.

Please use the information below to revise the TIP accordingly:

FM#	Project Description	Length	Phase	Fund Source	Amount	FY
448810-1	5310 CAPITAL COLLIER COUNTY BOCC (CAT) - BONITA SPRINGS UZA	0.000 miles	CAP	DPTO DU LF Total	\$ 64,033 \$ 512,247 <u>\$ 64,035</u> \$ 640,315	2025

447514-1	LIVINGSTON FPL TRAIL EXT FROM RADIO RD TO COLLIER COUNTY LINE	0.000 miles	PD&E	DIH SU Total	\$ 5,000 <u>\$ 700,000</u> \$ 705,500	2025
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As always, feel free to contact the Liaison Group at D1-Liaisons@dot.state.fl.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Kristi A. Smith

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Kristi A. Smith, CPM, PLS
Community Liaison Manager

Cc: Wayne Gaither, FDOT
Marcellus Evans, FDOT

FLP: TRANSIT

Item Number: 448810 1		Project Description: 5310 CAPITAL COLLIER COUNTY BOCC (CAT) - BONITA SPRINGS UZA		Type of Work: PURCHASE VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT		Project Length: 0.000				
District: 01		County: COLLIER								
				Fiscal Year						
Phase / Responsible Agency		<2025		2025		2026	2027	2028	>2028	All Years
CAPITAL / MANAGED BY COLLIER COUNTY										
Fund Code:		DPTO-STATE - PTO		114,707	64,033					178,740
		DU-STATE PRIMARY/FEDERAL REIMB		917,660	512,247					1,429,907
		LF-LOCAL FUNDS		115,133	64,035					179,168
		Phase: CAPITAL Totals		1,147,500	640,315					1,787,815
		Item: 448810 1 Totals		1,147,500	640,315					1,787,815
		Project Totals		1,147,500	640,315					1,787,815
		Grand Total		1,147,500	640,315					1,787,815

HIGHWAYS

Item Number: 447514 1		Project Description: LIVINGSTON FPL TRAIL EXT FROM RADIO RD TO COLLIER COUNTY LINE		Type of Work: BIKE PATH/TRAIL		Project Length: 0.000				
District: 01		County: COLLIER								
				Fiscal Year						
Phase / Responsible Agency		<2025		2025		2026	2027	2028	>2028	All Years
P D & E / MANAGED BY FDOT										
Fund Code:		DIH-STATE IN-HOUSE PRODUCT SUPPORT			5,000					5,000
		SU-STP, URBAN AREAS > 200K			700,000					700,000
		TLWR-2015 SB2514A-TRAIL NETWORK		1,100,000						1,100,000
		Phase: P D & E Totals		1,100,000	705,000					1,805,000
		Item: 447514 1 Totals		1,100,000	705,000					1,805,000
		Project Totals		1,100,000	705,000					1,805,000
		Grand Total		1,100,000	705,000					1,805,000