

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Bickett called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

TAC Members Present

Alison Bickett, *Chair*, Traffic Engineer, City of Naples Public Works
Bryant Garrett, Collier County Airport Authority, Airport Operations Executive Manager
Dave Rivera, City of Naples Traffic Operations Supervisor
Don Scott, *Vice-Chair*, Executive Director, Lee MPO
Michael Tisch, Collier County Transportation Engineering
Omar De Leon, Public Transit Manager, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)
Tonia Selmeski, Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency
Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority (*arrived during item 4*)

TAC Members Absent

Daniel Smith, Director of Community Affairs, City of Marco Island
Harry Henkel, City of Everglades Mayoral Appointee
John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation
Justin Martin, City of Marco Island Public Works Department Director
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

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 (*arrived during 7.C.*)
Matt Dockins, FDOT consultant
Juliann Thomas, SWFL Conservancy

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Garrett moved to approve the agenda. **Mr. De Leon** seconded. *Carried unanimously.*

4. **Approval of the November 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Garrett moved to approve the November 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Ms. Selmeski seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

None.

B. MPO Executive Director

None.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for Calendar Year 2025

Mr. Rivera moved to nominate Ms. Bickett to serve as Chair. Mr. Scott seconded. Ms. Bickett accepted. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Rivera moved to nominate Mr. Scott to serve as Vice-Chair. Mr. Tisch seconded. Mr. Scott accepted. Carried unanimously.

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

Ms. McLaughlin said that safety targets are the only federal transportation performance measures that must be adopted by the MPO annually, and this year's deadline is February 27, 2025. She said FDOT is maintaining its Target Zero safety performance targets for 2025: zero fatalities and zero serious injuries on Florida roadways, and that the MPO was making a commitment to support FDOT in safety.

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the targets and published safety statistics (which can be viewed in the January 27, 2025 TAC Agenda) and mentioned that there is an FDOT sourcebook online which shows verifiable and vetted data, and FDOT's Signal 4 webpage shows the most current data but the current year data has not been vetted yet.

Ms. Bickett moved to endorse Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Target Zero Safety Performance Targets for Calendar Year 2025. Mr. Tisch seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Kingston said that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requested Collier MPO to amend its FY 2025-2029 TIP to add a paratransit project for capital to purchase vehicles/equipment for paratransit.

Mr. Scott moved to endorse an Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and Authorizing Resolution – Capital for Paratransit. Mr. Garrett seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Scott said that when state legislature was in discussion with FDOT about a Collier-Lee consolidation feasibility study, Collier and Lee MPOs made a commitment to work on a regional planning element. The Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP) Element will address regional roadways within the Bonita Springs-Estero Urban Area, which 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.

Mr. Scott reviewed the draft scope of work (which can be viewed in the January 27, 2025 TAC Agenda).

A group discussion followed, regarding aspects of the statistics and how it is difficult to measure the percentage of the commutes between Lee and Collier Counties that are for work versus pleasure, the benefits for both MPOs to work with the same consultant, and budget responsibility between the two MPOs.

Mr. Tisch moved to endorse Scope of Services for Joint Lee/Collier Regional Congestion Management Process Element. Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

Ms. McLaughlin said that FDOT reached out to the Lee and Collier MPOs for input regarding the draft Scope of Services for the Lee and Collier MPO Consolidation Feasibility Study and that FDOT is funding and administering the study, which is budgeted at \$250,000.

Mr. Scott said because of the state legislature, he and **Ms. McLaughlin** were discussing the elements of consolidation that would need to be considered during a study, including how voting would be organized and clarification of the urban areas between Lee and Collier Counties and their municipalities for apportionment purposes.

A group discussion followed, regarding the considerations of a consolidation study including budgets, the differing organizational structures and funding processes of each entity, the vast difference in Board sizes, and the challenges for the local municipalities of each MPO to be heard.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

8 Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

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

Mr. Dockins provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the January 27, 2025 TAC Agenda), saying that safety is guiding the study and that communities are at the center of the discussion. There are drainage and floodplain considerations for the three miles of Old 41 to Bonita Beach Rd., and a desire to improve safety by adding bike lanes and shared-use paths. The potential need to relocate 75 businesses within the project site to deal with floodplain issues is one course of action that has been raised. Much of the area surrounding Old 41 is floodplain or conservation land, which presents various challenges.

A group discussion followed, regarding cost and efficacy, new stormwater rules, and the suggestion to consider other floodplain remedies rather than relocating local businesses.

B. FHWA/FTA Collier MPO TMA 2024 Certification Review Report

Ms. McLaughlin thanked everyone who took part in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)'s TMA Certification site visit to the MPO.

The MPO had been given no corrective actions. FHWA and FTA were impressed with Collier County Transit and their recent Collier-Lee Regional Fare Study, Collier County's Traffic Operations safety plan, the Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan (SS4A) now underway, the informational video produced in-house by Collier MPO and Collier County Communications. **Ms. McLaughlin** thanked everyone who participated in the video. She said the federal review team enjoyed the field trip and visiting local areas and departments within the County and the City of Naples. The recommendation given was that the list of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects incorporated into the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan display totals at the bottom of the page. She said the TMA Certification is good until 2028.

C. Status Report on 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Ms. McLaughlin gave a status report on the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (which can be viewed in the January 27, 2025 TAC Agenda).

Ms. McLaughlin said she would be presenting the status report to the Cities of Marco Island and Everglades City Councils and had recently presented the status report to the Miccosukee and Seminole tribes and the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The goal was to get the word out in the community to encourage public participation in the development of the plan. The MPO was also

working on the Transit Development Plan (TDP), The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) update, as well as commencing the process of scoping a joint Regional Congestion Management Plan with Lee MPO.

9 Member Comments

Mr. Rivera said Central Ave. had been recently repaved and updated with technology.

Mr. De Leon said that Collier Area Transit (CAT), with the MPO and consultants, was working on the TDP and there would be public meetings on February 6, 2025 and February 12, 2025 to solicit public input. CAT was working on an emissions plan with the MPO as well.

Ms. McLaughlin said the MPO is preparing for the new TIP – requested the airports’ five-year Capital Improvement Program.

10 Distribution Items

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

The item was distributed.

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

The item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

February 24, 2025, 9:30 a.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Bickett adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.