

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Chair Homiak called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Karen Homiak, *Chair*

Fred Sasser, *Vice Chair*

Becky Irwin

Harry Henkel

Josh Rincon

Kevin Dohm

Michelle Arnold

Misty Phillips

CAC Members Absent

Dennis DiDonna

Neal Gelfand

MPO Staff

Carmen Monroy, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Planner III

Dusty Hansen, Planner II

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning, Planner III

Jacob Stauffer, Collier Area Transit, Planner II

Ian Debnam, Benesch

3. Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Sasser moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Dohm seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the January 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Henkel moved to approve the January 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Ms. Phillips seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

None.

B. MPO

None.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse an Amendment to the Collier MPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Kingston said that an amendment to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was requested to add several roadway projects to the 2050 LRTP Roadway Needs Plan. These projects had previously been included in the 2045 LRTP. Collier County is requesting that they be incorporated into the updated 2050 Needs Plan.

Ms. Eastley explained that some intersection improvement projects were inadvertently omitted from the 2050 LRTP, as they were assumed to be included in the scope of larger projects in the Needs Plan, but they were not. The intersection projects needed to be added separately to the 2050 LRTP.

Mr. Sasser moved to endorse an Amendment to the Collier MPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Arnold seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. Endorse Amendment 4 to the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Hansen said FDOT requested that the Collier MPO amend its Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to reflect a change in the Executive Director from Anne McLaughlin to Carmen Monroy, which became effective February 17, 2026.

Ms. Arnold moved to endorse Amendment 4 to the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program, and Mr. Henkel seconded. Passed unanimously.

C. Review and Comment on the Draft Collier MPO FY 2026/27 – 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Hansen said the MPO developed a draft fiscal year 2026/27 – 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifying the two-year major planning initiatives and the budget for the MPO. The draft UPWP was submitted to FDOT for review and comment on March 13, 2026. A final Board-approved version would be submitted to FDOT by May 15, 2026. The draft UPWP will be reviewed by the MPO Board April 10, 2026. The final draft will be presented for Committee endorsement in late April and MPO Board approval in May. **Ms. Hansen** provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the March 23, 2026 CAC Agenda).

This item was presented for review and comment only.

D. Congestion Management Process Status Update/Review and Comment on Draft Goal/Objectives/Performance Measures, CMP Network and Baseline Conditions for Collier County, and Public Survey

Ms. Hansen said Collier MPO’s Congestion Management Process (CMP) update, including a comprehensive regional element with Lee County MPO, got underway late last year. Benesch, the CMP consultant for both MPOs, has completed the following drafts for Collier MPO: CMP Goal, Objectives and Performance Measures, online public survey questions regarding congestion, Collier CMP Roadway Network Map, and a Collier Baseline Traffic Conditions Map.

Mr. Debnam provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the March 23, 2026 CAC Agenda).

A group discussion highlighted the need for audible and automated signals, development around transit stops, the importance of comprehensive data, and confirming accurate trip-purpose information for the public survey questions. **Mr. Debnam** invited feedback on the draft CMP components.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Update on the Collier/Lee County MPO Consolidation Study – Technical Memo #3 Elected Official Survey Results

Ms. Monroy reported that the MPO Board voted to discontinue efforts toward the Collier-Lee County MPO consolidation study at its March 13, 2026 Board meeting.

The group noted Cape Coral’s resolution opposing consolidation, ongoing apportionment concerns, a funding discrepancy affecting Bonita Springs, and that Legislation to add the Charlotte MPO was introduced but did not move forward.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Dohm commented on the FDOT presentation on the SR 29 design phase studies given at the Committee's January 26, 2026 meeting, noting the road's proximity to the Immokalee Airport and emphasizing that construction near airports is subject to FAA protective-zoning regulations and should be addressed in the study.

Ms. Monroy stated that MPO staff will request FDOT's input on **Mr. Dohm's** comments.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

April 27, 2026, 2:00 p.m. – Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Chair Homiak adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.