

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 23, 2026, 9:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Chair Bickett** called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**TAC Members Present**

Alison Bickett, City of Naples Public Works, Deputy City Engineer, *Chair*

Don Scott, Lee County MPO Executive Director, *Vice Chair*

Tonia Selmeski, Collier County Community Planning & Resiliency, Planner III

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning, Planner III

Omar De Leon, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE), Public Transit Manager

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority, Senior Airport Development Coordinator

Bryant Garrett, Collier County Airport Authority, Airport Operations Executive Manager

David Rivera, City of Naples, Traffic Operations Supervisor

**TAC Members Absent**

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island Director of Community Affairs

John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation Director

Justin Martin, City of Marco Island Public Works Department Director

Rebekah Harp, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Interim Director

**MPO Staff**

Carmen Monroy, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Planner III

Dusty Hansen, Planner II

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

**Others Present**

Marcellus Evans (FDOT)

Councilor Scott Schultz, City of Naples City Council

Ian Debnam, Benesch

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

*Vice Chair Scott* moved to approve the agenda. **Mr. De Leon** seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

*Ms. Eastley moved to approve the January 26, 2026, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

**6. Agency Updates**

**A. FDOT**

**Mr. Evans** said there was a detour scheduled on March 26, 2026, as Beck Blvd. was scheduled to be temporarily closed at Collier Blvd.

**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. Eastly** explained that some intersection improvement projects were inadvertently omitted from the 2050 LRTP as they were not included as part of projects in the plan with which they were associated. The intersection projects needed to be added separately to the 2050 LRTP.

*Ms. Eastley moved to endorse an Amendment to the Collier MPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. De Leon 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.

*Mr. Rivera moved to endorse the Amendment 4 to the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program, and Vice Chair Scott 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 in April, and the final draft will be presented for Committee endorsement in April and MPO Board approval in May.

**Ms. Hansen** provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the March 23, 2026 TAC Agenda).

**Ms. Hansen** requested that any comments on the draft UPWP be emailed to her by April 6.

*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 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 TAC Agenda).

A group discussion followed, focusing on how the Congestion Management Process (CMP) should distinguish peak-season conditions from annual averages. Rapid land development and regional growth were noted as creating spillover impacts on city centers that continue to draw heavy visitor and commuter traffic, raising concerns about whether infrastructure can keep pace. Major projects in both Collier and Lee Counties were acknowledged as facing significant funding constraints. Weekend congestion and broader regional travel patterns were identified as important considerations. The CMP will include coordination with the Lee County MPO

*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 the Collier-Lee consolidation study at its March 13, 2026 Board meeting.

A group discussion followed, noting that the State legislation related to consolidation did not advance and that the value of pursuing a merger remains uncertain.

**9. Member Comments**

**Chair Bickett** said there is a downtown traffic study occurring in the City of Naples.

**Mr. Rivera** added that the traffic study also includes evaluating new software, Urban SDK, which uses connected-vehicle technology to gather traffic data. He noted that four new rapid-flash beacons are being installed.

**Vice Chair Scott** said Lee County MPO's federal certification was approaching, and he was hopeful that the Collier MPO staff would participate to discuss regional coordination.

**10. Distribution Items**

None.

**11. Next Meeting Date**

*April 27, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.*

**12. Adjournment**

**Chair Bickett** adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.