

MEETING MINUTES

**LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD
FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

**Collier County Government Center
Admin. Building “F”, IT Training Room, 5th Floor
3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112
March 6, 2024
1:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Ms. McLaughlin called the regular meeting to order at approximately 1:40 p.m.

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

Ms. McLaughlin inquired if an LCB Member would serve as Acting Chair as the Chair was not present and there was no Vice-Chair in place at the time. Ms. Gualco volunteered and would be elected during walk-on item 1.C.

Members Present

Carmen Henry, Southwest Florida Regional Workforce Development Board
Leah Watson, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Sarah Gualco, Area Agency on Aging SWFL-FL Dept. of Elder Affairs
Todd Engala, Florida Dept. of Transportation

Members Absent

Brett Nelson, Children at Risk
Cheryl Burnham, Florida Association for Community Action
Dylan Vogel, Citizens Advocate/User
Gabrielle Galanti, Local Medical Community
John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation Director
Lisa O’Leary, Fla. Dept. of Edu./Div. of Vocational Rehab Services
Michael Stahler, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Oscar Gomez, Veterans Services
Tabitha Larrauri, Fla. Dept. of Children and Family Services
Tony Pernas, MPO Board member, Everglades City, LCB Chair

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner
Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

Others Present

Brian Wells, Director, Collier County Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement
Elena Ortiz-Rosado, Marketing Manager, Collier Area Transit
Mari Maldonado, Paratransit Manager, Collier Area Transit

Nolan Begley, Fixed Route Manager, Collier Area Transit
Omar De Leon, Public Transit Manager, Collier Area Transit
Yousi Cardeso, Accountant II, Collier County Transportation Management Services

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**Staff recommended to add an item before Item 2 to elect an Acting Chair for the meeting.*

Ms. Watson moved to approved adding the item. Mr. Engala seconded. Passed unanimously.

C. Walk-on Item: Elect Acting Chair for March 6, 2024 LCB Meeting

Ms. McLaughlin moved to elect Ms. Gualco as Acting Chair for the meeting. Mr. Engala seconded. Passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Watson moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Engala seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MAJOR UPDATE TO COLLIER AREA TRANSIT’S TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN WILL BE FORTHCOMING

Ms. Hansen said that Item 3 was an announcement that public involvement opportunities for the major update to the Transit Development Plan (TDP) would be forthcoming. Collier Area Transit (CAT) and Collier MPO were preparing a five-year update to CAT’s TDP- a ten-year plan for transit and mobility needs, cost and revenue projections, and community transit goals, objectives, and policies. The initial stages of the plan had begun and there would be various public participation and input opportunities. Ms. Hansen wanted to inform LCB members and the public that anyone interested in being included in notifications for public participation and input opportunities can notify Collier MPO at collier.mpo@colliercountyfl.gov or 239-252-5850. There will also be announcements about public involvement opportunities on the colliermpo.org website and in the Collier MPO monthly newsletters.

4. ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON LOCAL TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) PROGRAM AND PROCESS

A. Public Comments on Local TD Program and Process

None.

B. Member Comments on Local TD Program and Process

None.

C. Annual TD Program LCB Training

Ms. Hansen provided a presentation of the Annual TD Program LCB Training, and discussed the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged program and the role of the LCB, LCB member roles and responsibilities, and the roles of the MPO and the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC).

Mr. Engala asked if there was a hierarchy for the Trip Priority List that the LCB and CTC used to establish priorities.

Mr. De Leon responded by saying that the priority list is mostly used when there is a driver shortage.

5. ADJOURNMENT

No further business being conducted, MPO Acting Chair Ms. Gualco adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.