

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Board of County Commission Chambers  
Collier County Government Center  
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor  
Naples, FL 34112  
May 10, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**\*\*HYBRID REMOTE – IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Hansen** called roll and confirmed a quorum was present in the room.

**Members Present (in BCC Chambers)**

Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr., Chair

Commissioner Dan Kowal, Vice-Chair

Commissioner Burt L. Saunders

Commissioner Chris Hall

Commissioner Rick LoCastro

Council Member Tony Pernas

Council Member Greg Folley

Council Member Berne Barton

Council Member Linda Penniman

**Members Absent**

None

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

**FDOT**

Wayne Gaither, Manager, District 1 Southwest Area Office

Abra Horne (FDOT)

Katherine Cothorn (FDOT)

Kimberly Abate (FDOT)

Kim Warren (FDOT)  
Melody Joyner (FDOT)  
Lauren Brooks (FDOT)  
Sean Pugh (FDOT)

**Others Present**

Scott Teach, Esq., Deputy County Attorney  
Trinity Scott, Department Head, Collier County Transportation Mgmt. Services  
Lorraine Lantz, Manager, Collier County Transportation Planning, TAC Chair  
Brian Wells, Director, Collier Area Transit  
Anthony Matonti, BPAC Chair  
Michael Van Der Heyden (Stantec)  
Bill Howell (Lochner)  
Donnie Holcomb (HDR)

**Others Present via Zoom**

Michelle Avola-Brown, Naples Pathways Coalition  
Nicole Harris, Stantec

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Chair McDaniel** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS**

**4.A. Approval of the Agenda.**

*Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the agenda and Vice-Chair Kowal seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**4.B. Approval of the April 12, 2024 Minutes and Adopt Annual Update to the LCB Bylaws**

*Vice-Chair Kowal moved to approve the previous minutes and consent item and Commissioner Saunders seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**6. AGENCY UPDATES**

**6.A. FDOT**

**Mr. Gaither** said he was the sitting FDOT liaison for public hearings. FDOT updates were that

two public meetings would be heard for Project 445296-1: I-75 at Pine Ridge Road Interchange Improvements: a virtual workshop on May 14, 2024, and an in-person meeting on May 16, 2024. There would also be a public hearing for the Collier to Polk Regional Trail project on June 6, 2024 at the UF/IFAS Collier Extension.

**6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

None.

**7. CHAIR REPORTS**

**7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

**7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report**

*Report presented in writing.*

**7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

**7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report**

*Report presented in writing.*

**7.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

**7.C.1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair Report**

**Mr. Matonti** said that BPAC had been working with Collier MPO and Capital Consulting on the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) update, identifying gaps in the current maps. He also mentioned that per the Board's request, BPAC had discussed the e-bike issue and resolved to suggest a 10-15 mph speed limit for all vehicles on sidewalks.

**Vice-Chair Kowal** and **Council Member Folley** requested to arrange meetings with Mr. Matonti to discuss the e-bike matter further.

**Commissioner LoCastro** mentioned that e-bikes are faster than any other mode of bicycle or pedestrian transport and seem to be on the sidewalks more than bicyclists. He said maybe simply prohibiting e-bikes from being on sidewalks could be a solution. He was looking forward to hearing the result of Mr. Matonti's meetings.

**Chair McDaniel** said he was not interested in adding signage to sidewalks and that at the last MPO Board meeting he had suggested that liability for accidents involving e-bikes be assigned to the e-bike riders.

## **7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)**

### **7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report**

None.

## **7.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)**

### **7.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report**

**Council Member Pernas** said the LCB had endorsed the Annual Update to the LCB Bylaws, the TD Planning Grant application for FY 24-25 and authorizing resolution, and approved the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual evaluation.

## **8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)**

### **8.A. Approve Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 TIP and Authorizing Resolution for Five Projects**

**Mr. Kingston** said the item was for the Board to approve a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment to add five projects. The projects included adding thru lane(s) on Airport Pulling Rd from Vanderbilt Rd to Immokalee Rd, an interchange improvement on I-75 and Pine Ridge Rd, widening and resurfacing existing lanes on Oil Well Rd, and constructing a four-point roundabout near Camp Keais in Collier County. Collier MPO followed the TIP Amendment process set forth in the Public Participation Plan by posting the Amendment for the required public comment period and receiving the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees endorsement.

***Commissioner Hall** moved to approve Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 TIP and Authorizing Resolution for Five Projects and **Vice-Chair Kowal** seconded.*

#### **Roll Call Vote.**

***Commissioner McDaniel** – Yes*

***Commissioner Kowal** – Yes*

***Commissioner Hall** – Yes*

***Commissioner LoCastro** – Yes*

***Commissioner Saunders** – Yes*

***Council Member Barton** – Yes*

***Council Member Penniman** - Yes*

***Council Member Folley** - Yes*

***Council Member Pernas** – Yes*

*Passed unanimously.*

### **8.B. Approve Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 TIP and Authorizing Resolution to add**

## **Naples Manor Sidewalks**

**Mr. Kingston** said the item was for the Board to approve a TIP Amendment to add the Naples Manor sidewalks project, currently in the TIP, as segment 2. FDOT had submitted the Amendment request after the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees (TAC/CAC) meetings had occurred on April 22, 2024. He explained that staff may bring proposed actions to the MPO Board when TAC and CAC have not had the opportunity to review and comment, when responding to a request from FDOT to act quickly per the “Exceptions to Notification Commitments” in the MPO’s Public Participation Plan.

***Commissioner Hall** moved to approve Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 TIP and Authorizing Resolution to add Naples Manor Sidewalks and **Council Member Folley** seconded.*

### **Roll Call Vote.**

***Commissioner McDaniel** – Yes*

***Commissioner Kowal** – Yes*

***Commissioner Hall** – Yes*

***Commissioner LoCastro** – Yes*

***Commissioner Saunders** – Yes*

***Council Member Barton** – Yes*

***Council Member Penniman** - Yes*

***Council Member Folley** - Yes*

***Council Member Pernas** - Yes*

*Passed unanimously.*

## **REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)**

### **9.A. Approve the FY 2024/25 - 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program and MPO Agreement**

**Ms. Hansen** said the item was for the Board approval of the FY 24/25-25/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), MPO Agreement, and Resolution memorializing the Board’s approval. The UPWP sets forth the MPO’s budget for activities, studies and support expected to be undertaken over a two-year period. It also lists the funding source(s) for each planning task. The new UPWP for the next two fiscal years will begin on July 1st.. Since the draft was presented at the April 12, 2024 MPO Board meeting, changes to the document have been made, including: the addition of two new City of Naples MPO Board members, the date of the last MPO Bylaws update was updated, the MPO Resolution in Appendix E was updated to include a resolution number, the amount of the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant for each fiscal year was updated. The draft contained an estimated amount of \$29,754 and the actual amount is \$30,780, and Appendix D was updated to include comments which had been received on the proposed UPWP thus far. No additional comments had been received. The Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee endorsed the final UPWP at their April 22, 2024, meetings.

***Council Member Pernas** moved to approve the FY 2024/25 - 2025/26 Unified Planning Work*

*Program and MPO Agreement and Council Member Folley seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**9.B. Approve the FY 2024/25 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant and Resolution**

**Ms. Hansen** said the item was for the MPO Board to approve the FY 24-25 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant application and supporting resolution. She explained that every year the MPO applies for a TD Planning Grant from the TD Commission. The TD Grant amount for FY 25 is anticipated to be \$30,780. The funds would be used as planning tasks and management of the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB). The planning tasks included planning the annual TD Service Plan Update, the annual Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) evaluation, staff management and support at LCB meetings, conducting the annual LCB Public Workshop, LCB training, review of LCB bylaws, grievance procedures, reports, and staff attendance at TD training events and TD Commission meetings. LCB endorsed the grant application and authorizing Resolution at its May 1, 2024 meeting.

*Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the FY 2024/25 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant and Resolution and Commissioner Kowal seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**9.C. Review and Comment on Draft FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program**

**Mr. Kingston** said the draft Fiscal Year 25-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was being presented to the Board for comment and review and explained that the next steps would be presenting the final version to the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees (TAC/CAC) for endorsements on May 20, 2024, and to the Board for approval on June 14, 2024.

**Mr. Kingston** provided a presentation on the draft TIP, including current and historical funding amounts and sources. [A copy of the presentation can be obtained by contacting Collier MPO.]

*This item was presented for review and comment only.*

**9.D. Review and Comment on the Draft Annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP)**

**Ms. McLaughlin** explained that the Board was receiving a preview of the Draft Annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP). The MPO's policy of rotating Calls for Projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant-Urban (SU) funding was allocated to Congestion Management Process (CMP) projects for FY 30. The anticipated costs for the CMP projects total \$5.4 million. Every year, the Collier and Lee MPOs collaboratively update Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priority list. The Collier project to design the major intersection improvements at Golden Gate Pkwy & Livingston Rd was added. Collier MPO submitted two freight projects for prioritization by the MPOAC and FDOT: construction of a Diverging Diamond Interchange at I-75 & Immokalee Rd and the Old US 41 road widening project, which started as a joint submittal with Lee County MPO and is in the initial planning stages. On April 12th, 2024, the MPO Board voted unanimously to support Chair McDaniel's proposed safety improvement project to install streetlights at the SR 29/Oil Well Rd intersection, and to support the Trust for Public Land's request

to add the Bonita-Estero Rail Trail ROW Acquisition as a priority project for SUN Trail funding in addition to the Collier to Polk Trail PD&E. Planning priorities had been updated to reflect current timeframes and funding amounts contained in FDOT's FY 25-29 Work Program. Bridge and transit priorities remained the same as in 2023.

*This item was presented for review and comment only.*

## **10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)**

### **10.A. FDOT Presentation on I-75 at Pine Ridge Rd Interchange Improvements**

**Mr. Abate** explained that the I-75 at Pine Ridge Rd Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) would be Collier's first DDI.

**Mr. Howell** provided a presentation on the project [presentation included in the agenda packet].

### **10.B. FDOT District One Presentation: Update for the SR 29 Project PD&E from Oil Well Road to SR 82**

**Ms. Horne** provided a presentation on the SR 29 Project PD&E from Oil Well Road to SR 82 project [presentation included in the agenda packet].

## **11. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Folley** expressed that the Board meeting had been very streamlined.

**Vice-Chair Kowal** asked Mr. Gaither if there was any federal legislation being considered regarding the weight increases of trailers and how that would affect the weight-bearing roads. **Mr. Gaither** said he would investigate the matter.

**Chair McDaniel's** comments were that he had recently attended a Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) meeting where he suggested a restructuring of future meetings to include virtual participation, requested that the Board receive digital copies of the FDOT presentations that had been provided at this meeting, and announced the improvements that had been made at SR 29 & Oil Well Rd. He asked **Mr. Gaither** about the status of the enhanced reflective road striping and if the location had warranted a study for full signalization.

**Mr. Gaither** said the enhanced road striping had been completed, and that FDOT was moving forward with two studies to assess the best solution for SR 29 & Oil Well Rd.

**Chair McDaniel** also mentioned that an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) was being considered to open the I-75 & Everglades Blvd intersection up as a partial interchange, having had a positive meeting with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) the week prior in Washington DC. He explained that he had previously initiated a Target Protection Area (TPA) to authorize Conservation Collier

to acquire lands along Everglades Blvd north of the I-75 & Everglades Blvd intersection. Conservation Collier had since acquired land on both sides of Everglades Blvd about one half mile north of the I-75 & Everglades Blvd intersection. The acquisition enhanced the possibility of wildlife crossings being constructed, which would mitigate wildlife showing up on private properties. He said that a grant program called, Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) could possibly be an additional funding source for wildlife crossing construction.

**12. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

**12.A. Administrative Modification to the FY24-28 TIP - Bicycle Detection City of Naples ITS**

*The item had been distributed.*

**12.B. Administrative Modification to the FY 24-28 TIP - Collier County Scour Countermeasure – Various**

*The item had been distributed.*

**12.C. Administrative Modification to the FY 2024-2028 TIP - Naples Manor Sidewalks**

*The item had been distributed.*

**12.D. Letter of Support for Bonita-Estero Rail Trail Sent to Congressman Donalds**

*The item had been distributed.*

**13. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**13.A.** June 14, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112

**14. ADJOURN**

*There being no further business, **Chair McDaniel** adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:41 a.m.*