Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board of County Commission Chambers
Collier County Government Center
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor
Naples, FL 34112
May 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present (in BCC Chambers)
Councilor Tony Pernas, *Chair*
Councilor Bonita Schwan, *Vice Chair*
Commissioner Chris Hall
Commissioner Rick LoCastro
Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr.
Councilor Berne Barton
Councilor Scott Schultz

Members Absent
Commissioner Burt L. Saunders
Commissioner Dan Kowal

MPO Staff
Carmen Monroy, Executive Director
Sean Kingston, Planner III
Dusty Hansen, Planner II
Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

FDOT
Wayne Gaither, Director, District 1 Southwest Area Office
Marcellus Evans, District 1 Community Liaison
Jason Heironimus, Public Information Officer
David Scarpelli, Community Outreach Manager

Others Present
Trinity Scott, Collier County Transportation Management Services Department Head
Scott Teach, Esq., Deputy County Attorney
Lorraine Lantz, Planning Manager, Collier County Transportation Planning
Troy Miller, Collier County Communications
Alison Bickett, TAC Chair / City of Naples City Engineer, Transportation Services Manager Public Works Dept
Anthony Matonti, BPAC Chair
Omar De Leon, Collier Area Transit
Jacob Stauffer, Collier Area Transit
Ravyn Sylvia, Kimley-Horn
Justin Abraham, Public

Others Present via Zoom
Mike Harris, Kimley-Horn
Julio Ordonez, HNTB

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Pernas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4.A. Approval of April 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Schwan *moved to approve the agenda and previous minutes, and* ***Commissioner Hall*** *seconded. Passed unanimously.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Matonti mentioned that the BPAC held its annual joint workshop with Lee County in March, discussed regional trail initiatives, and noted strong momentum on major projects such as the Livingston Trail Extension and the Bonita–Estero Rail Trail.

6. AGENCY UPDATES

6.A. FDOT

Mr. Gaither reported that FDOT had been working on drainage issues along US 41, and that he would follow up regarding roadside trash data for the Board to review.

Mr. Evans reported ongoing work on Alligator Alley, the I-75/SR 951 interchange, and SR 82, with resurfacing, upgrades, and intermittent lane and sidewalk closures. Drivers should expect delays and follow posted speeds in all work zones.

6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Monroy said committee chairs were invited to provide reports to the Board. Staff attended the MPOAC meeting in April in Orlando. There is an opportunity to host the MPOAC Weekend Institute locally. Ms. Monroy reported several legal contracts were being reviewed, including the Interlocal Coordination Agreement. Ms. Monroy reported the use of university contracts is being pursued to lower study expenses. She will speak at Commissioner McDaniel's May community event to help fill CAC vacancies. The next Board meeting will include a Traffic Incident Management presentation to support future technology planning.

7. CHAIR REPORTS

7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report

The report was presented in writing.

7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. Bickett provided the chair report, noting that the committee reviewed key items, approved the 2026 priorities, and supported using SU funds for sidewalk project cost overruns.

7.C. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

7.C.1. Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

Chair Pernas reported that the LCB approved key updates, endorsed required Transportation Disadvantaged items, and noted improved Community Transportation Coordinator performance, despite a 14% increase in trips.

8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

None.

9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)

9.A. Approve the Collier MPO FY 2026/27 – 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program and Associated MPO Agreement

Ms. Hansen said the UPWP includes updated planning and budget items. Since its April presentation to the Board, it has received minor revisions, public comment, and endorsement from the advisory committees. She requested approval, noting that the federal agencies are behind on their UPWP review and that minor changes may still be required.

Commissioner McDaniel *moved to approve the Collier MPO FY 2026/27 – 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program and Associated MPO Agreement, and* ***Vice Chair Schwan*** *seconded. Passed unanimously.*

9.B. Approve Annual FDOT-Collier MPO Joint Certification Statement for Calendar Year 2025

Ms. Hansen said FDOT's annual review found the MPO fully compliant with a low risk score and no required actions. She noted the MPO's 2025 outreach and regional coordination activities and requested approval of the certification for submission to FDOT. **Mr. Gaither** commented that FDOT's certification findings reflect that MPO staff work diligently and take compliance seriously.

Commissioner McDaniel *moved to approve the Annual FDOT-Collier MPO Joint Certification Statement for Calendar Year 2025, and* ***Commissioner Hall*** *seconded. Passed unanimously.*

9.C. Approve the Proposed Performance-Based Merit Plan to Evaluate the Collier MPO Executive Director

Ms. Monroy requested approval of a performance-based merit plan allowing the MPO to evaluate performance and determine eligibility for merit adjustments based on annual measurable goals.

Vice Chair Schwan *moved to approve the proposed Performance-Based Merit Plan to Evaluate the Collier MPO Executive Director and* ***Commissioner McDaniel*** *seconded. Passed unanimously.*

9.D. Approve the Use of SU Reserve funds to Cover Cost Overruns on Three Sidewalk Projects

Ms. Monroy said there was an opportunity to use additional FDOT overrun funds. She noted some Local Area Program (LAP) projects exceeded estimates. It was noted that all box funds were utilized. FDOT supplemented covering the cost overruns with Safe Routes to School project funds..

Commissioner McDaniel *moved to approve the use of SU Reserve funds to Cover Cost Overruns on Three Sidewalk Projects, and* ***Vice Chair Schwan*** *seconded. Passed unanimously.*

9.E. Review and Comment on the Draft FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Kingston reviewed the Draft FY 27–31 TIP, which includes key capacity projects such as Immokalee Loop Road, 951 Interchange, and the 47th Ave Bridge, and said the TIP remains largely state-funded. He added that next steps include project sheets and final revisions.

It was noted that coordination on needed intersection improvements at Everglades Blvd and Immokalee Rd are essential before the 47th Ave Bridge moves forward.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

9.F. Review 2026 Draft Project Priority Lists: Planning Study, Joint Collier and Lee County Regional, Transit, SUN Trail, and Highway & Freight

Mr. Kingston said the 2026 Priority Lists cover transit, SUN Trail, regional Collier–Lee projects, UPWP planning studies, and highway and freight priorities, all drawn from the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

9.G. Review and Comment on the Draft 2026 Annual List of Project Priorities for SU Box Funds

Ms. Monroy said the 2026 Priority List carries forward last year's projects because no new call for projects was issued last year, and staff has addressed partner-agency comments. The list demonstrates that the MPO is maximizing use of available funds and advancing long-range projects toward next-step readiness.

10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)

None.

11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner McDaniel asked about the status of the Oil Well Rd and SR 29 lighting project.

Mr. Gaither confirmed the intersection still has major safety issues despite prior treatments. Lighting has been fast-tracked: installation is targeted for late 2026, with construction mobilizing in early 2027 after required prep work.

A group discussion followed and support was expressed for expanding SR 29 to four lanes near Immokalee due to safety needs, upcoming loop-road changes, and environmental benefits such as improved water flow and enhanced wildlife crossings in a major Florida panther mortality area. Recent fatalities underscore the push to accelerate improvements and advance Target Zero goals.

Councilor Barton noted that a second rendition of the City's e-bike ordinance was passed the prior week. It provides for the removal of certain motorized devices from sidewalks and includes an age restriction of at least 16 years of age for Class 3 e-bikes.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

13.A. Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m., Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business, ***Chair Pernas*** *adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:11 a.m.*