

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
November 24, 2025, 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Sasser called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Karen Homiak, Chair *(arrived at item 6)*

Fred Sasser, Vice Chair

Becky Irwin

Dennis DiDonna

Harry Henkel

Kevin Dohm

Michelle Arnold

Misty Phillips

CAC Members Absent

Josh Rincon

Neal Gelfand

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Planner III

Dusty Hansen, Planner II

Others Present

Sonal Dodia, Jacobs Engineering

Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Dohm moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Irwin seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the October 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Irwin moved to approve the October 27, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Henkel seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

None.

B. MPO

Ms. McLaughlin reminded committee members to express their views with politeness and civility.

7. Committee Action

A. Review and Endorse the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Ms. Dodia provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the November 24, 2025 CAC Agenda), noting that items being presented to the TAC and CAC for endorsement were the Draft LRTP, Draft Technical Compendium, and the Draft Appendices. The Final Draft 2050 LRTP would be presented to the MPO Board for Adoption on December 11, 2025. She requested that Committee members submit all final comments by November 28, 2025.

A group discussion followed in which concerns were raised about long-term congestion and the belief that without a ring-road concept similar to the Sawgrass Expressway, Collier County could face gridlock by 2050. The complexity of the LRTP was noted, including its mix of appealing and challenging elements and the financial and physical limits that shape what can realistically be built. Recent development in Lee County prompted questions about tolling major roads and extending Logan Boulevard into Lee County, though earlier studies found the extension not cost feasible and likely to create new issues. It was emphasized that ongoing FDOT projects such as the widening of I-75 and the planned Everglades Boulevard I-75 interchange are expected to help relieve congestion, and that the LRTP aims to balance growth, feasibility, and limited funding through careful analysis and prioritization.

Environmental constraints related to extending SR 951 and Logan Boulevard northward were acknowledged, along with the need for a broader vision that considers both moving cars efficiently and reducing reliance on them. Questions were raised about light rail, and while it has been discussed and a rail head exists, cost and logistics remain major obstacles. Committee members reflected on past resistance to road widening, the reality of rush hour congestion in all cities, and the importance of updating aging infrastructure and utilities.

The value of studying how other regions address similar challenges was highlighted, especially regarding alternative transportation options. Concerns were expressed that continual road widening could reduce walkability in some areas and that infrastructure planning must keep pace with development while considering year-round conditions rather than only seasonal population. The discussion concluded with a reaffirmation that the 2050 LRTP is focused on finding the right balance among growth, mobility, environmental limits, community preferences, and responsible use of available funding.

Chair Homiak moved to endorse the 2050 LRTP and Mr. Henkel seconded. Mr. DiDonna dissented. Motion passes 7:1.

B. Endorse FDOT Target Zero Safety Performance Targets for Calendar Year 2026

Ms. McLaughlin said that Safety Targets are the only federal Transportation Performance Measure that must be adopted annually. FDOT establishes the State's safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Plan. FDOT is maintaining its Target Zero safety performance targets for 2026: zero fatalities and zero serious injuries on Florida roadways. MPOs have the option to either adopt the Statewide safety targets or establish their own quantifiable safety targets. The deadline for the MPO Board to adopt annual safety targets is February 2026.

Ms. Phillips noted that installing audible pedestrian signals at the top ten deadliest intersections in Collier County is a vital need for blind and visually impaired residents and could be incorporated into signal equipment upgrades or replacements. She added that other municipalities, including Miami, have installed audible signals at all intersections, underscoring their recognition as vital for a safe and accessible transportation system.

Ms. McLaughlin agreed that audible pedestrian signals are an important consideration for upcoming signal construction, while congestion issues are also a factor.

Ms. Irwin moved to endorse the FDOT Target Zero Safety Performance Targets for Calendar Year 2026, and Ms. Phillips seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Overview of Updated MPO Call for Projects Submittal Requirements, Schedule and Funding

Ms. McLaughlin provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the November 24, 2025 CAC Agenda), noting that the draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan reflects the funding reductions in the State's revenue projections. A portion of the MPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant - Urban (SU) annual funding amount is allocated to roadway improvements and the remainder to congestion mitigation and safety projects. Transportation Alternative – Urban (TALU) funding is allocated to bicycle and pedestrian projects. As a part of every LRTP update, the MPO evaluates its SU funding and its call for projects process. The MPO is prioritizing the completion of projects already in the pipeline over funding new projects. Other MPO plans are reviewed, like the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master

Plan for evaluation criteria, as well as the Safety Action Plan. Various funding sources for projects are considered and there are bike-ped projects in the works that may be presented for Committee support to apply for SunTrail or SU Funding in the near future.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Dohm congratulated **Ms. Arnold** on being appointed to the Naples Airport Authority Board.

Vice-Chair Sasser said he would not be in attendance for the January 26, 2026 CAC meeting.

Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

January 26, 2026, 2:00 p.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Sasser adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.