

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Bickett called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Kingston called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

TAC Members Present

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

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

Bert Miller, Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency, Planning Manager

John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation Director

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning, Planner III

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority, Senior Airport Development Coordinator

TAC Members Absent

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

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island Director of Community Affairs

David Rivera, City of Naples Traffic Operations Supervisor

Justin Martin, City of Marco Island Public Works Department Director

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

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Planner III

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II (*arrived at item 7.A.*)

Others Present

Marcellus Evans, FDOT (*arrived at item 7.B.*)

Adam Rose, FDOT Project Manager

Linda Hess, WGI, PD&E Project Manager for FDOT

Sonal Dodia, Jacobs Engineering

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning

Julianne Thomas, Conservancy of Southwest Florida

Others Present via Zoom

Colleen Ross, Jacobs Engineering

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Scott moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Eastley seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the September 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Scott moved to approve the September 22, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Miller seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

Mr. Evans announced a public hearing for the Old US 41 Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) study on November 20, 2025. More information could be found on the SWFL Roads website.

B. MPO

None.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Endorse an Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program – two new transit projects for operating assistance and capital to purchase vehicles/equipment and add the Railroad & Utilities phases to two existing roadway projects.

Mr. Kingston said FDOT requested the Collier MPO to amend its FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the addition of the following projects: the RRU phase to a resurfacing project at US 41 from N of Old US 41 to S of Gulf Park Dr, the RRU phase to an intersection improvement project at US 41 and Golden Gate Pkwy, a new transit project to purchase vehicles/equipment for rural bus and facilities, and a new transit project for operating assistance.

Ms. Eastley moved to endorse an Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program – two new transit projects for operating assistance and capital to purchase vehicles/equipment and add the Railroad & Utilities phases to two existing roadway projects. Mr. Miller seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Review and Comment on Chapters 4, 6 and 7 of the 2050 Long Range Transportation

Plan

Ms. McLaughlin said this was for the Committee to review and comment on three major chapters of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Chapter 4 covers the 2050 Needs Plan, Chapter 6 covers the 2050 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan, and Chapter 7 covers Implementation. The Committee had seen the Needs and Cost Feasible Plans as a list of projects and costs, and now include material drawn from the three plans approved or accepted by the MPO Board on October 10th: the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Transit Development Plan, and Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Both chapters also include information from the FDOT District 1 Freight Plan, airport master plans, and the Collier MPO's 2022 Congestion Management Process.

Ms. Dodia provided a presentation which can be viewed in the October 27, 2025 TAC Agenda.

The next steps are to bring a complete draft of the 2050 LRTP to the MPO Board for preliminary review and to TAC and CAC for endorsement in November, followed by MPO Board approval on December 11, 2025.

Ms. Eastley said Collier County applied for TRIP and CIGP grants for two projects: Pine Ridge Rd from Logan Blvd to Collier Blvd and Logan Blvd from Painted Leaf Ln to Pine Ridge Rd, but that there are inconsistencies between the LRTP Cost Feasible Plan and FDOT's Draft Tentative Work Program. Only the Pine Ridge Rd project is listed in the LRTP in 2036-40, but in the Work Program has it funded for 2031-36. The Work program shows funding for only one of the projects.

Ms. Lantz asked if it would be possible to switch which projects are in either the LRTP or the Work Program, and **Ms. Ross** answered that the LRTP is a draft and can be revised. Funding should go with the project. She suggested Ms. Lantz send the notice of award for the grant to the Jacobs team. They will review it, then coordinate with FDOT

A group discussion followed. It was noted that both the regulations governing the development of the LRTP and those governing FDOT's Work Program would address different aspects of the question the County had raised. **Ms. Ross** invited **Ms. Lantz** to meet at a later time to discuss the possibilities.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

C. Review and Comment on FDOT's Draft Tentative Work Program for FY2027-31

Ms. McLaughlin said that FDOT had released their Draft Tentative Work Program for FY2027-31, along with a spreadsheet listing projects and a Summary of Changes. FDOT's public hearings would take place between from October 20 – 24, 2025 and would include in-person meetings and individual appointments in the Bartow and Fort Myers offices, and a self-guided online meeting.

Ms. Eastley asked about some sidewalk projects that had been deleted and then added back and **Ms. McLaughlin** explained that they were carbon reduction (CARB) funded projects and were deleted when CARB funding was removed from the Work Program, and now have been added back with new

funding. She asked **Mr. Evans** to share any new developments on projects to help allocate funding accurately. **Mr. Evans** said he would follow up.

A group discussion followed, and it was noted that there was nothing unexpected in the Work Program, but the status of several projects needed clarification, such as transit operating funding which was missing in future years, and that more information would be forthcoming.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. FDOT Presentation on Livingston FPL Trail Extension PD&E Study

Mr. Kingston said that over the summer, FDOT launched a PD&E study to determine the location and conceptual design of a Livingston FPL shared use path trail from Radio Road to the Collier County line.

Ms. Hess and **Mr. Rose** provided a presentation which can be viewed in the October 27, 2025 TAC Agenda, regarding an 11.5 mile shared-use path project that would connect the Bonita-Estero Rail Trail (BERT) and North Regional Park, provide more micromobility options and support the SUNTrail and the Gulf Coast Trail. Two possible alignments were presented, one along Livingston Rd and the other within the FPL easement. A public workshop is scheduled for November 18th and 19th, and a public hearing in summer 2026. Only the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) is currently funded and the design phase must be funded for the PD&E to move forward.

A group discussion followed citing some of the challenges and considerations of each alignment, such as negotiating ROW, safety concerns, safe intersection crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists, coordination with FPL, the need for a cost analysis for the PD&E, and the need for LRTP consistency. The vision was that the path would be a part of the Heartland Trail.

B. Report on Collier and Lee MPO Consolidation Feasibility Study

Ms. McLaughlin said FDOT contracted with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), at the University of South Florida to conduct the first phase of a Feasibility Study to evaluate the potential consolidation of Collier and Lee MPOs. The draft Tech Memo in the agenda packet provides a summary of “Current Local and Regional MPO Planning and Business Practices.”

A second draft Tech Memo summarizes federal and state regulations regarding MPO designation and redesignation, and a third draft briefing document highlights key facts for decision makers. CUTR has begun developing a draft survey to distribute to the Lee and Collier MPO Boards after they are briefed in November.

Mr. Scott said advisory committees were being notified because Council Members not on the MPO Boards would also be asked to complete the survey, and committee members might be asked for more

information about the survey. He also mentioned that looking for guidance or examples of successful consolidations is difficult because there are no real similar regional consolidations to Collier with Lee already in place. The point of the study is to have documentation if the State legislature brings it up again.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Scott mentioned that at the MPOAC meeting in Orlando, the futility of completing Project Development & Environmental studies (PD&Es) when no funding is available for construction was discussed. They also discussed federal direction on modifying language, such as changing “Complete Streets” to “Context-Based Solutions,” to meet FDOT grant requirements.

A group discussion followed regarding whether the federal government would eventually require municipalities to revise language in their documents, but it was noted that there was no official list of restricted language at the time of the meeting.

Ms. Eastley announced that Collier County would hold a public meeting on November 20, 2025 for the Golden Gate Pkwy Corridor Congestion Study.

Distribution Items

**A. Administrative Modification 1 to Collier MPO’s Third Amended FY 24/25-25/26
Unified Planning Work Program**

This item was distributed.

B. Administrative Modification #2 to the FY26-30 Transportation Improvement Program

This item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

November 24, 2025, 9:30 a.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Bickett adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.