

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 28, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Ms. Lantz** called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**TAC Members Present**

Lorraine Lantz, Chair, Collier County Transportation Planning Manager  
Alison Bickett, Vice-Chair, Traffic Engineer, City of Naples Public Works  
Bert Miller, Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency  
Harry Henkel, City of Everglades Mayoral Appointee  
Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority  
Dave Rivera, City of Naples Traffic Operations Supervisor

**TAC Members Absent**

Omar De Leon, Public Transit Manager, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)  
Bryant Garrett, Collier County Airport Authority, Airport Operations Executive Manager  
John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation  
Justin Martin, City of Marco Island Public Works Department Director  
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council  
Daniel Smith, Director of Community Affairs, City of Marco Island  
Don Scott, Executive Director, Lee MPO

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director  
Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner  
Sean Kingston, Principal Planner  
Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

**Others Present**

Carmen Maldonado, FDOT  
Marcellus Evans, FDOT  
Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planner

**Others Present (Via Zoom)**

Stacey Meekins, TYLin  
Kelly McGuinness, TYLin

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

A walk-on item was added to the agenda. 7.C. Endorse an Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution – Operational and Capital Funding for Easter Seals Transit Projects.

*Mr. Henkel moved to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.*

**4. Approval of the September 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Miller moved to approve the September 23, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Henkel seconded. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

**6. Agency Updates**

**A. FDOT**

**Ms. Maldonado** introduced **Mr. Evans** as the new FDOT liaison to the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees.

**B. MPO Executive Director**

None.

**7. Committee Action**

**A. Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan: Presentation, Review and Comment on Draft Existing Conditions & Safety Analysis Memo**

**Mr. Kingston** said that the item was an introduction to Collier MPO’s Safety Action Plan (SAP) and introduced MPO consultant, TYLin staff, **Ms. McGuinness** and **Ms. Meekins**.

**Ms. McGuinness** provided a presentation (that can be viewed in the October 28, 2024 TAC Agenda).

A group discussion followed, regarding how each discretionary grant would guide the manner in which recommendations would be implemented, affect project criteria and evaluation for projects submitted, and the success of the plan would be monitored and reported to the MPO Board in the Annual Report. The MPO had received comments from Committee members about the plan and welcomed further comments.

**Ms. Lantz** gave a reminder about the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan virtual public workshop on October 30, 2024.

**Ms. McGuinness** mentioned that the public workshop would entail a short presentation, followed by in-depth discussions, and that one topic of discussion would be the interactive map.

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

**B. Endorse the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Revised Draft Chapter 3: Planning Context & Decision-Making Framework**

**Ms. McLaughlin** mentioned that the Committee had endorsed the draft Public Involvement Plan and Chapter 1 of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) at the September meeting and deferred action on Chapter 3 to give staff time to respond to comments raised by FDOT Multimodal Office and Design Studio. MPO and Jacobs Engineering proposed revisions to Chapter 3 in response to FDOT's comments and received FDOT's concurrence on the revisions. FDOT requested one revision to Chapter 1, and that revision had been made. FDOT concurred with all revisions by MPO and Jacobs, but still wanted to meet with the MPO for further discussion in December 2024. After endorsement by the Technical and Citizen Advisory Committees, Chapter 3 would be presented to the MPO Board in November for approval.

**Ms. Lantz** asked if that meant Chapter 3 would go to Board before the FDOT meeting.

**Ms. McLaughlin** said the follow up questions FDOT had raised were not related to Chapter 3. She also mentioned that as FDOT staff was still dealing with damage from Hurricane Milton, the MPO had been advised to move forward with the plan as scheduled.

*Ms. Bickett moved to endorse the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Revised Draft Chapter 3: Planning Context & Decision-Making Framework and Mr. Henkel seconded. Carried unanimously.*

**C. Endorse an Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution – Operational and Capital Funding for Easter Seals Transit Projects.**

**Mr. Kingston** said that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had requested that Collier MPO amend its FY25-29 TIP to add two transit projects covering costs for operating expenses and capital funds for van purchase and expansion for the Easter Seals transit program. This was a walk-on item to the agenda.

**Ms. Hansen** said Easter Seals is a coordinated contractor for Collier Area Transit (CAT) for the Transportation Disadvantaged service program.

**Ms. Lantz** asked if the local funding match would be coming from Easter Seals or Collier County.

**Ms. McLaughlin** said she would look into it and follow up with **Ms. Lantz** at a later date.

**Ms. Hansen** mentioned that every year, grant applications for Federal Transit Administration funds are presented to the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged for approval. Due to

the pandemic and a lack of equipment availability, grant awards had been delayed. Grants that had been previously awarded and had not yet been received were starting to come in. **Ms. Hansen** wasn't certain if Easter Seals or Collier County would supply the local funding match.

*Mr. Henkel moved to endorse an Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution – Operational and Capital Funding for Easter Seals Transit Projects with a request that the local funding match be made known, and Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.*

## **8 Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)**

### **A. Update on 2050 LRTP Existing Plus Committed (E+C) Model Run**

**Ms. McLaughlin** said this item was included in the packet for the Committee to receive a direct link to the website managed by FDOT which displays the development and updates of the models. FDOT produced an initial E+C deficiency analysis which showed the road network operating better than expected. Jacobs analyzed the data and found that employment projections through 2050 had been underreported by Metro Forecasting Models, which affected the accuracy of the models. Upon notice of the data discrepancy, Metro Forecasting Models submitted revised employment projections. FDOT reran the model with the new data and the updated model was posted on the website. She said MPO staff would continue to provide updates on the 2050 LRTP.

A group discussion followed, regarding discrepancies in the models, that the model didn't seem to match traffic congestion or reflect the issues that the County was having, and that the data prompted more questions to be considered. **Ms. McLaughlin** said she had an upcoming meeting with Jacobs to continue the analysis.

### **B. Current Status and Opportunities to Participate in the Development of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Update**

**Mr. Kingston** said MPO's consultant, Capital Consulting Solutions, was developing the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Update (BPMP), which was expected to be completed in June 2025. The BPMP would serve as Collier County's guiding document for the MPO's project prioritization of pathway facilities. An interactive map had been created, which combines existing and programmed facilities with the results of recently distributed public surveys. Using the current BPMP, comments made by the Collier MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and comparable transportation plans throughout Florida, Capital prepared drafts for BPMP project prioritization. He said there would be a virtual public workshop October 29, 2024.

**Mr. Kingston** provided a presentation (which can be viewed in the October 28, 2024 TAC Agenda).

A group discussion followed, regarding micromobility and e-bikes, safety concerns about the prioritization of e-bikes in the BPMP, the challenge of how to create infrastructure to accommodate e-bikes as well as keep safety in mind for bicyclists and pedestrians, and that micromobility and e-bikes could be a good safety project after the Safe Streets For All Safety Action Plan was complete. It was noted that Commissioner Kowal was working on an e-bike ordinance.

**9**      **Member Comments**

None.

**10**    **Distribution Items**

**A. Administrative Modification #2 to the FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program for the County Barn Road Bike/Ped, Marco Island Collier Alternate Bike Lane, and Capital and Operating Assistance Transit projects**

*The item was distributed.*

**11.**    **Next Meeting Date**

*November 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg. Main Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.*

**12.**    **Adjournment**

**Ms. Lantz** adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.