

**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Collier County Government Center, Administration Building (F)
IT Training Room, Fifth Floor
3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL, 34112
September 16, 2025 - 9:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Matonti called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m..

2. Roll Call

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

Members Present

Anthony Matonti (Chair)
Michelle Sproviero (Vice-Chair)
Dayna Fendrick
Kevin Dohm
David Sutton
David Costello
Patty Huff
Victoria Holmes

Members Absent

Alan Musico
Joe Bonness
Robert Phelan
Robert Vigorito

MPO Staff Present

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Sean Kingston, Principal Planner
Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist

Others Present

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning
Anthony Arfuso, Capital Consulting Solutions

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Sproviero moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Ms. Fendrick. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the August 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Matonti moved to approve the August 19, 2025 minutes. Seconded by Ms. Sproviero. Carried unanimously.

5. **Open to the Public for Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

No public comments were made.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. **FDOT**

A representative from FDOT was not in attendance. Tanya Merkle had given prior notice of not being able to attend this meeting.

B. **MPO**

Mr. Kingston announced that this meeting is for the endorsement of the BPMP and CSAP. Some minor changes have been applied to these since the last meeting. They will then be brought to the Congestion Management Committee (CMC) with the BPMP as a presentation item and the CSAP for endorsement. Following that, they will be brought to the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees (TAC & CAC) for endorsement. Finally, for approval at the October MPO Board meeting. These plans will be a part of the Long Range Transportation Plan, scheduled for December MPO Board approval.

This room being used for BPAC will not be available at the November 18 meeting because of a scheduling conflict with the Board of County Commissioners. MPO staff is working to find an alternate location.

7. **Committee Action**

A. **Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) – Endorse Final Draft**

Mr. Matonti mentioned that at the September MPO Board, a public comment was received supporting trees and shading. While shade, along with safety and scenery is an important component of trails, the MPO is not responsible for funding landscaping. The scoring criteria in the BPMP does include that this is supported. A discussion followed, about how shading can be applied and the MPO's role in the process.

Mr. Kingston noted that some changes were made to the evaluation criteria for it to be acceptable with County Transportation Planning staff and compatible with the call for projects process and that these are being requested to be included with endorsement. Most of the changes are for the Cost/Benefit and Safety evaluation criteria. **Mr. Matonti** reflected on the changes that had been made to the evaluation criteria.

Ms. Sproviero asked why long-term maintenance was removed from the scoring matrix. **Ms. McLaughlin** answered that changes were made according to the comments received from County Transportation Planning. When projects are being reviewed, the initial budgets for them are part of the package, and it's difficult to estimate if the initial budget will be exceeded and by how much, and if maintenance were included in the design of the project, the design would have added expense. **Ms. Sproviero** asked who would be responsible for maintenance. **Ms. McLaughlin** replied that the County is responsible for what they build on a County road and the State is responsible for what they build on a State road. The exception for these applications is whether SUN Trail money is used. In these cases, a local sponsor is needed. The project application package can be written to include who will be responsible for maintenance.

Ms. Fendrick provided comments for the draft BPMP.

- Page 17. States, “The current bicycle and pedestrian network in the Collier MPO area is well-connected, especially in urban centers like Naples and Marco Island...”
 - She disagreed with the statement and would like it revised, that there is a lack of bicycle facilities in unincorporated areas other than connector sidewalks in many places. After this, the Committee and **Ms. McLaughlin** brainstormed ideas for a rewrite. Following this, the Committee agreed to allow **Mr. Kingston** and **Mr. Matonti** to agree on a revision for Board approval.
- Page 65, Priority Projects for Everglades City
 - She proposed to provide information by email to update the information in this section for accuracy.

***Ms. Fendrick** moved to endorse the BPMP as presented with revisions and to apply the changes as discussed at this meeting. Seconded by **Mr. Dohm**. Motion passed unanimously.*

B. Comprehensive Safety Action plan (CSAP): Endorse Final Draft

Mr. Kingston mentioned that the plan has been changed by MPO and County Transportation Planning staff since it was seen at August BPAC largely for formatting. MPO Board reviewed and commented at their September meeting with no objection.

***Mr. Dohm** moved to endorse the CSAP. Seconded by **Mr. Sutton**. Motion passed unanimously.*

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

None.

9. Member Comments

Ms. Sproviero thanked the County for cleaning up the debris at Rattlesnake Hammock and Santa Barbara Roads, alleviating the safety concerns and received a direct response by the project manager. There will be a presentation on the Bonita Estero Rail Trail at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd.

Ms. Huff announced that October is Greenways and Trails month. There will be a series of meetings with the trail towns. **Mr. Dohm** added that the approval of Marco Island as a Trail Town will be on October 8th and 9th in Jupiter.

Ms. Fendrick asked **Ms. McLaughlin** or **Ms. Eastley** if they had heard of whether any “green” bike lanes would be removed with current policy actions. **Ms. McLaughlin** reported that this had been brought up at a TAC meeting and that they are protected from being removed because they are included in the MUTCD. **Ms. Eastley** supported this statement. **Mr. Matonti** added that he saw the “5th Avenue” seal had been removed yesterday.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Topics for Next Meeting

Mr. Matonti asked how the November meeting will be scheduled. **Mr. Kingston** answered that the location will be announced with distribution of the October meeting agenda, or if cancelled, in the cancellation.

12. Next Meeting Date

***October 21, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. Location:** Collier County Government Center, Admin. Bldg. F, IT Training Room, 5th Floor, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, 34112*

13. Adjournment

Mr. Matonti adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.