

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2:00P.M.
2885 S. Horseshoe Drive Naples, Florida 34104
August 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Shirk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Ortman called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Homiak, Vice-Chairwoman, District 1
Josh Rincon, Representative of Minorities
Russell Tuff, District 3
Gary Shirk, Chairman, At-Large
Rick Hart, Persons with Disabilities
Pam Brown, At-Large
Neil Gelfand, District 2
Susan Jones, City of Naples

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Phelan, City of Marco Island

MPO STAFF

Eric Ortman, MPO Senior Planner
Karen Intriago, MPO Administrative Assistance

FDOT

Victoria Peters, FDOT District 1 Liaison
Sarah Catala, FDOT Growth Management Coordinator
Bill Hartman, FDOT Project Development Manager
Kellie Spurgeon, FDOT Project Development Manager
Fidel Vargas, FDOT Project Development Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Wally Blain, Tindale Oliver
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning
Wayne Sherman, Citizen

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Shirk entertained a motion for approval of the agenda.

Ms. Homiak **I move to approve.**

Mrs. Rincon: **I second the motion.**

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approval of May 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Shirk entertained a motion to approve the May 21, 2018 meeting minutes.

Mr. Tuff: I move to approve.

Ms. Homiak: I second the motion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Open to Public for Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

None

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters stated that FDOT now has a project management team in the Southwest Area office (SWAO) in Fort Myers. The team will be reviewing project designs for the southern six counties within District 1 including: Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades, and Desoto. This will provide a local Department resource instead of needing to use Bartow. Ms. Peters stated that she will be presenting a summary of the SR 82 pathway project to the MPO Board on September 14th which will include future cost estimates to help guide the Board in their decision making. She introduced the FDOT project team that attended the meeting.

B. MPO Executive Director

Mr. Ortman stated that April Olson from the Conservancy of Southwest Florida is interested in becoming a member of the Technical Advisory Committee. Her application will be taken to the MPO Board on September 14th for approval. Ms. Olson has previously been a member of the TAC. Mr. Ortman also stated that the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is entering the procurement process.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse Roll Forward Amendment to FY2019 – FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ortman stated that every March the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provides the districts with the Tentative Work Program that is to be adopted on July 1. The MPO's TIP incorporates the Tentative Work Program and is also adopted by July 1st. Mr. Ortman stated that year one of the TIP and the Work Program should always match. However, when the new TIP and Work Program are adopted on July 1, there are often projects that were supposed to get authorized and encumbered prior to June 30 (i.e., when the previous TIP and Work Program were in effect), but did not. These projects will automatically roll forward in the Work Program but will not roll forward in the TIP. The TIP must be amended to include these projects. This is accomplished by a Roll Forward Amendment. The Roll Forward Amendment will not be recognized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) until October 1st which is the effective date of the new TIP.

The 21-day public comment period ended August 15th and no comments were received. Mr. Ortman stated that there were no transit projects in the Roll Forward report. Ms. Peters stated that she would verify that there were no transit projects that needed to be included.

Ms. Homiak: I move to approve.

Mr. Tuff: I second the motion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Endorse Supporting FDOT Bridge, Pavement and System Performance Targets

Mr. Ortman stated that this item asked the committee to endorse supporting the FDOT Bridge, Pavement and System Performance Targets. These targets apply to National Highway System (NHS) roads which FDOT is responsible for. Ms. Peters stated that she will be attending a FHWA seminar next month and will provide the committee with additional details on the targets.

A discussion followed on how realistic and achievable the Safety Performance Measures Targets were. Mr. Ortman stated that the MPO Board supports FDOT's Vision Zero targets. Ms. Peters stated that FDOT believes that even one fatality is too many; FDOT's goal is zero fatalities.

Ms. Jones asked if having a goal of zero fatalities, and being aware that it is unachievable, would impact how and where safety funds were spent. Ms. Peters stated that the MPO will not be impacted by the performance measures.

Mr. Homiak: I move to approve.

Ms. Rincon: I second the motion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. FDOT – Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) FY 2029 – 2045 Long Range Coast Feasible Plan

Ms. Catala presented a Power Point "*Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) FY 2029 – 2045 Long Range Coast Feasible Plan*" (available on the MPO's website). Main points of the presentation included:

- Developing a long-range cost feasible plan for capacity improvements beyond the 10-year SIS Plan in accordance with statutory direction.
- Ensure that the SIS Cost Feasible is consistent with FDOT revenue forecasts.
- Provide guidance to the MPOs for SIS capacity improvements that are used in the development of their Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP).
- Ensure consistency with the goals and objectives of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and the SIS Policy Plan.
- CFP is used to feed projects into the 2nd 5-year SIS Plan and the Department's Five-year Work Program.
- Updated every 3-5 years.

Ms. Brown asked how SIS projects get prioritized. Ms. Catala stated that SIS projects get prioritized on a state-wide basis and that there is input from MPOs, Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) and other transportation partners. Ms. Catala stated that the SIS plan would include a study on managed-lanes on I-75.

B. FDOT – SR 29 from I-75 to Oil Well Rd

Mr. Hartman presented a Power Point “*SR 29 from I-75 to Oil Well Rd*” (available on the MPO’s website). Main points of the presentation included:

- Currently in the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) phase which includes the preparation of all preliminary engineering and environmental documentation.
- Project is included in the MPO’s 2040 LRTP and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- SR 29 is one of 4 designated Freight Mobility Corridors in Collier County.
- Improving SR 29 from I-75 to Oil Well Road is the final piece of a unified regional approach that addresses the critical freight needs along all of SR 29.
- 2017 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) is 3,700; anticipated No-Build 2045 AADT is 8,500; anticipated Build 2045 is 11,400.
- 4-lane widening is necessary to meet demand and improve safety.
- Provides opportunities for greater wildlife protection.

Committee members stated concern regarding the crash data being outdated. Mr. Ortman stated that the crash data being used is the most recent available certified data, and that there is a two-year lag time.

Mr. Shirk asked if there was an engineering reason as to why the shoulders on the outside of the road appeared to be narrower. Mr. Hartman stated that he would get back to the committee with that answer.

C. FDOT – SR 82 from Hendry County Line to Gator Slough Lane

Ms. Spurgeon presented a Power Point “*SR 82 from Hendry County Line to Gator Slough Lane*” (available on the MPO’s website). Main points of the presentation included:

- Widening from two lanes to four lanes
- Bridge replacements with wildlife crossings under the canal and at Gator Slough
- 10-foot Multi-use path, south side
- 5-foot concrete sidewalk, north side
- Currently in design, right-of-way in FY2019, construction in FY2023
- Estimated cost - \$36 Million

D. FDOT – SR 29 from SR 82 to Hendry County Line

Mr. Vargas presented a Power Point “*SR 29 from SR 82 to Hendry County Line*” (available on the MPO’s website). Main points of the presentation included:

- Existing roadway is centered within 200’ Right-of-Way (R/W)
- Total length is 1.87 miles
- 41’ to 71’ of additional R/W needed
- New travel lanes will be constructed for southbound direction; Existing travel lanes will remain for northbound direction

- Total project cost is \$13,941,000
- Project will let in July 2022

E. Discuss Draft Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Ortman stated that the material in the first five chapters has been presented to the committee in other formats and items have been discussed previously but that this is the first time that the committee has seen the actual document. Mr. Ortman stated that the draft was developed based on safety, Environmental Justice, gap analysis, public and committee comments, socio-economics, and bicycle and pedestrian crash data.

Mr. Blain made a Power Point presentation to the committee (available on the MPO website). Mr. Blain stated that the goal is to have the plan endorsed at the October 12th Board meeting but that there is room for fluidity. Main points of the presentation included:

- Needs based plan will focus on safety, connectivity and equity or environmental justice (EJ)
- Bicycle and pedestrian crashes occur primarily on the arterials and collector
- EJ areas were identified at the Census Block Group level and by the number of EJ factors met
- EJ criteria greater than 10 percent above the County average were listed as EJ
- Plan will make recommendation to improve the process of coordination with the county to include bike and pedestrian facilities in resurfacing projects where possible.
- Plan seeks to identify potential additional funding sources and opportunities without prescribing how dollars should be spend outside of treating safety and environmental justice as the highest priorities.
- Education is an important tool for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.
- Needs were grouped into different groups: high crash areas, gaps on arterials and collectors; local road priorities; and greenway connectivity opportunities
- Plan could be used in place of a call for projects while still allowing jurisdictions flexibility in adding other projects.
- Allocating funds for recommendations from Road Safety Audits
- Census data will be evaluated for accuracy

Mr. Blain stated that US 41 east of San Marco Rd, and SR 29 from Everglades City to Immokalee will be removed from the map based on prior coordination with the Tribes. These two lines were mistakenly included in the map.

There was a discussion on Environmental Justice. Much of the discussion focused on apparent errors in the map. Mr. Ortman stated that the map was based on Census block group data which is the smallest area available. At the block group level there will be anomalies in the data. Mr. Blain stated that he would look at other possible ways to do a finer grain analysis such as overlaying preserve areas like the area west of SR 29 by Everglades City. Mr. Ortman stated that the map was a screening tool and that local knowledge could be used before projects were identified as being in/out of an EJ area. Mr. Ortman stated that if committee members had any questions or comments they are welcome to contact him.

F. Discuss Scope of Work for Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

Mr. Ortman stated that, in 2013, Collier County Traffic Operations Division submitted an application for a county-wide SHSP. The proposal was ranked 9th on the congestion management priority which was approved by the MPO Board in June 2013. The plan is funded in the first year of the current FY2019/2023 TIP, with a budget of \$200,000. Mr. Ortman stated that the scope is modeled after FDOT's

Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The Scope would guide the MPO and transportation partners in identifying implementation efforts that support FDOT's vision zero. Mr. Ortman also stated that depending on how in-depth the analysis is, the budget could be adjusted. Research on other MPOs with similar SHSPs showed their budget to be \$100,000 or less.

Mr. Ortman asked for the committee to comment on the scope of the study. Mr. Neal asked if there was a way to analyze if the cars that are equipped with advance technology such as warnings for lane change and potential collisions are having any significant impact on highway safety. Mr. Ortman asked the committee to contact him with any additional comments on the scope.

9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

September 24, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. Growth Management Department, Main Conference Room.

With no further comments or items to attend to, Mr. Shirk adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.