

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

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approval of February 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Homiak: **I move to approve the minutes.**

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

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

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters stated that she would be sending out information for an upcoming signalization training webinar. She also stated that the Legislature had awarded an earmark in the amount of \$175,000 for Lake Trafford Road. Ms. Peters stated that the earmark was requested by Collier County Transportation Planning. Ms. Peters stated that she would be working with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the County on the specifics for programming the earmarked funds.

Mr. Rincon asked if the funding would be allocated to sidewalks? Ms. Peters stated that the project was for sidewalks and bike lanes, and that more information would be available as the Department worked out the details with Collier County. Mr. Ortman stated that the earmark was for two projects that are in the current Work Program which were prioritized by the MPO several years ago, one for bike lanes and one for sidewalks.

B. MPO

None.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse 2045 LRTP Scope

Mr. Ortman stated that some adjustments had been made since the previous meeting. He stated that the TAC endorsed the scope with these adjustments which included piggybacking on an origin/destination study to be done by Lee MPO and incorporating by reference other plans and policies endorsed by local entities.

Mr. Sherman: **I move to endorse.**

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

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B. Endorse Transportation Systems Performance Report Scope

Mr. Ortman read from the Executive Summary for this item stating that the 2017 Congestion Management Process (CMP) was approved by the MPO Board at their October meeting. The plan included a recommendation to fund a Biennial Transportation System Performance Report (Performance Report). The Performance Report will recommend both short and long-term projects to address congestion. He stated that the Congestion Management Committee (CMC) endorsed the CMP at their last meeting and that the TAC endorsed it at their meeting that morning.

There was a brief conversation amongst committee members concerning the City of Naples master mobility study. Ms. Homiak brought the committee back on topic and entertained a motion for endorsement of this item.

Mr. Tuff: **I move to endorse the Transportation Systems Performance Report Scope.**

Mr. Sherman: **I second the motion.**

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C. Endorse FY2019-2023 TIP

Mr. Ortman stated that the committee has previously seen a draft of this item which included the narrative and project sheets. He stated that this was a complete draft version including the appendices. Mr. Ortman stated that the MPO Board has also seen a draft and they liked the way staff had done the work inhouse this year. He stated that Councilwoman Penniman made a comment on Panther habitat surrounding a specific project and that the MPO had sent her the relevant meeting notes on this project.

Mr. Ortman stated that the FDOT had sent a final snapshot on March 2nd which was to be used to create the TIP. Mr. Ortman then stated the differences between the March 2nd snapshot and the previous November 27th snapshot noting that three projects had a total net increase in funding of \$765,000 between the two snapshots. In addition, five projects were added to the TIP; four of these were already in the Work Program and were being added to the TIP so that the TIP and Work Program matched each other; the fifth project was also in the Work Program but had inadvertently been omitted by staff from the TIP. In addition, six projects had administrative changes made with no impact on funding; and 15 projects had changes to prior years' funding and future costs.

Mr. Ortman stated that since the committee's agenda packets had been distributed, two typos on page 181 and 183 had been corrected. At the request of FDOT, one additional change was made to add another appendix capturing the awarding of §5305 and §5310 funds. Mr. Ortman stated that the TAC endorsed the TIP at their meeting earlier that morning with removal of the Regional Non-motorized Network Map stating that the Lee MPO Executive Director and County staff had concerns that the map might have in ongoing negotiations with FDOT as to who was responsible for maintenance of pathways on state roads such as SR29, SR82 and US41. Mr. Ortman stated that removal of the map would not impact the TIP or the MPO's process.

Ms. Lantz stated that the County had experienced the same concerns as Lee MPO. She stated that FDOT was asking that future pathways on state roads such as US41, SR29, and SR82 be maintained by the County. She stated that to date the County has not agreed to take over this maintenance. Ms. Lantz asked Ms. McLaughlin to determine what needs to be done with a map that's already been adopted by our Board.

A committee member asked why the TIGER Grant allocation was not included in the TIP. Ms. Peters stated that these funds bypass the state and go directly to the local municipality, therefore they would not be included in the TIP.

Mr. Rincon: **I move to endorse, following the TAC’s recommendations.**

Mr. Tuff: **I second the motion.**

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D. Endorse Policy on Reprogramming Unobligated SU Funds

Mr. Ortman explained what the SU funds are and that Local Agency Program (LAP) certified entities have not been eligible to access these funds for cost overruns. Mr. Ortman stated that the City of Naples has been able to access these funds because they are currently not LAP certified. This creates an uneven playing field. Mr. Ortman stated that the MPO was approached by FDOT on the possibility of allocating some of the MPO’s SU funds that hadn’t been programmed to a County project that came in over budget. He stated that this was brought before the MPO Board and they have directed Ms. McLaughlin to develop a policy for future use of these funds. Mr. Ortman stated that the TAC endorsed this policy and it will go before Board at their next meeting.

Ms. Lantz stated that previously if there was a cost overrun on a County project, the County would have to come up with the funds or change the scope to make it fit the existing budget. She stated that the same issue would occur with Naples’ projects however, because they weren’t LAP certified, FDOT would come up with the extra funds by pulling from the SU box. She stated that this issue has come up several times and that she has been concerned with the large amount of money sitting in the box.

Ms. Homiak entertained a motion for endorsement of the policy.

Mr. Tuff: **I move to endorse.**

Mr. Sherman: **I second the motion.**

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E. Endorse Amendment to FY16/17-17/18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Ortman stated that the committee endorsed this item at their last meeting for a smaller amount but that additional changes have been made which had increased the de-obligation request to \$177,000. These additional changes included a delay in the work for the redesign of the website and timeline extensions for the major update to the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Mr. Ortman stated that there was also a reallocation of \$15,000 from Task 4, Long Range Planning, to Task 7, Regional Coordination, and a revision to the FDOT soft match.

Ms. Homiak entertained a motion for endorsement of the UPWP Amendment.

Mr. Sherman: **I move to endorse.**

Mr. Tuff: **I second the motion.**

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8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Update on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Ms. Bartlett, Tindale-Oliver Associates, gave a Power Point presentation covering the updates to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) development. The Power Point presentation can be provided to anyone who requests it and is also available on the MPO website. Ms. Bartlett covered the upcoming schedule for the plan including further committee updates. She also covered additional public comments received since the last update. She discussed the needs identification strategy and sources that had been used to develop draft potential projects. Ms. Bartlett presented the safety needs based on the MPO's existing conditions memo and crash data, and discussed areas of high safety concern. Ms. Bartlett also covered proposed local road needs, collector/arterial needs, the proposed evaluation criteria, and initial proposed policy concepts. Ms. Bartlett covered the plans next steps and then opened the floor for questions and comments from committee members.

Mr. Sherman commented that some of the insets on the maps presented were confusing. Ms. Bartlett thanked him for his comments. Mr. Phelan asked who decides on the criteria and how to allocate points to that criteria. Mr. Ortman stated that the criteria have been developed from past studies and committee input.

Ms. Lantz asked for more specifics under community support and the 5 points allocated for group/agency advocating for a project. She asked whether there needed to be a petition or a specific number of people requesting a project, or just simply one agency. Ms. Bartlett said that they would consider this further.

Mr. Tuff stated that population density should be considered as a criterion in prioritizing projects. Ms. Huff stated that many tourists came to Everglades City to cycle in the Everglades. Ms. Homiak stated that there were many tourists throughout Collier County who rode bicycles. Committee members agreed that population density should be reflected in the scoring criteria.

B. Update on 2040 LRTP Amendment

Mr. Blain, Tindale-Oliver Associates, gave a Power Point presentation which covered the 2040 LRTP Amendment. The presentation can be made available to anyone who requests it. Mr. Blain's presentation covered a revised schedule for the amendment and the outcome of the March 15th public meeting. Mr. Blain stated that the main points of the comments made concerned the Vanderbilt Beach Road extension and opposition to the S-Curve Alignment. Mr. Blain covered the 2040 Needs Network along with the alternatives covered at the last meeting and their costs. He reviewed the project scoring stating that the same prioritization criteria were used as were used in the development of the LRTP. The suggested new projects rank between 27 and 63 out of a total of 69 projects on the Needs List.

Mr. Blain covered the changes made to the LRTP before its adoption in 2015 to including the removal of the Randall Boulevard widening and the extension of Vanderbilt Beach Road. He stated that two projects were added at this time; the widening of Wilson Boulevard and the extension of Little League Road. In addition, the Randall/Oil Well corridor was classified as a study area.

Mr. Blain also covered the adopted 2040 cost feasible network and potential changes to the adopted network as a result of the amendment. Mr. Blain then covered the remaining schedule for the 2040 LRTP Amendment and opened the floor for questions and comments from committee members.

Mr. Tuff asked if there had been any opposition expressed from members of the public for the amendment. Mr. Blain stated that there was strong opposition to the S-curve and some concern expressed about the process for reallocating development and future growth.

Before moving onto the next item, Mr. Ortman stated that the TAC had stopped at this point in the agenda due to time constraints and tabled the remaining items until the next meeting. Mr. Ortman asked the Committee if they wished to continue with the agenda. With no members opposed, Mr. Ortman proceeded with a brief summary of the items below.

C. Update on City of Naples/Collier County TMC Co-location Study

Mr. Ortman gave a brief summary of this item due to time constraints. He stated that the study looked at combining both Traffic Management Centers (TMC) and that the Board did not take action but asked that this first go before the City of Naples Council. Mr. Ortman stated that Collier County was proceeding with moving its TMC into the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which is Category 5 building. He stated that the FDOT study outlined the pros and cons of consolidating and remaining separate but ultimately recommended the combination of the two TMCs.

D. MPOAC Freight Prioritization Program – 2018 Call for Projects

Mr. Ortman briefly updated the committee on this item stating that the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) has been developing the 2018 call for projects for the MPOAC Freight Prioritization Program. He stated that there were a few in Collier County including a study of the I-75 interchanges and another study of I-75 under a full build out scenario.

E. Golden Gate Walkable Community Study

Mr. Ortman announced that there would be a public meeting held on April 19th at the Golden Gate Community Center from 5-7 p.m for this study.

F. Review & Comment on the Highway, Bridge, Congestion Management, Bike/Ped, Transit Priorities

This item was skipped due to time constraints.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Sherman brought up an issue he's been experiencing with the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) his community is a part of. He asked how to go about dissolving an MSTU when it's initial purpose has been met. Ms. Homiak stated that this topic was not relevant to the MPO. Ms. Lantz stated that he should speak directly with the MSTU. Mr. Ortman stated that Mr. Sherman should look at the MSTU's charters and speak directly with his Commissioner on this topic.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

April 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Growth Management Department

12. Adjournment

With no further comments or items to attend to, Ms. Homiak adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.