

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 31, 2020 9:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

**TAC Members Present**

Lorraine Lantz, Chair, Collier County Transportation Planning (Chair)

Ute Vandersluis, City of Naples Airport Authority

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

Don Scott, Lee County MPO

Tim Brock, Everglades City

Andy Holland, City of Naples

Michelle Arnold, PTNE

Daniel Smith, Director of Community Affairs, City of Marco Island

Debra Brueggeman, Collier County Airport Authority

**TAC Members Absent**

Tim Pinter, Vice-Chair, City of Marco Island

John Kasten, Collier County School District

Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Greg Strakaluse, City of Naples

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Brandy Otero, Principal Planner

Karen Intriago, Administrative Assistant

Josephine Medina, Planner

**Others Present**

Zachary Karto, CAT

Randall Farwell, Tindale Oliver

Andrea Halman, At-Large Member (BPAC)

Patty Huff, At-Large Member (BPAC)

Tara Jones, Jacobs Engineering  
Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering  
Victoria Peters, FDOT  
Jennifer Marshall, Environmental Administrator (FDOT)  
Wally Blain, Tindale Oliver  
Tamarin Kirby, CAT  
Dennis McCoy  
Mary Ross, FDOT  
Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

*Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Brock seconded. Carried unanimously.*

**4. Approval of August 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**

*Mr. Smith moved to approve the August 7, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

**6. Agency Updates**

**A. FDOT**

**Ms. Peters** - gave Census update. Will help guide over 6 billion dollars in funding. Referred to 2020 Census; 844-330-2020 and my2020census.gov.

**B. MPO Executive Director**

**Ms. McLaughlin** - no update. Agenda is full.

**7. Committee Action**

**A. Endorse Transit Development Plan - Major Update**

**Ms. McLaughlin** - introduced senior planner, Josephine Medina. **Ms. Medina** - referred to materials provided in agenda packet. Randy Farwell w/Tindale Oliver will provide brief overview. Transit Development Plan ("TDP") is to ensure consistency with MPO long-range transit plan. Major update scheduled to go on September 11, 2020 to MPO Board and then to County Commissioners on October 13, 2020. **Mr. Farwell** - reviewed TDP presentation materials in agenda packet. TDP is 10-year strategic plan for transit.

TDP is required by FDOT. Serves as tool to ensure every community that receives federal/state funding for transportation projects is reviewing required criteria under plan. Identifies funded and unfunded needs. Updates every 5 years. Current TDP covers FY 2021-2030. Extensive and lengthy presentation regarding TDP and transit network changes/impacts as provided in agenda packet. Significant efforts focused on streamlining routes and reducing overlap. Added routes for service and provided further studies on connections to Lehigh Acres and UF Ag Center. Explained specific routes that are being added to service area. Discussed 10-year operating cost compared to 10-year capital cost. Approximately \$134M in 10-year funded projects. Approximately \$25M in 10-year capital costs. Projects are required to be on TDP if receiving federal or state funding. Projects can advance sooner or later depending on funding availability and priority.

**Mr. Brock** - well organized presentation. Some statistics had older information for Everglades City. 2019 application in incorrect. **Mr. Farwell** - should have mentioned Everglades City van pool that is included in TDP but did not mention it in presentation. **Mr. Brock** - surprised that van pool is not in first 5-year plan. **Ms. Arnold** - should have been mentioned in first 5-years. Currently working with representatives in Everglades City. Brief discussion among members regarding exchanging updated information to be included. **Mr. Brock** - will there be a fixed route across Collier County. **Mr. Farwell** - would be an extension of Route 24 and would connect Everglades City to Government Center and services that convene at Collier Boulevard and US 41 (Super Walmart). Questioned that route may be too long and might be more cost effective to do mobility service. **Mr. Brock** - based on visitors in Everglades City that have been queried, transportation would be very useful. **Ms. Arnold** - intent is to review plan every 5-years and to identify possible projects and to acquire information from the community to include unidentified projects. Brief discussion among members regarding how projects are included and reviewed/identified including participation by community members.

**Ms. Lantz** - inquired about meeting with City of Naples and City of Marco Island - inquired about on-demand service and reception by City officials. **Ms. Arnold** - reception included a lot of questions about routing. Endorsed plan and encouraged participation with e-Downtown process to figure out how to transport people in downtown area between Goodlette and US 41 to connect with areas in 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. **Mr. Karto** - City focused on connecting mode to Coastland Mall, autonomous vehicle to Naples Pier. **Ms. Arnold**- this is vision plan. Working with consulting firm to define actual routes, what different modes are appropriate. More details will be forthcoming. Marco Island is excited about TDP. Park is having major redesign and hoping that routing would be servicing park. Will be working with them to define most advantageous routing for their area.

**Mr. Brock** – page 49 – mentions SunTrail projects – is it part of TDP. **Mr. Farwell** – part of plans review. Recommendations within context of other projects occurring within community. Recognize connecting trails within transit.

**Ms. Lantz** – coordinating with other LRTP (“Long Range Transportation Plan”) for other projects. **Mr. Farwell** – coordinating with FDOT for federal grant purposes. Transit is different. Except for federal formula funding, transit is discretionary. Collier County must apply for grants for services or for capital projects. TDP was 5-year plan initially but was expanded to 10-year plan to better fit into LRTP. **Ms. Arnold** – confirmed coordination with LRTP.

**Ms. Arnold** – will need to submit comments. **Ms. McLaughlin** – need comments no later than Thursday, September 3, 2020.

**Ms. Lantz** – in LRTP, commuting between Lee and Collier reported as decreased. Presentation appeared to show increase in commuting statistics.

*Mr. Brock moved to endorse the Transit Development Plan with comments as noted. Mr. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **B. Endorse Transportation System Performance Report & Action Plan (TSPR)**

**Ms. Otero** – Congestion Management Committee (“CMC”) has been working on plan for approximately 1.5 years. Introduced Wally Blaine with Tindale Oliver. Mentioned specific agenda items in packet. Intent to prioritize projects based on data and will feed into LRTP. **Mr. Blaine** – reviewed presentation in agenda packet. Federally required step in securing funding for designated projects. Needed to evaluate 2017 congestion management process. Intent is to reduce traffic using alternative transportation methods. Lengthy and comprehensive presentation regarding performance measures and criteria required to be addressed in plan (as provided in agenda packet materials). Miscellaneous comments by committee members regarding formatting of plan – not substantive.

*Ms. Lantz moved to endorse the Transportation System Performance Report & Action Plan. Mr. Scott seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **C. Preliminary Review and Comment on 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) Roadway Network, Draft Chapter 4 - System-wide Needs Assessment and Draft Financial Resources Technical Memorandum**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – introduced consultants from Jacobs Engineering. Asking for preliminary review and comment on CFP. Three components to be reviewed: 2045 LRTP; draft CFP; draft Chapter 4 system-wide Needs Assessment and draft Financial Resources Technical Memorandum. **Ms. Jones** – information in agenda packet that was

submitted to FDOT. Gave presentation on agenda packet materials. Reviewed Alternative 5 spreadsheet of projects currently scheduled and prioritized. **Mr. Scott** – had cost set at .15/mile for I-75 project. Questioned viability of road project at that cost level. Brief discussion regarding overall scope of project. **Ms. Lantz** (to **Mr. Scott**) – inquired about Livingston Road. **Mr. Scott** – not anything in current runs. Unsure about major intersections other than ones already identified. Continued discussion regarding PD&E studies and flexibility with funding. **Mr. Brock** – is funding included for bridge widening on US 41. **Ms. Lantz** – nothing on the immediate list for US 41. Would be coordinated with FDOT. **Ms. McLaughlin** – FDOT is studying it but no information is available yet. City of Naples proposed bike/ped enhancements. **Ms. Peters** – some raised pavement markers may be removed – waiting for timeline – but have approval on bike/ped recommendations regarding bridge widening.

**Ms. McLaughlin** – due to time constraints, would welcome comments on remaining portion of plan within 2-3 weeks. **Ms. Jones** – suggested September 7 in agenda. **Ms. McLaughlin** – comments need to be received by September 7.

#### **D. Endorse Collier County's Transit Safety Performance Targets**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – discussed Executive Summary in agenda packet. MPO is required to adopt transit safety targets within certain time frame of local transit agency adopting their program. Still within acceptable response deadline but just seeking comments from members to begin dialogue. Requesting endorsement of target recommendations.

**Ms. Lantz** – already accepted by BCC that were presented by CAT. **Ms. McLaughlin** – confirmed.

*Ms. Lantz moved to endorse Collier County's Transit Safety Performance Targets as presented. Mr. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.*

### **8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)**

#### **A. FDOT Update on Current Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) Studies**

**Ms. Peters** – introduced Jennifer Marshall, FDOT Engineer, who will discuss PD&E studies. **Ms. Marshall** – presentation is for informational purposes only. Reviewed PD&E Study Status as of August 2020 (in agenda packet).

**Mr. Brock** – will US 29 have bike lanes. **Ms. Marshall** – showing shoulders – not bike lanes. I-75 to Oil Well – have not had discussion yet. SR29 to SR82 – design preliminary studies are ongoing. **Ms. Lantz** – questioned about timeline of Immokalee and Randall project. **Ms. Marshall** – approximately one month.

## 9. Member Comments

**Ms. Lantz** – will there be joint meeting with TAC and CAC this year. **Mr. Scott** – questioned whether there is time to have one. **Ms. McLaughlin** – would like to have joint meeting with board boards.

**Mr. Brock** – questioned about SunTrail. **Ms. McLaughlin** – need County agreement to sign off on maintenance agreement. Doubt will be able to obtain it this year. If trail is included in road project, FDOT would maintain. **Mr. Brock** – all SunTrails are interconnected except section in south part of State. **Ms. McLaughlin** – County will maintain off road section. Current disagreement with County maintaining trails within State right-of-ways. Extensive discussion regarding difficulties in obtaining approval for inclusion within SunTrails projects.

## 10. Distribution Items

### A. FY21-25 TIP – Administrative Modifications

## 11. Next Meeting Date

*September 28, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. - Virtual Meeting (current Executive Order expires September 30, 2020)*

## 11. Adjournment

*There being no further comment or business to discuss, Mr. Brock moved to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded. Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.*