

**CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Via ZOOM**

**July 15, 2020 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

CMC Members Present

Tony Khawaja, Chairman, Collier County Traffic Operations
Karen Homiak, CAC Representative
Lorraine Lantz, Collier Co. Transportation Planning
Don Scott, Lee County MPO (*non-voting*)
Dave Rivera, City of Naples
Tim Pinter, Vice-Chair, City of Marco Island
Dr. Mort Friedman, PAC Representative
Alison Bickett, City of Naples
Omar DeLeon, Public Transit Neighborhood Enhancement

CMC Members Absent

Dan Summers, Collier County Emergency Management
John Kasten, Collier County School District

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Brandy Otero, Principal Planner
Josephine Medina, Planner
Karen Intriago, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Pierre Beauvoir, Collier County Traffic Operations
Victoria Peters, FDOT
Trinity Scott, Collier County, Transportation Planning
Wally Blain, Tindale Oliver
Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Bickett moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Pinter seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the May 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Lantz moved to approve the minutes. Mr. DeLeon seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters – Old 41 PD&E project that was previously discussed. Working on typical sections and will have meetings with Bonita Springs and Collier County. Had plan for late fall/early winter to have public meeting/participation. Updates are available if requested.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin – None.

C. City of Naples

Mr. Rivera – 8th Street project commenced in April. Finished 2 blocks and continuing to move north. Hope to begin new intersection at 4th and 8th in next week.

Mr. DeLeon – Collier Area Transit (CAT) – moving forward with transit development plan. Meeting to be held on July 30, 2020.

Mr. Khawaja – Collier County – projects are ongoing. One project was submitted for approval on July 14. PTZ camera contract opened and Access was selected. Bosch was previously used. Will need to go to Board for award – perhaps in September. Network upgrade is going out for RFP. Selection committee will be reviewing applicants soon.

Ms. Lantz – Collier County Board of County Commissioners approved the 2017 TIGER IX Discretionary Grant Agreement - Phase 1. Moving forward on project.

7. Committee Action

A. Transportation System Performance Report & Action Plan Update

Mr. Khawaja – introduced Wally Blaine with Tindale Oliver to provide update and presentation (in agenda packet). **Ms. Otero** – action plan is last element in report and get approval today so it can be presented to MPO board in September. **Mr. Blain** – gave presentation on overall project (see agenda packet for presentation slides). Provided recap of Congestion Management Process (goals and objectives). Explained maps indicating public transit routes and identified

congested areas. Discussed congestion problems and analyses pertaining to statistical data regarding traffic crashes and fatalities. Focus areas include Immokalee Road, Goodlette Frank Road, Collier Boulevard, Airport Pulling Road. Bike/pedestrian lanes were also reviewed in these areas. Evaluations of project criteria should include baseline considerations and implementation of strategies. Explanation of congestion management strategies includes evaluation/prioritize, decision-making, scheduling, implementation, evaluation effectiveness.

Mr. Khawaja – inquired about submitting a roundabout project and what the process would be if the report and Action Plan are approved. **Mr. Blain** – ensure that proposal identifies congested locations and provides relief to congested corridor. Goal is to alleviate congestion through operational and “quick-fix” projects. Brief discussion concerning confirmation of requirements to meet project objectives. **Ms. Otero** – purpose of report was to identify locations to focus efforts on improving congestion management and spending allocations. Report should be updated every other year. CMC has funding every 3 years. Federal Highway is pushing towards performance-based funding. **Mr. Khawaja** – multi-modal is a solution and signal-timing could be issue. Brief discussion concerning what is the most effective way to propose projects and what the priority solutions should be going forward. **Mr. DeLeon** – mentioned van pool as a possible transit strategy but not listed in report. Would it be eligible for funding if not identified as a strategy. **Mr. Blain** – should be acknowledged and recognized as an option. Matrix was not intended to be prescriptive – only as a guide for analyses as possible options. Will add it as a strategy for transit. Further discussion concerning clarification on certain projects and school congestion management.

Ms. Bickett – have charter schools been considered in plan. **Mr. Blain** – charter schools were not included except for Marco Island Academy. **Ms. Bickett** – will it be considered in the future. **Mr. Blain** – should be policy discussion but bussing is not factored into plan. **Ms. Otero** – review of this topic in the plan at this late stage would be very costly. Can be included in future plan. **Ms. Blain** – matrix of strategies for schools are in appendix of plan. **Ms. Scott** – committee members could collect data over next year that would feed into next plan update. Traffic counts and other alternatives for gathering information. Plan will be updated in 2 years. **Ms. Bickett** – have obtained data already and will incorporate that into any future development plan.

Ms. Otero - still have public involvement pending. PowerPoint to be sent out to public via TV and MPO website probably within 1 week. Will not change elements of report. Comments today will be reported to MPO board. Seeking approval of plan from committee and then present to MPO Board in September.

Ms. Lantz – Section 3-10 and 3-11 – analysis for intersections. Recommending overpasses and are those going to be incorporated into LRTP. **Mr. Blain** – Immokalee Road/US 41 and Livingston/Golden Gate Parkway. Recommendation was to provide some type of elevation control. Left turn accommodation would not improve traffic control. Right of way issues especially at Immokalee/US 41 intersection. Intersection of Green/Santa Barbara is also under consideration. **Ms Otero** – grade separated and innovative intersections are noted in Needs Plan but do not affect model

Mr. Scott – Veterans to Strand – is 4 lanes the limit. **Mr. Blain** – project listed in TIP goes further than Livingston. **Ms. Scott** – not sure that it was a 4-lane project. Will have to review design

build. **Mr. Blain** – will review Transportation Improvement Program. Recapped the comments and changes proposed.

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the Transportation System Performance Report as revised per comments from committee. Mr. Pinter seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Discuss Call for Projects

Ms. Otero – presenting TSPR on September 11, 2020 to MPO Board. After MPO approved, CMC projects would be consistent with TSPR. Looking at corridor type projects. Need to discuss meeting schedule – need concept sheets within 30 days.

Ms. Lantz – asked for clarification of projects to be recommended. Tier 1 or other matrix categories. **Ms. Otero** – allows for Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 projects to be recommended. Brief discussion on very tight deadline to submit projects (within 30 days) and inability to meet deadline. **Ms. Peters** – FDOT will be changing application process and will find out if next call for projects will be different. May be online system to permit online submissions. Will follow up and report back. **Ms. Lantz** – confirmed that same system as school applications. **Ms. Peters** – T/A projects and congestion management will likely fall within same category. Will report back to committee with any updated requirements, training, etc. **Ms. Otero** – will send out the implementation matrix and concept sheets on July 16, 2020.

C. CMC Bylaws

Ms. McLaughlin – reviewed bylaws for advisory committees to ensure consistency with MPO bylaws. Updated name of committee as well as purpose statement. Suggested removing non-voting members and add Don Scott as voting member. Need to confirm Everglades City will not object if vacant position is removed. Will keep non-voting members on distribution list but remove them from actual committee membership. County attorney reviewed and suggested minor revisions. Can present to MPO Board in September for approval. Recommended endorsing changes. **Mr. Khawaja** – is there no requirement to keep non-voting members. **Ms. McLaughlin** – requires a revision to MPO bylaws to remove non-voting members, simultaneously with amending committee bylaws.

Mr. Pinter moved to endorse the change to the CMC bylaws as recommended. Ms. Lantz seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

N/A.

9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items

N/A.

11. Next Meeting Date

*September 16, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.
2885 Horseshoe Drive North, Main Conference Room*

12. Adjournment

*There being no further comments or business to discuss, **Mr. Khawaja** adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.*