

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board of County Commission Chambers
Collier County Government Center
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor
Naples, FL 34112
September 11, 2020
9:00 a.m.
AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Brandy Otero called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

Members Present

Councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt, City of Everglades City, Chair
Councilman Erik Brechnitz, City of Marco Island, Vice-Chair (arrived late)
Commissioner Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2
Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr. District 5
Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4
Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3
Commissioner Donna Fiala, Collier County BCC District 1
Councilman Paul Perry, City of Naples
Councilman Mike McCabe, City of Naples

Members Absent

N/A

MPO Staff

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

FDOT

L. K. Nandam, District 1 Secretary
Victoria Peters
Wayne Gaither

Others Present

Lorraine Lantz, Chair, *Technical Advisory Committee*
Joseph Bonness, Chair, *Bicycle and Pedestrians Advisory Committee*

Trinity Scott, Collier County Transportation Planning
Wally Blain, Tindale Oliver
Randall Farwell, Tindale Oliver
Omar DeLeon, Collier County PTNE
Michelle Arnold, Collier County PTNE
Tamarin Kirby, Collier County PTNE
Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering
Tara Jones, Jacobs Engineering
JoAnn May, *FDOT*
Garrett Beyrent, *Public Member*
Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner McDaniel served as Chair [pursuant to Hybrid Remote board meeting protocol] and called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Fiala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS

4.A. June 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fiala moved to approve the June 12, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Beyrent – asked to speak. Was on the board in 1990, reminisced about designing bike lanes.

6. AGENCY UPDATES

6.A. FDOT

Ms. Peters – participating in statewide Mobility Week October 30-November 6. Encourages Floridians to try new transportation options. Hosted 39 events across 11 counties last year. Promotes safe transportation choices. Also mentioned census reporting. Directly impacts \$675B in community funding. Census is confidential.

Secretary L.K. Nandam – M-CORES update. Meeting 8 is upcoming. After meeting 9, will submit final report. Protecting panthers and finalizing study results will be focus in upcoming 2 meetings. Revenue projections did not give good outlook for next 5 years, including current fiscal year. Total \$1.5B shortfall in revenue over 5-year period. Will directly impact program development. First challenge is adjusting program in current year. Will need to review next 5-year plan as well. Have been updating the cost feasible plan for the intermodal transportation system. Will restart update next year. Long Range Transportation Plan will incorporate cost feasible plan as developed last year.

Commissioner Taylor – confirmed that \$1.5B short on revenue and projection is for State of Florida. **Secretary Nandam** – confirmed and explained distinction between “v-shape” and “u-shape” recoveries in terms of revenues, speed of recovery.

Commissioner McDaniel – asked for shortfall amount for this year only. **Secretary Nandam** - \$450M shortfall for this year alone.

Brief discussion among Board members regarding planning protocols and M-CORES update.

Councilman Brechnitz – is revenue generated from gas tax. **Secretary Nandam** – both state and federal gas tax provides funding. Some money from doc stamps but majority comes from gas tax. Traffic volumes are between 0-10% right now. Some areas are less than others. **Councilman Brechnitz** – will need to formulate plan on how to reduce dependency on gas tax for revenues with implementation of electric vehicles and other alternative energy sources.

6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. McLaughlin – had site visit portion of certification review on August 11-13, 2020. Held public meeting on August 11 and it was attended by 2-3 members of public. Represented well throughout meeting process by BPAC members. Assisted by Chairwoman, Elaine Middlestaedt, as well as Michelle Arnold, PTNE. Trinity Scott contributed for Transportation Planning. Lee County MPO Director assisted with regional coordination. Review team provided recommendations on how to complete 2045 LRTP.

7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – presented on behalf of Neal Gelfand, Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). **Ms. McLaughlin** read summaries of reports into record of CAC meetings held on June 10, 2020, July 8, 2020, August 7, 2020, and August 31, 2020 via Zoom.

7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – introduced Lorraine Lantz, Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). **Ms. Lantz** read report into record of TAC meetings held on June 10, 2020, July 8, 2020, August 7, 2020, and August 31, 2020 via Zoom.

7.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

7.C.1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair Report

Mr. Bonness - Read report into record of BPAC meeting held on August 18, 2020 via Zoom.

Commissioner McDaniel – mentioned that he attended City Council meeting in Everglades City. Introduced **Councilwoman Middlestaedt** – discussed program called “lane restructuring.” Community in Everglades City in favor of restriping of SR29. Instead of going through MPO [project prioritization] process, Everglades City is asking the County to agree to do restriping as part of resurfacing; adding pedestrian/bike lanes as part of restriping project. **Commissioner Fiala** – asked about cost to maintain sidewalk – for example US 41. **Commissioner McDaniel** – needs extension – not widening. **Ms. Scott** – US 41 from Greenway to 6L Farms. Section is programmed in LRTP to be widened from 2-4 lanes and would include pathway and sidewalk. MPO believed that SunTrail funds were available. Must have maintaining agency to access funds. Read from application what elements are specifically maintained. Discussed in detail the program requirements and expectations for possible program fund access. **Secretary Nandam** – SunTrail is statewide program that connects multiple facilities. Maintenance agreement is required. Several MPO agencies are applying for funds to accommodate bike/ped projects. Cannot overlook specific language in SunTrail requirements. There are other options to construct shared use paths provided there is a transportation component without incurring the maintenance requirement under SunTrail program. Explained distinction in programs and maintenance requirements. Recommend application to SUNTrail program when proposal is for a trail [in a greenway, on ROW separate from a roadway.]

7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)

7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – read report into record of CMC meeting held on July 15, 2020 via Zoom on behalf of the Chair.

Commissioner Fiala – questioned about actual voter membership. **Ms. McLaughlin** – committee has very lengthy list of non-voting members. Generally, do not attend or participate in meetings. Voting membership had vacancies that could not be filled. Suggested that Everglades City take over non-voting membership so that they could have member representation. Bylaw changes will come before MPO Board for approval in October.

7.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)

7.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report

None.

8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

N/A.

9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)

9.A. Approve the Transportation System Performance Report and Action Plan

Ms. McLaughlin – introduced Brandy Otero. Requesting approval of Transportation System Performance Report (“TSPR”). Have been working on plan for approximately 18 months. First recurring bi-annual report. Baseline conditions report and action plan. Read portion of Tindale Oliver report into record. Includes data-driven process and integrated report. Introduced Wally Blaine with Tindale Oliver.

Mr. Blaine – reviewed presentation contained in agenda packet. Integrating Congestion Management Process and improvements to Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transit Development Plan (TDP), Bike/Ped Master Plan (BPMP) plan and transportation/land use. Discussed existing transportation routes, programs, and proposed improvements. Explained usage of various performance measures and application to objectives. **Commissioner McDaniel** – questioned tiers of how congestion is measured. **Mr. Blaine** – demand versus actual traffic on roadway. Reviewed speed and other traffic measuring data. Tiers based on number of overlapping criteria. **Commissioner McDaniel** – mentioned concerns with infrastructure and grading of tiers for projects, citing Randall Blvd as an example that should be ranked higher due to safety concerns.

Garrett Beyrent – asked to speak, comments concerned a bike path on CR951 and Magnolia Pond and a PUD – matters unrelated to topic under discussion.

Commissioner McDaniel called for motion to move study forward. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve. Commissioner Fiala seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.B. Adopt Collier County’s Transit Safety Performance Targets by Resolution

Ms. McLaughlin – have until November to approve targets but no reason to wait. Board of County Commissioners (BCC) did adopt safety plan on May 12, 2020 (in agenda packet). Have option of adopting separate targets for MPO. Recommendation is that MPO Board adopt BCC targets by resolution. Has been endorsed by TAC and CAC.

Commissioner Taylor moved to adopt Collier County’s Transit Safety Performance Targets by Resolution. Commissioner Saunders seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.C. Approve Revisions to the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

Ms. McLaughlin – recommended by FHWA. Recommendation to update plan to address pandemic, hurricane and other disaster events to be totally inclusive. Updated file storage protocols, meeting requirements, local guidance protocols, etc.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve revisions to the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Commissioner Fiala seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.D. Endorsement of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update

Ms. McLaughlin – requested endorsement of TDP. Introduced Josephine Medina for further information. **Ms. Medina** – update is ensuring consistency with LRTP. Will go before Board of County Commissioners for adoption but will also feed into 2045 LRTP. Endorsed by TAC and CAC. Introduced Randall Farwell with Tindale Oliver to give presentation. Also mentioned Michelle Arnold and PTNE team for additional support. **Mr. Farwell** – reviewed presentation in agenda packet regarding TDP. Will include van pool services in Everglades City. Explained Mobility on Demand (MOD) services including point-to-point service within defined MOD service zone. Will connect to CAT at mobility hubs and will serve general public and TD/ADA trips. Expected to see approximately 812k riders or, with changes, 1.2M riders. Discussed route network modifications with explicit detail. Reviewed cost projections and TDP review/decision processes. TDP has been reviewed by TAC, CAC, City of Marco Island, and City of Naples with endorsements received. MPO endorsement is requested today. The TDP will then be forwarded to Board of County Commissioners on October 13, 2020 for final approval.

Ms. Arnold – very excited about plan, which is a Vision Plan, not a budgetary document. Will provide guidance to identify projects. Wanted to ensure mobility options for various communities. Working with Everglades City to come up with schedules for van pool routes. **Commissioner Fiala** – asked about successful, established plans in other areas. **Ms. Arnold** – Lee County has plan in place that is successfully providing transportation options. Partnership with business community. Brief discussion by MPO members regarding suggested plan.

Commissioner Saunders moved to endorse the Transit Development Plan Major Update. Commissioner Fiala seconded. Passed unanimously.

10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)

10.A. Update on 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Ms. McLaughlin – reviewed presentation in agenda packet for LRTP. Conducted virtual public meeting on July 29, 2020 to discuss Needs Plan. Well attended and had very good discussion among panel of experts. Explained specific portions of LRTP including Roadway Network Alternative 5. Evaluation Matrixes – designates adopted goals including protection of environmental resources, connectivity, safety, multi-modal solutions, and integrated transportation. Draft chapters for review include goals and objectives along with needs assessment and financial resources. Related plans are critical – TDP (September Board meeting); TSPR (September Board meeting); Local Roads Safety Plan (LRSP) (October Board meeting); BPMP (adopted March 2019). Final cost feasible network submittal to FDOT by September 15, 2020. Will hold a virtual public meeting on cost feasible plan, date TBD. Expanding advisory committee reviews to include LCB, BPAC, CMC, in addition to TAC and CAC. Needs assessment and cost feasible plan to MPO Board for approval on October 9. Complete LRTP draft to committees by end of October for review prior to Board review in November, and again to committees at end of November prior to final adoption on December 11, 2020 by MPO Board. FHWA/FTA Certification Review indicated greater emphasis needed on multimodal transportation in 2040 LRTP. Need to add financial details related to current TIP in cost feasible plan. Need to amend LRTP to synchronize with new SIS cost feasible plans.

10.B. FDOT Update on Current Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) Studies

Ms. Peters – will give update to Board at next meeting. Updates will be provided in October.

11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

11.A. Administrative Modifications to FY2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. McLaughlin – modifications to FY2021-2025 TIP. Do not require amendment and are administrative - informational only. Improved maps on Lake Trafford bike/ped projects. Amendment is presented for insertion in plan documents.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Scott – follow-up on Mr. Beyrent’s earlier comment. Golden Gate Planned Unit Development. Is now managed by Transportation Review Section. Pathway along Golden Gate canal. PUD pathway requirements are being implemented.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

13.A. Next Meeting Date - October 9, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner McDaniel adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m.