

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
VIRTUAL MEETING
ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM
MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2020 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gelfand called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Neal Gelfand, Chair, District II
Dennis DiDonna, At-Large
Tammie Pernas, Everglades City
Suzanne Cross, City of Naples
George Dondanville, At-Large (left at 3:10 pm)
Fred Sasser, City of Naples
Karen Homiak, District I

CAC Members Absent

Pam Brown, District V
Robert Phelan, Marco Island
Bob Melucci, District IV
Rick Hart, Persons with Disabilities
Josh Rincon, Representative of Minorities

MPO Staff

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

Others Present

Tara Jones, Jacobs Engineering
Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering
Demian Miller, Tindale Oliver
Victoria Peters, FDOT
Trinity Scott, Collier County

Valerie Nowottnick, Minute Taker

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. McLaughlin - requests to remove 7.E. from the agenda.

Ms. Pernas moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Sasser seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of August 31, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. DiDonna - correction to August 31, 2020. Should be "Vanderbilt Drive" instead of "Vanderbilt Beach Road." Page 4.

Mr. Sasser moved to approve the August 31, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Cross seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters - New draft tentative work program FY 2022-2026 scheduled to present at November 30, 2020 to CAC and TAC and again at December 11, 2020 MPO Board meeting. Also have tentatively scheduled virtual public hearing - week of December 7-11, 2020. Second component is in-person outreach to community December 8, 2020 at library headquarters at Orange Blossom Drive. Tentative rescheduled date (if necessary).

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin - will be sending out revised meeting schedule to show meetings between MPO for Collier and Lee Counties have been canceled for this fall.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse Amendment to 2040 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan Regarding SR 29

Ms. McLaughlin - SR 29 is in Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. Some projects on SR 29 that are currently going through PD&E did not make it into 2040 Long Range Cost Feasible Plan. Received advice from FHWA to amend 2040 LRTP, although the 2040 LRTP will be superseded in few months. Suggested two new

“Emphasis Areas” be incorporated. Reviewed material in agenda packet related to TIP. Quick fix to existing error that will carry over until final 2045 LRTP is adopted. Important for MPO to maintain planning consistency.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the 2040 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan Regarding SR 29. Mr. Sasser seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. Endorse Draft Chapter 4 System-wide Needs Assessment for the 2045 LRTP

C. Endorse Draft Chapter 5 Financial Resources for the 2045 LRTP

D. Endorse Draft Cost Feasible List of Projects

Ms. McLaughlin – changes will still need to be made. Constantly evolving process – will need to incorporate new information on revenue estimates and public input. Suggested “moving forward” instead of “endorsing” to allow for additional comments and further modifications by MPO.

Mr. Dondanville – page 4.3 on Section B – System- wide Needs Assessment – bullet no. 3 – begins with “Naples shall not permit construction of vehicle road overpasses or flyways in favor of feasible alternative planning solutions,” what does that mean? **Ms. McLaughlin** – was excerpted from another document. Wanted to capture succinctly adopted policies of local governments that affect planning for roadways. **Ms. Scott** – City was opposed to Golden Gate Blvd overpass at Airport Rd but County moved forward with it. Language is from the City of Naples Comprehensive Plan; has implications for pedestrian bridge proposed to connect Freedom Park across Golden Gate Blvd at the [Gordon River] Greenway. **Mr. Dondanville** – plans being drawn, and money being gathered to fund it, for “flyover” across Golden Gate Parkway. Brief discussion regarding proposed “flyovers” in other locations; and whether term applies only to roadways and not to a pedestrian bridge. **Mr. Dondanville** - Also noted congestion on Park Shore Blvd. west of Crayton Road to Gulf Shore Blvd. Questions actual amount of congestion in that area.

Mr. Gelfand – Collier County is positive on benchmarking system. CAT had target of 10% of rolling stock to meet benchmarks. Actual target is 50%. Anticipated that there will be significant growth. Is rolling stock in better shape than target? **Ms. McLaughlin** Question appears to pertain to agenda item 1 - information in the performance measure report in 2040 LRTP amendment. Will be attaching a similar report to the 2045 LRTP. County’s goal was to replace busses. Number represents busses that are aging out of system. Draft TIP amendment in process for bus replacement – may be on November agenda. **Ms. Peters** – allows for 1 bus replacement. Maintenance building is also being

considered. **Ms. Scott** – age is not necessarily a criteria for replacement – sometimes it is mileage.

Ms. Cross – asked about growth rate in transit ridership. Have seen a lot of statistics showing decreased ridership. In these documents it is shown as 18%. **Ms. McLaughlin** – Transit Development Plan just came out in draft form – incorporated in 2045 LRTP – predicts increase in ridership if they are able to implement projects.

Mr. Dondanville – local agency priorities on local roads. Page 44-45. Naples downtown circulation connectivity plan/Gordon bridge area. Suggesting to remove concrete abutment and create 14 ft. shared pathway on each side of bridge to get to Goodlette Road area. When is that scheduled. **Ms. Cross** – concerned about suggesting to narrow travel lanes. **Ms. Scott** – FDOT will be looking at area very closely. Brief discussion concerning review of area by agencies and implementation of recommendations from study.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the Draft Chapter 4 System-wide Needs Assessment for the 2045 LRTP (Item 7.B), Draft Chapter 5 Financial Resources for the 2045 LRTP (Item 7.C), and the Draft Cost Feasible List of Projects (Item 7.D). Mr. Dondanville seconded. Passed unanimously.

E. Comment on Draft Chapter 6 Cost Feasible Plan for the 2045 LRTP

Ms. McLaughlin – pulled from agenda at staff’s request because document was not ready for distribution on time.

F. Comment on Local Roads Safety Plan Technical Memos – Statistical Analysis and Recommendations

Ms. McLaughlin – introduced Demian Miller with Tindale Oliver to give presentation on Local Road Safety Plan (“LRSP”) Draft Findings. **Mr. Miller** – gave slideshow presentation in agenda packet pertaining to LRSP. Developing a LRSP is recommended by FHWA as safety countermeasure. Explained data analysis. Collier County issues fewer citations than rest of Florida. Extensive and comprehensive presentation including crash data, non-infrastructure strategies, data pertaining to law enforcement; and recommendations.

Mr. Gelfand – questioned population data and vehicle miles of travel, why Collier’s statistics are better than state averages. **Mr. Miller** – lower proportion of younger drivers. Relatively new roadway network also. Roads built on contemporary design standards. Divided medians also help.

Mr. Gelfand – questioned whether auto design has had any impact on statistics in report. **Mr. Miller** – crash mitigation system and other improvements/automation have improved ability to avoid crashes; however, while cars are doing more to avoid crashes, drivers are doing more distracted driving.

Ms. Cross - bikes have blinking lights and bright signage - on Gulf Shore Blvd for example. Blinking lights on emergency vehicles also - create too much distraction for drivers - not sure where to look even while paying attention. **Mr. Miller** - incident management - crash or other incident - emergency vehicles have all their lights on - can be distracting to drivers. Should have continuing education for professionals/first responders to use them more effectively. Digital billboards are another source of distraction. Brief discussion regarding usage of bright lights and bright signage generally is becoming a problem for drivers to stay focused on actual road.

Mr. DiDonna - asked about statistics for red light running. **Mr. Miller** - national research on impact of red light running - automated enforcement. Brief explanation of how automated enforcement has affected traffic flows and various intersections. Will provide statistics to committee.

Mr. Sasser - inquired about roundabouts. Comments made that roundabouts are safer for pedestrians. Disagree with that statement. **Mr. Miller** - single lane roundabouts have most crash reduction benefit. Multi-lane roundabouts have mixed results. Crashes in roundabouts less severe than crashes at traditional intersection. Very dependent upon design. Brief discussion regarding benefits of roundabouts generally.

G. Endorse FY 20/21-21/22 UPWP Amendment

Ms. Otero - first amendment to fiscal 2020/2021 - 2021/2022. Added more funds to transit. Must spend old money by December 31, 2020. Spend less than anticipated on travel for training purposes due to COVID-19. Needed to show original allocation and re-allocation. Extensive and comprehensive explanation of where monies were moved and re-allocated under UPWP. Sent out to Advisory Network and is posted on website. Brief discussion concerning re-allocation of monies and how they were represented within tables/Plan.

Ms. Cross moved to endorse the FY 20/21-21/22 UPWP Amendment. Ms. Pernas seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV) White Paper, FDOT

Ms. McLaughlin - gave briefing on information provided in agenda packet pertaining to CAV. Brief discussion among members regarding vehicle autonomy.

9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

October 26, 2020 – 2:00 p.m. – 2885 Horseshoe Drive South, Main Conference Room (or TBD – depending on social distancing guidelines)

12. Adjournment

*There being no further comment or business to discuss, **Mr. Gelfand** asked for motion to adjourn. **Ms. Homiak** moved. **Ms. Cross** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.*