

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
VIRTUAL MEETING
ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM
MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2020 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:34 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)
Don Scott, Lee County MPO
Tim Brock, Everglades City
Gregg Strakaluse, City of Naples
Andy Holland, City of Naples
Michelle Arnold, Collier County PTNE
Debra Brueggeman, Collier County Airport Authority
Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations (arrived at 9:49 am)

TAC Members Absent

Ute Vandersluis, City of Naples Airport Authority
Tim Pinter, Vice-Chair, City of Marco Island
John Kasten, Collier County School District
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
of Community Affairs, City of Marco Island

MPO Staff

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

Others Present

Tony Khawaja, CMC Chair, Collier County Traffic Operations
Demian Miller, Tindale Oliver
Tara Jones, Jacobs Engineering
Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering

Victoria Peters, FDOT
Trinity Scott, Collier County, Transportation Planning
Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. McLaughlin – requested that item 7.E on the agenda be tabled to a later date. Did not get materials out to committee members in time for review.

Mr. Holland moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Arnold seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of August 31, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Strakaluse moved to approve the August 31, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Arnold seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters – committee projects – working with County and MPO – doing constructability reviews during the summer – now have draft tentative 2022-2026 – scheduled to be presenting at November 30, 2020 TAC/CAC and then December 11, 2020 MPO Board meeting. E-public hearing date also scheduled for December 7-11, 2020. In person outreach date is December 8 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Orange Blossom library headquarters in Naples. Backup plans would be in FDOT headquarters building in Lee County if COVID impacts hearings.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin – decided to cancel joint meetings with Lee County and Collier County MPO Boards. Had coordinated two long range plans pretty closely with roadway connections. With uncertainty about virtual meeting and whether it would be acceptable, just decided to cancel fall meetings completely.

7. Committee Action

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

Ms. McLaughlin – brought up by FHWA during Federal certification review (not tied to review but part of routine review as part of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)). Prior reviews have missed that projects pertaining to SR 29 were not in Cost Feasible Plan for 2040 LRTP. Should have been caught 4 years ago but were not discovered. Advised by FHWA to draft amendment and bring it back to Board for approval so there is planning consistency between LRTP and TIP. Explained substance of amendment as well as two new planning factors. Actual language and amendment contained within agenda packet.

Mr. Brock – questioned about I-75 at SR 29 to Oil Well Road. 10.2 mile stretch at \$30 million. Is it being modified or changed? Reviewed funding of projects. **Ms. McLaughlin** – SIS is constantly changing. SIS for 2021-2045 (2018 edition for construction). PD&E is current status. **Ms. Peters** – may be projected numbers for PD&E.

Mr. Brock moved to endorse the Amendment to the 2040 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan Regarding SR 29. Mr. Strakaluse seconded. Passed unanimously.

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

Ms. McLaughlin – wants to get plan to stage to present to MPO Board. Moving forward to next phase of plan. Had updates to bike/ped portion that were reviewed by BPAC committee. Added transit – was not in last version – still waiting at this point for additional information.

Mr. Scott – Tindale Oliver and PTNE are still refining the Transit Development Plan (TDP). **Ms. McLaughlin** – Jacobs needs information regarding TDP revenue estimates to develop Transit Cost Feasible Plan.

Ms. Arnold – questioned transit portion of report. Did not see anything different from TDP. **Ms. McLaughlin** – deferred question to **Ms. Jones** – draft TDP – looked at transit revenue – got some revenue projections through 2045. Used unfunded needs identified in TDP – based on rankings that could be funded. TDP had numerous unfunded needs. **Ms. Arnold** – does this assume that by 2045 these will be the same needs since they are unfunded. **Ms. Jones** – that is correct. Most of revenue was assigned or programmed through 2030. Determined how many projects could be funded through 2045 for the LRTP. Brief discussion regarding endorsement of plan as presented in agenda packet.

Ms. Arnold moved approval to move forward on the Draft Chapter 4 System-wide Needs Assessment for the 2045 LRTP. Mr. Brock seconded. Passed unanimously

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

Ms. McLaughlin – very similar status to Chapter 4 in prior discussion. Reviewed Executive Summary in agenda packet. Drilling down for comments to move forward while still time to respond to comments. **Ms. Jones** – Table 5-1 in Chapter 5 – LRTP 2045 Revenue Projections – minor changes to dollar amounts. Minor increase in transit operation is now \$345 million. Transit capital is still \$101 million. Highway – remains same. Missing category for other arterial and design/PD&E study – increases by \$97 million. Will be reflected in next version. **Ms. Lantz** – cost feasible will also increase? **Ms. Jones** – next item – the updated list of cost feasible projects includes the \$97 million.

Mr. Brock – [regarding two new planning factors in 2040 LRTP amendment, previous item] need to change performance measures – that is what this amendment accomplishes? **Ms. McLaughlin** – 2045 LRTP performance measures are being integrated from the beginning. Not an amendment. Performance measures do not factor large into financial chapter (resources). Making sure something has not been overlooked. Also keeping informed as new information is received. **Ms. Lantz** – make sure it is coordinated with actual list. Will have to add airport revenues and expenses somewhere in tables. **Ms. McLaughlin** – once information is received, yes it will be added.

Ms. Arnold moved to approval to move forward with the Draft Chapter 5 Financial Resources for the 2045 LRTP. Mr. Brock seconded. Passed unanimously.

D. Endorse Draft Cost Feasible List of Projects

Ms. McLaughlin – approve draft list of cost feasible projects for concurrence to move forward for public involvement. Latest version contains revisions. Wanted to make this clearer to TAC and CAC before holding public meeting. Introduced **Ms. Jones** to give PowerPoint presentation in agenda packet. Explained content of presentation including revenue forecast, TIP plan periods, LRTP plan periods and other components of the 2045 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan. Need to get comments to stay on schedule for presentation to MPO Board on October 9, 2020 with approval on December 11, 2020.

Mr. Brock – dollar amounts – pre-COVID or post-COVID estimates. **Ms. Jones** – were not adjusted in 2020. Pre-COVID dollars. Other estimates have accounted for COVID measures. Lengthy discussion regarding confirmation of revenue estimates and whether they will be revised in the future.

Ms. Lantz – asked about old US 41 and where Lee County had it placed. **Mr. Scott** – construction in 2031-2035 timeframe. I-75 will be at the same time. Nothing else is specifically mentioned. Intersections and other items that need to be completed as well. **Ms. Lantz** – discussed Livingston at Imperial. Widening is not on schedule. **Mr. Scott** – does not show on Lee County plan either. Need to review intersection improvements at some point.

Ms. McLaughlin – pointed out the added road segments that may be controversial. Proposed new I-75 interchange in vicinity of Everglades Blvd. – environmental groups opposed – connector roadway may be challenged. Benfield extension and Big Cypress Parkway were objected to previously by some environmental groups. Comments may be made but heavy lifting to accommodate projected growth falls upon County to address. Other local jurisdictions not directly affected. Growth is coming to County and need to sequence infrastructure. Wanted to get concurrence to move forward rather than endorsement. Brief discussion regarding projects that have been pending and may be addressed in the future. **Trinity Scott** – explained in further detail the focus of planning transportation needs in near as well as distant future. Preserving Right-of-Way for future needs is critical, will accommodate wide variety of travel modes.

Mr. Holland moved to move forward with the Draft Cost Feasible List of Projects. Ms. Lantz seconded. Passed unanimously.

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

Ms. McLaughlin – tabled this section for later meeting.

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. Process is recommended by FHWA as countermeasure. Explained data analysis. Collier County issues fewer citations than rest of Florida. Extensive and comprehensive presentation including crash data, non-infrastructure strategies, and data pertaining to law enforcement.

Mr. Khawaja – what are statistics nationwide for bike/ped. **Mr. Miller** – Florida has approximately 3 pedestrian fatalities per year per 1000 population. Collier County is better than Florida overall as well as nationally. Brief discussion regarding statistical information related to fatalities, safe driver stats, and age-related driving habits as well the frequency with which studies should be prepared.

Ms. McLaughlin – seeking comments only. Have had some public involvement thus far. Seeking feedback from committee members. Deadline – contract terminates in early November unless extended. [Subsequently extended to end of December.] **Mr. Miller** – will include slideshow presentation with request for comments from committee members.

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

Ms. Otero – first amendment to fiscal 2020/2021 – 2021/2022. Added more funds to transportation. Must spend old money by December 31, 2020. Have travel funds and office supplies. 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. Arnold moved to endorse FY 20/21-21/22 UPWP Amendment. Mr. Brock seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

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

Ms. McLaughlin – gave explanation of information provided in agenda packet pertaining to CAV. **Mr. Scott** – mentioned multiplier regarding roadways in calculations.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Scott – asked about information for M-CORES. **Ms. McLaughlin** – yes, it was received and forwarded to Jacobs for inclusion in 2045 LRTP.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

October 26, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. – 2800 Horseshoe Drive North, Room 609/610. Brief discussion on expiration of Executive Order allowing virtual meetings. Appears October meeting will have to be in-person [Governor subsequently issued new EO extending virtual meeting option through end of October.]

11. Adjournment

There being no further comment or business to discuss, Mr. Brock moved to adjourn. Ms. Lantz seconded. Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.