

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board of County Commission Chambers
Collier County Government Center
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor
Naples, FL 34112
February 12, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

****HYBRID REMOTE – IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at approximately 9:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Brandy Otero called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

Members Present (in BCC Chambers)

Commissioner Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2
Councilman Paul Perry, City of Naples
Commissioner Rick LoCastro, Collier County BCC District 1
Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr. District 5
Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3
Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4

Members Present (virtually and via phone)

Councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt, City of Everglades City, Chair
Councilman Mike McCabe, City of Naples

Members Absent

Councilman Greg Folley, City of Marco Island

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

Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney
Lorraine Lantz, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee

Trinity Scott, Collier County Transportation Planning
Megan Greer, Blue Zones
Stacie Blizzard, FHWA
Carlos Gonzalez, FHWA
Kati Sherrard, FDOT
Yvonne Blair
Steven Ludwinski, Corradino Group

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Commissioner Solis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner McDaniel - announced election of Chair and Vice-Chair; asked if Councilwoman Middelstaedt would like to serve another term. **Councilwoman Middelstaedt** – Yes; will miss March meeting but can begin attending in-person in April.

***Commissioner Taylor** nominated Councilwoman Middelstaedt for another term as Chair. **Commissioner Saunders** seconded. Passed unanimously.*

Commissioner McDaniel – introduced discussion on Vice-Chair. **Commissioner Taylor** – suggested City of Marco Island or Naples representative serve. **Councilman Perry** indicated willingness to serve as Vice-Chair.

***Commissioner Saunders** nominated Councilman Perry as Vice-Chair. **Commissioner Taylor** seconded. Passed unanimously.*

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS (This item was heard prior to Agenda item #4)

5.A. December 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

5.B. Approval of Annual Local Contribution to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

5.C. Approve Use of SU Funds to Cover Minor Cost- Overrun on S Golf Bike-Ped Project Design Phase

***Commissioner McDaniel** moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Commissioner LoCastro** seconded. Passed unanimously.*

***Commissioner Saunders** moved to approve the December 11,2020 Minutes and Consent*

items. **Commissioner Taylor** seconded. Passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(There were none.)

7. AGENCY UPDATES

7.A. FDOT

Ms. Peters – gave briefing on hybrid public meeting FDOT held on Draft Tentative Work Program. **Secretary Nandam** - COVID relief funding expected to bring \$1.9 million to Collier MPO. No details yet. Will keep MPO Board informed. Revenue shortfall near term is recovering faster than predicted. Gas Tax 2018 revenue projections showed growth flattening due to electric vehicles, then turning downward in 2026. Active conversations at state and federal level concerning new revenue sources. Encouraged Board members to begin talking about it as local leaders. Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) next step would be alternative corridor evaluation process, but task force requested high level needs review, developing segmentation plan and priorities. Anticipate completion by May and then review by task force. **Commissioner McDaniel** – any traction on increasing tolls to cover operating expenses at Fire Station 63 [on I-75]. **Secretary Nandam** – Department is committed to meet statutory requirements and agreements. Cannot use other flavors of funds on a toll facility. Has had internal discussions about increasing tolls but FDOT cannot lobby for funding. **Commissioner Taylor** – explain who gets paid first, second using toll revenues under statutory requirements. **Secretary Nandam** - 1) pay debt 2) maintain toll road – first priorities are safety, pavement conditions, 3) toll operations 4) maintain toll facility; extra revenues go to 5) Fire Station 63 and 6) Everglades Fund administered by Water Management District. **Commissioner LoCastro** – has FDOT communicated with first responders at Fire Station 63? **Secretary Nandam** – we have but not in last several months. Department shares sentiment that first responders are very important. This is only location in state where toll revenues are paying for operations. Focusing on current year now, trying to identify funds to cover this year operations. Same conversation will come up next year. **Commissioner McDaniel** – two bills proposed to Legislature to eliminate M-CORES, any discussion among FDOT? **Secretary Nandam** – no, we are moving forward. **Councilman McCabe** – will tightening of revenues and not being in [2045] Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) impact redesign for 4-corners intersection [Tamiami Trail, 9th Street, 5th Ave] **Secretary Nandam** – pursuing study of 4-corners, FDOT has to address drainage on Tamiami Trail, will involve major reconstruction of roadway, saw opportunity to help community; has been meeting with individual Naples City Council members and Commissioner Taylor who represents that District. Drainage study has funding in FY25/26 [for survey], important to move forward, not delaying project.

7.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. McLaughlin – this is last MPO Board meeting that Josephine Medina will participate in as MPO staff, has accepted position with Growth Management Department. May see her again in that capacity. We're happy for Ms. Medina, sad for us.

8. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

8.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

8.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – no Chair reports this month for Citizens, Technical and Bike-Ped Advisory Committees due to difficulties achieving in-person quorums. All MPOs around the state are experiencing problems achieving quorums. Citizen volunteers not ready to meet in person during COVID pandemic. See related item coming up on agenda about reducing BPAC quorum.

8.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

8.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report

N/A

8.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

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

N/A

8.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)

8.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – the CMC report is in your packet.

8.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)

8.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – the LCB did not meet last month.

9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

9.A. Approve an Amendment to the FY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and an Authorizing Resolution

Ms. Otero – this is request for the Board to approve an amendment to the FY21-25 TIP to add a new project acknowledging receipt of 5310 grant funding for Collier Area Transit in the amount of \$23,700 for six radios and tablets. A roll call vote is required.

Commissioner Saunders moved to approve amendment to the FY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Solis seconded. Roll Call vote taken.

*Commissioner Solis – Yes
Councilwoman Middelstaedt – Yes
Commissioner McDaniel – Yes
Commissioner Taylor – Yes
Commissioner LoCastro – Yes
Councilman Perry – Yes
Commissioner Saunders – Yes
Councilman McCabe – Yes*

Passed unanimously.

10. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)

10.A. Election of Representatives to Serve on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Board for 2021.

Ms. McLaughlin – the current primary representative is Commissioner McDaniel. Commissioner Solis is the alternate. The Board can nominate new representatives or re-elect the current representatives if they are willing to serve another term. **Commissioner McDaniel and Commissioner Solis – willing** to serve again.

Commissioner Taylor moved to reelect Commissioner McDaniel. Commissioner Saunders seconded. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Saunders moved to reelect Commissioner Solis as an alternate. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Passed unanimously.

10.B. Review and Approval of Amended Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Bylaws

Ms. McLaughlin – The BPAC has been unable to meet the in-person quorum requirement since the expiration of the Governor’s Executive Order on November 1 which temporarily suspended requirements for an in-person quorum. BPAC wants to meet and conduct business but I wasn’t able to convene them to have them vote to endorse the Bylaw change. Currently recommending a quorum of four (4) because I think they can meet that.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve amendment to bylaws limiting quorum to 4 members as recommended by staff.

Discussion followed regarding reducing quorum as low as three (3) and how that would affect voting. **Mr. Teach** – the reduced quorum would just apply to in-person quorum; a majority of members present would still be required to vote. Staff instructed to bring back additional bylaw revisions for other committees having trouble meeting in-person quorum requirements.

Commissioner Taylor moved to amend her motion to allow a 3-member in-person quorum to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Bylaws. Commissioner Saunders seconded. Passed unanimously.

10.C. Approve Two Re-appointments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Bylaws

Ms. McLaughlin – request to Board to approve two re-appointments to the BPAC. Ms. Andrea Halman lives in Immokalee and is an outspoken advocate for the community and for designing facilities for people of all ages and abilities. We need this representation on the BPAC. Has excellent attendance record and willing to attend meetings in-person to meet Sunshine Law requirements. Mr. Matonti has been serving as Vice-Chair, has an excellent attendance record and is willing to attend meetings in-person also. He brings technical, professional planning experience to the committee and is a real asset to the committee.

Councilman Perry moved to approve Two Re-appointments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Bylaws. Commissioner Taylor Seconded. Passed unanimously.

10.D. Approve Re-appointment to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Ms. McLaughlin – request is for Board to approve a reappointment to the CAC. Mr. Rick Hart represents Persons with Disabilities which we need on the committee. He is willing to attend meetings in-person and has an excellent attendance record.

Commissioner Solis moved to approve Re-appointment to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). Commissioner LoCastro seconded. Passed unanimously.

11. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)

11.A. FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program FY 2022-2026

Ms. McLaughlin introduced **Ms. Peters** – The Work Program video is meant for informational purposes and emphasizes the collaborative nature of the partnerships FDOT has with the locals to program/deliver your Priority Projects.

Before digging a little deeper into your projects, we would like to thank our local partners including: Anne McLaughlin and her staff at the MPO, your County and City's Planning staff and our FDOT Work program staff. Just to reiterate, the new Draft Tentative Work Program includes fiscal years of FY22-FY26 with FY26 being the NEW fiscal year added in the 5-year window. With the local collaboration we received, we were able to program *almost* all your Priority Projects from your updated Bike/Ped Priority list. Safety is definitely the MPO's and FDOT's theme in this Work Program (WP) and here is a sampling of some of your priorities we were able to program during this WP Cycle Include:

1. Your #1 Priority: the Immokalee City Sidewalks – which includes 6 ft sidewalks on the East side of Carson, North 9th Street and South 9th Street. This project is anticipated for Design in FY22 which is right around the corner.
2. We were also able to program the Marco Loop Trail Study which will look at the feasibility of a facility along CR92 from US 41 to Goodland Dr and on SR951, from 41 South to Judge Jolley Bridge. This will be an FDOT managed study in FY22.
3. Additional sidewalk and bike lanes were programmed through the five-year WP cycle and includes sidewalks on Goodlette-Frank, Naples Manor sidewalks, Golden Gate sidewalks, Sidewalks for the City of Naples on 26th and multiple segments of In-Road bike lanes on Marco Island.
4. Phase 3 of the Everglades City Bike/Ped Masterplan was also programmed with sidewalks and bike lanes on Broadway and Hibiscus (Copeland/CR29 bike lanes was separated out from this original project and is proposed to be built with the County’s Resurfacing projects as funds are available in the upcoming years. This may be the County’s first “Lane Repurposing” project as well.
5. FDOT’s programmed projects also focused on Safety and Preservation which are evident with our multiple Milling & Resurfacing projects and newly programmed SR29 Wildlife Detector Sensors (along SR29, North of the Panther Refuge to South of Oil Well Rd.)
6. Lastly, we were pleased to program your awarded grant application for: a new SunTrail project which includes: The Livingston Rd FPL Trail Ext from Radio Rd to the Collier County Line. (an 11-mile Shared Use Path along the FPL Easement – parallel to Livingston Rd

Thank you for the opportunity to present this video and overview.

11.B. Southwest Connect I-75 South Corridor Update

Mr. Gaither – introduced Joshua Jester, Interstate Project Manager, Kati Sherrard, P.E. Interstate Program Manager, and the speaker Nicole Harris, I-75 Project Manager who gave the PPT presentation that is included in the agenda packet. Change of direction in December to rescope and develop a master plan with evaluation of alternatives to include mainline/managed lanes and new and existing interchanges, establish PD&E study limits (segmentation) and prioritize most critical areas. Upcoming deliverables include draft master plan (November 2021); final master plan (March 2022); followed by implementation plan in 2022.

Commissioner McDaniel – do we need to amend the [2045] LRTP due to segmentation of PD&E’s so won’t delay construction phase? **Ms. McLaughlin** – we expect to have to amend the LRTP to accommodate future phases, but not at this time. [waiting for direction from FDOT]

11.C. 2020 Federal Certification Report

Ms. McLaughlin – introduced topic and Stacie Blizzard, FHWA, to give the presentation [PPT available by request, MPO office]. Noted that report title refers to Bonita Springs TMA – that is the Collier MPO, the TMA name is based on the Census designated urban area.

Ms. Blizzard - Federal law requires FHWA and FTA to jointly certify transportation planning process of Transportation management Areas (TMAs) at least every four years. Site visit and public meeting held August 11-13, 2020. No unresolved findings from previous certification review in January 2016. Single corrective action identified this year has been resolved by including the TIP in the 2045 LRTP Financial Plan. Noteworthy practices include Transportation Performance Planning, coordination with transit, security considerations such as amending the Continuity of Operations Plan to address the pandemic, use of interactive maps for LRTP and substantially improving tribal outreach through development of a formal tribal communication policy. FHWA shares noteworthy practices with other MPOs in state and nationwide and recognizes Ms. McLaughlin as a national expert on tribal outreach for MPOs.

12. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

13. MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner McDaniel – staff should visit Regional Planning Commission interactive mapping tool, combines airports, roadways, land use, etc.

Ms. Greer, Blue Zones – requested opportunity to speak. **Commissioner McDaniel** – you’re out of order, see agenda item for public comments on items not on the agenda, but go-ahead. **Ms. Greer** – Blue Zones appreciates Ms. McLaughlin’s support of Bike-Ped Safety Coalition; building great partnerships, check out Winter Bike to Work Day.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

14.A. Next Meeting Date – March 12, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112

15. ADJOURN

*There being no further business, **Commissioner McDaniel** adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:35 a.m.*