

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON HYBRID MEETING  
ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2021 2:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Gelfand called the meeting to order at 2:00 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  
George Dondanville, At-Large  
Fred Sasser, City of Naples  
Karen Homiak, District I  
Rick Hart, Persons with Disabilities  
Suzanne Cross, City of Naples  
Josh Rincon, Representative of Minorities

**CAC Members Absent**

Pam Brown, District V  
Robert Phelan, City of Marco Island

**MPO Staff**

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

**Others Present**

Victoria Peters, FDOT  
Allison Evanitz, FDOT

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

*Ms. Pernas moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Rincon seconded. Carried unanimously.*

### 4. Approval of November 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

*Mr. Sasser moved to approve the November 30, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Homiak seconded. Carried unanimously.*

### 5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

### 6. Agency Updates

#### A. FDOT

**Victoria Peters** - Safety Summit Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>, virtual meeting, local agencies invited. AICP credits will be available for attendees. FHWA's new Planning Liaison is Carlos Gonzales. **Mr. Sasser** - Goodlette-Frank intersection at US41, the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase is a few years out [in the TIP] are there any documents on that? **Ms. Peters** - Not yet. FDOT has 4 Corners Study underway, came about due to major drainage and repaving project on US 41 from Golden Gate to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Funding is for ROW survey. **Mr. Dondanville** - Check with Old Naples Neighborhood Association - FDOT has scheduled meetings with different associations from 7<sup>th</sup> Ave north over to the bridge. Deb Chesna is heading up the study. **Mr. Gelfand** - sidewalk and bike path on Wiggins Pass - additional development in the area increasing existing congestion if put in sidewalk and bike path will that be a problem if need to widen the road in the future. **Ms. Peters** - will check with County and get answer through MPO. Is the development in progress now? **Mr. Gelfand** - yes. **Mr. DiDonna** - we have a mess in District 2, putting in 500 homes on Vanderbilt north of Wiggins Pass and nothing done with roads. What is plan for Old 41? We are trapped [by congestion], can't get out on Immokalee and US 41. **Ms. Cross** - we're already trapped and adding all this office space. **Mr. Dondanville** - Veterans Memorial [extension] is essentially a one-way road to the new high school traffic backed up on Old 41 halfway to Lee County. **Ms. McLaughlin** - staff can give a briefing on what's in the 2045 LRTP regarding these roadways. Not the forum for commenting on County land development process.

#### B. MPO Executive Director

**Ms. McLaughlin** - Provided update on MPO Board actions at February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting - approved reappointment of Rick Hart to committee. Reappointment of Karen Homiak will be considered in March. Commissioner LoCastro has indicated support. Board approved reducing BPAC in-person quorum requirement to 3. Staff will propose

same for CAC at March Board meeting. CAC can vote to endorse at March meeting that follows Board meetings.

## 7. Committee Action

### A. Elect Chair, Vice- Chair

**Mr. Gelfand** introduced the item. Committee members asked whether current Chair, Vice-Chair are willing to serve again. **Ms. Homiak** raised question of two-term limit for Chair in the bylaws. **Mr. Gelfand** clarified he has only been Chair for one term. [Staff later confirmed that the CAC bylaws limit officers to two consecutive terms.]

*Mr. Rincon moved to reelect Mr. Gelfand as Chair. Mr. Hart seconded. Passed unanimously.*

*Ms. Cross moved to reelect Ms. Pernas as Vice-Chair. Mr. Rincon seconded. Passed unanimously.*

### B. Endorse Amendment to Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY2020/2021

**Ms. Otero - presented the item.** Changes include reducing the UPWP to reflect a change in the FTA 5305(d) match. FDOT is providing a “soft match” instead of a cash match in the amount of 20%. UPWP is being amended to show the reduction in cash and addition of a soft match. Other changes include:

- Reallocation of funding, including adding \$30,000 to admin for transcription services
- Reallocation of \$60,000 from Task 1 to Task 5 to pay for an update to the Congestion Management Process
- Updating target dates
- Updating summary tables

**Mr. Gelfand** – how much of a dollar amount equates to a soft-match. **Ms. Otero** - in this case it’s \$32,000, attributable to FDOT personnel salaries.

*Mr. Dondanville moved Endorse Amendment to Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY2020/2021. Mr. Homiak seconded. Passed unanimously*

### **C. Endorse Amendment to FY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution**

**Ms. McLaughlin** - presented the item. Companion to UPWP amendment. Involves change from hard to soft match and acknowledging actual amount of federal funding programmed.

*Mr. Rincon moved Endorse Amendment to FY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution. Ms. Pernas seconded. Passed unanimously*

## **8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)**

### **A. FDOT Commute Connector Program**

**Ms. Evanitz**, FDOT, presented this item. [the PPT is in the agenda packet.] She is new to Florida. Started with FDOT one month ago. Program serves twelve counties in District 1. Provides commute options for work force. Can call using phone app, identifies park and ride locations, bus stops, ride share options, discounts from local businesses, emergency ride program. The program will work with local organizations. Program has been in existence for 3-4 years. **Ms. Brown** - any concern about data privacy considerations? **Ms. Evanitz** - participants normally don't reveal personal information. **Mr. Gelfand** - does phone app tell when next bus is coming? **Ms. Evanitz** - links to transit agency schedule, but does not provide real time information. **Mr. DiDonna** - can you provide input to County on developing new modes of transportation, for example, encourage County to buy old railroad ROW for multimodal corridor like Lee County is proposing to do? **Ms. Evanitz** - no, but will find contact person for you. **Ms. McLaughlin** - County staff are coordinating with Lee County on this.

### **B. FDOT Tentative Work Program FY 2022-2026**

**Ms. Peters** - presented FDOT Tentative Work Program FY 2022-2026. Focus was on programming bike/ped priorities submitted by MPO. Did not get Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) or County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) funds in District 1 this year. Was able to fund bike/ped projects with exception of pedestrian bridge over Golden Gate Parkway - outreach to new Naples Council members and public input required before programming. Also short on funds for Wiggins Pass sidewalk project - an error that will be corrected through TIP amendment after adoption. Only change between Draft Tentative and Tentative was S. Golf Course Drive bike lane and sidewalk project FPN 4404371 - delayed start of construction one year due to delay starting design phase. Tentative Work Program will be sent to Legislature for approval, effective July 1st.

## 9. Member Comments

**Mr. Dondanville** - MPO's call for bike/ped projects, who can submit? **Ms. McLaughlin** - member agencies of the MPO - cities of Naples, Marco Island, Everglades City and the County.

**Mr. Gelfand** - what if a Homeowners Association has a project idea? **Ms. McLaughlin** - Assuming the HOA is in the County, can ask MPO staff if project is already identified in MPO's Bike/Ped Master Plan (BPMP) making it eligible for funding. Then work with County staff on priorities for area. Can also ask County staff if eligible for funding - they know what's in the BPMP. If the HOA is in the City of Naples, work with City staff on priorities.

## 10. Distribution Items

None.

## 11. Next Meeting Date

*March 29, 2021 - 2:00 p.m. - 2800 Horseshoe Drive North, Room 609/610.*

## 11. Adjournment

*There being no further comment or business to discuss, Mr. Gelfand adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.*