

IN MOTION

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SUMMER BREAK – WHAT IS THE MPO TEAM DOING?



Summertime is the slow season for Collier MPO. Most committees are not meeting and on their own summer break. We spend the summer getting reorganized and prepared for the upcoming year. It's also a time for "spring" cleaning, albeit a bit later than usual. Summer is the time to complete invoices, organize old documents, clean up the website and prep new documents. Summer is also the perfect time for MPO staff members to take vacations!

SUMMERTIME SAFETY



Florida has the highest number of bicycle and pedestrian crashes and fatalities in the US. Keep these few simple rules in mind to keep everyone safe!

Adhere to all traffic laws. Walk against traffic when sidewalks are unavailable. Pedestrians and bicyclists should wear bright colors and/or carry a light. Watch for others whether they be cars, bicyclists, or pedestrians. Bicyclists wear a helmet and don't use headphones. Drivers don't text and drive. Pedestrians don't jaywalk.

Find out more safety tips online.

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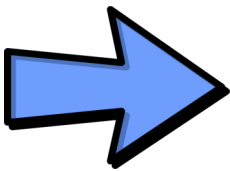
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT



The Collier MPO places a high value on public involvement. The MPO's public involvement program is designed to ensure opportunities for the public to express their views on transportation and mobility issues and to become active participants in the transportation decision-making process. Ways to become involved are attending a meeting, sharing your opinions, joining the adviser network, and/or joining an advisory committee.

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UP NEXT!



The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee will meet on August 17, followed by the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees Meetings on August 30. The Local Coordinating Board will meet for their quarterly meeting on September 1. And finally the MPO Board Meetings will resume on September 10.

INFORMATION – IMMOKALEE ROAD CORRIDOR CONGESTION STUDY



Collier County is conducting the Immokalee Road Corridor Congestion Study along Immokalee Road from Livingston Road to Logan Boulevard. The study includes evaluating intersection concepts along the corridor to enhance traffic operations and safety concerns based on current and future travel demands.

The purpose of the project is to identify and recommend potential improvements that would reduce congestion and improve the Level of Service (LOS) along the corridor. The current traffic volumes along the corridor are approaching capacity. Based on anticipated traffic growth, the corridor operations will experience severe delays by 2040 if no improvements are made. The roadway is critical in facilitating movement of local and regional traffic (including truck traffic) in northern Collier County and is one of three east-west connections to I-75 in Collier County.

The study as well as the recommendations are consistent with the Collier MPO 2045 L RTP which identified the Immokalee Road and Livingston Road and Logan Boulevard intersections and the I-75 Interchange for construction in its Cost Feasible Plan. The study is expected to be completed in September of 2021.

For any questions related to this project, please contact: Principal Planner - Lorraine Lantz, AICP at Lorraine.Lantz@colliercountyfl.gov or by phone at 239-252-5779.

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

Do you have any ideas for future newsletter topics? Questions about the MPO you'd like answered? Perhaps you want to include a brief public message about safety or another similar topic?

Email Danielle.Bates@colliercountyfl.gov with your comments, questions, and suggestions.

REMINDER

Member governments please remember that the Bike-Ped Project Concept Sheets are due by Close of Business on **July 20, 2021.**

Call Anne McLaughlin at 239-252-5884 with questions.



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