

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Anne McLaughlin called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

Members Present (in BCC Chambers)

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
Councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt, City of Everglades City, Chair
Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4

Members Present (virtually and via phone)

Councilman Greg Folley, City of Marco Island
Commissioner Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2
Councilman Mike McCabe, City of Naples

Members Absent

MPO Staff

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

FDOT

L. K. Nandam, District 1 Secretary
Victoria Peters, Community Liaison

Others Present

Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney (in-person)
Trinity Scott, Collier County Transportation Planning (in-person)
Sarafin Sousa, FDOT (virtually)

Joe Bonness, BPAC, Chair (in-person)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Middelstaedt served as Chair and called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS

4.A. March 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the Agenda and Previous Minutes. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

none

6. AGENCY UPDATES

6.A. FDOT

Ms. Peters – Update on the SR82 and SR29 intersection: FDOT paid contractor extra money to advance construction of right turn lane southbound onto SR29, anticipated to be completed and functional by Monday, April 19th. Anticipated completion date of roundabout at SR82 and SR29 is summer of 2022.

Secretary Nandam – according to COVID relief bill just signed into law, Florida will receive \$93.8 million statewide for transportation infrastructure, another \$250 million for seaports. Department talking to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to find out what type of projects will be eligible.

Commissioner Taylor – We want I-75/951 interchange project to be on the list.

6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. McLaughlin – nothing to report beyond what is in the agenda packet.

7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – noted Chair was not present in the room or virtually. Report is in agenda packet.

7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – noted Chair, Lorraine Lantz, was not present in the room or virtually. Report is in agenda packet.

7.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

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

Ms. McLaughlin – noted Chair report is copied to wrong item in agenda packet, 9.C, can be viewed on pages 278-280 in the packet.

Mr. Bonness – Committee received presentation on proposed US Bike Route 15 through Collier County from Kerry Irons, Adventure Cycling. Committee members discussed pros and cons about a number of alignment possibilities, need to avoid high speed/high volume roadways. Members of public spoke in opposition to alignment shown on Grand Lely Dr. Committee members suggested moving alignment to St. Andrews Rd instead. Revised alignment will be brought back before BPAC for further review, more public input, in April. Regarding MPO Call for Bike/Ped Projects this year, Ms. Fendrick proposed capping amount that can be requested. Ms. McLaughlin explained that Call for Projects following protocols in Bike/Ped Master Plan. Mr. Musico suggested large projects be segmented into series of lower cost projects.

Commissioner Taylor - BPAC discussed or decided to move the alignment off Grand Lely Blvd? **Mr. Bonness** – took suggestions to move, did not vote on realignment. Grand Lely not completely excluded but there are clear problems. **Commissioner Taylor** – wide lanes, restriping could create bike lanes; has driven the roadway several times recently, perfect place to bike ride. **Mr. Bonness** – agrees, uses Grand Lely and back roads to 951. The committee is continuing to look at different alignments, using Golden Gate Pkwy to Santa Barbara to St. Andrews Blvd to US41. Considered alignment on and then off Radio Rd and Livingston. **Commissioner Taylor** – include Naples Pathways Coalition members in discussion. **Commissioner LoCastro** – Grand Lely and St. Andrews alignments are in his district, receiving emails for and against route on Grand Lely. Some people think the Tour de France is coming. Expecting 10,000 riders. Needs factual information to share with constituents. Trying to make things better, not just different, taking citizen input and safety into account. Referenced need for information for upcoming meeting involving County staff member, Anthony Khawaja. **Ms. McLaughlin** – will coordinate with Mr. Bonness, Ms. Scott to prepare briefing paper for Commissioner LoCastro.

7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)

7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – noted Chair not present, report is in agenda packet.

7.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)

7.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin – no meeting this month to report on.

8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

8.A. Approve an Amendment to the FY2021- 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and an Authoring Resolution– 5305D Funds

Ms. Otero – presented Executive Summary. FDOT requested amendment to FY2021-2025 TIP to reflect current FTA 5305(d) allocation which was \$128,028, and to change required 20% match from cash match to soft match. Previously, FDOT provided 10% of match in cash, remaining 10% provided by City of Naples, City of Marco Island and Collier County. FDOT notified MPOs that cash match to federal funds no longer available, would be replaced with Transportation Development Credits as a soft match, which is for in kind services. Reduces amount of funding received by \$32,007.

Commissioner Taylor – What’s the value of the soft match, what are we using it for?

Ms. Peters – Transportation Development Credits, also called Toll Credits, get value when local transit agency applies for other grants.

Commissioner Taylor – Does that mean FDOT works harder for us?

Secretary Nandam – Previously 80% federal, 20% match split evenly between FDOT and local contributions, roughly \$16,000 each. Value of moving to soft match is ability to use 80% federal funds without using cash, leveraging the same amount of federal funds with in-kind services. In immediate picture, the MPOs are getting less, but they don’t have to put up cash to apply for grants.

Commissioner Taylor – so the result is good for smaller communities - they can apply for more grants.

Secretary Nandam – yes, we learned of this approach from other districts.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve an Amendment to the FY2021 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and an Authoring Resolution – 5305D Funds. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Roll Call vote taken:

Commissioner Taylor – Yes

Councilwoman Middelstaedt – Yes

Commissioner McDaniel – Yes
Commissioner LoCastro – Yes
Councilman Perry – Yes
Commissioner Saunders – Yes
Commissioner Solis – Yes
Councilman Folley – Yes
Councilman McCabe – Yes

Passed unanimously.

8.B. Approve an Amendment to the FY 2021 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and an Authoring Resolution– 5310D Funds

Ms. Otero – presented Executive Summary. FDOT requested amendment to add two projects to FY2021-2025 TIP: Operating Assistance for Easter Seals of Naples and Notice of Grant Award for six busses for Collier Area Transit.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve an Amendment to the FY2021 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and an Authoring Resolution – 5310D Funds. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Roll Call Vote Taken:

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

Passed unanimously.

9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)

9.A. Appointment of Three Members to the Local Coordinating Board (LCB)

Ms. Otero – presented Executive Summary. Purpose of the LCB Board is to identify local service needs and provide information, advice and direction to Community Transportation Coordinator on services provided to transportation disadvantaged. Members are appointed by the MPO Board. Current positions available on the LCB include: a person over sixty representing the elderly, a citizen advocate (non-user) a representative of the local, private for-profit transportation industry, and a representative of the medical community. Three applications received. Anne Chernin, Elderly Representative, Bianca Borges, Medical Community Representative and Eileen Streight, Citizen Advocate. All meet the requirements as stated.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to appointment of three members to the Local Coordinating Board (LCB). Councilman Perry seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.B. Approve Reappointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Ms. McLaughlin - presented Executive Summary. Mr. Larry Smith's term expires at end of May. He is a consulting civil engineer, member of Naples Pathways Coalition and Naples Velo, willing to attend committee meetings in-person. There are two current vacancies on this committee. Staff recommends reappointment.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to award Reappointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Councilman Perry seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.C. Approval of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5305(D) Funding

Ms. Otero – presented Executive Summary. The PTGA establishes cooperative relationship between the MPO and FDOT to use FTA Section 5305(D) funds for Metropolitan Planning Program tasks. Funds are used for transit planning studies identified in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2020/21-2021/22. The UPWP is included as an exhibit to the PTGA. The total amount of award is \$128,028. This is companion piece to TIP amendment Board approved earlier.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Public Transportation Grant Agreement for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5305(D) Funding. Councilman Perry Seconded. Passed unanimously.

10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)

No presentations.

11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

Ms. McLaughlin – no action required. Included in packet for transparency so members of public are aware of activity taking place. Item 11A is programming additional SU funds for the design phase of S. Golf Dr Sidewalk Project in City of Naples. Board granted approval to do so at a previous meeting. Item 11B concerns addition of Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division project to the TIP, a continuation of work being done of Fritz Rd in the National Panther Refuge. This has been in the TIP for at least a year, possibly two.

11.A. Administrative Modification FY2021-2025 TIP – S Golf Dr Sidewalk Project

11.B. Administrative Modification FY2021-2025 TIP – Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD)

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner McDaniel – Secretary Nandam mentioned additional funds coming to Department from the CARES Act. Should the MPO prepare now to hire consultant to amend the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) so there is no delay in receiving funding?

Secretary Nandam – Department’s first priority is to bring projects back in [that have been pushed out beyond the years of the current TIP]. Probably no need for LRTP amendment. As we get more clarity, will work with MPO Directors. As we shift projects back in, opportunities will arise to fit in additional projects.

Commissioner LoCastro – directed comments to Councilman Folley – regarding the construction cost increase on a project, we need to do a deep dive into the details about why it is costing more than expected. \$200,000 is a lot, we want to feel good about it. On flip side, we want to make biking safer and so it’s desirable.

Councilman Folley – couldn’t agree more with you.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

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

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilwoman Middelstaedt adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:55 a.m.