

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board of County Commission Chambers
Collier County Government Center
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor
Naples, FL 34112
June 11, 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

Brandy Otero called roll and confirmed a quorum was present in the room; asked for a vote to allow three Board members to participate remotely due to extenuating circumstances.

Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the remote participation of Commissioner Solis, Councilmen Folley and McCabe. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Passed unanimously.

Members Present (in BCC Chambers)

Councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt, City of Everglades City, Chair
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 via ZOOM)

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

Members Absent

n/a

MPO Staff

Brandy Otero, Principal Planner
Danielle Bates, Administrative Assistant

EDOT

L. K. Nandam, District 1 Secretary
Wayne Gaither, Manager, SWAO
Victoria Peters, Community Liaison

Others Present

Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney (in-person)
Trinity Scott, Collier County Growth Management Deputy Department Head (in-person)
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning (in-person)
Michelle Arnold, Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement Division Director

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Middelstaedt called the meeting to order.

Commissioner LoCastro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4.A. May 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

4.B. Ratification of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Evaluation

4.C. Ratification of the 2021 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Minor Update

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

none

6. AGENCY UPDATES

6.A. FDOT

Ms. Peters – FDOT just completed the FY 2022-2026 work program cycle. They have been working with municipalities, county’s planning and FDOT engineering staff to vet the projects for the new 5th year of the new work program - FY27.

6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Otero – Executive Director Anne McLaughlin is out and unable to attend. Introduced new MPO Administrative Assistant, Danielle Bates. Gave update on the TIP amendment for the signal timing project which was raised at the last meeting – FDOT has agreed to use the funding to implement the project, so today’s agenda includes an administrative modification to the TIP to change the lead agency instead of an amendment. The Director’s evaluation will be distributed over the summer, to be completed by the end of August. This Board meeting is anticipated to be

the last hybrid one; the September meeting will resume in-person.

7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. Otero – no representative present in the room or virtually to give the report. Refer to report in agenda packet.

7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. Otero – no representative present in the room or virtually to give the report. Refer to report in agenda packet.

7.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

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

Ms. Otero – no representative present in the room or virtually to give the report. Refer to report in agenda packet.

7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)

7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report

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

7.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)

7.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report

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

8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

8.A Adopt FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution

Ms. Otero – presented Executive Summary. Asking Board to adopt FY 2022-2026 TIP and approve authorizing resolution. TIP is based on the FDOT tentative work program snapshot dated April 5, 2021. It has been posted on MPO website for public review and comment since March 25, 2021. One public comment was received noting that the incorrect table was shown on p21.

The error has been corrected. The MPO Board Chair will be asked to sign the authorizing resolution contingent upon the Board's approval. The TIP and authorizing resolution must be submitted to FDOT by June 30th to meet the District 1 deadline. The Technical and Citizen Advisory Committees both endorsed the TIP on May 24th.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to Adopt FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Roll Call vote taken.

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

Passed unanimously.

9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)

9.A. Approve Appointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Ms. Otero – presented the Executive Summary. Mark Komanecky has submitted an application to fill an existing vacancy, which would bring the committee membership back up to 12 in accordance with the bylaws. Mr. Komanecky meets all the eligibility requirements. Memberships are all at-large positions.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to appointment Mark Komanecky to the BPAC. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.B. Approve 2021 Project Priorities

Ms. Otero – presented the Executive Summary. Project Priorities must be submitted to FDOT by July 1 every year. Draft priorities were presented at the May 14, 2021 Board meeting. The Congestion Management priorities are new this year. FDOT has been vetting the project submittals and discussed increasing the cost estimate for the Vanderbilt Beach Road feasibility study from \$300,000 to \$430,000 with County Transportation Planning staff, as shown in attachment. Planning Project priorities this year include using Surface Transportation Block Grant - Urban (SU) funds to hire a consultant for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. Highway Priorities include the roadway capacity improvements identified in the 2045 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan; the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities were coordinated with Lee County MPO; Transit Priorities were submitted by the County Public

Transportation and Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE) Division. All are consistent with the 2045 LRTP as required.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve 2021 Project Priorities. Commissioner LoCastro seconded. Passed unanimously.

10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)

n/a

11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

11.A. Letter of Support to USDOT for Golden Gate Parkway Complete Streets Transformational Project - Grant Application

Ms. Otero – Collier County submitted a grant application for Golden Gate for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program, which is similar to the former Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program, with a new name. The Director submitted a letter of support on behalf of the MPO.

11.B. Administrative Modification to the FY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Regarding Change in Lead Agency on FPN 4379261

Councilwoman Middelstaedt – this is what you were talking about earlier?

Ms. Otero – yes, the change in the project’s lead agency from Collier County to FDOT constitutes an administrative amendment.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

Secretary Nandam – There has been additional money appropriated by legislation regarding infrastructure. FDOT is waiting on guidance. Originally informed that purpose was to swap federal funding for state funding, but it is still federal. FDOT is looking into challenges like match requirements. For big projects, priority has been given to projects that were originally removed from work program due to lack of revenue. Decisions are made based on workloads, material availability. The District’s priority for Collier MPO is the I-75/951 interchange.

Commissioner Taylor – Is that the only project in the region?

Secretary Nandam – Submitted 12 projects throughout the District. Projects are distributed based on size of contracts; 951 & 75 interchange is at the top. It was discussed previously with Nick [Casalinguida] and Leo [Ochs]. Right of Way (ROW) acquisition and permits are completed. Talked about Collier County doing the [upfront] financing. The wait is for the State, not the County, to determine which priority project(s) are chosen.

Commissioner McDaniel – Thanks FDOT for communications on the construction project

at SR 29 and 82 intersection. FDOT went above and beyond and rectified an unfortunate circumstance in an efficient a manner as possible. The communication added immeasurable value.

Secretary Nandam – Partnerships are important, the Department appreciates Collier County’s help with signal operations and the construction and contractors.

Commissioner McDaniel – Thanks Collier County staff working 10-12 hours to monitor traffic. There has not been discussion for a long time about regional transportation planning with sister communities to north. There are current issues with Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC). Regional coordination is still important because many people live in Lee County and work in Collier County. Improvements to I-75 will be a help. Holding a joint MPO meeting has provided difficult due to the number of members required to attend. Perhaps subcommittee of both MPO Boards could be formed to hold discussions, develop ideas to bring back to individual Boards.

Commissioner Taylor – Why? Sounds like the RPC?

Commissioner McDaniel – Have not had a regional meeting in years. Met with Commissioner Zendelli, of Lee County; he’s also aware of lack of regional coordination. Michael Bolbi, CEO of Chamber of Commerce, discussed data collection regarding employers for percentage of employees that come from Lee County. Staff can investigate options, coordinate efforts with Lee MPO staff.

Secretary Nandam – Great idea, FDOT promotes regional conversations between MPOs. Regional travel is important; would be good to have conversations on transit side, too. FDOT will have representation at the meeting.

Commissioner McDaniel – Would like to have report from staff when Board returns in September.

Commissioner Taylor – Have Michelle Arnold, head of Transit speak. Thought there was coordination with Lee County transit for timing and stops.

Commissioner McDaniel – We do coordinate but want leadership to discuss traffic impacts with staff.

Commissioner Taylor – Traffic impacts come from approving density.

Ms. Arnold – We do coordinate with Lee County transit but agree that we want to reach beyond that.

Councilman Perry – Naples Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) engaged DPZ Co. Design to produce a masterplan for the downtown district, between US 41, Goodlette, to 7th Avenue N. Includes a comprehensive study of the transportation in that area; will work with FDOT and County for tie-ins [to road network] and to work together. DPZ did the design for 5th Ave twenty-five years ago. They are also familiar with Ian Lockwood who is working with FDOT on

the US 41 project.

Councilwoman Middelstaedt – Wishes everyone a safe and happy summer.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

13.A. Next Meeting Date – September 10, 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 9:27 a.m.