

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Board of County Commission Chambers  
Collier County Government Center  
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor  
Naples, FL 34112  
May 14, 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 in the room; asked for a vote to allow two Board members to participate remotely due to extenuating circumstances.

*Commissioner Solis moved to approve the remote participation of Councilmen Folley and McCabe. Commissioner Saunders 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 Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2

**Members Present (virtually via ZOOM)**

Councilman Greg Folley, City of Marco Island  
Councilman Mike McCabe, City of Naples

**Members Absent**

Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director  
Brandy Otero, Principal Planner

**FDOT**

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 Transportation Planning (in-person)  
Steven Ludwinski, Corradino Group (in-person)

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Councilwoman Middelstaedt** called the meeting to order.

**Commissioner Saunders** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**4.A. April 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

*Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Agenda and Previous Minutes. Councilman Perry seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

none

**6. AGENCY UPDATES**

**6.A. FDOT**

**Ms. Peters** – update on SR82/SR29 intersection: on 4/18/2021 we opened the dedicated right turn movement from SR82 eastbound onto SR29 southbound at the intersection; all temporary signals have been removed. Construction continues on SR82 westbound lanes. Current ongoing operations include drainage and earthwork. Contractor on schedule to complete project in spring of 2022. FDOT will begin promoting 2021 Mobility Week, scheduled for October 29 – November 5. More information will be coming as we get closer to the event.

**Secretary Nandam** – Legislative session has ended. Legislature approved \$9.4 billion for infrastructure in Work Program and additional \$2 billion of [federal] infrastructure funds. The Department is taking a three-pronged approach to utilize the infrastructure funds: working on list of production shovel-ready projects of different sizes to advance in Work Program. Interchange improvements at I-75 and 951 are at the top of the list. As projects advance, opens opportunities to bring other projects forward. We will also look at projects on a “shelf” [shelved.] Need to prepare ‘shelf’ for future projects; talking to counties and cities to build list. Will keep MPO Director informed. Regarding Coronavirus, Aid, Relieve, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding [\$1.9 million allocated to Collier MPO], just received approval to use funds to reimburse Fire Station 3 operations [Project # 4353891 \$1.4 million/year in draft FY22-26 TIP]. Covers one year. Will continue to monitor toll revenues for future reimbursement, consistent with State statute. If revenues don’t come up, will have to have conversation in future. Has not informed Fire Station management yet but will do so later today.

**Commissioner McDaniel** - Thanks Secretary Nandam. Suggest in future dedicate portion of toll or proportionate increases in tolls to offset fluctuations in revenues. Realize County has to bring concept forward to Legislature.

## **6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – Will bring amendment to FY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) forward to Board in June regarding deletion of a County congestion management project - Signal Timing on US41 from SR951/Collier Blvd to Old US41. Application dates from 2014 [correction – 2016]. In process of developing Local Area Program (LAP) Agreement, County learned that FDOT now has contractor in place to do retiming on State roads. Lack sufficient time to reprogram SU funds to another MPO project. County relinquishing funds to allow FDOT to use obligation authority before end of the fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Will take amendment to TAC and CAC on May 24<sup>th</sup> for endorsement, then to MPO Board June 11<sup>th</sup> for approval, but was important to notify FDOT as quickly as possible due to time constraint.

## **7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

### **7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

#### **7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – noted Chair 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 not present in the room or virtually. Report is in agenda packet. CAC and TAC agendas were light this month and discussion was brief, which is why Chairs did not feel it necessary to report in-person.

### **7.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** – noted Chair had planned to attend but is not present in the room or virtually. Report is in agenda packet.

### **7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)**

#### **7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report**

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

## **7.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)**

### **7.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – Ms. Corris Chaired meeting on behalf of Commissioner Solis. Not present in room. Report in meeting packet.

**Commissioner Solis** – We have filled every position on the LCB have we not?

**Ms. Otero** – One vacancy remains to be filled – Private Transportation Industry.

## **8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)**

n/a

## **9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)**

### **9.A. Reappointment of Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Member**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary. Neal Gelfand is currently serving as Chair of CAC. Term expires end of this month. Commissioner Solis supports reappointment to a second term as District II representative.

*Commissioner Solis moved to reappointment Neal Gelfand to the CAC. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Passed unanimously.*

### **9.B. Approve Appointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

**Ms. McLaughlin** - presented Executive Summary. George Dondanville originally submitted application to serve on the CAC when there were no vacancies on BPAC. Now there are two vacancies and it's clear that his passion lies with bike/ped planning. Would like to change committees. There is another person interested in filling second vacancy who has not submitted an application yet. Expect to bring an application forward to Board in June.

*Councilman Perry moved to appoint George Dondanville to the BPAC. Commissioner Solis seconded. Passed unanimously.*

### **9.C. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant**

**Ms. Otero** – presented the item. Annual grant for TD planning activities. Allocation for FY 21/22 is \$27,906. Due to timing of the agreement, staff is requesting that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the agreement upon receipt with the fully executed agreement being provided to the Board at a future meeting.

*Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve FY 2021/22 TD Planning Grant. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **9.D. Approve the Local Roads Safety Plan**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary. Board received briefing on Draft Plan in December 2020. Since then, staff has added information on current practices, including Best Practices, by member governments and noted where Local Roads Safety Plan (LRSP) has been incorporated into the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation System Performance Report and Bike-Ped Master Plan. Staff recommendations focus on enhanced practices to address three key strategies: 1) Flag high crash locations to include safety analysis in project scoping and design for road improvement projects and stand-alone bike/ped projects; 2) flag high crash locations for Road Safety Audits using MPO SU safety set-aside or other funds. Bike/Ped Master Plan already does this for bike/ped projects; and 3) promote bike/ped safety videos, handouts and special events more proactively as part of Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST)/Blue Zones, Naples Pathways Coalition and other local agencies, including the MPO, who are members of informal Naples Bike-Ped Safety Coalition.

**Commissioner Solis** – question related to Table 1-1 Emphasis Area Summary; example Total Fatalities at 160 – how to interpret table. 160 fatalities are concerning.

**Ms. McLaughlin** – shows total fatalities and notes which fall under categories: Non-motorized, intersection, lane departure, same direction. LRSP focuses on Serious Injury crashes and fatalities. Should total 160. The number of fatalities are for a 5-year period.

**Councilwoman Middelstaedt** – math error in the Table. Total is not correct.

**Ms. McLaughlin** – will check totals and make corrections.

*Commissioner Solis moved to approve the Local Roads Safety Plan. Commissioner Saunders seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **9.E. Approval of 2020 FDOT-MPO Joint Certification Statement**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary. FDOT conducts annual review of transportation planning process with respect to federal requirements. Collaborative process. MPO staff responds to questions in Part One; FDOT prepares Part Two. Meet and discuss to arrive at joint report. Highlight of this year's review include MPO continuing to achieve Low Risk level due to administrative support by County Grants Office and Ms. Otero's diligence. Preparation of 8 major plans/studies despite world-wide pandemic. Appreciates assistance provided by MPO Liaison, Ms. Peters, and MPO staff in making achievements possible during difficult time period.

*Commissioner Solis moved approval of 2020 FDOT-MPO Joint Certification Statement. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Passed unanimously.*

## **10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)**

### **10. A. Draft FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – gave PPT presentation contained in agenda packet. Highlighted update to total funding amount and by category breakdown based on FDOT April 5<sup>th</sup> Work Program snapshot. Stepped through analysis of major spending categories, starting with TIP project sheet categories, then roll-up SU funds into one combined category, followed by roll-up all multi-modal categories into one amount – combining SU Box funds with Transit and Aviation. Safety is not shown as separate category because safety criteria are embedded in all project [selection] criteria. TIP appears reasonably well-balanced with funds allocated to: 38% Maintenance and Operations, 39% Capacity Enhancements, 22% Multimodal and 1% Planning. SU Box Funds fluctuate from year to year. MPO staff, FDOT and member government technical staff will have to focus on programming the \$2 million sitting in FY22. Secretary Nandam gave update related to final slide regarding CARES ACT and American Rescue Plan on federal infrastructure funding.

**Commissioner McDaniel** – do other MPOs combine project categories similar to what you have shown for multimodal?

**Ms. McLaughlin** – have not reviewed what other MPOs are saying yet. Will do so and report back.

### **10. B. Draft 2021 Project Priorities**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary. Congestion management Priorities slated to receive majority of MPO's SU allocation in new 5<sup>th</sup> year of new FDOT Work Program. FY 2027. Received public comment in form of a letter of support from Naples Park to advance sidewalk on 91<sup>st</sup> Ave North if possible. County staff looking into the possibility of advancing that project. Planning Priorities show SU funds set aside for next Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. May not need all of the funding identified. Note that LRTP preparation includes updating Bike-Ped Master Plan and Transportation System Performance Report. Highway Priorities are roadway capacity enhancement projects directly out of a Table in the LRTP Cost Feasible Plan. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities are developed jointly by Lee County and Collier MPO technical staff, have gone through both MPO's advisory committee reviews. Projects are on Highway Priority list. Transit priorities are submitted by County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement Division and are consist with the LRTP, which incorporates the Transit Development Plan. Priorities going to TAC and CAC for endorsement on May 24<sup>th</sup>, and to Board for approval on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

n/a

## **12. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner McDaniel** – Question for Secretary Nandam – do we need to prepare for

amendment to LRTP in order to receive federal infrastructure funding?

**Secretary Nandam** – Won't have answer until go through process to identify what projects will be picked. Our process follows LRTP's Cost Feasible Plan closely so hoping amendment won't be needed. Will keep MPO Director informed.

**Commissioner LoCastro** – do you have projects listed by [County Commission] District?

**Secretary Nandam** – Our list is generated from MPO's priority lists.

**Ms. McLaughlin** – We can provide that information to the Board.

### **13. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**13.A. Next Meeting Date – June 11, 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 10:00 a.m.*