

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Board of County Commission Chambers  
Collier County Government Center  
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor  
Naples, FL 34112  
September 10, 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 one Board member to participate remotely due to extenuating circumstances.

*Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the remote participation of Councilman Mike McCabe. Councilman Folley 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 [arrived following item 4]  
Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3

**Members Present (virtually via ZOOM)**

Councilman Mike McCabe, City of Naples

**Members Absent**

Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4  
Commissioner Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director  
Brandy Otero, Principal Planner  
Scott Philips, Principal Planner  
Danielle Bates, 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 Growth Management Deputy Department Head (in-person)  
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning (virtually via ZOOM)  
Michelle Arnold, Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement Division Director (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. June 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

*Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the Agenda and Previous Minutes. Councilman Folley seconded. Passed unanimously.*

[Commissioner McDaniel arrived.]

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

None.

**6. AGENCY UPDATES**

**6.A. FDOT**

**Ms. Peters** – New Draft Tentative Work Program - Department will hold public hearings week of October 18-22 on new Draft Tentative Work Program FY23-FY27; Will hold virtual and in-person meeting with opportunity to provide comments at Southwest Area Office (SWAO) /SWIFT Center SunGuide Building behind the Daniels rest area, Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10-12 noon.

FDOT’s sixth annual Mobility Week October 29-November 5, statewide campaign promotes smart, efficient, and safe multimodal transportation choices. Multi-agency participation; more information on local events forthcoming.

**Secretary Nandam** – First, the latest Revenue Estimating Conference projections show we will have \$900 million additional over the next 5 years. Totally different projection from last year when we were projecting revenues dropping. Secondly, each state receives federal allocations and Florida has history of using all of ours; Florida is typically recipient in distribution of federal monies that rollback from other states that have not used their full allocation. We are going to receive an extra \$200 million in that reallocated money. Things are progressing well on federal infrastructure bill. Senate has passed a package and hopefully the House will soon. We can

anticipate that money coming through. We're excited about all this money coming to the state, and will build a program coordinating with MPO Director and County staff to identify candidate projects. Still waiting on news on candidate projects we picked for previous infrastructure money identified. When we have word on that will let you know.

**Councilman Folley** – Interested in the process of the unused money coming back to Florida that wasn't spent by other states. Do you have a sense of where Florida stands in comparison to other states receiving reallocated funding?

**Secretary Nandam** – Would assume that states that have higher population generally use their allocation. Will get data and report back.

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** – 7 out of 9 annual evaluation surveys completed thus far; evaluation review will be on October agenda for action. Announced recent hiring of Principal Planner, Scott Philips, to give brief recap of his experience to Board.

**Mr. Philips** – worked for MPOs in California and Colorado, most recently in FDOT Central Office as MPO State Coordinator in Office of Policy Planning.

## **7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

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

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** – Chair is not present. Refer to report in packet.

### **7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

#### **7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report**

**Ms. Lantz** – Available to answer questions, followed with brief recap of report in packet.

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

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

**Mr. Matonti** – Presented Chair report in packet. Reviewing new project submittals - committee members all had their own suggestions and provided comments on submissions; comments about revising criteria and having been involved in this year and last year's reviews, submittals have improved in terms of combining projects in close proximity to improve ability to mobilize. Reviewed and endorsed draft agenda for Joint meeting and draft 2022 calendar.

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

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

n/a

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

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** - Chair not present; report is in agenda packet.

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

**8.A. Approve Roll Forward Amendment to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and Authorizing Resolution**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary in agenda packet. Explained roll forward addresses projects that were in funded in the State Fiscal Year and weren't authorized by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. The projects have to be incorporated for this quarter (the Federal Fiscal Year). Keeps funding available for projects active during interim quarter year. Public Participation Plan was followed.

*Commissioner McDaniel moved to Approve Roll Forward Amendment to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and Authorizing Resolution. Councilman Folley seconded. Roll Call vote taken.*

*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 Amendment 3 to FY 20/21-21/22 Unified Planning Work Program and an Amendment to the MPO Agreement**

**Ms. Otero** – presented Executive Summary in agenda packet. Adopted UPWP describes the MPO's budget for a two year period. This amendment includes the addition of funding from the closeout of the previous UPWP (FY 18/19-19/20) in the amount of \$80,988. A UPWP amendment is necessary to recognize the carryover in funding. The amount has been added to FY 21/22. Other changes include:

- Updated soft match amount.

- Reallocated remaining funding from TDP major update (consultant services) in Task 6 - FTA 5305 carryforward to personnel services.
- Removed Transportation System Performance Report (TSPR) – added funding to Congestion Management Process and updated deadline to June 2022.
- Recognized final FY 21/22 FTA 5305(d) allocation and revised soft match.
- Recognized final TD Planning Grant allocation for FY 21/22.
- Added task and funding to begin data collection for 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

The MPO Agreement which recognizes the additional funding must also be amended and updated upon approval of the UPWP amendment.

*Commissioner McDaniel moved to Approve Amendment 3 to FY 20/21-21/22 Unified Planning Work Program and an Amendment to the MPO Agreement. Commissioner Saunders seconded. Passed unanimously.*

### **9.B. Appointment of New Member to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary in agenda packet. Recommended appointment of Ms. Harrington to fill at-large vacancy and add young adult perspective and broaden minority representation.

**Commissioner Lo Castro** – we have three empty seats and this was the only applicant we got?

**Ms. McLaughlin** – Yes. I’m working to find representatives who reside in County Districts 3 and 4. If Board members have candidates to suggest, please let me know. The practice is to defer to Board member whose district it is to make recommendation.

*Commissioner McDaniel - moved to appoint Katelyn Harrington to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Councilman Folley seconded. Passed unanimously.*

### **9.C. Approve 2022 MPO Calendar**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary in packet. Noted that November Board meeting still to be determined due to regular date falling on a holiday. Recommended to CAC and TAC that their meeting date change from last to fourth Monday. This change was endorsed by CAC and TAC.

*Councilman Perry moved to approve. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Passed unanimously.*

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

### **10.A. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Scrivener’s Errors**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary in agenda packet. Corrections related to adding the TIP to the Cost Feasible Plan as a table, and FDOT review comments re-enforced

that. In process of adding TIP, noted and corrected inconsistencies with other tables. Existing plus Committed road network was correct in travel demand model, but a couple of roads were not noted in table, corrected that. Added language to maintenance narrative to cover FDOT's operations such as installation of wildlife crossing detection equipment.

### **10.B. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Base Year Data Requirements**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary in agenda packet. Correlates with UPWP amendment approved earlier. Described FDOT's rationale for establishing 2019 as base year for travel data and transit ridership, 2020 as base year for population projections, housing due to COVID pandemic impact on travel behavior and employment figures. Data submittal due to FDOT June 2022. Plan on using County Interactive Growth Model if process of calibrating it to 2020 Census population is completed in time. Consultant will be used to collect required data.

### **10.C. Update on Joint Lee County/Collier MPO Board Meeting**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – presented Executive Summary in agenda packet. Prompted by Commissioner McDaniel urging staff to restart joint Board meetings at June Board meeting. Coordinated with Lee County MPO Director to schedule joint BPAC, CAC and TAC meetings in October. Joint Board meeting most likely in February 2022. Working around FDOT schedule on Draft Tentative Work Program. Not seeking direction on revising Interlocal Agreement with Lee MPO at this time. Will be topic of discussion at Joint Board meeting for policy level direction. What other topics should be on agenda?

**Commissioner McDaniel** – to clarify – Conflict in proposed schedule for 2022 that showed October as the joint meeting date, the date needs to be corrected and the schedule republished. All for a joint meeting, but that is pulling together a lot of members...proposition for better efficacy is to appoint a committee from our Board, 2 or 3, and a committee from theirs, to meet on a quarterly basis and maybe invite the Charlotte MPO; would be a nonvoting group to gather information on regionality, transportation issues, and public transit, to come back to individual boards. When it comes time to have joint meeting, come together with a focus. If it requires a vote from this Board to appoint an advisory committee of the individual boards on a quarterly basis. I would like to see that move forward.

## **11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

### **11.A. Revised 2021 Meeting Calendar**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – calendar has been revised to show joint advisory committee meetings in October. Will revise to correct Joint Board meeting date.

## **12. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Councilman Folley** – Well prepared and streamlined meeting.

**Commissioner McDaniel** – Want to have discussion about whether we ought to entertain an interim LRTP process to re-evaluate our priorities. Expect that FDOT will receive close to

\$1billion in additional funding. How much of that money will be allocated to our individual district? For all of the reasons the MPO Director described, transportation dynamics, employment dynamics, have shifted. Would like to see if there is a need for a midterm amendment. Reconsider opening up partial interchange at Everglades and I-75, it's much needed to support overall grid system, evacuation for brush fires and hurricanes and so forth. We already started studies on improvements to I-75, interchange improvements. Last time we did a midterm LRTP we were able to save significant amount of money.

**Ms. McLaughlin** – we do anticipate needing to expect to amend 2045 LRTP due to new projects and funding coming on, how detailed that would have to be is not clear yet. Moving target. [In response to further questions] The 2050 LRTP must be adopted in December 2025. Data collection is starting up now. Difficult to condense process to produce interim LRTP.

**Secretary Nandam** – as I understand your request, you'd like to be better prepared for opportunity that is coming, have on-shelf projects ready to go. The goal of performing the interstate master plan is to identify projected needs, including short term and long term solutions. The outcome of that study will lay foundation for upcoming update to Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), will identify which projects need to be considered in next 5-10 years. We will have the foundation. Will have leveraged any funding opportunity provided by new funding sources. The Everglades interchange is already in 2045 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan. Up to MPO to decide to make it a priority. Once it is a priority, FDOT will look for funding opportunities for the project. Foundation is already set.

If we missed something in the LRTP, FDOT and MPO staff should have a conversation about what we missed. But we have a plan in place, a structured approach. Key is to push forward with the plan in place.

**Secretary Nandam** – One more item. Funding solution in place to continue payment for the fire station in the upcoming fiscal year.

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

**13.A. Next Meeting Date – October 8, 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.*