

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
August 30, 2021 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Bates called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

TAC Members Present

Lorraine Lantz, Chair, Collier County Transportation Planning

Tim Brock, Everglades City

Omar De Leon, County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

Don Scott, Lee County MPO

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island

TAC Members Absent

Tim Pinter, Vice-Chair, City of Marco Island

Andrew Bennett, Collier County Airport Authority

Gregg Strakaluse, City of Naples

Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Andy Holland, City of Naples

John Kasten, Collier County School District

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Brandy Otero, Principal Planner

Danielle Bates, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Victoria Peters, FDOT

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Brock seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of May 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Smith moved to approve the May 24, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters: October 18-22 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) holding public hearing online for new Draft Tentative Work Program FDOT Fiscal Years 23-27. Will be an online and in-person. Throughout week can email comments to Victoria or Wayne Gaither. Opportunity to see Citizens Report (paper version of Work Program). In-person option will be held at the Southwest Area Office (SWAO). Victoria and Wayne will be present, have a video and take comments. Don't have specific day identified yet. October 29 - Nov. 5 FDOT is hosting Mobility Week. Different events will take place for safety and mobility. More details to follow.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin: Personnel updates: Danielle 'Dani' Bates is new Administrative Assistant, produces eNewsletter and manages website. New Principal Planner, Scott Philips, will come in later. Worked at FDOT Central Office, well-versed in programming and rules for MPOs.

7. Committee Action

**A. Endorse Roll Forward Amendment and Authorizing Resolution, FY 2022-2026
Transportation Improvement Program**

Ms. McLaughlin: Happens every year, usually in September, FDOT submits Roll Forward report as amendment to new TIP [adopted in June]. Includes projects in previous state fiscal year that were not authorized before the June 30th fiscal year end and now must be incorporated into the new MPO TIPs in the new current state fiscal year. Attachment has signature page, following Public Participation Plan, haven't received any comments, public comment period began Aug. 20, ends on Sept 10 at MPO Board Meeting. Requesting committee review and endorsement of Roll Forward Amendment.

A discussion ensued regarding amount of money FDOT programmed to install new technology to prevent wrong-way driving on interstate and access ramps. Discussion occurred at the Community Traffic Safety Team related to this item. The technology is necessary for prevent crashes. Funding amount is statewide, not specific to County.

Mr. Brock: Is this a cleanup of last year's money not spent? [Yes] Does anyone go back and ask authorities why they didn't spend it? **Ms. McLaughlin:** I hope by bringing this to the TAC each local

entity will check projects and if there's an anomaly, they'll let MPO and FDOT know. Each project has a story about why there's money left on the table. Part of the review is if you see an anomaly to bring it up. **Committee members continued discussion regarding the roll forward report and possible uses.**

Mr. Smith moved to endorse the endorse Roll Forward Amendment and Authorizing Resolution, FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. De Leon seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. Endorse Amendment 3 to FY 20/21-21/22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Otero: Presented Executive Summary. Purpose of this amendment is to recognize funding left from closeout of previous UPWP. \$80,988 remaining from previous grant, including \$56,373 PL and \$24,615 SU funding. Table shows where additional funding has been allocated; also includes other minor updates to the UPWP.

Ms. Lantz: Removing the Transportation System Performance Report (TSPR) but updating the Congestion Management Process (CMP), correct? **Ms. Otero:** Correct, we are updating the CMP to be consistent with last TSPR, scope will come through after next Congestion Management Committee meeting.

Mr. Smith moved to endorse Amendment 3 to FY 20/21-21/22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Brock seconded. Passed unanimously.

C. Endorse Draft 2022 Calendar

Ms. McLaughlin: Presented Executive Summary. Seeking endorsement of 2022 calendar. Primary change for TAC is to move meeting from the last Monday to the fourth Monday of the month. Proposed to allow additional time for staff to prepare for Board meetings. Difficult when committee meetings occur on a 5th Monday. Also note November Board meeting falls on holiday so staff will be looking for alternative dates. Committee review includes looking for errors staff may have overlooked. Discussion ensued related to typos, including moving joint meetings in October to early November, and removing the meeting after Thanksgiving. Staff will review.

Mr. Brock moved to endorse moving to fourth Monday from last Monday, and leaving joint dates for the future, Mr. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.

D. Endorse Joint Lee/Collier MPO Meeting Agenda

Ms. McLaughlin: Presented Executive Summary. TAC and CAC are scheduled to meet jointly on Oct. 7. Primary items included on agenda are: endorsement of updated Lee-Collier Interlocal Agreement, tried to do that in 2016 and 2017, but due to lack of quorums at joint meetings, could not vote; then tried to bring forward separately, but that didn't work either. Commissioner McDaniel expressed interest in resuming joint meetings and seeing how high growth areas affected [travel] modeling of joint regional connections for 2045 LRTP and regional roadway projects, including I-75 managed lane study, Old US 41,

County Road 951, I-75 improvements [later corrected to SR 951 extension north to Lee County], update on regional transit

Mr. Scott: Put something together on the US Census, may not know specifics, but they're changing how they determine urbanized areas, the schedule should be out by time Boards meet. For regional roadway, include SR 82 status in Collier County: in Lee County, complete for most sections widening.

All: Discussion to add Veterans Memorial and Bonita Beach and US 41 project updates and talking to FDOT project managers.

Mr. Scott: High growth looking at it from areas two sides, FDOT email re- can update your 2045 LRTP based on changes to land use projects. There's new data, area here with 5000 more homes by 2045, opposite commercial areas that will have more employees.

Ms. Lantz: Talk about a joint origin-destination study, is that going somewhere?

Mr. Scott: We're doing scope - went through TAC and CAC, to look at updating trip information in long range plan and other regional analysis; based on database/program from a consultant, we will see how it works and see if you want it too.

Ms. Otero: Including some scope for data in Congestion Management Program update.

Mr. Scott: Census report to include analysis - if more than 50% [of workforce] is commuting from one urban area to another area it may become part of that area. Too soon to say.

Ms. Lantz moved to endorse preliminary approach to agenda items and recognize more could come up as we get closer, Mr. De Leon seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentation (May require Committee Action)

A. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Scrivener's Errors.

Ms. McLaughlin: Presented Executive Summary. Gave overview of Scriveners errors in 2045 LRTP that staff corrected, current version of plan is on website. Corrections are related to inclusion of current TIP in the LRTP – a new focus FHWA has introduced. (formerly in an appendix).

Mr. Scott: Came out at Lee MPO's certification review that it can't be in an appendix. Lee still has to add bike/ped projects. Compare first and second 5-year period in Cost Feasible Plan, points out MPO's don't receive all revenues FDOT projected for LRTPs. Will have this conversation at MPOAC. MPO's don't have say in FDOT's revenue projections.

B. 2050 LRTP Base Year Data Requirements

Ms. McLaughlin: Presented Executive Summary. Bringing this for committee's awareness. 2045 LRTP adopted Dec 2020, now providing data for 2050 long range plan. FDOT will validate base year [travel] model to 2020 Census for population, number of dwelling units and people per household: due to effects on travel from pandemics validating base year to 2019 for other characteristics - roadway networks, traffic counts, employment, transit ridership. FDOT wants MPO submittals by June 2022. Data request is attached. Hoping to use County Interactive Growth Model (CIGM) again. County is

planning on validating CIGM to 2020 census in upcoming year. Hope it comes together quickly, it's a very helpful tool.

Mr. Scott: County is going to do 2020 land use, and use 2019?

Ms. McLaughlin: FDOT is using 2020 Census population, and the CIGM would allocate that to TAZs, based on [programmed] assumptions about housing density. Will have matters of debate in picking a different year for employment. CIGM offers better assumptions about future development in particular - factors in County's land use policy, approved developments and master plans. Did check on Census population release; 2020 came out closer to BEBR (Bureau of Economic and Business Research) medium [projection for 2020] rather than the CIGM, which was higher, so BEBR medium hit it closer for 2020.

Mr. Scott: BEBR medium was too low for Lee County. The 2020 Census is 30,00 higher.

9. Member Comments

Mr. De Leon: Recently able to participate in Marco Island workshop for [transit] related to employment. Collaboration between County, FDOT's Commute Connector, Blue Zones and private companies - hotels and restaurant - to identify needs. Good outcome. For Mobility Week, transit is planning to participate. Experiencing driver shortage - having a toll on operations; need to find ways to bring in more operators for fixed route and paratransit.

Mr. Brock: Oct 22-23 is the fishing tournament to support the Everglades City school, 22nd is the Captains meeting and dinner, and 23rd is fishing

Ms. Lantz: Any discussion on going back to hybrid?

All: Discussion on hybrid meetings. In June, Board of County Commissioners voted to extend the hybrid option for public to participate. Governor said there's no longer a State of Emergency. Need to comply with Sunshine Law. Won't pursue changing bylaws allowing smaller quorums yet.

Ms. McLaughlin: Asked Scott Philips to say more about his background.

Mr. Philips: Glad to be part of team, worked at MPOs in California, Colorado, Virginia; come from FDOT Tallahassee Central Office, was MPO Liaison Coordinator and Analyst.

10. Distribution Items

None

11. Next Meeting Date

September 27, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. – in person

Mr. Brock moved to adjourn; Mr. Smith seconded. Chair Lantz adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.