

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board of County Commission Chambers
Collier County Government Center
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor
Naples, FL 34112
October 8, 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

Ms. McLaughlin 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.

Councilman Perry moved to approve the remote participation of Commissioner Solis. Commissioner LoCastro seconded. Passed unanimously.

Members Present (in BCC Chambers)

Councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt, City of Everglades City, Chair
Councilman Paul Perry, City of Naples
Councilman Greg Folley, City of Marco Island
Commissioner Rick LoCastro, Collier County BCC District 1
Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3
Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr. District 5
Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4 (arrived during item 9A)

Members Present (virtually via ZOOM)

Commissioner Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2

Members Absent

Councilman Mike McCabe, City of Naples

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
Wayne Gaither, Manager, Southwest Area Office (SWAO)
Victoria Peters, Community Liaison

Others Present

Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney (in-person)

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning (virtually via ZOOM)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Middelstaedt called the meeting to order.

Councilman Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A. September 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. AGENCY UPDATES

6.A. FDOT

Ms. Peters - FDOT is working on the Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 23-27. She will be partnering with MPO on two upcoming events - the Immokalee Ciclovía on October 30 from 10-12 and the White Cane Walk in downtown Naples on Oct. 15 from 10-12. The Ciclovía was highly successful last year and drew a large crowd. Both events focus on bike/ped safety.

Secretary Nandam – [Speaking about TIP amendment advancing 951/I-75 interchange improvements:] Collaboration between the County and FDOT and the County’s work on I-75 at 951 - acquiring Right-of-Way, utility work and financial contributions — led to being awarded funding from the infrastructure relief package. This will be a design/build project. Hope to award bid by June 2023, but that can shift a couple months depending on proposals.

Chair Middelstaedt – What are you changing? Is it changing the left turn?

Secretary Nandam – The concept will depend on the design phase, hoping for innovation, efficient and cost effect ways to improve the interchange and address its proximity to SR84 [Davis Blvd].

6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. McLaughlin: MPO staff plans to join Victoria at Ciclovía.

7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin: The regularly scheduled CAC, TAC and BPAC September meetings were canceled, with the consent of the Committee Chairs, due to lack of items requiring action. Will report on CAC and TAC meetings held yesterday [October 7] under item 8.

7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report

[October meeting canceled as noted]

7.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

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

[October meeting canceled as noted]

7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)

7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report

Ms. McLaughlin: Chair is not present; the Chair report is in the agenda packet.

7.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)

7.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report

[no meeting was scheduled]

8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

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

Mr. Philips – presented Executive Summary in agenda packet. The amendment advances the I-75/951 interchange improvement project to FY 2022 to take advantage of the federal stimulus package. The TAC and CAC met briefly prior to their joint meetings with Lee County MPO on Oct. 7 and endorsed the amendment.

Chair Middelstaedt – Exciting to move project forward three years.

Councilman Folley – If the funding is this year, and design/build is 2023, when will it be constructed?

Secretary Nandam – Typically, with the design/build, if the design phase results in a project that is similar to what FDOT has conceptualized, the process will move quickly, and construction could begin in two years. Under the original funding schedule, everything was pushed back three years. With the current FY 22 award contract, the money is locked in over a period of time.

***Commissioner McDaniel** moved to approve the Amendment to FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution. **Commissioner Saunders** seconded. Roll Call vote taken.*

***Councilwoman Middelstaedt** – Yes.*

***Councilman Perry** – Yes.*

***Councilman Folley** – Yes.*

***Commissioner LoCastro** – Yes.*

***Commissioner Saunders** – Yes.*

***Commissioner McDaniel** – Yes.*

***Commissioner Solis** – Yes.*

Passed unanimously.

9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)

[Commissioner Taylor arrived.]

A. Approval of Annual Performance Review of MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin – Required as part of my employment agreement with the Board. Received 8 out of 9 survey responses. Every response is in the agenda packet. I appreciate the kind words in the reviews. It is up to the Board to approve the annual evaluation. The next step is working with the County attorney to negotiate another 2-year contract.

***Commissioner McDaniel** moved to Approval of Annual Performance Review of MPO Executive Director. **Commissioner Saunders** seconded. Passed unanimously.*

B. 2022 Strategic Plan

Ms. McLaughlin – This item was moved up from December to October this year at the suggestion of Commissioner McDaniel, to coincide with the start of the new Federal Fiscal Year. The only proposed change is to renew the focus on regional coordination, also at the urging of Commissioner McDaniel. Regional coordination replaces interagency collaboration, which was duplicative of teamwork.

Commissioner McDaniel – Strategic planning is important; it's a necessity for regionality.

If we're not talking about regionality of circumstances, we're lost. Thanks for supporting.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve 2022 Strategic Plan. Commissioner LoCastro seconded. Passed unanimously.

C. Approval of 5305 Transit Grant Application

Ms. Otero – presented Executive Summary in agenda packet. This is the annual application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5305 funds—transit planning funds. It's identified in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The amount is \$124,715 with a soft match of \$31,179 from FDOT. A local match is not required. A resolution is required to approve, and in the spring, the Board will see an agreement from FDOT to receive funding.

Commissioner Saunders moved to approve 5305 Transit Grant Application. Commissioner LoCastro seconded. Passed unanimously.

10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)

A. 2021 Annual Report

Ms. McLaughlin – presented Annual Report PowerPoint [available upon request at the MPO] Presentation highlights include: the purpose of the Annual Report is two-fold – to describe what the MPO does and report on progress made towards meeting the MPO's adopted performance measures and targets. Roughly half of the MPO's operating budget goes towards personnel, the other half for plans and studies. Other operating expenses such as renting County office space, use of a County vehicle and printing costs are a small piece of the pie. The Annual Report analyzes the TIP in various ways. Added an equity analysis this year - related to environmental justice. Results of a public awareness survey show there's not a lot of general awareness of the MPO and what it does. Report includes results of survey sent to MPO's planning partners - the Adviser Network, advisory committee members, local non-profits and FDOT. Purpose of reporting on locally adopted performance measures is to demonstrate to the Board that MPO's adopted plans are being implemented. Reporting on 2021, we've hired two new staff and our performance is improving as a result. The prospect for 2022 is looking better with the help of the additional staff. The results of the 2020 census will be reported in detail beginning in 2022; and MPO will renew its focus on regional planning.

11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

A. Tribal Consultation Letter – Paradise Coast Trail Vision Feasibility Study

Ms McLaughlin – The Naples Pathway Coalition (NPC) asked the MPO to facilitate communicating with tribal groups. The Seminole Tribe opted to take the staff-to-staff approach and met with the NPC, their consultant and MPO staff. They were very supportive and want to stay involved. The Miccosukee Tribal representative recommended taking the formal Government-to-Government approach. However, the Tribal Council has not yet responded to the

letter signed by the MPO Chair. They may have chosen not to respond because the Feasibility Study does not affect them directly.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Taylor – Love the graphics, good work on Annual Report.

Councilman Folley – Congrats on performance review, the high marks are well deserved. As for the report on equity and environmental justice, those are increasingly loaded terms; there are some concerns about using them, the focus should be serving residents regardless of that, and to treat all people the same.

Councilman Perry – Congrats on evaluation and advancing the 951 project.

Commissioner Solis – Congrats Anne, thanks for your hard work. Thanks to the whole team and FDOT, moving that project up seems to be rare, so thanks for all your hard work.

Chair Middelstaedt – Stone crab season opens next Friday, we already put the traps in the water, and invite all to come to Everglades City.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

13.A. Next Meeting Date – November 12, 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 9:40 a.m.