

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2021 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gelfand called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Neal Gelfand
Karen Homiak
Fred Sasser
Katelyn Harrington
Rick Hart [arrived at 8A]
Josh Rincon [arrived at 8A]

CAC Members Absent

Pam Brown
Tammie Pernas
Robert Phelan
Dennis DiDonna
Suzanne Szymanski

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Scott Philips, Principal Planner
Danielle Bates, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Victoria Peters, FDOT

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Sasser moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Homiak seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of August 30, & October 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the August 30, 2021 and October 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Gelfand seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters: The Draft FY 2023-27 Tentative Work Program in-person public hearing will be held at the FDOT SWAO/SWIFT offices (2nd floor) in Ft Myers on Oct. 27 from 10:00 am 12:00 pm. FDOT will be releasing the revised Tentative Work Program November 4 snapshot.

Mr. Sasser: FDOT provided an update presentation to City of Naples on the 4 Corners area [US 41 and 5th Ave intersection], briefing the city about their progress made on the traffic study, timing, and origin-destination study. FDOT will work to coordinate the study activities with season and provide a report later. How will that fit with requests for US 41 to be rerouted to Airport Road or Goodlette Frank Road?

Ms. Peters: The traffic study will look at it. I can't speak for the engineers, but the intent is not to reroute all the traffic into other areas, although some traffic will naturally filter to Fifth Avenue, Airport Road, and Goodlette-Frank Road.

B. MPO Executive Director

None.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse Amendment #2 to the FY 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Authorizing Resolution

Mr. Philips: Requested the committee to endorse TIP amendment #2. The amendment includes a new hybrid pedestrian beacon at SR 84 (Davis Blvd) and Rich King Greenway Memorial crossing, funded by stimulus dollars. Second is revising the project schedule to advance ROW and utilities for the widening of SR 29, from New Market to SR 82, also utilizing stimulus funds to advance the project.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse Amendment #2 to the FY 2022-26 TIP & Authorizing Resolution. Mr. Sasser seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentation (May require Committee Action)

A. FY 2023-27 FDOT Tentative Five-year Work Program

Ms. Peters: Presented a summary of the Draft Tentative Work Program. Highlighted the projects using funding provided from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) along with project additions, advancements, deferrals, and projects pushed out of the work program time frame.

Mr. Sasser: On page 5 (of the Work Program), there's money allocated for the toll road [I-75], and it gets lower as years go on?

Ms. Peters: The numbers are sometimes placeholders, unless there's a contract with exact numbers, the funding changes so that's just how FDOT does it.

Mr. Gelfand: Some localities are going with unmanned toll booth, what's our plan?

Ms. Peters: It's in discussion. Lee County made that move. Will find out.

Mr. Gelfand: Florida accepts Easy Pass and Sun Pass to make it easier, the next natural step is automatic on everything.

9. Member Comments

None

10. Distribution Items

A. TIP Administrative Modification #1

Mr. Philips: FDOT typically allocates funds in phases. This modification is the final roll forward for 5305 funds used by the MPO to assist with transit planning. This is a standard, annual TIP procedure to ensure project funding is not interrupted.

B. Joint Lee/Collier Committee Meeting Minutes

11. Next Meeting Date

November 29, 2021 – 2 p.m. – meeting is in person

Ms. McLaughlin: The County's new equipment for hosting hybrid meetings [in conference room 609/610] has the same issues with sound that the MPO encountered with our equipment, so there is no practical way to offer hybrid meetings. Committee meetings will continue to be in-person.

Ms. Homiak moved to adjourn; Mr. Rincon seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.