

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**October 25, 2021 9:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Mr. Philips** called the meeting to order at 9:30 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

Andrew Bennett, Collier County Airport Authority

Tim Pinter, Vice-Chair, City of Marco Island

**TAC Members Absent**

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

Scott Philips, Principal Planner

Danielle Bates, Administrative Assistant

**Others Present**

Victoria Peters, FDOT

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

*Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda. Mr. De Leon seconded. Carried unanimously.*

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

*Mr. Smith moved to approve the August 30, & October 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Brock seconded. Carried unanimously.*

**5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda**

None.

**6. Agency Updates**

**A. FDOT**

**Ms. Peters:** The Draft Tentative Work Program for 22-27 public hearing is this week. The in-person meeting will be Oct. 27 from 10-12 on the second floor of the SWAO/SWIFT building. Visit [www.swfroads.com](http://www.swfroads.com) to see the video. There will be another snapshot on Nov. 4 - the Tentative Work Program (as opposed to the “Draft Tentative”). The public hearing in-person meeting in Bartow will be held in the Mike Rippe Auditorium. The Work Program runs on the state Legislature cycle, but balancing took longer this year due to the influx of stimulus funds. Collier received 20-25% of the state’s stimulus funds.

**B. MPO Executive Director**

None.

**7. Committee Action**

**A. Endorse Amendment #2 to the FY 2022-26 TIP & Authorizing Resolution**

**Mr. Philips:** The amendment has two projects. The first project added is a new hybrid pedestrian beacon at SR 84 (Davis Blvd) and Rich King Greenway crossing - funded by stimulus dollars. Second is revising the project schedule to advance ROW and utilities for road widening of SR 29, from New Market to SR 82. This also utilizes stimulus funds to advance the project. Asking for endorsement. **Mr. Brock:** Regarding SR 29 project and moving ROW acquisition to FY 22 - the design is under way now – does it include bike lanes? **Ms. Peters:** Ideally there will be bike lanes on both sides of road, but in some areas, the lane may just be one side. **Mr. Brock** and **Ms. Peters** discussed speaking with Big Cypress staff in regard to the project.

*Mr. Smith moved to endorse Amendment #2 to the FY 2022-26 TIP & Authorizing Resolution. Mr. Pinter seconded. Passed unanimously.*

## **8. Reports and Presentation (May require Committee Action)**

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

**Ms. Peters:** Presented an overview of the Draft Tentative Work Program. Highlighted the projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), along with additions, advancements, deferrals, and projects pushed out beyond the Work Program time frame.

**Mr. Scott:** Project numbers 444008-3 and 444008-4 [I-75 resurfacing projects] have the same boundaries, what's the difference?

**Ms. Peters:** It is likely they refer to both sides of the road. This happened with another project last year.

**Mr. Scott:** Why isn't the SU box shown?

**Ms. Peters:** This report format is new, will ask Central Office to put the SU box back in when they produce the Tentative Work Program. Collier has little SU available for FY23-27. In July 2022, the Legislature will approve the roll forward amount for FY23. Collier MPO plans to use \$800,000-\$900,000 in SU to pay for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Will show it in the new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) or it can be brought to the MPO Board as an amendment.

**Potential projects were discussed, including Corkscrew Road, transit options, and traffic studies.**

**Ms. Peters:** Each year the instructions on how to move money around change, but funds need to be authorized by May because it is due by the end of FDOT's Fiscal Year.

**Mr Brock:** Is this federal money new or repurposed?

**Ms. Peters:** Still waiting for final outcome on infrastructure funding.

**Mr. Scott:** Broward MPO looked at MPOs nationally and showed that federal funding is lower in the earlier years and higher in future years if the extension bill happens. It had transit funds and PL funds too, and they all increase in the 5th year, and there is twice as much 5305 funding.

**Ms. Peters:** Problem is when the money dumps in current year you can't use it.

**Mr. Scott:** Another problem discussed is the census data used. The appropriations bill uses apportionments from 2009 that are based on the 2000 census.

**Ms. Peters:** Collier has approximately \$5 million in the SU box. It should roll forward to FY 23, but the constraints are there.

**Mr. Brock:** What about advance production? The County does that.

**Ms. Lantz:** If the County knows, we can switch and pull forward or pull off list, the LRTP has lots of projects.

**Mr. Brock:** DOT has a long list of projects that are advanced construction, then if things come in you are ready to go.

**Ms. Peters:** FDOT has compiled a spreadsheet that includes projects from the County, the LRTP Cost Feasible Plan, MPO's highway priority list, etc, along with the advance production (AP) list. The 6 Ls Farm is an example of this, it's design build, lots of design is done but it's on the AP list.

**Mr. Brock:** Can it be any phase?

**Ms. Peters:** It can be any phase but would require submitting an amendment to the Executive Office of the Governor if it's more than \$540,000.

**Members discussed the need for comments by the end of the week (Oct. 29) so the MPO can submit them prior to the November 4 snapshot. The summary sheet for the Draft Tentative Work Program will be sent to Committee Members by Tuesday.**

## **9. Member Comments**

**Mr. De Leon:** As part of Mobility Week, CAT is holding the Try Transit event with free rides on November 5, combined with a public workshop at three locations—transfer stations at Radio Road and Immokalee Road, and the Government Center. November 21 begins some schedule and route changes—modifying Immokalee routes and changing some in town.

**Mr. Pinter:** There are three LAP sidewalk projects in construction now, and two in design, two in the pipeline, three in house, and one in the work program. After those we'll be done with the Marco Island Bike/Ped Master Plan—total of \$17 million dollars.

## **10. Distribution Items**

- A. TIP Administrative Modification #1**
- B. Joint Lee/Collier Committee Meeting Minutes**

(No comments or presentation required.)

## **11. Next Meeting Date**

*November 29, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. – in person*

***Chair Lantz adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.***