

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Board of County Commission Chambers  
Collier County Government Center  
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor  
Naples, FL 34112  
November 12, 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. 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 Commissioner McCabe. Councilman Perry seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**Members Present (in BCC Chambers)**

Councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt, City of Everglades City, Chair  
Councilman Paul Perry, City of Naples, Vice-Chair  
Councilman Greg Folley, City of Marco Island  
Commissioner Rick LoCastro, Collier County BCC District 1  
Commissioner Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2  
Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3  
Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4

**Members Present (virtually via ZOOM)**

Councilman Mike McCabe, City of Naples

**Members Absent**

Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr. District 5

**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**

Trinity Scott, Collier County Deputy Department Head, Growth Management Department  
Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney  
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning (virtually via ZOOM)  
Wally Blain, Tindale Oliver (virtually via Zoom)

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Middelstaedt called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**A. October 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**B. Approve Amendments to the Public Transit Grant Agreement (G1J00)**

**C. Approve Amendment to the Public Transit Grant Agreement (G1V40)**

*Councilman Folley moved to approve the Agenda, Previous Minutes, and Consent Items. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Passed unanimously.*

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

None.

**6. AGENCY UPDATES**

**6.A. FDOT**

**Secretary Nandam:** Normally when presenting the work program there's a video and a conversation, this year there's a special treat video highlighting what we do in communities and the partnerships we have built with our customers. I wanted to highlight a couple of projects related to the work program. The State Road (SR) 951 and I-75 interchange advancement was a huge win for us (district and Collier County). I highlighted the great partnership we have with Collier County at our Transportation Commission Performance Review. Our great partnership with Collier County also helped us to leverage funding to advance the SR 29 widening project (from SR 82 to New Market) using the same infrastructure funding.

**Ms. Peters:** Another Tentative Work Program snapshot was done on November 4. Quick update on SR 29 at Westclox St. [in Immokalee]; this is one of the highest incident locations in the county. Currently there is a blinking light at the intersection. FDOT has purchased traffic signal equipment for that intersection, and Collier County will install the traffic signal. FDOT is waiting on some parts needed for installation that are delayed due to supply chain issues. Once the parts are received in December, Collier County will install the equipment. Estimated completion is March or April 2022.

**6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

None.

**7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

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

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

Chair not present, report in agenda packet.

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

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

Report in agenda packet, Chair available for questions.

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

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

**Mr. Bonness:** Presented the BPAC Chair report. **Commissioner Solis** asked about the status of the Estero Bonita rail trail project. **Mr. Bonness** responded that it's going to be awhile, but it would connect to The Paradise Coast Trail on Veterans Memorial Boulevard, in the meantime there's a piece of trail on Old US 41 coming down.

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

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

Committee did not meet.

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

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

Committee did not meet.

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

**8.A. Approve Amendment #2 to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution**

**Mr. Philips:** The TIP amendment is for 2 projects, one new and one advancing. The first project added is 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 to widen SR 29, from New Market to SR 82, this project also utilizes stimulus funds to advance.

*Commissioner Taylor moved to approve Amendment #2 to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution. Commissioner LoCastro seconded.*

*Chair Middelstaedt – Yes.*

*Councilman Perry – Yes.*

*Councilman Folley – Yes.*

*Councilman McCabe – Yes.*

*Commissioner LoCastro – Yes.*

*Commissioner Solis – Yes.*

*Commissioner Saunders – Yes.*

*Commissioner Taylor – Yes.*

*Passed unanimously.*

**9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)**

**9.A. Accept and Approve the Executive Director's Written Request to Renew and Extend her Employment for an Additional Two-Year Term as provided in Section 2B of Her Employment Agreement**

**Ms. McLaughlin:** Asking the Board to accept and approve the request for extending employment.

*Commissioner Saunders moved to Accept and Approve the Executive Director's Written Request to Renew and Extend her Employment. Councilman Folley seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**9.B. Approval of a Work Order for Tindale Oliver Associates to update the Congestion Management Process**

**Ms. Otero:** Presented the Executive Summary. This is a Work Order to update the Congestion Management Process. The Congestion Management Committee reviewed the scope and asked to include locations in the scope, which have been included.

**Commissioner Taylor:** What is the fiscal year?

**Ms. Otero:** We run on the State's Fiscal Year (FY), July 1 to June 30.

**Commissioner Taylor:** So, 2021 would be done?

**Ms. Otero:** Because the Unified Planning Work Program and grant run on a two year cycle, we can still draw down funding from 2021 funding as long as the task is identified in both years.

*Commissioner Taylor moved to approve Work Order for Tindale Oliver Associates to update the Congestion Management Process. Commissioner Solis seconded. Passed unanimously.*

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

**10.A. FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program FY 2023-2027**

**Ms. McLaughlin:** The Draft Tentative Work Program and Summary of Changes are in the packet. In accordance with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and MPO Board policy, the focus is on congestion management and using SU funding from the Transportation Improvement Program, for FY 27.

**Secretary Nandam:** This work program has a lot of great wins for all MPOs. The only challenge building this work program is in FY 25-26, the resurfacing program doubled, last year resurfacing was about 200 miles, this year the demand doubled, so there's about 400 lane miles. This means the amount of money allocated towards resurfacing doubled, so there were some minor changes that had to happen to accommodate resurfacing needs. FDOT is statutorily required to do preservation projects first before capacity. One project that moved into a candidate status is the widening of SR 951 south of US 41. I want to affirm we will actively look for opportunities, like with the federal infrastructure bill, to get this project back into the work program. But that's the only change due to resurfacing. The federal infrastructure bill was passed, this is an opportunity for FDOT to work with local communities to identify priorities. There (are) formula allocations to the state that go to MPOs and discretionary programs in the act, as soon as (the)

president signs (the bill) they'll [Federal Highway Administration] will put out criteria and direction on how to leverage the discretionary funding. We'll be working with communities to build project lists. Those projects that could qualify—that went through the correct process—we'll work on grant applications with local communities to submit grant applications for discretionary funding either by the local communities with FDOT support, or FDOT will submit the discretionary grant applications with local support. We need to be aggressive to ensure we get the right investments by working together.

**Commissioner Taylor:** Understand the delay in widening, but will you mow the grass and get rid of invasives, this widening was imminent so there was an understandable neglect, but it needs to be addressed.

**Secretary Nandam:** Got notification through County staff regarding the conditions on US 41 and 951 and the canals, we talked with contractor to make sure they do it, Ferrovia is a great contractor.

**Commissioner LoCastro:** Last two weeks they killed a Brazilian Pepper [tree] then it sat there dead. We had a meeting, they were out there mowing two solid days, doing the stretch going to Marco Island, and picking up trash. Even if they are light on staff the trash needs to be picked up.

**Secretary Nandam:** DBI, the asset management contractor, gave us notification that they are closing doors on Friday. They had at least 25 facilities with the department. FDOT brought in Ferrovia who works with Collier County and are working with the DBI subcontractor to get things done. There is a lag to get things done, please be patient, good thing is, now FDOT is in the process of hiring new contractor. The next 6 months might be rough but we're doing everything we can to take care of it. It's an interesting challenge when we depend on contractors and a big contractor goes belly up. We have notified the new contractor, but it takes some time, they will take over maintenance once things are in place.

\*presented [FDOT Five Year Work Program video](#)\*

**Ms. Peters:** That video speaks to collaborative nature of FDOT and our public and leaders. Thanks to local partners, MPO and Growth Management staff. The Draft Tentative Work Program includes a new year: FY 27. The first (project) priority: 91<sup>st</sup> Ave. N, 5-ft sidewalk on the south side of the road is fully funded for design and construction in FY 25 and 27. Second and third priorities from the congestion management list were also funded, this includes the Vanderbilt Beach Road corridor study from Airport Road to Livingston Road, and the ITS fiberoptic and FPL power infrastructure at 18 locations, both are fully funded for FY 26. We were also able to fund construction phases on previously programmed projects, including the additional left turn lane from US 41 to Golden Gate Parkway, and the City of Naples Mooring roundabout. Finally, we are pleased to award a safe routes to school grant to Collier County for the Lavern Gaynor Elementary School, with design starting in FY 25 and construction in FY 27, and a new Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) resurfacing project in Immokalee. The next video shows how FDOT works hard to improve communities' everyday living.

\*presented [The Story of Our Rides: the FDOT District One Ballad video](#)\*

## **11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

**11.A. Administrative Modification #2 to the Collier MPO FY 2022 - 26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**11.B. Administrative Modification #3 to the Collier MPO FY 2022 - 26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

## 11.C. MPOAC Legislative Priorities and Policy Positions 2022

### 12. MEMBER COMMENTS

**Councilman Perry:** One update, City of Naples is losing its Street and Stormwater director, Gregg Strakaluse. He's accepted position on the west coast. The City is conducting a search for a new director. It was a great opportunity to work with him, it will be hard shoes to fill. Great job Gregg.

**Councilman Folley:** Thank you to FDOT for the great partnership.

**Chair Middelstaedt:** Up for reelection before the December meeting. Just in case not reelected — it's been an honor to be the representative for Everglades City on the board for four years and Chair for two years even during COVID, glad we've been able to meet in person. Proud of Everglades City's representation on Citizens Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. In the last four years since Hurricane Irma and the flooding, the changes in governance will lead to continued involvement and cooperation. Proud of chosen home in Everglades City.

### 13. NEXT MEETING DATE

**13.A. Next Meeting Date – December 10, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112**

### 14. ADJOURN

*There being no further business, Chair Middelstaedt adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:47 a.m.*