

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
November 29, 2021 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gelfand called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Neal Gelfand
Tammie Pernas
Karen Homiak
Dennis DiDonna
Rick Hart
Josh Rincon [arrived 6A]

CAC Members Absent

Fred Sasser
Pam Brown
Robert Phelan
Suzanne Szymanski
Katelyn Harrington

MPO Staff

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

Others Present

Victoria Peters, FDOT
Edith Perez, FDOT

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Pernas seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the October 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the October 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Gelfand seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters: Introduced Edith Perez a new liaison, she's been with FDOT for 5 years and has been shadowing liaisons for a year. She will probably be with Polk.

There will be a public meeting on Tuesday December 7, from 4:30-6pm at the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Extension building to discuss the roundabout at SR 29 and SR 82. Completion is anticipated for the end of summer 2022. Virtual meeting is December 8. Engineers will be at the public meeting take questions; you can also visit SWFLroads.com. There will be public information meetings hopefully as it gets closer to completion at the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

This year there will not be a tentative work program. This year the draft tentative was centralized with Central Office, they supply us the information, it goes to the public. The tentative will go to the legislature. July 1 the adopted work program will come out. Will keep an eye out for updates and changes for you.

B. MPO Executive Director

None.

7. Committee Action

7.A. Endorse FDOT Vision Zero Safety Targets for 2022

Mr. Philips: Presented Executive Summary. This is the only federal performance measure required to be adopted annually. We're anticipating the number for Collier County will be released soon, this data is for the state overall. The goal is zero fatalities and is the department standard. We are seeking endorsement.

Mr. Gelfand: The County Commissioners may be interested in how their districts are doing. Will that be possible. **Mr. Philips and Ms. Peters** agreed to look into the suggestion.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse FDOT Vision Zero Safety Targets for 2022. Mr. Hart seconded. Passes 5-1. Mr. Gelfand was opposed.

7.B. Endorse Amendment #3 to the FY 2022–2026 TIP & Authorizing Resolution

Mr. Philips: Presented Executive Summary. The additional funding includes 4 items added to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): 3 are transit related—capital costs to purchase 3 buses, funding for radios and communication equipment, and improvement to bus stops—the last is adding a wildlife crossing on State Road 29 north of the Panther Refuge.

Ms. Pernas moved to endorse Amendment #3 to the FY 2022–2026 TIP & Authorizing Resolution. Mr. Rincon seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentation (May require Committee Action)

8.A. FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Otero: Presented Executive Summary. The UPWP is updated every two years, and draft will come in February. Tasks include Congestion Management Plan Update, Transportation System Performance Report update, Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Update, Local Road Safety Plan, and Transit Development Plan Major Update which all feed into the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. There are a couple other studies. We're looking at about \$118,000 for studies and asking FDOT to allocate some SU funding (funds from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program) for this, it is a planning priority to it is eligible for SU funding.

Mr. DiDonna asked about autonomous vehicles. **Ms Otero** clarified one study looks at shuttle services and possibility of autonomous vehicles. **Ms. McLaughlin** added the County was pursuing acquisition of railroad Right-of-Way (ROW) with Lee MPO—Lee for a pathway alongside, Collier for pathway and transit needs: autonomous vehicles, or rapid transit. The first round of appraisal was very high and ended talks for the time being.

8.B. FY 2023-27 FDOT Tentative Five-year Work Program

Ms. Otero: This is what Victoria Peters touched on earlier, not needed to discuss unless there are questions.

Mr. DiDonna: They took out improvements to Wiggins Pass Road, do you know about bike paths and sidewalks? **Ms. Peters:** The sidewalk is there. The project is fully funded for design in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and construction in FY 2027, it was a top priority last year. It was pushed back two years ago for funding, but it's not out of the work program.

Mr. DiDonna: Is there approval for Veterans Memorial Boulevard to US 41? **Ms. Lantz:** Phase 1 is from the new high school to Livingston Road. It should be complete August 2023, but we're still in the planning phase for the rest of it and need permits for railroad and environmental areas.

9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

January 24, 2022– 2:00 p.m. – in person

Meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.