

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

**November 29, 2021 9:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Ms. Lantz** called the meeting to order at 9:31 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

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

Don Scott, Lee County MPO

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island

Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Michelle Arnold, Collier County PTNE [arrived 6A]

**TAC Members Absent**

Gregg Strakaluse, City of Naples

Andy Holland, City of Naples

John Kasten, Collier County School District

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

Andrew Bennett, Collier County Airport Authority

Tim Pinter, Vice-Chair, City of Marco Island

**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**

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

**4. Approval of the October 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Smith moved to approve the October 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Wuerstle seconded. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

**6. Agency Updates**

**A. FDOT**

**Ms. Peters:** 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 State Road (SR) 29 and SR 82; virtual option available as well. Preregistration required. Completion for the roundabout is anticipated to be the end of summer 2022. Engineers will be at the public meeting to take questions; you can also visit [www.SWFLroads.com](http://www.SWFLroads.com) . FDOT will also attend Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meeting and Immokalee Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The Draft Tentative Work Program was released; typically, would have released the Tentative Work Program by now, followed by adopted Work Program after July 1. This year is different. Central Office has centralized and standardized the process, such that the Tentative Work Program won't be released to the MPOs and the public; it will only be brought to the Legislature and will be made available after it's adopted. If she's able to run variance reports, she will.. Introduced Edith Perez, a new liaison, has been with FDOT for 5 years; shadowed liaisons in her previous position; will probably be assigned to Polk MPO. Victoria will stay with Collier and Lee permanently.

**Mr. Brock:** Do you have lists or quantities with the new stimulus?

**Ms. Peters:** We've been anticipating the stimulus for a while, and asked for MPOs' top priorities. Those lists are ready to go. We have not received any word yet of stimulus funds coming from central office.

**Mr. Brock:** Is that part of the Advanced Productions?

**Ms. Peters:** Collier County had a project, SR 951 from Manatee to North Tower, moved out [of the Draft Tentative Work Program], but Secretary Nandam assured the MPO Board he intends to move it back in at the first opportunity. It's in ROW, was the district's first SWAT (Statewide Acceleration Team) project, which added design phase. The SWAT process combines Project Development and Environment (PD&E) with design to accelerate projects, making this a primary project to bring back in. Another project on the Advanced Production Project (APP) list is US 41 from Six L Farms Road to Greenway; it's at 60% design, waiting for construction funds; there's lots of development activity and it's a missing link for bike-ped; would like to see it back on radar along with other projects.

**Mr. Brock:** There are strings associated with federal money.

**Mr. Scott:** There's not as much money as everyone makes it out; it's an extension of the existing bill. Report from district secretaries' meeting is there's \$600 million more in highway fund, but \$200 million less in bridge money, because we have better bridges than other parts of the country. Looking at percentages, SU funding (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program) will go up about 25%. It's not a ton of money, but hopefully can address projects.

**Mr. Brock, Mr. Scott, Mr. Philip, and Ms. Peters** discussed constraints on federal money and that these funds are not as constrained as other funds, the rules followed are from existing bills.

## **B. MPO Executive Director**

None.

## **7. Committee Action**

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

**Mr. Philips:** Seeking endorsement. This is the only federal performance measure required to be adopted annually.

**Mr. Brock:** Any other measures in mind?

**Mr Philips:** There are 7 measures, but this is only one required to endorse. It's a rolling 5-year goal, we've seen some growth in all areas, but a reduction in serious injuries.

**Mr. Brock:** A target of 0 is great, but the reality is they aren't trending that way? Are you doing anything to change that trend?

**Ms. Lantz:** All project priorities and all projects emphasize safety, the county has targets to decrease numbers too, the rate of serious injuries is going down. Making sure safety is stronger focus is helping.

**Mr. Philips:** Most projects involve safety, but you can't design for human behavior.

**Mr. Hall:** We analyze fatalities, and a lot are driver error, intoxicated for example.

**Ms. Peters:** The intersection of Westclox Street and SR 29 intersection is in the top 5 for accidents in Collier County. It is switching to a full signal instead of a flashing light to help.

**Mr. Brock:** Federal funding focuses on state roads, local roads have issues.

**Ms. Peters:** Rich King Greenway was one STIP/TIP amendment, done for pure safety, adding beacons and also sound for the visually impaired.

**Ms. Lantz:** The goal is Vision Zero, but what we do with safety projects moves closer to zero. We finished the Local Roads Safety Plan and there's more with Congestion Management and Pathways that all have safety.

**Mr. Scott:** If you want to help, put local funding in to match safety funds. There's also more safety in the new bill.

**Ms. McLaughlin:** MPO is implementing the Local Roads Safety Plan. The 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan - Cost Feasible Plan established SU funding category specifically for safety projects and sets a small budget aside for that purpose.

*Mr. Smith moved to endorse FDOT Vision Zero Safety Targets for 2022. Mr. Brock seconded. Passed unanimously.*

### ***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. Arnold:** Need purchase orders for purchase by end of the year, unable to get quotes at this point.

*Mr. Smith moved to endorse Amendment #3 to the FY 2022–2026 TIP & Authorizing Resolution. Ms. Arnold 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 draft will come in February. All these tasks feed into the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) which needs to be done by 2025. We're getting ready to issue the purchase order for Congestion Management Plan Update that will carry into the next UPWP, but we also have Transportation System Performance Report update, Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Update, Local Road Safety Plan, and the Transit Development Plan Major Update, which all feed into the 2050 LRTP and are shown in the current LRTP as documents needed. The Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Major Update is due every 5 years, this one in 2023. Expecting about \$118,000 for studies and asking FDOT to allocate some SU funding. Transit studies are included too.

**Ms. Peters:** The LRTP and all the studies feeding into it will need lots of funds, can we do an amendment to get some SU funds from FY 2022 to the current UPWP to assist?

**Ms. Otero:** That may not be necessary, we're not anticipating starting until next UPWP.

**Mr. Scott:** I assume will have more PL (planning) and 5305 funding from the new bill, do you know when that's determined?

**Ms. Peters:** Haven't heard anything definite at this stage; would be a big help. Hope it's on the agenda at the Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP) meeting in January, along with the Consolidated Planning Grant.

**Ms. Lantz:** Looking at the 2050 LRTP, any focus area, studies to get in line with? Send suggestions to Brandy.

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

**Ms. Peters:** Nothing new to present. At the time the agenda went out, wasn't sure whether we'd have a Tentative Work Program to present; District staff used to have the ability to pull a snapshot, but we can't do that now. As said earlier, will try to run variance reports to see if any project dropped out or came forward.

**Mr. Brock:** Are the projects in the November 4 snapshot locked in for FY 2023?

**Ms. Peters:** They are locked in as of November 4. Was able to make a name change for Mandarin Greenway [sidewalk project in Naples. Changed to Orchid Dr.] Locked now while the Legislature looks at it. If there are stimulus funds we may have to review again.

**Mr. Brock:** It's still a certain percentage from what it was locked in as?

**Ms. Peters:** It's \$2 million plus 20%. Every now and again there are changes, now we have stimulus, will keep checking.

## **9. Member Comments**

**Mr. Brock:** Dropped off The Mullet Rapper from Everglades City for information.

## **10. Distribution Items**

None.

## **11. Next Meeting Date**

*January 24, 2022– 9:30 a.m. – in person*

***Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.***