

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2022 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Philips called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

TAC Members Present

Lorraine Lantz, Chair, Collier County Transportation Planning
Michelle Arnold, Collier County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE)
Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Allison Bickett, Vice Chair, City of Naples
Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations
Tim Brock, Everglades City
Dave Rivera, City of Naples

TAC Members Absent

Andrew Bennett, Collier County Airport Authority
Don Scott, Lee County MPO
Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Brandy Otero, Principal Planner
Scott Philips, Principal Planner

Others Present

David Agacinski, FDOT
Nelson Galeano, Collier County Transportation Planning
Michael Tisch, Collier County Transportation Engineering
Steve Ludwinski, Corridino Group

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Brock moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the March 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Brock moved to approve the March 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Wuerstle seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

6. Agency Updates

A. Collier County

Ms. Lantz introduced Collier County's new Transportation Planning Manager, Mr. Nelson Galeano to the committee.

B. FDOT

Ms. McLaughlin relayed the following information to the TAC on behalf of FDOT:

FDOT will be presenting the Everglades City Copeland Avenue and Oasis Visitor Center projects at the Everglades City May 3rd City Council meeting, and at the Collier MPO May 13th Board Meeting.

FDOT will present the Old US 41 PD&E Study at the Collier MPO May 17th BPAC meeting, the May 23rd TAC and CAC meetings, and at the June 10th MPO Board meeting; the Lee MPO May 24th and June 2nd committee meetings and June 17th MPO Board meeting; and at the June 1st Bonita Springs City Council meeting.

C. MPO Executive Director

Announced that Ms. Daniel Bates, the MPO's Administrative Assistant, has left the MPO for a new position with Collier County Transportation Services. The position has been advertised and interviews will take place after the May 13th MPO Board Meeting.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse FY 2022/23-2023/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Otero: This is the final FY 22/23-23/24 UPWP that will be presented at the May 13th MPO Board Meeting. A few changes have been made to the document with the major change being a reduction of \$200,000 in SU funds to the MPO. This was done in coordination with FDOT and does not substantially impact the program. FDOT will provide the \$200,000 in SU funds in the FY 24/25-25/26 UPWP Cycle. When the SU funding is returned it will be used to complete the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan. Other changes include updating some formatting, adding contract numbers to the cover page, revising soft-match language, revising summary budget tables, and adding UPWP comments and responses to comments to Appendix D. We are waiting on revised comments from FHWA, so there may be a few revisions to the comment section between this meeting and the May 13th Board meeting. I expect the main revision will be FHWA removing their comment regarding SU funding.

Ms. Otero provided a handout to the TAC showing revised the UPWP Summary Budget Tables 3 – 6 at the start of the meeting. Ms. Otero noted that the MPO received an updated allocation from the TD Trust that increased the MPO's total TD Trust allocation to \$27,954.

Ms. Wuerstle moved to endorse the FY 2022/23-2023/24 UPWP. Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Endorse Updated SUN Trail Alignment for the Florida Greenways and Trails System Map

Ms. McLaughlin: We are asking the committee to endorse the updated SUN Trail alignment for the Florida Greenways and Trails System. The purpose to have an updated alignment is so we can tap into SUN Trail funding when opportunities arise. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) is updating the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan including the maps. The last update to the Florida Greenways and Trails Plan and Maps was 2018, just before the MPO adopted its Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan in 2019. The BPAC endorsed the alignment at their April 19th meeting, and this item will be presented at the May 13th MPO Board meeting for approval. The deadline to submit is May 31st. OGT has asked submittals to be in a GIS shapefile format.

The MPO has coordinated with the Naples Pathway Coalition (NPC) as they wrap up their Paradise Coast Trail Feasibility Study. The NPC has received comments on the MPO's SUN Trail alignment, so it was a good opportunity to work with them to make sure the SUN Trail and Paradise Coast Trail alignments are consistent with the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) recommendations. MPO staff support the updated alignment, and the BPAC has endorsed the alignment. Ms. McLaughlin provided a verbal description of the updated alignment to the committee, noting that minor adjustments can be made as the project moves through the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) phase.

Mr. Brock: Is there a typical cross section?

Ms. McLaughlin: The NPC Feasibility Study will most likely develop conceptual cross sections, but detailed designs won't be available until the completion of the PD&E study for the FPL easement parallel to Livingston Road.

Mr. Galeano asked whether the trail is intended to serve as transportation or recreation.

Ms. McLaughlin responded that the SUN Trail alignment is intended to tap into state SUN Trail funds that emphasize the recreational aspect of the trail, however the alignment runs through the center of Collier County where it also serves a transportation function as an alternative mode of travel.

Mr. Galeano expressed support for the alignment, for providing recreational opportunities and for alternative modes of travel as benefiting community health and enhancing lifestyle choices.

Mr. Brock moved to endorse the Updated SUN Trail Alignment for the Florida Greenways and Trails Systems Map. Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentation (May require Committee Action)

A. Everglades City Sidewalk & SR 90 at Oasis Visitor Center Project Presentation

Mr. David Agacinski, FDOT, made a presentation to the committee on the Copeland Avenue (CR 29) sidewalk project in Everglades City, and the SR 90 (US 41) at the Oasis Visitor Center turn lane project. He stated that the project will be let in June and anticipates construction to begin 3 to 4 months after the bids are open. The projects are being let as a single package. Mr. Agacinski then reviewed the Copeland Avenue Sidewalk project with the committee. He told the committee that the collaboration between the MPO, FDOT, Collier County, and Everglades City was instrumental in advancing the Copeland Avenue project to construction. During construction pedestrian access will be maintained in the two lane section of the construction zone by temporarily closing the existing northbound lane to vehicle traffic; in the project zone's four lane section the northbound outside lane will be temporarily closed to vehicles to provide pedestrian access, the northbound inside lane will remain open to vehicles. The project includes a new sidewalk section to connect to the existing sidewalk just north of the Chokoloskee Bay Bridge. Pedestrian safety in the construction zone will be maintained by using temporary traffic barriers and controls. A temporary signal will be placed at each end of the construction zone.

Mr. Agacinski followed the Copeland Avenue Sidewalk project presentation with the SR 90 at the Oasis Visitor Center project. He told the committee that the National Park Service was the project applicant. Due to the high-speed nature of the corridor the project will improve safety for vehicles turning into the visitor center. The project adds a dedicated east-bound left turn lane and a dedicated west-bound right turn lane with a bicycle keyhole at the Oasis Visitor Center entrance. A 5-foot shoulder will be maintained for bike use along the westbound lane. Signage will be posted on SR 90 in each direction during construction approximately 1-mile from the Oasis Visitor's Center entrance to provide advance warning of the construction zone.

B. Update on Draft 2022 TRIP Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin told the committee that this is an initial look at the draft list of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) project priorities and that the MPO is not seeking endorsement at this time. The list of projects is supported by the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and has been collaboratively developed with the Lee County MPO. The Lee MPO representative was not in attendance to provide an overview of their projects; however, **Ms. Lantz** explained that Collier County's TRIP project list is essentially the same list that was previously submitted with a few revisions to project implementation schedules, cost estimates and funding. The committee has previously endorsed the Bike/Ped and Transit priorities. The MPO will bring the TRIP 2022 Priority list to the May 23 TAC and CAC meetings for endorsement.

C. Update on Draft FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. McLaughlin: The TIP pages in the packet are from the February 2022 Work Program Snapshot. FDOT sent the April 2022 Work Program snapshot after the packet was distributed. The handouts summarize the financial changes to projects reflected in the April snapshot, but staff has not had time to complete its review and update the project sheets in the TIP. The final draft 2023-27 TIP will be brought to the committee for endorsement next month. Committee members were asked to contact Ms. McLaughlin with any questions or comments.

9. Member Comments

None

10. Distribution Items

Administrative Modification #4 to the FY2022-2026 TIP

11. Next Meeting Date

May 23, 2022– 9:30 a.m. – in person

Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.