

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2022 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Middelstaedt called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Elaine Middelstaedt, Chair

Karen Homiak

Fred Sasser

Rick Hart

CAC Members Absent

Josh Rincon

Dennis DiDonna

Neal Gelfand, Vice-Chair

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Scott Philips, Principal Planner

Others Present

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning

Steven Andrews, FDOT

Matt Dockins, RKK/FDOT

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Hart seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the April 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Sasser seconded. Carried unanimously. With Change on #4 and #2 Ms. Bates did not call roll Scott called.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. McLaughlin: speaking on behalf of Victoria Peters with her notes from TAC meeting. The SR 82 at SR 29 project final walk through is May 19, 2022; the anticipated project completion is June 2022. Outstanding items include installing traffic monitoring loops and addressing minor punch list items. Two outstanding items but directional arrows and signs leading to the roundabout have been installed.

SR 82 from the Hendry County line to Gator Slough Lane let date is April 22, 2023, completion date TBD. Westclox Road at SR 29 signal project completion date is June 2022.

The I-75 SW Connect Study - South Corridor Masterplan from CR 951 in Collier County to Bayshore in Lee County analysis is complete; master plan is evaluating improvement alternatives; traffic analysis completed; considering managed lanes, widening, modifying existing interchanges and potential new interchanges. Public outreach planned for fall of 2022; anticipated study completion is December 2022.

A Speed Management Workshop is scheduled on June 14th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at FDOT SWAO in Ft Myers; upon learning of meeting conflicts with MPO Board meeting, is working to reschedule.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin: Quite a number of vacancies on committee; contact me with any suggestions for filling: at-large vacancy, Marco Island, City of Naples, Board of County Commissioners D1, D2, D3 and D5 vacancies; we think D3 will be filled at Board meeting in June. Spread the word.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse Final FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. McLaughlin: final draft based on the April snapshot received from FDOT. 5-year fiscally constrained program of transportation projects. Cooperatively developed with FDOT. Derived from the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan (CFP), make their way to the TIP through annual project priorities. FDOT process follows their plans, includes maintenance. Posted to the website for public comment on April 14th, no comments received to date. Board received presentation on May 13th, adoption will be in June. TAC had minor changes we will incorporate as we go to the MPO Board – page 18 Equity Assessment Chart needs legend, will be clarified, described broad effort to address equity; p38 will correct the FY under explanation of project costs; and will include additional project descriptions. All minor clean-up at this point. We are looking for endorsement.

Mr. Sasser: at Naples City Council budget meeting last week discussed two round-abouts. City staff reported local residents support round-abouts in vicinity of proposed roundabouts but there's some pushback from larger community; City Council members need more backup information, may be asked for. Just a heads-up.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the minor corrections noted. Mr. Sasser seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Endorse 2022 TRIP Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin: committee saw first draft last month, coordinated between Lee and Collier MPO's; they're bringing forward simultaneously with us. Must be on regional roadway network, local entity has to provide 50% match. County added cost information and dropped off one project; highest priorities remain on the list. Seeking endorsement.

Mr. Sasser moved to endorse the 2022 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities. Mr. Hart seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Endorse 2022 Highway Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin: previous list updated to show that SR 29 from New Market Road to north of SR 82 was funded in 2027; show funded amount but will keep on list for tracking purposes. Happy that occurred. Nothing else has changed. Nothing new on freight priority list, tends to be a subcategory of Highways that we put forward to nudge funding along.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the 2022 Highway Priorities. Mr. Hart seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Endorse 2022 Planning Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin: haven't brought these forward before but in doing end of year wrap-up realize we have to add funding to FYs 2028, 29 and 30 and includes providing funds to support development of the 2055 LRTP and supporting plans that feed into it. The LRTP takes a bit of data collection, and the funding is to support all of our costs. Not all will hit SU funds.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the 2022 Planning Priorities. Mr. Sasser seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentation (May require Committee Action)

A. Old US 41 PD&E Study

Mr. Dockins: Reviewed the project scope and goals; design cost is \$3M split evenly between Lee/Collier counties. Study goal is to improve safety, add bike/ped facilities, address congestion, and serve the industrial park. Cross sections reviewed show improvements in Collier County widen the roadway to 4-lanes with bike lanes, adds a sidewalk on the eastern side and shared use path on the western side; Lee County improvements widen the roadway to 4-lanes with bike lanes and add a shared use path on the western side and space for a sidewalk on the eastern side. Alignment alternatives: 1) Adds a new quadrant road at southeast corner of the Bonita Beach Rd intersection (former racetrack property) to alleviate congestion at Bonita Beach Rd and Old 41 and provide a cut through to I-75. 2) Removes existing segment south of the Veterans Memorial Blvd intersection that connects to US 41 due to the close spacing between signals at Wiggins Pass Rd, Old 41 and Veterans Memorial Blvd intersections.

Traffic signals are proposed at Veterans Memorial Blvd and Railhead Drive (industrial park); the median limits the left turn radius, so U-turn bulb-outs are proposed to allow trucks to make left turns and U-turns. A roundabout is proposed at the Bonita Beach Rd/Old US 41 intersection in Lee County.

Construction estimate is \$85 million. Design, ROW, construction phases are not funded. Working with MPOs to identify funding. Held in-person public workshop on April 14th and a virtual workshop on April 19th; received 300 comments, mostly concerned about access issues and traffic noise. FAQs will be added to the project website. FDOT will present findings at upcoming Collier MPO, Collier Board of County Commissioners (BCC), Bonita Springs City Council, Lee MPO, and Lee County BCC Meetings.

9. Member Comments

None

10. Distribution Items

None

11. Next Meeting Date

August 22, 2022 – 2 p.m. – in person

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.