

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2022 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:32 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

Allison Bickett, Vice Chair, City of Naples

Michelle Arnold, Collier County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE)

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

Dave Rivera, City of Naples

Don Scott, Lee County MPO

TAC Members Absent

Andrew Bennett, Collier County Airport Authority

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island

Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Tim Brock, Everglades City

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Scott Philips, Principal Planner

Others Present

Victoria Peters, FDOT

David Agacinski, FDOT

Nelson Galeano, Collier County Transportation Planning

Michael Tisch, Collier County Transportation Engineering

Miguel Flores, City of Naples

Steven Andrews, FDOT

Mat Dockins, RKK/FDOT

Steve Ludwinski, Corradino Group

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the April 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Lantz noted under “Others Present” asked to change Collier County Transportation Planning Division by Nelson Galeano’s name to Collier County Transportation Planning.

Ms. Bickett moved to approve the March 28, 2022 meeting minutes noting Ms. Lantz’s comment. Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters: 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. Directional arrows and signs leading to the roundabout have been installed after receiving comments from the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Area.

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; currently evaluating improvement alternatives; Public outreach planned for fall of 2022; anticipated study completion is December 2022.

Old US 41 PD&E study in-person public workshop held on April 14th, and a virtual workshop on April 19th; will present findings to the Collier MPO Board and BCC, Bonita Springs City Council, Lee MPO, and Lee County BCC in June.

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

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin: The May MPO newsletter had a broken link, a revised copy will be sent out.

7. Committee Action

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

Ms. McLaughlin: Final draft based on the April 2022 FDOT download; Part One includes background, narrative, and project sheets; Part 2 contains required state and federal documentation; posted to the website for public comment on April 14th, no comments received to date. **Ms. Vandersluis** noted the

Equity Assessment Graph in Figure 7 on page 18 did not have a legend. **Ms. McLaughlin** noted a legend will be added to the graph. **Ms. Lantz** noted a typo on page 38 referenced an older TIP. **Ms. McLaughlin** noted the date will be revised. **Ms. Lantz** noted the placeholder language on project page A-7 and a number of project descriptions are blank and understands the MPO is working to add project descriptions; asked about decreased funding shown in the funding summary on Page 15. **Ms. McLaughlin** noted the SR 951 project was advanced to the current year (FY 22) decreasing total future year funding. **Ms. Bickett** noted on page E-4 the map does not fit the new project description. **Ms. McLaughlin** noted that the MPO will revise once a new project description is provided. **Ms. Arnold** asked if it is ok to send revised project descriptions to the MPO. **Ms. McLaughlin** said yes, and to get them to the MPO this week.

Ms. Arnold moved to endorse the Final FY 2023 -2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Endorse 2022 TRIP Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin introduced the 2022 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities list; noted the Board received a briefing on May 13th; the final list to be presented for approval at the June 10th Board meeting. The list is supported by the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, collaboratively developed with the Lee County MPO, and vetted thru the MPO's advisory committees. **Ms. Lantz** explained that the Collier County TRIP projects are essentially the same projects previously submitted with minor revisions to project schedules, cost estimates, and funding.

Mr. Rivera moved to endorse the 2022 TRIP Priorities. Ms. Arnold seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Endorse 2022 Highway Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin noted that the SR 29 from New Market Road to North of SR 82 was funded in 2027 and the project will be removed from the list, this is also a freight priority project.

Mr. Scott moved to endorse the 2022 Highway Priorities. Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

D. Endorse 2022 Planning Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin noted this item prioritizes and adds funding to FYs 2028/29 – 2029/30 and includes providing funds to support development of the 2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan. The LRTP takes a bit of data collection and the funding is to support all of our costs. This includes updates to existing plans.

Ms. Arnold moved to endorse the 2022 Planning Priorities. Ms. Bickett 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 BCC, Bonita Springs City Council, Lee MPO, and Lee County BCC Meetings.

9. Member Comments

None

10. Distribution Items

11. Next Meeting Date

August 22, 2022– 9:30 a.m. – in person

Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.