

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board of County Commission Chambers
Collier County Government Center
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor
Naples, FL 34112
June 10, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

HYBRID REMOTE – IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

MPO Chair Perry called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. McLaughlin called roll and confirmed a quorum was present in the room. Notified Board Council Member Folley asked to participate remotely due to extenuating circumstance.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to allow Council Member Folley to participate remotely; Commissioner Saunders seconded. Passed unanimously.

Members Present (in BCC Chambers)

Council Member Paul Perry, City of Naples, MPO Chair
Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4
Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr., District 5
Commissioner Rick LoCastro, Collier County BCC District 1
Council Member Tony Pernas, Everglades City
Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3
Council Member Ted Blankenship, City of Naples
Commissioner Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2 (arrived late)

Members Participating Remotely

Council Member Greg Folley, City of Marco Island, Vice-Chair (Zoom)

Members Absent

None

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Scott Philips, Principal Planner
Brandy Otero, Principal Planner (Zoom)

FDOT

LK Nandam, FDOT D-1 Secretary
Wayne Gaither, FDOT District 1 Southwest Area Office (SWAO) Director
Steven Andrews, FDOT District 1 Project Manager
Matt Dockins, RK&K Engineering

Others Present

Trinity Scott, Department Head, Collier County Transportation Management Services
Danielle Bates, Collier County Transportation Management Services

Nelson Galeano, Transportation Planning Manager
Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney
Chris Carpenter, Naples Park Resident
Judi Hemond, Naples Park Resident
Kathy Sodergren, Naples Park Resident
Katherine Magoutas, Naples Park Resident
Steve Ludwinski, Corradino Group

Zoom Participants

Jim Jacob, Naples Park resident
Kim Jacob, Naples Park resident
Marsha Oenick, President, Naples Park Area Association

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MPO Chair Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS

4.A. May 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

4B. Ratify the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Evaluation

4C. Ratify the 2022 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Annual Update

Ms. McLaughlin: Noted a scrivener’s error in the TDSP attachment (page 77, CTB Calculated Rates Chart), will be corrected; will provide revision to LCB at next meeting

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Agenda, Previous Minutes, and Consent Items. Council Member Pernas seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. AGENCY UPDATES

6.A. FDOT

Secretary Nandam: The Governor signed the 2023 budget; FDOT meeting next week to determine funding priorities for next cycle; resurfacing is a significant part of current budget; construction costs are rising; new funding will probably go to balance program; **MPO Chair Perry:** Will state gas tax holiday impact funding? **Secretary Nandam:** No.

Mr. Gaither: The SR 82/29 project and the SR 29/Westclox Road project will be completed June 2022, FDOT supplied materials and County did installation; FDOT is hosting a speed management workshop on June 14th, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at SWAO office.

6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

None.

7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report

Chair not present, report in agenda packet.

7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report

Chair present on-line for questions, report in agenda packet.

7.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

7.C.1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair Report

Chair not present, report in agenda packet.

7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)

7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report

Chair not present, report in agenda packet.

7.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)

7.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report

Did not meet this month.

8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

8.A. Adopt FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Authorizing Resolution

Ms. McLaughlin: Requesting approval of the 2023-27 TIP; Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen's Advisory Committee endorsed in May; project sheets reflect the April 2022 FDOT Work Program snapshot.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program & Authorizing Resolution Commissioner LoCastro seconded. Passed unanimously.

*Commissioner Taylor - Yes
Council Member Folley - Yes
Commissioner McDaniel – Yes*

Commissioner LoCastro – Yes
MPO Chair Perry – Yes
Commissioner Saunders – Yes
Council Member Blankenship – Yes
Council Member Pernas – Yes
Commissioner Solis – Not present for vote

9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)

9.A. Approve the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin: The 2022 project priorities and location maps are included in the packet; the Marco Island, Everglades City and County projects received broad support; Naples Park residents have commented for and against sidewalk projects; a survey conducted by Naples Park Area Association received 245 responses with 77% for, 23% against sidewalks; a door to door survey conducted in May 2022 showed 277 residents polled with 86% against and 14% for; the 2022 survey packet is provided for public record; BPAC vetted and endorsed priorities in January 2022, the TAC and CAC endorsed in March 2022; Staff recommends approval.

Public Comments:

Commissioner Saunders asked to waive three minute speaking time limit; **MPO Chair Perry** agreed to waive time limit at his discretion.

Ms. McLaughlin: We will start with persons in the room and then move to people registered to comment on-line.

Ms. Carpenter: sidewalks have been a contentious issue in Naples Park; the 2003 Dover Kohl study and survey and the 2013 MPO Walkability Community Study survey showed the majority of Naples Park residents against sidewalks; no public outreach done for the 2022 Priority List; stumbled across NPAA survey on-line; the NPAA results were not consistent with earlier surveys; conducted a door to door survey and noted she did not go to NPAA survey respondent addresses; most people contacted were unaware and not in favor of proposed sidewalks; urged the Board to vote no and asked to survey the community.

Ms. Sodergren (Naples Park resident): 26 year resident of Naples Park; against sidewalks in Naples Park due to conflicts with bicyclist and skateboarders using sidewalk making it difficult to walk her dog; has no conflicts walking in street; parking issues exist.

Ms. Judy Hemond: 15-year Naples Park resident; conflicts with bikes and skateboarders exist when using sidewalks, has to go into the street to walk; may lose a valued mango tree; cars in driveways will block sidewalks.

Marsha Oenick President Naples Park Area Association (NPAA) (online): Highlighted NPAA's efforts to survey Naples Park; speaking as a resident and not President of the Association, Right of Way (ROW) is reserved by the county to provide services and protect private property; crash data show Naples Park's narrow streets and density create safety issues; approximately 200 elementary school students walk on the street to get to and from school; sidewalks provide a stable and safe walking space; asks Board to approve the plan.

Discussion:

Commissioner LoCastro: The plan is not to add sidewalks on every street in Naples Park; **Commissioner Solis:** Streets are not randomly selected; streets are selected based on accidents and other factors; **Ms. McLaughlin:** Focus is on the Avenues; there is a sidewalk on Vanderbilt Drive; **Ms. Scott:** sidewalks exist on some north/south streets in Naples Park and on Vanderbilt Drive; current utility improvement design includes a flat surface area to add sidewalks sometime in the future; noted additional cost to add sidewalks if space for a sidewalk is not included with utility improvements.

Ms. McLaughlin: A resident on-line raised hand to speak; **Mr. Jacob** Naples Park Resident, Naples Park ranks second in Collier County for bike and pedestrian accidents; hopes improvements are made before there is a fatality; urges Board to approve list; **Ms. McLaughlin:** another resident on-line has raised hand to speak; **Ms. Jacob:** pleased 91st Ave is getting a sidewalk; a County-led crash study shows Naples Park has the second most bike and pedestrian accidents in the county; asked if it is possible to move funds to other locations or projects in Naples Park if sidewalks are delayed.

Commissioner Taylor: how many speed bumps are in Naples Park; **Ms. Scott:** none; **Commissioner Taylor:** why? **Ms. Scott:** The County's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program rules require citizens to petition the county to request improvements, Naples Park residents have not petitioned the County; having the sidewalk separated from the road improves safety; **Commissioner Taylor:** how are bikes separated from pedestrians on sidewalks; **Ms. Scott:** they are not; sidewalks reduce conflicts between vehicles and bicyclist/pedestrians and provide options for people traversing the community; **Commissioner Taylor:** Naples Park is an older community how will sidewalks be kept from abutting against houses; **Ms. Scott:** the current design moves sidewalks to the right of way closer to the road; **Commissioner Taylor:** are you going to narrow streets; **Ms. Scott:** streets will be 18-foot wide; we work with emergency services and stakeholders to alert them of new speed table locations when they are the only option available to calm traffic in older neighborhoods.

Commissioner McDaniel: where does the funding go if we don't approve; **Ms. McLaughlin:** to other projects on an existing priority list that need additional funding; **Commissioner McDaniel:** recommends tabling the three streets in question and do additional outreach to residents and property owners to determine course of action; **Commissioner Solis:** Sidewalks are one of the most frequent requests I receive; streets in Naples Park are narrow: garbage cans and mail boxes at the curb push people walking onto the road; I nearly hit someone walking in the street in Naples Park; unlike the Dover Kohl study this plan places sidewalks as close to the road as possible while maintaining separation; the need to improve safety in the area outweighs doing nothing; there has been at least one serious injury in recent years; NPAA has tried to do the right thing for the community; **Commissioner LoCastro:** safety should be paramount; a lot of neighborhoods in the community are requesting sidewalks.

***Commissioner Saunders:** motioned to approve the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Priorities as presented; **Commissioner Solis:** second; **MPO Chair Perry** recognized the motion and second, however kept the floor open for additional discussion.*

Commissioner Taylor: Troubled that NPAA has not considered speed bumps to calm traffic or approached the County; what options are available to address safety; **Council Member Folley:** what is the impact on parking? **Commissioner Solis:** parking issue was with Dover Kohl plan; the neighborhood needs to request study by the County; **Ms. Scott:** reviewed County requirements to initiate a study; **Commissioner Solis:** FY 2028 target year for funding; best to continue to communicate with NPAA as we move forward is right thing to do; requests are for more safety not less; **MPO Chair Perry:** we are targeting funds 6 years from now, when is utility work starting?; **Ms. Scott:** several utility projects are on-going some are complete; there are several more years of utility work in the area; sidewalk locations selected

where a flat space for sidewalks is provided after utility work is complete; **MPO Chair Perry**: so you are asking for direction to provide a flat spot for sidewalks in the future; **Ms. Scott**: that is included in the current design; we are applying to secure 2028 federal funds for sidewalk design; construction may not start until 2030; **MPO Chair Perry** can we take a project off the list?; **Ms. Scott**: the project will continue to move forward and be in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); FDOT likes us to move projects forward; **Secretary Nandam**: design will not start until 2026 if programmed for construction in 2028; you have around one year to make changes; **MPO Chair Perry**: this is a County Commission issue; we should leave projects in as a place holder; **Commissioner McDaniel**: suggests talking to residents and polling them.

Commissioner LoCastro: please educate the board about speed bumps; **Ms. Scott**: speed tables are effective when there is a lot of cut-through traffic; we engage stakeholders, including Emergency Management Services (EMS), Fire, and Sheriff in the decision making process; the County monitors speed table locations and meets with residents to gauge effectiveness after installation; **Commissioner Taylor**: not convinced that enough has been done in the Naples Park area; would like to have reflected in the minutes as a place holder; **Commissioner Saunders**: asked to act on motion; **MPO Chair Perry**: this is a County Commission issue; we are only confirming funds will be available; expressed reservations on item 11 (Bike and Pedestrian trail over Golden Gate Parkway); asked is it prudent to continue to pursue if it makes no sense to move forward; **Ms. McLaughlin**: project is a holdover from a prior list, had originally asked FDOT to lead project submitted by City of Naples even though it's on a County Road, but project seems to have lost support within the City. Asked Board for direction whether to keep project on list; concerned with high cost of the feasibility study given escalating construction costs and many competing projects; if not supported, then it should be removed; **Secretary Nandam**: FDOT's feasibility study process engages all partners to measure support; agrees if MPO Board doesn't support then it should be removed; **Council Member Blankenship**: project not broadly supported by the City of Naples; recommends removing.

Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the 2022 Bicycle & Pedestrian Project Priorities. Commissioner Solis seconded. Commissioner LoCastro motioned to amend the list to remove item 11 (Bike/Ped Trail Crossing on Golden Gate Pkwy at Freedom Park and Gordon Road). Commissioner Saunders supported Commissioner LoCastro's motion to amend; Commissioner LoCastro's motion to amend accepted by MPO Chair Perry. Votes: Yea – 6; Nay – 3; Dissenting Members: Commissioners Taylor, McDaniel, and Folley; Item passed.

9.B Approve 2022 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin: Final list for 2022 TRIP priorities, has been coordinated with Lee MPO; funds are to incentivize regional planning; list endorsed by TAC and CAC in May; asking for approval.

Commissioner Solis moved to approve the 2022 Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities; Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.C Approve 2022 Highway & Freight Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin: Update of 2021 Highway and Freight Priorities; list updated to show project funding in FDOT's FY 2023-27 Work Program for SR 29 from New Market Road North of SR 82 in 2027; asking for approval.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the 2022 Highway & Freight Priorities; Commissioner Solis seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.D Approve 2022 Planning Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin: Need to start securing funds for 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); FY 2028-30 LRTP funding breaks down to roughly \$350,000 per year; funds are to augment Planning (PL) funds; asking for approval.

Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the 2022 Planning Priorities. Commissioner Solis seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.E. Approve 2022 Transit Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin: County staff updated list to reflect Transit Asset Management Plan targets and include maintenance facility; Asking for approval; **Commissioner McDaniel:** Is the Immokalee bus transfer station coordinated with other work in Immokalee, where is CR Road 27? **Ms. Scott:** Yes regarding coordination; 27 does not refer to a county road, it is the bus route number.

Commissioner Solis moved to approve the 2022 Transit Priorities. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.F. Approve Appointment to the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) for Transportation Disadvantaged

Ms. McLaughlin: Request to appoint Ms. Gabrielle Galante, Clinical Supervisor for Adult Community Services at the David Lawrence Center to fill vacancy; represents medical community.

Commissioner Solis moved to approve appointment to the LCB. Commissioner Pernas seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.G. Approve Appointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Ms. McLaughlin: Request to appoint Mr. Michael Phalen to fill a vacancy; previously represented Marco Island on Citizen Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Solis moved to approve appointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Passed unanimously.

9.H. Approve Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Ms. McLaughlin: Request to appoint Mr. Dennis Staltzer to fill District 3 vacancy; Commissioner Saunders has approved.

Commissioner Saunders moved to approve appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Commissioner Solis seconded. Passed unanimously.

10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)

10.A. Old 41 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Mr. Dockins: Design cost \$3M, construction cost estimate \$85M; improves safety, adds bike/ped facilities, address congestion, and serves County industrial park; 2 alignment alternatives: 1) New quadrant road southeast corner Bonita Beach Rd intersection (former racetrack property) alleviates congestion at Bonita Beach Rd and Old 41 intersection, provides cut through to I-75; 2) cut off connection to US 41 south

of Veterans Memorial Blvd and remove existing signal on US 41; add signals at Veterans Memorial Blvd and Railhead Drive (industrial park); provide U-turn bulb-outs to allow trucks to make left turn/turn around; working with MPO to find funding for design, ROW, and construction; held two public workshops in April, one in-person, one virtual, received approximately 300 comments; Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to be added to project website.

Commissioner Solis: Clarify the stormwater permit requirements; **Ms. Scott:** area is in the Meadowbrook Planned Unit Development (PUD) conservation easement administered by the Water Management District; easement must be removed by the Water Management District to make stormwater improvements; **Commissioner Solis:** is this something we have to do? **Ms. Scott:** yes.

11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Folley: Encouraged Naples Park residents to get information to the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Taylor: Is new signal on US 41 at the construction entrance to the Naples Beach and Golf Club permanent? **MPO Chair Perry:** The signal is temporary; will be removed when construction is complete; FDOT issued permit; **Secretary Nandam:** will verify and follow up with Commissioner Taylor.

Council Member Pernas: Noted Army Corps of Engineers culvert project on US 41 west of San Marco Road; asked FDOT to confirm the road will remain open as it is the primary emergency evacuation route for Everglades City. **Secretary Nandam** – yes, road will remain open.

Commissioner Saunders: Thanked MPO staff for a year of successful meetings.

Commissioner McDaniel: Wished all a Happy 4th of July.

Commissioner LoCastro: Has FDOT hired a new contractor to do trash pick-up; **Secretary Nandam:** Yes.

Council Member Blankenship: Thanked FDOT for working with City of Naples to add bike lanes separated from traffic on the Gordon River Bridge.

Commissioner Solis: Asked about the autonomous bus service in Gainesville; **Secretary Nandam:** it is a pilot project; District 1 completed an autonomous vehicle study and selected a pilot project in Ft. Myers; **Commissioner McDaniel** asked the Secretary to share the study with the Board.

MPO Chair Perry: Thanked the MPO for their work

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 9, 2022 - 9:30 a.m. Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112

14. ADJOURN

*There being no further business, **MPO Chair Perry** adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.*