

**CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

November 16, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mr. Beauvoir, having agreed to serve as Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Siegler called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present in the room.

CMC Members Present In-Person

Pierre-Marie Beauvoir, Collier County Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operations

Alison Bickett, City of Naples

Dave Rivera, City of Naples

Don Scott, Lee MPO

Karen Homiak, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Representative

Michael Tisch, Collier County Transportation Engineering

CMC Members Absent

Dayna Fendrick, Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Representative

Omar DeLeon, Collier County Public Transportation & Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE)

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Dusty Siegler, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Wally Blain, Benesch

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Bickett moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the September 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Scott moved to approve the September 21, 2022 minutes. Mr. Tisch seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. McLaughlin indicated Ms. Victoria Peters informed her that FDOT anticipates running a snapshot of FY 2024-2028 draft tentative work program on November 17, but it would not be available to the public until the week of December 12. FDOT will have an online public hearing on the draft tentative the week of December 12. Ms. Peters could not be at this meeting because it is the last day the work program is open for changes.

B. MPO

Ms. McLaughlin indicated a topic for the CMC meeting on January 18 is the next call for projects, which is slated to be congestion management. The call for projects will be in the Spring of 2023, with anticipated adoption by the MPO Board in June of 2024, for funding in FY 2030. Ms. McLaughlin urged members to be prepared to discuss the call for projects based on the new Congestion Management Process. MPO staff anticipates providing an update in January regarding the eligibility priorities.

C. Other

(i) City of Naples

Mr. Rivera stated the City received a CDBG grant for street lighting in the River Park District.

Ms. Bickett stated the City has been busy with hurricane cleanup. The City lost almost all of its traffic cabinets (approximately \$300,000 worth). **Mr. Rivera** added that FDOT is providing approximately \$180,000 for seven new traffic cabinets. **Ms. Bickett** indicated there is a lot of sand that needs to be cleaned up, and the City has been taking care of many stop sign issues. **Mr. Rivera** mentioned damage to turtle lights (beach end lights with a low-wattage bulb, making them turtle-friendly).

(ii) Collier County Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operations

Mr. Beauvoir indicated the County also has some issues with traffic cabinets and signals. It is not clear, at this time, what other issues may arise from the water intrusion from Hurricane Ian. There has been an issue with timing on lights in the different corridors and issues with electronics. It appears that some of the issues have to do with video detection. There are also

supply chain issues. All of the Malfunction Maintenance Units (MMUs) have to be certified in January.

(ii) Lee County MPO

Mr. Scott indicated that the only working traffic counter Lee County has now on I-75 is near Daniels Parkway and at times, the traffic count is 80% over historical. Traffic has been congested. **Mr. Tisch** commented there may be 90% of the traffic signals that are being run at a basic program (the light on the turn lane will change even if no one is waiting to turn).

Mr. Scott continued that there have been many complaints about debris on sidewalks and in bike lanes. There are streets in North Fort Myers and South Cape Coral that still have a lot of debris. It will likely take years to get back to normal.

On the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the base year (2019) was done, but some of the items will not be there at all. 2025 is not going to look like 2018.

Ms. Bickett asked about Local Agency Program (LAP) projects, and whether extensions are available. **Mr. Scott** responded there was one on Fort Myers Beach, but it is unclear whether that will be done anymore. **Mr. Tisch** indicated Collier County applied for a few LAP extensions and the extensions are for unforeseen acts of God. **Mr. Scott** commented that there was already a need for funding before the hurricane and more so after the hurricane.

Ms. McLaughlin wondered whether there should even be a call for projects in 2023, given the circumstances, and whether paying cost increases on the projects we already have should be the focus for now. Another issue is whatever will need to be rebuilt that would not be covered by FEMA. Ms. McLaughlin would like to discuss these issues at the January meeting.

Mr. Beauvoir stated that 50% of Collier County's count stations are down right now. Mr. Beauvoir has been working to get as much data as possible from the radar heads of the ones that are working so that data is available if those start failing as well. **Ms. McLaughlin** commented that there may be data implications going forward as it pertains to the LRTP.

Mr. Scott stated that Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, which was impacted by Hurricane Charley in 2004, was impacted again during Hurricane Ian, and the building it was located in is going to be demolished because of water intrusion. The MPO is currently located off of Murdock Circle in Port Charlotte.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse Congestion Management Process Origin and Destination Report

Ms. McLaughlin requested endorsement of the Congestion Management Process Origin and Destination (O&D) Report and indicated Mr. Blain would give a presentation and was available to answer any questions.

Mr. Blain provided an update on comments received related to the O&D Report and revisions made to arrive at the final draft O&D Report. In response to Figure 5, **Mr. Rivera** asked for clarification about pass-through trips on SR 82, and **Mr. Blain** responded the number of daily pass-through trips on SR 82 is between 5,000 and 10,000. Mr. Blain responded to a question from Mr. Scott at the last CMC meeting regarding the number of trips passing through Collier County that have an origin and a destination in Lee County. There is a section of Bonita Beach Road for which the county line goes down the median; the eastbound trips for approximately 1/10 of a mile were passing through Collier County. These were mostly trips that had some function within Bonita Beach or Fort Myers Beach, and destinations in Southern Lee County.

On home to work trips, where the origin is in Collier County, approximately 10% of work trips were going to Lee County. 50% of the work trips that are staying in Collier County are destinations west of I-75. The Work from Home Graph (Figure 3) comes from Replica, which has 2 types of data output – Places and Trends. The graph comes from the Trends module; the data is current through the week of November 7. There was a spike in working from home in October, after Hurricane Ian hit. The graph does not necessarily mean everyone worked from home in October, but rather that they did not go to work. Trend reporting provides more up to date data, but the granularity in location information is not as fine. Other information collected (pass-through trips, volumes on roadways, trip-making, O&D, what roadways are being used) comes from the Places module, and the data used for that was from the Spring of 2021. A new release recently came out for data from Fall of 2021. Before Covid, in 2019, Work from Home data came from the US Census - the American Community Survey, but afterward from other data points.

The changes made to the O&D Report since September include corrections to typos and text inconsistencies with tables; updates to the executive summary section (home-to-work detail added and work from home trends added); clarification added to Table 5 and text for explaining work locations; and revised text describing the number of trips passing through Collier County with an origin and a destination in Lee County. Table 5 had some high-level summary information about the County level: number of workers; number of people; number of jobs held within Collier or Lee County; and work-from-home numbers. Clarification was added regarding workers being at their place of residence and employees being at their place of business. The reporting of work-from-home information is on an average weekday during season. In the table, the people that work from home are a subset of the number of employees; they are not mutually exclusive.

Ms. Bickett asked if Mr. Blain evaluated the trend of the people who are relocating to our area because they can work remotely and a comparison with our population increase. **Mr. Blain** responded that because the data is from a snapshot in time, there was not the ability to evaluate that trend. It was not something that was deeply looked at. The best comparison we have for that information is the work-from-home information. Most of the data comes from the cell phone: where the phone sits at night and where it sits during the day.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the Congestion Management Process Origin and Destination Report. Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

None.

9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items (No presentation)

A. Carbon Reduction Program

Item distributed. **Ms. McLaughlin** highlighted some of the eligible activities of the program, including Congestion Management Systems. There is a grant program in addition to the formula funds, but staff does not yet have the information. **Mr. Scott** indicated he received State information and a PD&E study for the rest area off of Daniels Parkway to make it all truck parking is being looked at. There should be meetings or webinars in the future. **Ms. McLaughlin** stated her understanding is that state Departments of Transportation need to develop a carbon reduction strategy. **Mr. Scott** responded that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measures provides that states are supposed to have a target to reduce, but at the same time, Florida has vehicle miles travelled and a population that are increasing.

B. Draft 2023 MPO Meeting Schedule

Item distributed.

C. Revised/Final Corridor Fact Sheets

Item distributed. **Ms. McLaughlin** indicated the final versions were revised based on comments from the last meeting. If there is a call for projects, MPO staff would like the corridor fact sheets to be considered for proposed strategies.

11. Next Meeting Date

January 18, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

There being no further comments or business to discuss, **Mr. Beauvoir** adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.