

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 27, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

**Ms. Siegler** 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

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

Dave Rivera, City of Naples

Don Scott, Lee MPO

Michelle Arnold, Director, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

**TAC Members Absent**

Andrew Bennett, Collier County Airport Authority

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island

John Kasten, Collier County School Board

Justin Martin, City of Marco Island

Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Tim Brock, Everglades City

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Dusty Siegler, Administrative Assistant

**Others Present**

None

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Ms. Lantz** noted that a handout was provided at the meeting regarding Item 7.A., but the agenda had not changed.

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

**4. Approval of the February 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Scott moved to approve the February 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.*

**5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda**

None.

**6. Agency Updates**

**A. FDOT**

**Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that Victoria Peters was not present, and she was unaware of any updates.

**B. MPO Executive Director**

**Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that there were no updates.

**7. Committee Action**

**A. Review & Comment on Draft Bike-Ped Safety Ordinance**

**Ms. Lantz** indicated that the handout provided was BPAC's comments from its review of the draft Ordinance at its meeting on February 21.

**Ms. McLaughlin** explained that Joe Bonness went to the last MPO Board meeting and spoke about the draft Ordinance in his individual capacity. At the meeting, Commissioner Kowal said his intent was to make things safer for bicyclists and he is concerned about cyclists riding against the flow of traffic, but never intended to make it impossible for cyclists to be on a sidewalk. **Mr. Rivera** asked if there was data regarding accidents where cyclists are riding against the flow of traffic. **Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that she had not researched the issue. **Ms. Lantz** indicated that a safety analysis had been done on the U.S. 41/Airport Pulling Road corridor, and her recollection was that one of the study recommendations was that cyclists ride with the flow of traffic. Crash analysis was likely included in the study. **Ms. Arnold** stated that drivers need to be sure to look both ways. **Mr. Scott** commented that the issues raised by BPAC seem to be similar to those of TAC. Mr. Scott asked, under the terms of the Ordinance, if pedal-assist electric

bicycles would be allowed on sidewalks. **Mr. Kingston** responded that they would but could not be operating under pedal-assist while on sidewalks. **Mr. Scott** commented that it would be difficult to tell. **Mr. Hall** commented, with respect to Section 3 of the Ordinance, that a cyclist would sometimes be unable to know if there is a sidewalk on the other side of the road and whether there were connections along their route. **Mr. Scott** commented that Ordinance could make some things less safe.

**Ms. McLaughlin** continued that at the BPAC meeting, there was a lot of input from Sargent Anna Horowitz of Traffic and Special Operations. **Mr. Hall** asked if the Sargent mentioned that the Ordinance would be difficult to enforce. **Ms. McLaughlin** responded that her impression was that the Sheriff's Department would do its best to enforce any laws written. Sargent Horowitz was neutral in terms of the Ordinance. **Mr. Hall** expressed that the Ordinance would be difficult to enforce. **Ms. McLaughlin** explained that BPAC had a lengthy discussion on the Ordinance. Section 316.125, Florida Statutes, was discussed. Engine classifications and Section 316.208 regulating mopeds were mentioned by Sargent Horowitz in terms of how fast certain vehicles can travel and that mopeds are not allowed on sidewalks. **Mr. Rivera** added that Sargent Horowitz mentioned a law regarding golf carts. **Mr. Scott** asked if the County Attorney was going to address the questions raised before it is brought forward for committee action. **Ms. McLaughlin** responded that she intended to spend time briefing the County Attorney on BPAC's comments and concerns. Much of BPAC's motion was derived from Naples Pathways Coalition's written comments. BPAC concluded that additional definitions and exceptions would be needed in the Ordinance. One BPAC member expressed that for an ordinance to be useful and understandable, it would need to be simple and clear. BPAC did not seek a way to make the draft Ordinance simple and clear. BPAC expressed that the Ordinance would need to be so complex that it would not be enforceable and would not be something that the public could be educated with.

[TAC reviewed, commented on, and discussed BPAC's proposed exceptions to the draft Ordinance and safety concerns.] **Mr. Hall, Ms. Arnold, and Ms. Vandersluis** suggested that there should be an educational campaign rather than an enforcement initiative. **Ms. Lantz** commented that TAC has concerns similar to BPAC's. **Mr. Rivera** indicated that he opposes the draft Ordinance and thinks more education is needed.

*Ms. Arnold moved, given concerns similar to those raised by BPAC, to request that the MPO Board consider an education campaign for all users rather than an enforcement ordinance. Ms. Vandersluis seconded. Carried unanimously.*

## **B. Review and Comment on Review and Comment on Draft FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that the MPO recently received the March TIP snapshot from FDOT, which she forwarded to TAC via email. **Mr. Kingston** added that the TIP project sheets may be ready by May. **Mr. Kingston** explained some of the changes to the draft TIP he prepared: the acronym table was updated; FDOT fund codes were replaced with current fund codes; and fiscal years were updated. **Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that the funding summary was based on the first snapshot received months ago. The summary contains a comparison to the last five TIPs. The figure regarding funding sources is relatively new. Multimodality was evaluated in terms of capacity and operations; airports, transit and bike/ped was

included. The equity analysis was updated. **Mr. Kingston** continued that some priorities were updated per adoptions in 2022. **Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that most of the priorities had not changed, as we are still in the time frame for the current Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In such instances, the project status is typically updated in the TIP. The LRTP and TIP may need to be amended to address legislation regarding the Moving Florida Forward Initiative and there may be an adjustment to priorities. A call for projects has been issued for congestion management. **Mr. Kingston** indicated that bike/ped priorities were updated. **Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that the major changes were updates to page 43, major projects, to make the information current. Ms. McLaughlin requested TAC to review and let MPO staff know if there are any errors. The clean copy of the draft TIP contains updated performance management reporting to the new template provided by MPOAC and FDOT. There are also some new transit performance measures. **Ms. Arnold** added that the new transit performance measures were essentially refinements of existing measures. **Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that if the TIP project sheets are delayed because the snapshot was delayed, staff could use the work program snapshots, if necessary. Now that the initial TIP snapshot has been provided, the consultant will confirm the project schedule with MPO staff, and more information on the timeframe will be provided at the April TAC meeting.

**8. Reports and Presentation (May Require Committee Action)**

None.

**9. Member Comments**

**Ms. Arnold** commented that she has enjoyed working with everyone and is retiring from her position at Collier County. Ms. Arnold expressed interest in becoming a member of CAC and requested an application from MPO staff.

**Ms. Lantz** stated that she could not be at the MPO Board meeting on April 14 to provide the TAC chair report. **Ms. Bickett** indicated that she could provide the chair report in Ms. Lantz's absence.

**10. Distribution Items**

**A. Administrative Modifications to the FY 2023-2027 TIP (Transit Operating Assistance Corridor US 41)**

Item distributed.

**11. Next Meeting Date**

*April 24, 2023, 9:30 a.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg. Main Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.*

**12. Adjournment**

**Ms. Lantz** adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.