

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2023, 2 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Middelstaedt called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Elaine Middelstaedt
Dennis Stalzer
Fred Sasser
Karen Homiak
Neal Gelfand
Rick Hart

CAC Members Absent

Dennis DiDonna
Josephine Medina
Josh Rincon
Michelle Arnold
Stephen Spahr

MPO Staff

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner
Dusty Siegler, Senior Planner

Others Present

Jacob Stauffer, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning
Todd Engala, FDOT
Theo Petritsch, Landis Evans
Althea McDavid, Landis Evans

3. Approval of the Agenda

Walk on item: **Ms. Middelstaedt** mentioned that the members had received a revised agenda and walk on item.

4. Approval of the April 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Siegler explained revisions to scribes' errors in the minutes, which have since been corrected. The corrected minutes will be the minutes of record.

Mr. Sasser abstained from voting on April 24, 2023 minutes, as he was not in attendance.

Mr. Hart moved to approve the corrected April 24, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Homiak seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Siegler stated that **Ms. Peters** was unable to attend the meeting and that she had not been informed of any FDOT updates.

B. MPO Executive Director

Mr. Kingston stated that Collier MPO Executive Director, Ms. McLaughlin, was absent from the meeting and he would act in her stead.

7. Committee Action

A. Review and Endorse Final Draft FY2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**Due to technical difficulties, item 7.A. was heard after item 8.A.*

Mr. Kingston read the Executive Summary and gave the PowerPoint presentation, explaining that the purpose of the TIP is that it is a state and federal requirement. It must be consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan, address fiscal constraint, address performance measures, be developed in collaboration with FDOT, and be reviewed and approved by the FHWA and FTA. The four-year total TIP funding is \$431 million: 12% County, 41% Federal, 47% State. *The Executive Summary and 2024-2028 TIP Presentation can be viewed in the [May 22, 2023 CAC Agenda Packet](#) on the Collier MPO website.*

Members had suggested revisions for the TIP.

Ms. Homiak provided a write-up of her suggested revisions.

Ms. Middelstaedt mentioned that she had emailed her revision suggestions. **Ms. Siegler** confirmed the receipt of that email.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the final draft FY 2024-2028 TIP, with the addition of project costs in the project sheets, and Mr. Stalzer seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Endorse Annual List of Project Priorities

Mr. Kingston read the Executive Summary and explained there were changes to the TRIP (Transportation Regional Incentive Program) Priorities list.

Ms. Lantz: The comment we received from Commissioner McDaniel was that he did not think we should postpone Oil Well. We didn't get funding for 2027-28, so it was going to be moved to 2029. The decision was made to heed Commissioner McDaniel's concern, and request to FDOT that funding

for Oil Well not be moved to 2028-29, but that the Immokalee at Livingston be the project to be moved to fiscal year 2028-89, as the timing for the funding of that project was already not optimal. This TRIP draft list has yet to be approved by Ms. Scott before it goes to the Board. There was mention of the possible addition of a bridge project.

There was a group discussion about the possibilities of an additional bridge project.

Mr. Hart moved to endorse the annual list of project priorities. Mr. Gelfand seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Amendment to the FY 2023-2027 TIP

Walk on item. **Mr. Kingston** read the Executive Summary.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the amendment to the FY 23-27 TIP and authorizing resolution. Mr. Hart seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentation (May Require Committee Action)

A. FDOT Update on the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design

Mr. Kingston introduced **Mr. Engala**, consultant for Florida Department of Transportation.

Mr. Engala began with FDOT's safety moment, May is "Motorcycle Awareness Month".

Mr. Engala presented the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design presentation. They are 10 years out for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E), and that final report would be available two weeks after it is heard at the June 9, 2023 MPO Board meeting. The schedule of the process of the study and public involvement strategies to survey public opinion regarding the needs and desires of the trail were discussed.

Ms. Middelstaedt mentioned a letter of concern about safety that had been sent by a citizen regarding the trail.

Mr. Engala stated that FDOT received the letter and responded. The correspondence has been included in the Feasibility Study.

Mr. Hart inquired if the funding for the project came from the County.

Mr. Engala responded that the project was funded by the federal government through grants. He continued the presentation, explaining that the purpose of the project is to enhance the regional bicycle and pedestrian network and connect Marco Island.

Mr. Petritsch gave the second half of the presentation, discussing the design possibilities, safety and environmental concerns, and the public engagement strategies that were utilized to survey the community. He believes the project is feasible in existing Right of Way and asked for questions or comments.

There was a group discussion about the design possibilities for the trail which were shown in the presentation.

The entire Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study presentation can be viewed in the [May 22, 2023 CAC Agenda Packet](#) on the Collier MPO website.

B. Status of Moving Florida Forward (MFF) and Planning (PL) Distribution Formula

Mr. Kingston read the Executive Summary, explaining that MFF was not fully funded. It received \$4 billion dollars, rather than the \$7 billion that was planned, as it did not receive tax and title fees that are collected. The legislature is reviewing FDOT's budget. There will be no change in the PL Distribution Formula, after many meetings.

Mr. Gelfand asked what happened with the tag and title fees.

Ms. Siegler suggested that **Ms. Peters** might be the person to ask this question.

C. Joint Workshop with Lee County MPO Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees

Mr. Kingston discussed the upcoming joint meeting and mentioned that August 3, 2023 was being held as a possible workshop date.

There was discussion amongst the members about their availability for the joint meeting.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Stalzer mentioned a traffic jam area at Immokalee Road. **Ms. Lantz** responded that there is a continued plan to further streamline the congested area.

Mr. Engala mentioned a letter of support by a pedestrian.

Mr. Sasser raised concern about the amount of air traffic activity in the civil airports in the region.

There was discussion about information regarding the possibility of air lane changes, which would direct planes over the water to alleviate noise pollution.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

August 3, 2023, Tentative Joint Workshop with Lee MPO TAC, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Location TBD.

August 28, 2023, 2:00 p.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg. Main Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Middelstaedt adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.