

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Collier County Growth Management Division
Planning & Regulation, Rooms 609 & 610
2800 North Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104
9:30 A.M.**

May 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Ortman a quorum was not present.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning, Chair

April Olson, Conservancy (*non-voting*)

Tim Brock, Everglades City

Michelle Arnold, PTNE

Don Scott, Lee County MPO

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Debra Brueggeman, Collier County Airport

Andy Holland, City of Naples

Gregg Strakaluse, City of Naples

Tim Pinter, City of Marco Island

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island

Ute Vandersluis, City of Naples Airport Authority

MPO STAFF

Eric Ortman, MPO Senior Planner

Brandy Otero, Principle Planner

Karen Intriago, Administrative Assistant

FDOT

Victoria Peters, FDOT

OTHERS PRESENT

3. Approval of the Agenda

A quorum was not established to approve the Agenda.

4. Approval of April 29, 2019 Meeting Minutes

A quorum was not established to approve the Meeting Minutes.

5. Open to Public for Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters – working with MPO staff to develop the new TIP, a spreadsheet provided by central office has been updated to include the anticipated Data FHWA Quadrennial Certification. Marco Island Project 4369701 work mix has been changed to reflect an eight-foot sidewalk.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin – with a quorum not present the committee would not be able to make endorsements but staff would like to know if there are any comments regarding any action items on the agenda.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse FY2020-FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program

A quorum was not established to endorse the FY2020-2024 TIP

Ms. Lantz – the project description for the TIGER grant is inaccurate and would prefer it to state “sidewalks, bike lanes, drainage and other improvements generally in the Immokalee area bordered by Madison Ave. 29th Main Street and 29th North 15th Street. The same description needs to be included in the current TIP and in the new TIP.

Mr. Brock – questioned if the responsible agency for maintenance on CR29 within Everglades City limit was able to get updated. **Mr. Ortman** noted that this matter is still being discussed, once it’s been determined who’s responsible, staff will make an administrative modification noting that in the TIP. **Ms. McLaughlin** clarified that it is not the MPO’s responsibility to settle who is responsible for the maintenance on CR29, therefore staff removed the reference to maintenance from the TIP.

Ms. Olson – regarding project 4175402, SR29 from Oil Well Rd. to Sunniland Nursery - states funding is for the PD&E study; however, that study has been completed and should reflect funding for the design phase. **Mr. Ortman** – the language in the TIP is consistent with FDOT’s description of the work phase. **Ms. Peters** - FDOT receives a snapshot from Central Office which the TIP follows, but she will verify this information and come back to the Committee with a response.

B. Endorse 2019 Project Priorities

A quorum was not established to endorse the 2019 project priorities.

Mr. Scott – the Regional Transportation Alternative Program (RTAP) has not been active for the past few years and funding has not been allocated to this program. Recommends eliminating the RTAP project priorities list.

C. Endorse Amendment to FY 2019-2023 TIP

A quorum was not established to endorse the amendment to FY 2019-2023 TIP.

D. Endorse Resolution supporting Naples Pathways Coalition’s (NPC) Paradise Coast Trail (PCT) Vision

Due to the lack of quorum the committee was unable to endorse the Resolution supporting Naples Pathways Coalition’s Paradise Coast Trail Vision.

Ms. Avola - presented the Paradise Coast Trail Conceptual Corridor (presentation is available upon request made to the MPO.) Naples has seen an increase in distracted driving, unsafe for bicyclists, NPC has been working on identifying trail corridors that will make it safer for bicyclists to be on the road; provide a multiuse pathway which will make it safe for pedestrians and bicyclist to travel through the County. Conceptual Corridor(s) have a 2-mile-wide study area; connect Naples to Ave Maria, Immokalee, Bonita Springs, Estero and Collier Seminole State Park. Few of the sections highlighted are already constructed and others are already ready in plans with other projects. The benefits of these

corridors are increased safety and mobility especially for commuter cyclists, and financial benefits resulting from increased tourism.

Mr. Brock – Florida recently designated Everglades City as a Trail Town. Why isn't Everglades City included as part of the PCT Vision? **Ms. Avola** - there are some environmental concerns that need to be addressed before including it in the PCT Vision. **Ms. McLaughlin** – the MPO Board questioned how the PCT Vision overlays with existing and proposed trails in the Bike-Ped Master Plan. Staff plans to create a map demonstrating other trails and on-road facilities connect to this corridor.

Ms. Olson – with a PD&E study underway for SR29 from I-75 to Oil Well, if a bike lane is needed now would be the time to have that conversation.

Jim Wood – NPC's intention is to align the north/south PCT corridor with the State's Trail Network established by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and eligible for SUNTrail funding managed by FDOT. **Ms. Avola** – NPC will meet with Everglades City and Marco Island to get their input and support for the PTC Vision and to answer any questions they may have.

8. Reports and Presentations (May require committee action)

A. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Kick-Off

Ms. Otero presented the presented the PowerPoint “*Envision 2045 Collier MPO Long Range Transportation plan*” with an overview of the purpose of the 2045 LRTP, requirements, goals, and opportunities for public input and outreach. The plan will address federally mandated emphasis areas and consider potential impacts of autonomous/connected vehicles. The consultant will work with the TAC to guide the 2045 LRTP and will give presentations to the MPO Board and the TAC. The LRTP will be on the August agenda so the committee can review materials.

Ms. Olson – Climate Central stated that Naples is the third most vulnerable area in the country for sea level raise and questioned if this will be a component of the LRTP. **Ms. McLaughlin** – the LRTP will incorporate the most current data available from the NOAA funded coastal resilience study.

Ms. Lantz – the MPO Board had a lengthy conversation about autonomous/connected vehicles and recommended including the topic in the LRTP as a goal or focus area. Questioned how the coordination with the consultant will be handled with the TAC. **Ms. McLaughlin** – MPO staff and the consultant view the TAC as the lead committee for technical input; consultant plans to present at future TAC meetings; MPO staff will present information to the CAC. **Ms. McLaughlin** – MPO staff will communicate the committee's interest in coastal resilience, sea level rise and autonomous vehicles to the LRTP consultant.

Ms. Lantz – Will goals be expanded to address performance measures? **Ms. McLaughlin** – MPO has adopted performance measures and targets. These will be addressed in the LRTP; project priorities will address the targets. The consultant has mentioned a requirement to include a Transportation System Report as part of the LRTP. MPO staff will let the committee know how this will be reflected in the Plan when the implications are better understood.

B. Discuss Expanding Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (SU) Project

Ms. McLaughlin – presented the Executive Summary “*Discuss Expanding Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (SU) Project Priorities*” for consideration. The MPO Board has adopted a policy of programming it's annual allocation of SU funds, roughly \$4.13 million, to congestion management, bike/ped and bridge projects based on a 40/40/20 ratio. In order to develop a more robust list of projects priorities, she recommended the Board expand the list of prioritized projects to include safety and roadway or transit capacity enhancement projects. The Board agreed and Collier County's Corkscrew Road Safety Project was added to the list of 2019 Highway Priorities.

Ms. Lantz – historically it's been a problem going for SU Box money - it costs more to do the project as a LAP project because there are so many additional requirements.

Mr. Scott – 50% of the congestion in Lee County is incident-related, which can cover a lot of projects if the list is expanded.

Ms. McLaughlin – staff will bring forward a draft cleanup, keeping the current Board policy with regard to the 40/40/20 split because it provides advisory committees a budget to plan to, but the amount of funds available fluctuates enough to allow expanding the priority list. Due to committee and public comments received, staff is focusing on only adding safety projects at this time.

C. Discuss Reconfirming Support for Project Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin – reported on discussion held during the prior MPO Board meeting concerning the Naples City Council having taken formal action to reject signing a maintenance agreement with FDOT for the Beach Access Sidewalk project. The City asked FDOT to stop all work on the project immediately. It is not a good business practice for an MPO to reach the initial phase of a project and drop the project after funds have already been spent. The City of Naples project was prioritized in 2013, since then the has been turn over on the City Council and many of the affected properties are under new ownership. City staff tried to keep the project going by conducting additional public outreach, but the Council voted the project down. MPO staff is recommending that the MPO require a check-in point with the submitting agency a year prior to any funds being expended, and require a resolution reconfirming the project is still needed. County staff proposed that FDOT program three years out instead of five years.

Ms. Lantz – there is a process when projects get prioritized through the draft tentative work program and the TIP. Concerned that reaching out and reconfirming if the project is still needed provides an opportunity for the project to be turned down along the way. **Ms. Peter** – a pre-contract should be established before the maintenance contract to avoid situations like these. **Ms. Lantz** – if a situation happens and the submitting agency must pull back a project, that agency should receive a lower ranking for future projects

9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items

A. Revised March 25, 2019 Minutes

11. Next Meeting Date

August 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments or items to attend to, Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.