

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

TAC Members Present

Lorraine Lantz, *Chair*, Collier County Transportation Planning Manager
Alison Bickett, *Vice-Chair*, City of Naples
Dave Rivera, City of Naples
Don Scott, Lee MPO
Harry Henkel, City of Everglades

TAC Members Absent

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island
John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation
Justin Martin, City of Marco Island
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Omar De Leon, Public Transit Manager, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)
Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Sean Kingston, Principal Planner
Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner
Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

Others Present

Victoria Peters, FDOT Community Liaison
Abra Horne (FDOT)
Kimberly Abate (FDOT)
Kim Warren (FDOT)
Melody Joyner (FDOT)
Lauren Brooks (FDOT)
Michael Van Der Heyden (Stantec)
Bill Howell (Lochner)
Donnie Holcomb (HDR)

Kathy Eastley, Planner III, Collier County Transportation Planning

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Lantz suggested moving items 8A and 8B after Item 6 to allow for FDOT presentations.

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

4. Approval of the March 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Scott moved to approve the March 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Henkel seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters said that FDOT District One was in preparation for project prioritization. She said the work cycle would start after July 1, 2024, and if anyone had requests to send them to the group District One email address at D1-liasions.dot.state.fl.us. **Ms. Peters** also said that it would be her last TAC meeting as she had accepted a position with FDOT's District Four.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin expressed her appreciation for Ms. Peters.

**Items 8A and 8B were heard after item 6B, followed by 7A and onward.*

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse Amendment to the FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Kingston said the item was for the Committee to endorse an Amendment to the FY 24-28 Collier MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and authorizing resolution. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had asked Collier MPO to modify the FY 24-28 TIP to add five new projects and modify an existing one: Adding thru lanes to Airport Pulling Rd from Vanderbilt Rd to Immokalee Rd, Pine Ridge Rd Interchange Improvement, Oil Well Rd Shoulder Improvement Segment 4; Widen/resurface existing lanes, Oil Well Rd Shoulder Improvement Segment 4; Widen/resurface existing lanes, Four Point Roundabout; Roundabout. Staff recommended that the Committee endorse the Amendment to the FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program.

A group discussion followed, and it was ascertained that the exact location of the roundabout would be determined during the design phase, and that including a map of the location in the future would be advantageous.

Mr. Scott moved to endorse the Amendment to the FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program, and Mr. Henkel seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Endorse FY 25/26 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Hansen explained that the item was for the Committee to endorse the State Fiscal Year (FY) 25-26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which serves as the resource and budgeting document for the MPO for FY 24-26. The new UPWP would be required to be approved by the MPO Board and submitted to the to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) no later than May 15, 2024. It would be presented for approval at the Board's May 10th meeting. She went on to say that the Committee reviewed the draft FY 25-26 UPWP and received an update as to major planning tasks and focus areas at its March 25th meeting. Since the Committee's March 25th meeting, the following changes were made: the Financial Management (FM) numbers and FDOT Contract number were added to the cover page, language regarding the required PL fund allocation for Complete Streets planning was modified and moved from Task 5 to the beginning of the UPWP, new section specifying the funding allocations for each fiscal year, new MPO Board members, City of Naples representatives, Council Members Penniman and Barton, were added, Appendix D was updated to reflect comments from FHWA and FDOT, Appendix E was updated to include the MPO Resolution number. **Ms. Hansen** explained that there had been an additional change since the TAC agenda packet had been distributed, the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant FY 25 allocation was increased from its estimated \$29,754 to \$30,780.

Mr. Scott moved to endorse the FY 25/26 Unified Planning Work Program and Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Review and Comment on the Draft Annual List of Project Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin said the item was being presented for the Committee to review and comment on the draft annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP), explaining that the MPO's policy of rotating Calls for Projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant-Urban (SU) funding was being allocated to Congestion Management Projects for programming for FY 30. Projects include an ATMS and Controller Update and an ITS Retiming of Arterials for Collier County, and a Fiber connections upgrade from US 41 to Mooring Line Drive & Crayton and Harbour & Crayton span-wire to mast arm intersection improvements and a US 41 from 3rd Ave to SR 84 Intersection/Mobility Improvements PD&E for the City of Naples. **Ms. McLaughlin** mentioned that the amount of SU available in FY 30 was projected to be approximately \$5 million, and the Congestion Management Committee's (CMC) new priority project ranking came in at \$5.4 million, relative to funds available.

Regarding Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding, Collier County had submitted a project to study design possibilities for a major intersection improvement at Golden Gate Pkwy & Livingston Rd, and was coordinating with Lee County MPO on updating the Joint listing. Two freight

projects were added for prioritization by the MPOAC and FDOT, including Construction of a Diverging Diamond Interchange at I-75 & Immokalee Rd and an Old US 41 road widening project in a joint submittal with Lee County MPO. On April 12th, the MPO Board voted unanimously to support Commissioner McDaniel's proposed Safety improvement project to install streetlights at the SR 29/Oil Well Rd intersection. The MPO Board also voted unanimously to support the Trust for Public Land's request to add the Bonita-Estero Rail Trail ROW Acquisition as a priority project for SUN Trail funding in addition to the Collier to Polk Trail PD&E. The Planning priorities were updated to reflect current timeframes and funding amounts contained in FDOT's FY 25-29 Work Program.

A group discussion followed regarding the needed improvements and the changing costs of projects.

Ms. Peters mentioned that the SR 29/Oil Well Rd intersection would be studied to assess whether streetlights and/or traffic signals would be the best safety strategy for the intersection, and suggested that when requesting funds for a project, to err on the side of including contingency into the total funding request, to make concessions for cost increases, unexpected project needs, and inflation. Saying it could alleviate the need for Amendments for more project funding requests in the future.

This item was presented for review and comment only.

D. Review and Comment on the Draft FY 25-29 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. McLaughlin said that the item was for the committee to review and comment on the draft FY 25-29 TIP. Part One of the TIP contains the narrative and project sheets and Part Two contains supporting documentation required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The project sheets were up to date with FDOT's April 8, 2024 Work Program snapshot received on April 10, 2024. The next steps would be MPO Board review on May 10, 2024, TAC/CAC endorsement on May 20, 2024, followed by MPO Board approval on June 14, 2024.

Mr. Kingston reviewed changes in the TIP which can be viewed in the [April 22, 2024 TAC Agenda](#).

This item was presented for review and comment only.

8. Reports and Presentation (May Require Committee Action)

A. Project Update for SR 29 PD&E Study from Oil Well Road to SR 82 – FDOT

Ms. Horne provided a presentation which can be viewed in the [April 22, 2024 TAC Agenda](#).

Ms. Horne followed the presentation by mentioning that FDOT had recently provided the presentation at various public meetings in Immokalee and held open office hours at FDOT offices to follow up on refinements that were made after previous FDOT public hearings regarding the project.

She said that the documents would be available on the [SR 29 from I-75 to Oil Well Road project webpage](#) on the SWFL FDOT website.

B. I-75 at Pine Ridge Rd Interchange Improvements – FDOT

Mr. Howell provided a presentation which can be viewed in the [April 22, 2024 TAC Agenda](#).

9. Member Comments

Ms. Bickett said that The City of Naples received City Council approval on their Bike Detection project, with the hope of it being operational as early as June. Locations would be Crayton Cove and Park Shore, Crayton Cove and Harbor Dr, US 41 and 3rd St, and US 41 and Central Blvd. She also mentioned that there was a traffic study underway in the City of Naples which would consider various factors for possible traffic congestion solutions.

Mr. Rivera said that in the City of Naples four speed tables were installed on 7th Ave N from 8th St to Gulf Shore Dr. and that starting the next day at Broad Ave S and 9th St, a curb would be installed along with a three-way stop sign.

Mr. Scott said that at the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee (MPOAC) meeting, the topic of Collier-Lee consolidation arose and one of the commenters thought that the concept of consolidation was believed to be because of a road project expanding to four lanes from two lanes between the two Counties (possibly Old US 41).

Ms. Lantz introduced **Ms. Eastley** as a new member of her staff in Collier County’s Transportation Planning Division, who would be her alternate on TAC, and eventually take over **Ms. Lantz’s** role as a Committee member in the future.

The Committee thanked **Ms. Peters** for her work and wished her well in her new position in FDOT’s District Four.

10. Distribution Items

A. FY 24-28 TIP Administrative Modification

The item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

May 20, 2024, 9:30 a.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg. Main Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

(off-cycle meeting due to Memorial Day holiday)

12. **Adjournment**

Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.