

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Bickett 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

Alison Bickett, *Chair*, City of Naples Public Works, Deputy City Engineer

Don Scott, *Vice-Chair*, Lee MPO Executive Director

Bert Miller, Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency, Planning Manager

Bryant Garrett, Collier County Airport Authority, Airport Operations, Executive Manager

David Rivera, City of Naples, Traffic Operations Supervisor

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning, Planner III

Omar De Leon, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE), Public Transit Manager

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority, Senior Airport Development Coordinator (*arrived during item 7.B.*)

TAC Members Absent

John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation Director

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island, Director of Community Affairs

Justin Martin, City of Marco Island, Public Works Department Director

MPO Staff

Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Marcellus Evans, FDOT (*arrived during item 7.B.*)

Alex Showalter, Collier County PTNE

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Scott moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Garrett seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the March 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Scott moved to approve the March 24, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Garrett seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Mr. Evans had nothing to report.

B. MPO

Ms. Hansen said that Carbon Reduction grant funds were returned by the State to the Federal Government. Since that time, FDOT had been able to balance the work program for FY26-30, and more information on the impacts would be discussed in item 7.E.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse an Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Capital for the new Transit O&M Facility and Operating for Hurricane Relief for Transit

Mr. Kingston said The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requested the Collier MPO to amend its FY 2025-2029 TIP to add two transit projects which include operating funds for transit to support hurricane relief and capital funds for the new Transit Operating and Maintenance Facility.

Mr. De Leon added that the new transit operating, and maintenance facility would be replacing the current facility that has met its useful life and would be built in the same location.

Mr. De Leon moved to endorse the Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Capital Funds for the new Transit Operating and Maintenance Facility and Operating Funds to Support Hurricane Relief for Transit. Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Ratify Endorsement of FDOT's Revised Pavement and Bridge (PM2) and System (PM3) Performance Targets for the National Highway System

Ms. Hansen said the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) had revised the Pavement and Bridge (PM2) and System (PM3) Performance Targets for 2025 for the National Highway System (NHS). The NHS for Collier County includes US 41/SR 45, I-75, SR 29 and CR 951/Collier Blvd. from I-75 to US 41. The revised PM2 target lowers the percentage of NHS bridges in poor condition from 10% to

5%. The revised PM3 target raises the Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate that are Reliable from 70% to 75% and the Person Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS that are Reliable from 50% to 60%.

Due to time constraints, the Revised Performance Targets were presented to the MPO Board for approval prior to being presented to the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees (TAC/CAC). The MPO Board approved the Revised PM2 and PM2 targets at its April 11, 2025 meeting and staff was requesting an after-the-fact endorsement from TAC.

***Mr. Scott** moved to ratify the endorsement of FDOT's Revised Pavement and Bridge (PM2) and System (PM3) Performance Targets for the National Highway System. **Mr. Miller** seconded. Carried unanimously.*

C. Endorse New Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities for 2025

Ms. Hansen said that FY2031 on the 2025 list includes three projects for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding program, in coordination with Lee County MPO. TRIP is a discretionary grant program that provides State matching funds (up to 50% of total project cost) for improvements identified and prioritized by regional partners.

Projects added for Collier County are Santa Barbara/Logan Blvd improvements, including adding bike lanes and sidewalk improvements from Painted Leaf Lane to Pine Ridge Road – requesting \$3.1 million for construction. Since publication of the agenda packet, MPO staff had corrected errors on the list for the project, which were specifying that the project phase is Design and the improvements are expansion from 4 to 6 lanes. Also included is the Pine Ridge Road widening from 4 to 6 lanes from Logan Blvd to Collier Blvd., requesting \$2.9 million for preliminary engineering, to include bike/ped improvements to fill-in the current gap in facilities.

Lee County's added project is Ortiz Ave widening from 2 to 4 lanes from SR 82 to Luckett Road, requesting \$8 million for construction.

***Mr. Scott** moved to endorse the New Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities for 2025 with the corrections by MPO Staff. **Ms. Eastley** seconded. Carried unanimously.*

D. Endorse Updated Transit Priority List for 2025

Ms. Hansen said Collier Area Transit (CAT) submitted an updated transit priorities list to the MPO. CAT's updated Transit Priorities List for 2025 is comprised of projects set forth in the Park and Ride Study, Transit Asset Management plan, and the Major Transit Development Plan (TDP). The updated list does not include additional priorities and the 2025 list omits the previously funded Radio Rd facility and Immokalee transfer station improvement projects, as those have been funded. The list will be further updated once the ongoing TDP Major is complete.

A group discussion followed, regarding transit plans and priorities, including a study to refine service locations throughout the region, a new trolley service for the City of Marco Island, noteworthy

transit plans for the City of Naples (which had experienced a 5% increase of ridership since COVID), and an initiative to increase transit workforce. It was noted that since CAT is working within the restrictions of the County's budget, CAT's evening service has been decreased to bolster daytime service needs. Decreasing service during off-season to offset increased needs during Collier County's high season is also being considered.

Mr. Rivera moved to endorse the Updated Transit Priority List for 2025. Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.

E. Review and Comment on the draft Annual List of Project Priorities for SU Box Funds

Ms. Hansen said the Committee was being provided with the opportunity to review and comment on the draft annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP) for Surface Transportation Block Grant-Urban (SU) and Transportation Alternative (TA) funds. Next steps would be the MPO Board preview and Technical and Citizens Advisory Committee endorsements in May 2025, followed by MPO Board adoption in June 2025.

Three Collier County projects removed from FDOT's Work Program due to the elimination of carbon reduction grant program funds by Governor DeSantis were added to the 2025 LOPP: Collier County Lake Trafford Rd Sidewalk and Bike Lanes, Naples Sidewalks on 26th Ave, and ITS Vehicle Detection Update. The list priority includes projects deleted from the Draft Tentative Work Program FY26-30 first, moving projects from design to construction second, prioritized projects from prior years that remain unfunded third, and new project priorities fourth. The LOPP is organized by fiscal year based on the annual \$6.2 million SU Box allocation less \$500,000 reserved for over-runs. The annual allocation of SU Box funds is approximately \$4.7 million in SU and \$1.5 million in TA funds, for a combined total of approximately \$6.2 million. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's single new priority project submitted by the City of Marco Island, totals \$1.9 million. Committee members were encouraged to provide feedback.

Ms. Hansen reviewed the LOPP data (which can be viewed in the April 28, 2025 TAC Agenda).

F. Review and Comment on Updated Status of Highway, Freight & Safety and SUN Trail Project Priorities for 2025

Ms. Hansen said this item was being provided for informational purposes, as no changes to priorities had been made. Funding status was updated to reflect the final Work Program snapshot for FY 2026-2030. The majority of the updates are from Moving Florida Forward except for the Old 41 project.

New SUNTrail priorities would be identified upon completion of two PD&Es currently underway: Collier to Polk Regional Trail and Livingston FPL Trail Extension from Radio Rd to Collier County Line. FDOT is the lead agency for both projects.

Committee feedback was welcome. The MPO Board will also receive the updated lists for review at its May meeting.

G. Endorse an Amendment to the Collier MPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to add Moving Florida Forward Funding for I-75/Immokalee Interchange Improvements

Mr. Kingston said this was an amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and authorizing resolution to add the Immokalee Interchange Improvement project, funded by Moving Florida Forward, to the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) to maintain planning consistency with FDOT's FY 2026-2030 Work Program, and recent Federal and State appropriations and project phases added or changed. Fiscal constraint would be maintained by the addition of Moving Florida Forward funds and other State revenues for Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) CFP.

Mr. Garrett moved to endorse an Amendment to the Collier MPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. De Leon seconded. Carried unanimously.

H. Review and Comment on First Draft FY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program project sheets

Mr. Kingston said the first draft of the narrative portion of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was presented to the Committee for review and comment at the March 24, 2025, TAC meeting. Project sheets were not included because the final FDOT FY26-30 Work Program Snapshot had not been released. Since then, FDOT distributed download files of the final FY26-30 Work Program snapshot. The Committee was invited to submit their comments. The draft FY2026-2030 TIP would be presented to the MPO Board for preview in May 2025.

8 Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

None.

9 Member Comments

Mr. Scott said that the MPO consolidation study for Lee/Collier had started, and the kick-off meeting would be taking place in two weeks.

10 Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

May 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Bickett adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.