



LATEST COLLIER MPO BOARD NEWS



At the September 8th Collier MPO Board meeting, the Board approved a resolution and letter supporting the **Priority Trail Corridor Designation for the Collier to Polk Regional Trail System**, and a resolution accepting FDOT’s final report on the **Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design** which directs staff to take the necessary steps to request SUN Trail funding to conduct future phases.

Recently signed Senate Bill 106 seeks to elevate Florida Greenways and Trails System by leveraging connections to the Florida wildlife corridor, existing and potential trail towns, and other important destinations. FDOT’s proposed addition of the Collier to Polk Regional Trail to the SUN Trail network would upgrade existing Opportunity Trail Corridors to Priority Trail Corridors within Collier MPO, Polk and Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organizations

The proposed Marco Island Loop Trail connects the City of Marco Island’s Bicycle Network to the SUN Trail corridor along US 41 by way of Collier Blvd (SR 951) and San Marco Rd (CR92). It is a component of the MPO’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Regional and Spine Trail Network, shown as a Land Opportunity Corridor on the SUN Trail Network map.

MPO Executive Director, Anne McLaughlin says, “Both projects support much needed regional connectivity between small cities and towns, while providing recreational facilities for the community.” [Read the September Agenda for details.](#)

HANDS FREE FLORIDA

Statistics show:

- Traffic fatalities decreased 16 percent in the first twelve states to adopt a hands-free law.
- People who text while driving are 23x more likely to be involved in a crash or near-miss event.
- You are 4x more likely to be involved in a crash by having a phone in your hand.

If you would like to voice your support:

- Sign the petition at www.HandsFreeFlorida.org
- Like and follow Hands Free Florida at www.facebook.com/handsfreefl and www.instagram.com/handsfreefl



MPO UPCOMING MEETINGS



Autumn 2023 Meeting Schedule

- September 19th | BPAC
- September 25th | TAC/CAC
- October 4th | LCB
- October 13 | MPO
- October 23 | TAC/CAC
- October 24 | BPAC Joint Workshop

[View the 2023 Meeting Schedule](#)



[Check out the 2024 MPO Meetings Calendar!](#)

BE THE CHANGE!

Become an MPO Advisory Committee Member and be a part of making Collier County a community for all!



- Local Coordinating Board Vacancy:** A person with a disability to represent the disabled in the County.
- Citizens Advisory Committee Vacancy:** A citizen representing the disabled or an advocate for the disabled community.

Interested parties should contact Dusty May Siegler at Dusty.Siegler@colliercountyfl.gov

VETERANS MEMORIAL BOULEVARD UPDATE

The Collier County Transportation Engineering Division is nearing completion of Phase I of the Veterans Memorial Boulevard Improvements Project.

The extension widened the existing Veterans Memorial Boulevard starting east of Livingston Road and extended it 1.75 miles to the new Aubrey Rogers High School in time for the opening of the brand-new high school on Aug. 10, 2023. This project was fast-tracked as a “Design-Build” project to meet the schedule of the new high school. [Read more in the My Collier Newsletter.](#)

