

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Conference Rooms 609/610
2800 Horseshoe Drive North
Naples, FL 34104**

February 24, 2020 9:30 a.m. Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mr. Ortman called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

TAC Members Present

Lorraine Lantz, Chair, Collier County Transportation Planning (Chair)

Tim Pinter, Vice-Chair, City of Marco Island

Tim Brock, Everglades City

Debra Brueggeman, Collier County Airport Authority- Airport Mgr.

Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Don Scott, Lee County MPO

Ute Vandersluis, City of Naples Airport Authority

Andy Holland, City of Naples

Omar De Leon, PTNE

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island

Alison Beckett, City of Naples

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island - Streets & Stormwater

TAC Members Absent

John Kasten, Collier County School District

April Olson, Conservancy of SW Florida (*non-voting*)

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Eric Ortman, Senior Planner

Karen Intriago, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Brock moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Pinter seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Holland moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Brock seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. McLaughlin – reporting for Victoria Peters (FDOT) – upcoming Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Best Practices Symposium on April 23, 2020, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; University of South Florida/Tampa Campus; hosted by Florida LTAP Center and FDOT. Effective and appropriate countermeasures and best practices for reducing ped and bike fatalities, injuries and crashes.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin - no formal update, asked **Mr. Ortman** to make announcement: This will be his last meeting with the TAC. He has accepted a position with Blue Zones and his last day with the MPO is March 6th.

7. Committee Action

A. Review Draft FY 20/21-21/22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. McLaughlin – Seeking comment and review from committee members of draft 2-year UPWP. This is the budget document for the MPO for the next two fiscal years. Preliminary draft due to FDOT by March 15, 2020. Final plan due by May 15, 2020. Brandy Otero, Principal Planner, is attending FHWA conference but offered these comments: (1) Changes made to the format of the draft were to reduce size of document (recommended by FDOT and FHWA); (2) needed to address new State planning emphasis areas (safety, system connectivity, resilience and automated/connected/electric vehicles/ride sharing services); (3) have continuation of studies (2045 LRTP, Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP), Transit Development Plan, Park & Ride Study). New studies include: implementing LRSP and Public Participation Plan by developing public service announcements (i.e., videos) for safety campaign. FHWA is very interested in public engagement this year and MPO could expand outreach. Focus on safety and FDOT Vision Zero performance targets. Funding for safety and PSA campaign would be approximately \$100k in F/Y 2021. Other study is a second Transportation System Performance Report (80k +/-) allocated over two fiscal years. Also new transit study but waiting for transit planners over at PTNE to submit ideas and the results of the Transit Development Plan. Specific category funding was discussed. Overall funding for fiscal year 2021 (approximate amounts) - \$629,485 P/L, \$175,000 SU, \$387k Transit, \$27k Transportation Disadvantaged, \$8,000 local – for total of \$1.2M with soft match of \$138k – for total of \$1.365M. F/Y 21/22 total is a little less

due to lack of rollovers from prior years: \$852K with soft match. Draft document will be presented to MPO Board at March meeting and submitted to FDOT prior to March 15, 2020. Committees will see the draft again on April 27, 2020 for final endorsement. Final report will be presented to MPO Board on May 8, 2020 for transmittal to FDOT on May 15, 2020. Seeking comments and questions from committee members.

Ms. Lantz – Noted spending 100k on PSA's. Suggested that PSA's should include informational messages regarding City and County projects, specifically roundabouts. Issues exist with citizens navigating roundabouts and more education would be helpful. **Mr. Brock** – inconsistencies in the markings and signings of the roundabouts are an issue. **Ms. Lantz** – driver education would be helpful. **Mr. Scott** – Lee County has made efforts to educate drivers as well through PSAs and also monitoring legislation. **Ms. Lantz** – p31 of the UPWP – MPO will work with the TAC and School District to identify projects for Safe Routes to Schools Program. How is the MPO going to assist the School District specifically? **Ms. McLaughlin** – MPO will assist with data gathering (i.e., statistics, etc.). In response to question by Mr. Scott, Ms. McLaughlin responded that yellow-highlighted areas within report are items to be further discussed or reviewed.

8. Reports and Presentation

A. Update on 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Ms. McLaughlin – presentation on update of 2045 LRTP. Tasks completed: (1) Goals, Objectives & Decision-making Framework; (2) Public Involvement Plan; (3) E+C Network submitted to FDOT; (4) 2045 Socioeconomic data by TAZ submitted to FDOT; (4) External Stations recommended growth projections – concurrence with FDOT. Materials provided to FDOT by Miami-Dade MPO shows FY 2045 traffic projections for I-75 and SR 41. Per map provided, growth is flat and has been historically. It was likely to stay low. **Mr. Scott** – as long as it is not a lane call change, it shouldn't matter. **Ms. McLaughlin** – FDOT and LRTP consultants concurred – traffic projects would not require any roadway changes. Next Steps: (1) need info from FDOT D1 model run – E+C Network with 2045 projections – preliminary release date is February 15, 2020. **Mr. Scott** – do not have firm date for release. Additional actions are required prior to releasing reports; (2) Jacobs to provide technical report/phase one/existing conditions – report to TAC/CAC for review in March, MPO Board in April including ACES, Resilience, Revenues; (3) Jacobs also to provide Alternative 1 cost feasible network scenario due to FDOT March 15, 2020; **Mr. Holland** – the area of Golden Gate Parkway and 41 is undergoing a vulnerability assessment with grant from NOAA. ACUNE was one of the models used and it is being done in 2 phases. Vulnerability assessment presented in April to council; phase 2 adaptation strategies - proposed infrastructure changes to roadways, etc. - will take another year to prepare. **Ms. McLaughlin** – on both ACES and Resilience, there are a lot of unknowns right now; predicting the outcome of studies is not possible.

Ms. Bickett – questioned causes of traffic growth rate being flat. **Ms. McLaughlin** – there is still limited demand for travel in terms of commuting on I-75 and SR 41. Port traffic is diverting onto other roads. Unless there is significant growth, it is likely to continue to be flat.

B. Draft Public Participation Plan Amendment

Ms. McLaughlin – Few updates/amendments to Public Participation Plan (PPP) that was adopted in March 2019. FHWA is looking for specific information in plans from MPOs across State. Required to coordinate with land management agencies on development of LRTP and TIP. FHWA wants to see a list of agencies that MPOs are coordinating with and how that will occur. Added in an actual amendment and text for federal and state statutes including Florida Sunshine Law notification requirements. Staff reviewed the PPP for the Transit Development Plan and for Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) evaluations that occur every spring. Found that a few steps in the process were slightly changed or dropped out. 45-Day public comment period has begun. **Ms. Lantz** – this is to bring MPO in compliance. **Ms. McLaughlin** – Yes. MPO is preparing for Federal TMA certification in August and updating MPO website. Also gathering data on completed and pending projects. **Mr DeLeon** – website translation in Spanish – Creole does not have a phone number. **McLaughlin** – the phone number is the same, will add it to draft. **Mr. Pinter** – confirmed that translated languages are only Spanish and Creole. **Mr. Scott** – the languages are based on percentages in population. **Ms. Lantz** – reviewed criteria to involve other agencies and non-profits in development of LRTP and TIP – asked about notifications to those agencies of draft plan. **Ms. McLaughlin** – tribal agencies received notifications of all meetings and were sent agendas. Federal agencies received notification of final plans. Now sending announcements of opportunities to comment on drafts of TIP and LRTP, including invitations to public meetings, respond to online surveys, comments, etc. **Ms. Lantz** – noted revisions to press releases, etc. **Ms. McLaughlin** – Sunshine Law (manual) recommends press releases as a good technique. **Ms. Lantz** – questioned whether 48-hour notice for press release is sufficient notice.. **Ms. McLaughlin** - Press releases are issued a week in advance, but for items that come up quickly, without prior notice to the MPO, press releases may be issued 48 hours in advance. Comments on draft PPP should be submitted to Ms. McLaughlin directly.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Brock – Everglades City had seafood festival with about 35k in attendance. Grand opening of visitors center was successful. Federal, state, county, and city were represented.

Mr. Scott – M-CORES meeting is next Wednesday in Sebring.

Mr. DeLeon – Transit Development Plan is in progress. Trying to get public input including surveys. About to send out notifications to municipalities to attend workshops.

Mr. Pinter – Hosted “Wall that Heals” for 3.5 days – open 24 hours. Required coordination between police and county/city officials. Approximately 500 motorcycles accompanied exhibit. Marco Island was first location of 15-city tour for 2020.

10. Distribution Items

N/A.

11. Next Meeting Date

March 30, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Growth Management Department- Conference Rooms 609/610

12. Adjournment

*There being no further comment or business to discuss, **Mr. Holland** moved to adjourn. **Mr. Brock** seconded. Unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.*