

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2025, 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Homiak called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Karen Homiak, *Chair*

Fred Sasser, *Vice-Chair*

Dennis DiDonna

Dennis Stalzer

Neal Gelfand

Josh Rincon

Harry Henkel

Michelle Arnold

Misty Phillips

CAC Members Absent

N/A

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning

Sonal Dodia, Jacobs

Others Present by ZOOM

Colleen Ross, Jacobs

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Gelfand moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Sasser seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Sasser moved to approve the January 27, 2025 meeting minutes. Ms. Arnold seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. **Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda**

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

Not present.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin noted that in addition to the Bike-Ped Master Plan (BPMP) and 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on this agenda, the MPO is also working on the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) and Transit Development Plan (TDP), all of which are incorporated into the LRTP.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Preliminary Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Review and Comment

Ms. McLaughlin gave a presentation on the BPMP development process and major components. [The PPT is available upon request at the MPO office.] Capital Consulting Solutions is the consultant. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is leading the planning process. The 2019 bike-ped facilities inventory was expanded to include programmed and planned projects in addition to existing projects. The inventory includes an overlay of the regional SUN Trail network, to identify gaps in the regional network and connectivity to local destinations. The safety component is being updated based on the analysis prepared for the CSAP. Public outreach has occurred through virtual meetings, surveys, an interactive map, social media, tribal engagement, hosting informational booths at special events, and augmented by overlapping outreach for the 2050 LRTP and CSAP. The BPMP includes updated local government plans and studies, FDOT plans, County road plans, and walkability studies. The project evaluation criteria has been expanded.

The item was provided for review and comment. The proposed final BPMP will be brought back to the committee for endorsement, likely in May. After group discussion, it was decided that the Committee would like to receive periodic updates on the progress of the BPMP.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Update on 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Public Outreach, Socio-economic Data and Draft Needs List.

Ms. Dodia gave a presentation on the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (which can be viewed in the February 24, 2025 CAC Agenda), mentioning that the most recent roadway needs map incorporated feedback and comments from the advisory committees and the public and only includes roadways, as other elements such as safety and bike-ped facilities will be informed by Collier MPO's other plans. Community and public outreach efforts for the LRTP would continue.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Gelfand: according to a recent Naples Daily News article, Florida is second in the state in fatalities. Target Zero – who is accountable for this auspicious goal that the state is not even close to meeting?

Mr. Rincon: Florida has a lot of distracted drivers and drunk drivers and vacationers who get lost and stop in the road.

Ms. Phillips: is afraid while walking, especially crossing a street; we need to combat distracted driving.

Mr. Henkel: would like information regarding a study to remove the airport in Everglades City.

Mr. DiDonna: we didn't approve the Walmart Supercenter or the Target on Immokalee Road, but now we have to deal with the traffic. **Ms. Homiak:** responded that the development was planned to be an activity center.

Mr. Sasser: would like to be able to attend by ZOOM while out of town.

Ms. Arnold: requested an update on County project on Pine Ridge Road. **Ms. Lantz** reported that the County is planning a jughandle intersection improvement at Pine Ridge and Livingston. Coordination with Florida Power and Light is an issue.

10 Distribution Items

A. FDOT Flyer on the I-75 at Pine Ridge Road Interchange Improvements

The item was distributed.

B. Updated 2025 MPO Meeting Calendar

The item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

*March 24, 2025, 2:00 p.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room,
2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.*

12. Adjournment

Ms. Homiak adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.