

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 24, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Ms. Bickett** called the meeting to order at 9:31 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

John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation Director

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning Planner III

Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Executive Director

**TAC Members Absent**

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island Director of Community Affairs

Justin Martin, City of Marco Island Public Works Department Director

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

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority Senior Airport Development Coordinator

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

**Others Present**

Sonal Dodia, Jacobs Engineering

Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering (*arrived during 7.A.*)

**Others Present via Zoom**

Colleen Ross, Jacobs Engineering

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Mr. Garrett** moved to approve the agenda. **Ms. Wuerstle** seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

It was noted that the minutes contained an error in the vote to approve the November 2024 minutes, which cited **Ms. Wuerstle** as making the motion to approve, but **Mr. Garrett** was the member who made the motion. It was confirmed that the minutes would be amended.

***Mr. Scott** moved to approve the amended January 27, 2025 meeting minutes. **Mr. Garrett** seconded. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

**6. Agency Updates**

**A. FDOT**

Not present.

**B. MPO Executive Director**

**Mr. Kingston**, on behalf of Ms. McLaughlin, reminded the Committee of the Collier MPO's plans in development, which include the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Update (BPMP), and the Transit Development Plan (TDP), and that there would be public meetings announced in the near future for the plans.

**7. Committee Action**

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

**Ms. Bickett** mentioned that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) had provided preliminary comments for the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update (BPMP) at their February 18, 2025 meeting, but requested more time to review the plan in order to provide detailed comments.

A group discussion followed, and it was agreed that TAC also wanted more time to review the plan in order to provide detailed comments, as there was a great deal to review and newer members desired background information.

**Ms. McLaughlin** said at the start of the BPMP update, a preliminary inventory of bike-ped facilities was completed and compared with SUN Trail alignments in development. At the February BPAC meeting, members reviewed evaluation criteria and noted the great need to create infrastructure to accommodate micromobility and e-bikes. The update would be expanded to align with the regional trail

network. Language regarding the safety elements of the BPMP update would be informed by Collier MPO's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP).

**Mr. Kingston** reviewed the draft BPMP (which can be viewed in the February 24, 2025 TAC Agenda), and said that the 2019 BPMP's vision, goals and strategies have been carried through and updated.

Anticipated next steps would include a presentation of the draft to the MPO Board, further committee reviews, community outreach at local events, public workshops, culminating with final presentations.

***Mr. Scott** moved to continue the review and comment of the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to the March 24, 2025 TAC meeting. **Mr. Rivera** seconded. Carried unanimously.*

## **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** provided a presentation on the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (which can be viewed in the February 24, 2025 TAC 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.

**Ms. Eastley** mentioned that the 2050 needs map showed three potential overpass locations, one being Golden Gate Pkwy over Livingston Rd., and that Collier County Transportation planning was in the midst of a corridor congestion study for that road segment, considering a Livingston Rd. over Golden Gate Pkwy overpass to avoid consecutive uphill then downhill driving.

**Mr. Gramer** said the possibility for the intersection is a fly over but either road could be considered.

**Mr. Scott** asked if the Needs Plan showed anything for I-75 beyond the 8 lanes, as the master plan for the Moving Florida Forward (MFF) initiative shows 10 lanes, and asked why the Everglades Interchange was only partial.

**Ms. Dodia** said the plan was in the initial phase and she would look into **Mr. Scott's** question regarding the 8 lanes.

**Mr. Gramer** said the exact location of a potential Everglades Interchange was still being considered.

## 9 Member Comments

**Ms. Eastley** mentioned that Collier County Transportation Planning was in the process of submitting two County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) grants for two 4 to 6 lane expansion projects for design in 2030 for Pine Ridge Rd between Logan Blvd. & Collier Blvd., which would include bike-ped facilities, and Santa Barbara Rd. from Painted Leaf Ln. to Pine Ridge Rd., which involves connecting an intermittent sidewalk on the east side of the road. Submissions were due to FDOT at the end of March 2025. A public meeting for the Golden Gate Pkwy Corridor Study was scheduled for April 10, 2025 at the Golden Gate Community Center.

**Mr. Bryant** inquired about the status of the Immokalee Loop Road project. **Ms. McLaughlin** said she believed the MFF project was funded through construction. She said she would look into it and provide more details to Mr. Garrett at a later date.

**Ms. Bickett** said that the City of Naples was working on getting their bike-ped projects completed for the City of Naples Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan and were reviewing projects for the upcoming year. She was looking forward to the completion of their bike detection project.

**Mr. Lambcke** inquired why the 2050 LRTP map showed Everglades Blvd. being expanded, but there was no plan to expand Immokalee Rd. He asked why the plan was connecting a 4-lane segment into a 2-lane segment, when the whole idea of providing 4-lanes is to improve the flow of traffic. He understood converting Camp Keis into a 4-lane to offset traffic from Immokalee Rd. but thought Immokalee Rd. should also be expanded as there are three new developments being built in the next ten years.

**Mr. Gramer** said that the models showed that the major movement was south, and that Everglades Blvd. would act as a “bookend”, to allow traffic to travel south and get off at Oil Well Rd. or Vanderbilt Beach Rd., when it gets extended to Everglades Blvd. and eventually Golden Gate Pkwy., to create an alternative north-south route to distribute traffic.

**Mr. Scott** said that a Needs Plan isn’t always cost feasible, so some sections may not be included in the final draft of the 2050 LRTP. He said new announcements were coming from Washington D.C. every day and that so far, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments would be reviewed, with the length of time of the reviews was unknown, and there might be new criteria as all Environment Justice information and Complete Streets programs had been removed from the federal government’s website.

## 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, 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 10:53 a.m.