

**CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 17, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at approximately 2:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CMC Members Present In-Person

Lorraine Lantz (*Vice-Chair until item 7.A.*) (*Chair as of item 7.A.*)

Leandro A. Goicoechea (*Vice-Chair as of item 7.A.*)

Alison Bickett

Dan Lammers (*for John Lambcke*)

Dave Rivera

Dayna Fendrick

Don Scott

Karen Homiak

Omar De Leon

CMC Members Absent

Justin Martin

MPO Staff

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

Others Present

Victoria Peters, FDOT Community Liaison

Alexander Showalter, Collier Area Transit

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Goicoechea moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the November 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Goicoechea moved to approve the November 15, 2023 minutes. Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters said she had no updates to give and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Rivera and **Ms. Bickett** inquired about a City of Naples bike detection project that had been categorized by FDOT as a purchase and construction project when it was a purchase only project. **Ms. Peters** informed them that it had recently been updated as a purchase only project.

B. MPO

Mr. Kingston announced that the Work Order for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) by Jacobs Engineering and the Work Order for Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) by TY Lin were being presented for approval at the February 9, 2024 MPO Board meeting. He explained that SS4A is a federal grant that MPO was awarded to be applied toward studies that will assist in the creation of safer streets for the Collier MPO region.

Mr. Kingston also mentioned that the prospective incoming MPO Executive Director had withdrawn her application, and that Ms. McLaughlin's contract was scheduled to end on March 9, 2024. He noted that the subject would be discussed at the February 9, 2024 MPO Board meeting.

C. Other

(i) City of Naples

None.

(ii) Collier County Public Transportation & Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE)

None.

(iii) Collier County Transportation Planning

None.

(iv) Collier County Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operations

None.

(v) Lee County MPO

None.

7. Committee Action

A. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Kingston explained that this item was for the Committee to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for calendar year 2024. The CMC Bylaws require that the Committee elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year when a quorum is attained. He explained that any Committee member may nominate or be nominated as Chair/Vice-Chair. Elections shall be decided by the majority vote of Committee members present. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve a one-year term or until a successor is elected. At the time, Lorraine Lantz was the current Vice-Chair. There was no Chair.

Mr. Rivera moved to nominate Ms. Lantz as Chair. Mr. De Leon seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Rivera moved to nominate Mr. Goicoechea as Vice-Chair. Ms. Homiak seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Congestion Management Project Applications – Preliminary Rating and Ranking of Projects

Mr. Kingston stated that this item was for the Committee to review the results of the submitted Evaluation Criteria and Scoring Matrices and make a preliminary rating and ranking of submitted project applications. Initially, there had been four submitted applications, but since the January 17, 2024 CMC agenda was distributed, two more projects were added for a total of six projects. The new project list had been emailed to the Committee. Six of the eleven voting CMC members had submitted Evaluation Criteria and Scoring Matrices for the project applications received for funding in the total amount of approximately \$5.4 million. Projects were rated by

points under 12 criteria which were calculated to determine a ranking of priority. Staff computed the total number of points for each application and divided that by 6 to determine the average.

Mr. Kingston reviewed the Evaluation and Scoring Matrix Table, which can be viewed in the [January 17, 2024 CMC Agenda](#). He said that the remainder of the schedule for the 2023/2024 Congestion Management Call for Projects would be as follows: January 2024 was the CMC preliminary rating and ranking of projects, March 2024 would be the CMC final rating and ranking of projects, April 2024 the projects would be presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review and endorsement following presentations by submitting agencies, in May of 2024, the MPO Board would do a preliminary review of the projects and presentations by submitting agencies, and in June 2024, the final list of prioritized projects would be presented to the MPO Board for approval.

Mr. Kingston mentioned that if the Committee did not have questions or concerns about the preliminary Congestion Management Project Applications list, a final rating and ranking of projects could be decided right then.

The Committee agreed that the preliminary rating and ranking list for the 2023/2024 Congestion Management Call for Projects was satisfactory and determined it as the final rating and ranking of projects.

Mr. De Leon moved to approve the 2023/2024 Congestion Management Project Applications – Final Rating and Ranking of Projects. Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

None.

9. Member Comments

Ms. Fendrick mentioned that the Naples Pathways Coalition recently completed a road diet project in Everglades City. A vehicular lane was converted to a buffered bike lane. It was completed and will be maintained by the city’s road maintenance people.

Mr. Lammers introduced himself as Committee Member, John Lambcke’s (Collier School Transportation) alternate, and mentioned that Mr. Lambcke’s absence was due to his attendance at the Florida Association for Pupil Transportation (FAPT) Conference in Tallahassee to address such issues such as requesting a stop arm exemption for some school bus stop locations in Collier County to avoid traffic congestion, as well as improvements to parent drop-off logistics.

A group discussion followed regarding how the state was looking to change school start times in 2026 for elementary, middle, and high schools, and how that would impact student transportation, safety, and traffic congestion.

Mr. Goicoechea mentioned that he believed the projects on the 2023/24 CMC Project list were very good and well worth the funding.

Mr. De Leon mentioned that Collier Area Transit (CAT) was starting their Transportation Development Plan (TDP) Major Update on Friday January 19, 2024, in partnership with Collier MPO, and that he was working with Dusty Hansen, MPO Senior Planner. He explained that the TDP is a 10-year horizon plan to look at current and future service and will assimilate into the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

10. Distribution Items (No presentation)

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

March 20, 2024, 2:00 p.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg. South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

There being no further comments or business to discuss, **Ms. Lantz** adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.