

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

TAC Members Present

Lorraine Lantz, *Chair*, Collier County Transportation Planning Manager
Alison Bickett, *Vice-Chair*, City of Naples
Dave Rivera, City of Naples
Don Scott, Lee MPO (*arrived during item 6.B.*)
Harry Henkel, City of Everglades
Dan Lammers (*for John Lambcke*), Collier Schools Transportation
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

TAC Members Absent

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations
Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island
Justin Martin, City of Marco Island
Omar De Leon, Public Transit Manager, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Sean Kingston, Principal Planner
Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner
Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

Others Present

Victoria Peters, FDOT Community Liaison
Erica McCaughey, FDOT
Carmen Monroy, Stantec Consulting

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. McLaughlin explained that staff was seeking approval of an amended agenda which included the addition of item 7.E. in the agenda for the endorsement of Amendment to FY 24-28 TIP for South Golf Drive Bike-Ped Project.

Ms. Wuerstle moved to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the November 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Rivera moved to approve the November 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Wuerstle seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Ms. Monroy mentioned that Stantec recently kicked off the major update of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and that they would be providing regular updates and coordinating with Ms. Hansen.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters announced that she would be attending the Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP) meeting on January 24, 2024, followed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) meeting on January 25, 2024, since both would be held in Orlando. She said FDOT would be working on a new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in April and May of 2024, which might include an update to the UPWP check list. She anticipated that the new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) download files would be available during the March/April time frame, and that much would be moving forward in the next few months, including Collier MPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). **Ms. Peters** mentioned that she was available for any questions.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin said that several important bills were going to State Legislature, including [Senate Bill 1032](#), [House Bill 1301](#), and [House Bill 7049](#) which includes new performance measures for MPOs to meet, and would require each MPO to report its quality performance score annually to the District Secretary and publish the score on its website, and would require MPOs that did not achieve the minimum acceptable quality performance score within a certain timeframe to be placed under the control of the Secretary of Transportation for up to one year. It would remove provisions relating to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC). HB 1301 would prohibit FDOT and MPOs from considering nonpecuniary factors when developing transportation plans. **Ms. McLaughlin** mentioned that one concern

might be how the MPO would stay in compliance with said bills when considering nonpecuniary values in the prioritization of project funding.

A group discussion followed, and it was mentioned that when there is inconsistency between federal and state law, federal law supersedes. **Ms. McLaughlin** said that more would be known about the status and effect of the bills after the legislative session in March or April of 2024.

Ms. McLaughlin also mentioned that the Collier MPO Executive Director role had not been filled, and that the candidate elected by the MPO Board had declined the offer. The candidate, **Ms. Lantz**, was present, and explained that her decision to decline the offer had been for personal reasons and certain negotiation points of the contract. **Ms. McLaughlin** said the subject would be discussed at the MPO Board meeting in February.

7. Committee Action

A. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Rivera moved to reelect Chair Lantz and Vice-Chair Bickett, and Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Endorse Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Vision Zero Safety Performance Targets for Calendar Year 2024

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed FDOT's safety statistics and statewide safety conditions for Collier County as well as for the State of Florida (which can be viewed in the [January 22, 2024 TAC Agenda](#)). She mentioned that Collier County's fatalities and serious injuries were trending down and that she continues to recommend that the MPO align with FDOT's Vision Zero Safety Performance Targets, which would provide the opportunity to work with and support FDOT's safety efforts. She also mentioned that there were many safety initiatives in place within Collier MPO's various plans.

A group discussion followed, and the need for safety measures which more strongly considered the trending use of e-bikes was discussed.

Ms. Bickett moved to endorse the FDOT Safety Targets for 2024 and Ms. Wuerstle seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Endorse Amendment to the FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Transit Projects

Mr. Kingston explained that the item was for the Committee to endorse an Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Collier MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and authorizing resolution. He went on to say that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requested Collier MPO to amend its FY 2024-2028 TIP to add five transit projects: three for bus replacements, one for operating funds to support bus routes on state roadways, and one for a support vehicle. Staff recommended that the Committee endorse the Amendment and authorizing resolution and noted that there was a typographical error in the Exhibit 1

table which showed the responsible agency for project 439255-1 as “not available,” but that it should show the responsible agency as Collier County. **Mr. Kingston** said that the error would be corrected in a revised version that would be brought to the MPO Board in February.

Mr. Scott moved to endorse the Amendment to the FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Transit Projects and Mr. Rivera seconded. Carried unanimously.

D. Endorse the Collier to Polk Regional Trail PD&E as a Priority for SUN Trail Funding

Ms. McLaughlin explained that the submittal of the Collier to Polk Regional Trail addition to the SUN Trail priority trail network had previously been endorsed by TAC and approved by the MPO Board. The Florida Greenways and Trails Council approved the addition to the State’s SUN Trail network on December 6, 2023. FDOT applied for SUN Trail funding to conduct a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study for the Collier to Polk Trail to meet the December 20, 2023 deadline. The project must be formally approved as an MPO priority to receive SUN Trail funding. FDOT estimates the cost of the PD&E to be \$6.3 million. Staff recommended that the Committee endorse the Collier to Polk Regional Trail PD&E as a priority for SUN Trail funding.

Ms. Vandersluis moved to endorse the Collier to Polk Regional Trail PD&E as a priority for SUN Trail funding and Ms. Wuerstle seconded. Carried unanimously.

E. Endorse Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program and Authorizing Resolution for South Golf Dr. Bike-Ped Project

Mr. Kingston explained that FDOT requested Collier MPO to amend its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2024-2028 TIP for the South Golf Drive bike-ped project to add a new project number for the construction phase and make a correction to the Transportation System and Roadway ID and beginning/ending mileposts. The original TIP project sheet for FPN 440437-1 was revised and a new TIP project sheet for segment (-2) was added. The construction phase was moved from segment -1 to -2, authorized with a different Federal Aid Number.

Ms. Bickett moved to endorse the Amendment to FY24-28 TIP for South Golf Dr Bike-Ped Project, and Ms. Wuerstle seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentation (May Require Committee Action)

A. FDOT Community Planning Presentation

Ms. McCaughey explained that she was part of FDOT’s Planning Studio in Fort Myers, and that FDOT was visiting MPOs and counties in District One to engage with local partners, provide timely support, present current FDOT projects and topics of interest, and coordinate early and often on growth management and community planning regarding land use and transportation issues. Some discussion topics of such visits might include the impact of redevelopment and development on transportation, concurrency and impact fees, and identifying funds to move priorities forward.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Henkel announced that Everglades City would be hosting their annual Seafood Festival February 2-4, 2024.

Ms. Vandersluis mentioned that plans were in place to conduct a feasibility study regarding whether the City of Naples Airport could be moved, and that the study was expected to be finished in May 2024.

Ms. Bickett had a correction for the Executive Summary for item 7.E. noting that the title said Golf Course Drive, but that the Amendment was for a project on South Golf Drive. **Mr. Kingston** said it would be corrected.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

February 26, 2024, 9:30 a.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg. Main Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.