

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Main Conference Room
2885 Horseshoe Drive North
Naples, FL 34104**

January 27, 2020 2:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Ms. Brown called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Pam Brown, Chair, At-Large
Robert Phelan, Vice-Chair, Marco Island
Gary Shirk, At-Large
Suzanne Cross, City of Naples
Tammie Pernas, Everglades City
Russell Tuff, District III
Rick Hart, Persons with Disabilities
Karen Homiak, District I
Josh Rincon, Representative of Minorities

CAC Members Absent

Neal Gelfand, District II
Fred Sasser, City of Naples

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Director
Eric Ortman, Senior Planner
Karen Intriago, Administrative Assistant
Brandy Otero, Principal Planner

Others Present

Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering
Zachary Karto, CAT
Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Tuff moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Cross seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the November 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Minor corrections were made under 6(b) “March 3030,” should be 2020, 8(b) should be “draft” not “drafty.”).

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Hart seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Hart recognized FDOT and Leandro [Goicoechea] (Collier County Engineering) for installing the audible pedestrian signals at Airport Road and Immokalee Road as well as other locations.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

None.

B. MPO Executive Director

Mr. Ortman - Board has decided to move (re)appointing committee members from consent to regular agenda; immediate impact to four CAC members: **Pam Brown, Gary Shirk, Josh Rincon,** and **Robert Phelan** whose terms expire in March. Discussion regarding length of terms. Committee terms are 3-years.

7. Committee Action

A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Tuff nominated Mr. Gelfand as Chair. Ms. Brown seconded. Mr. Gelfand is elected Chair by a vote of 6-2. Ms. Brown nominated Mr. Tuff for Vice Chair. Ms. Cross seconded. Mr. Tuff is elected Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.

B. Endorse Amendment to Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Ortman – Commissioner Solis forwarded an email to Ms. McLaughlin from Dennis O’Keefe with Arthrex. New Arthrex facility being built near the intersection of Goodlette-Frank Road and Immokalee Road. Arthrex requested that the sidewalk on the east side of Goodlette-Frank be completed from Vanderbilt Beach Rd to Immokalee Rd. Discussed diagrams contained in the attachments. The County is planning a capital improvement project on Goodlette; the design phase would be the most cost-effective time to make improvements to bicycle/pedestrian facilities. The amendment is just to recognize that the plan considers County or City roadway capital improvements as priorities for potential expansion of the bicycle/pedestrian network. It is a one-sentence amendment. It was an oversight that it was not included during development of the plan; it has the full support of Commissioner Solis. Arthrex employs about 800 people, approximately 250 employees either bike or walk to work. Arthrex may consider incentives to their employees

to bike or walk to work should sufficient facilities exist. **Mr. Hart** - bike and pedestrian access should be considered. **Mr. Ortman** – no funding attached to amendment. Discussion among committee members regarding purpose of amendment, priorities, and other related items.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse amendment to Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. Ms. Pernas seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Endorse Amendment to FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Mr. Ortman – All amendments will now require Board authorizing resolution. Proposed amendments for spending down excess SU funds: (1) ADA improvements at selected bus stops (250k); (2) purchase replacement bus for CAT (500k); and separately, for operating assistance for Good Wheels (55k). Funds to be spent in fiscal year 2020. Authorization from MPO is required to receive federal funding. Public involvement began January 20 and will end on February 14. To date, no comments received. **Ms. Cross** - asked about bus stops being ADA compliant. **Ms. Brown** asked which stops are being considered. **Mr. Gramer** (Jacobs Engineering) spoke about the improvements. **Mr. Rincon** mentioned that the bus stops in Immokalee are used daily. **Mr. Gramer** - 17 stops are being built.

Ms. Homiak moved to endorse the amendments to the FY 2020-2024 TIP. Mr. Shirk seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentation

A. CAT Park and Ride Study Kickoff

Mr. Ortman – no vote necessary. **Mr. Gramer** gave presentation regarding park & ride facilities (Presentation available upon request.). Population growth in Collier County is approximately 2% per year. Park & Ride Study conducted in 2005 indicated that there were favorable conditions and locations for these sites. **Mr. Gramer** – 2005 study designated “potentially successful” locations but no implementation. Purpose of this study is to identify and develop a standardized methodology for locating, operating and maintaining Park & Ride sites within Collier County. Study focuses on high volume areas where Park & Ride lots would be most effective. Sites will be analyzed and ranked based on various criteria including visibility, safety, transit linkage, location, access, and cost. Mentioned several locations that would be practical and are on transit routes.

Ms. Brown – are locations considered near affordable housing. CAT is taking lead on bus routes around affordable housing areas. **Mr. Karto** – bus routes are available in Immokalee Road corridor. **Mr. Hart** – no bus stops in the Immokalee Road area from Livingston to Airport. Need access points for bus stops because there are many places with no sidewalks. **Mr. Gramer** – determining locations will include many factors. **Mr. Hart** – intersection of Piper and Lakeland is an issue with no sidewalks. Example of areas to be considered.

Further discussion by **Mr. Gramer** regarding feedback on proposed plans. **Ms. Brown** suggested an express bus. **Mr. Karto** – mentioned Comprehensive Operating Analysis and Transit

Development Plan. **Mr. Gramer** noted the project schedule: First Quarter (Q1) research; (Q2) research implementation opportunities; (Q3) prepare and present draft study; (Q4) prepare and present final study. Goal is to have a draft plan completed by the end of October 2020. . A public participation plan will also be developed.

Mr. Phelan - how many fares are sold in County; **Mr. Karto** estimated 800k. **Mr. Hart** - asked about paratransit. **Mr. Karto** - about 500 paratransit trips. **Mr. Gramer** - there will be promotional info circulated via Facebook, listservs, and other mediums about park & ride lots that exist and that may be built. **Mr. Rincon** - info should be sent out to churches, etc. Discussion among committee members regarding how to disseminate information to public.

B. FY 20/21-21/22 UPWP Kick-Off

Ms. Otero - expecting to get close to 550k funding per year. Discussion regarding tasks including Transit Development Plan, major update to Park-n-Ride Study, Strategic Highway Safety Plan and others. Planning emphasis areas – safety, system connectivity, resilience, and ACES. Most will be addressed with LRTP. Draft of UPWP will be available after next meeting – report will be pared down substantially per FDOT direction. **Ms. Cross** asked about electric vehicles, scooters, etc. that may have been included in the prior plan. **Ms. Otero** - those items are included in the LRTP.

9. Member Comments

Ms. Brown asked about the natural gas lines between SR82 and Immokalee Road.

10. Distribution Items

A. Administrative Modification to FY2020-FY2024 TIP

Ms. McLaughlin – added an appendix per FDOT direction, no vote needed.

11. Next Meeting Date

*February 24, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.
2885 Horseshoe Drive South, Main Conference Room*

12. Adjournment

There being no further comment or business to discuss, Mr. Shirk moved to adjourn. Ms. Cross seconded. Unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.