

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Conference Rooms 609/610
2800 Horseshoe Drive North
Naples, FL 34104**

January 27, 2020 9:30 a.m. Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mr. Brock called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

TAC Members Present

Tim Brock, Everglades City, Vice-Chair
Tim Pinter, City of Marco Island
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Ute Vandersluis, City of Naples Airport Authority
Andy Holland, City of Naples
Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations
Don Scott, Lee County MPO
Michelle Arnold, PTNE

TAC Members Absent

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning, Chair
Justin Lobb, Collier County Airport Authority, Airport Manager
Greg Strakaluse, City of Naples
Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island
John Kasten, Collier County School District
April Olson, Conservancy (*non-voting*)
Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island - Streets & Stormwater

MPO Staff

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

Others Present

Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering
Zachary Karto, Collier Area Transit
Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Pinter moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Holland seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the October 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Holland moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Pinter seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

No updates from FDOT.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin – FDOT is hosting an M-CORES public meeting of the Southwest/Central Florida Corridor for a Community Open House at the Turner Agricultural Civic Center in Arcadia on January 30, 2020 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

7. Committee Action

A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Brock – Committee needs to elect officers.

Mr. Pinter nominated Lorraine Lantz for Chair. **Ms. Wuerstle** seconded. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Brock nominated **Mr. Pinter** to serve as Vice Chair. **Mr. Scott** seconded. Unanimous vote.

B. Endorse Amendment to Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Ortman – gave background of proposed amendment to Master Plan. Arthrex has requested that bike and pedestrian lanes be added for their employees who bike/walk to work. New Arthrex facility being built near the intersection of Goodlette-Frank Road and Immokalee

Road. Arthrex requested that the sidewalk on 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 and 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. BPAC approved the amendment unanimously at their meeting on January 21, 2020. **Ms. McLaughlin** mentioned that Ms. Lantz, in her written comments, recommended that the committee approve the amendment.

Mr. Brock moved to endorse the amendment. Ms. Wuerstle seconded. Carried unanimously.

Brief discussion followed by Mr. Scott about van pooling with Arthrex. **Ms. Arnold** mentioned that the County was in favor of it previously. **Mr. Ortman** addressed a question regarding the sidewalk request by the residents in Naples Park. The plan identifies it as a “need” and not a “priority.” County dropped the project out this round in order to keep cost assessments equal in all 5 districts. It is still in the Bike-Ped Master Plan.

Committee members questioned need for the amendment. **Ms. McLaughlin** clarified that this amendment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan should have been included as a policy but was inadvertently omitted.

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

Mr. Ortman - All amendments will now require authorizing resolution. Proposed amendments for expenditure of SU funds: (1) making ADA improvements at selected bus stops (250k); (2) purchase replacement bus for CAT (500k); (3) operating assistance for Good Wheels (DOT). Funds to be spent in fiscal year 2020. Authorization from MPO is required to receive federal funding. Public participation plan began January 20 and will end on February 14. Brief discussion regarding including FPN’s in resolution for clarity. **Ms. McLaughlin** suggested going back to the attorney with the requested change.

Mr. Brock moved to approve endorsements to Master Plan. Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentation

A. CAT Park and Ride Study Kickoff

Bill Gramer – Jacobs Engineering. Presentation by Jacobs Engineering. Population growth in Collier County is approximately 2% per year. Park & Ride Study was conducted in 2005 and results indicated that there were favorable conditions and locations where these sites could be successful. Purpose of study is to identify and develop a standardized methodology for locating, operating and maintain 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. **Ms. Arnold** and **Mr. Brock** suggested looking at existing facilities rather than purchasing properties. **Mr. Brock** asked if Jacobs conducted destination surveys to determine need. **Mr. Hall** asked if the County could lease properties to help defray costs. **Mr. Gramer** said that funds must be available. Potential expansion routes are also being reviewed.

Mr. Brock asked about differences between 2005 study and the current one. **Mr. Gramer** said the 2005 study designated “potentially successful” locations but no implementation. **Ms. Arnold** mentioned that the County utilized existing locations (libraries, etc.). **Mr. Pinter** suggested that the public be educated about current locations of park & ride lots.

Mr. Gramer noted the project schedule: (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. The plan must be finished by December 2020 and all approvals are required before that date. A public involvement plan will also be developed for feedback from stakeholders and public.

Ms. Otero – stakeholders will be identified in the future and shared with TAC. **Mr. Gramer** mentioned major land developers, Arthrex, hospitals, schools, Golden Gate Civic Association, and others. **Ms. Arnold** suggested that Tourism Development should be consulted. **Mr. Brock** agreed. Locations such as the Naples Pier and other tourist destinations could be affected. **Ms. Otero** – Responding to written questions submitted by Ms. Lantz - the list of potential locations will be incorporated into the LRTP. The cost will feed in and become part of the capital cost included in the LRTP. CAT determines priorities on an annual basis, staff will research whether SU funds can be used to acquire land for a park and ride. Priority locations have yet to be determined. **Ms. McLaughlin** - it is a strong possibility that land could be purchased for this purpose. **Ms. Otero** mentioned that environmental issues may arise during the process.

Mr. Pinter – this does not require action by the committee.

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

Ms. Otero - FDOT has asked that the UPWP be downsized. Discussion regarding tasks including transit development plan, major update to park-n-ride study, highway strategic plan and others. Funding is limited – base funding on annual basis is \$130,00 in PL for studies and probably \$130,000 for transit funding over 2-year period. FDOT’s Planning Emphasis Areas – safety, system connectivity, resilience, and ACES will be addressed with LRTP and Local Road

Safety Plan. **Mr. Brock** asked if safety funding is included in the program. **Ms. McLaughlin** - FDOT maintains control over safety funding. **Ms. Otero** – regarding recommendation submitted by Ms. Lantz in her written comments to expand MPO’s public involvement. **Ms. McLaughlin** –An amendment to the Public Participation Plan is being drafted to address some changes in response to advice received from FHWA. **Ms. Otero** - public involvement is on study-by study basis. Just created a congestion management newsletter as part of the Transportation System Performance Report that should be sent out by next week.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Scott – County has raised concerns about new agreement for street lighting. Discussion among members about responsibility of costs as well as materials (i.e., LED lights, etc.). **Mr. Scott** – will review both agreements for County and State to determine costs. Compared basic versus premium packages for street lighting.

Ms. Vandersluis – in the midst of building a new ARC station – scheduled to be finished in November – predicting it will be open in June or July. Airport master plan is nearing completion. RFQ currently open for north GA rehabilitation design. RFQ for north quad site development off Enterprise Avenue (used to be old City of Naples landfill). Starting City of Naples land and compatibility study. Public outreach on February 11 and 12 for north study.

Ms. Arnold – doing IPS assessment of transit system, etc. along with operational improvements.

Mr. Brock – February 1 – grand opening of visitor’s center in Everglades City. Triathlon in the morning.

10. Distribution Items

A. Administrative Modification to FY2020-FY2024 TIP

Mr. Ortman – FDOT wants an appendix to TIP to include plans and studies that are in the UPWP and using SU funds: Attachment 1 - LRTP and local road safety plans; Attachment 2 – changed title of planning studies to add reference to appendix.

11. Next Meeting Date

February 24, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Growth Management Department- Conference Rooms 609/610

12. Adjournment

*There being no further comment or business to discuss, **Mr. Hall** moved to adjourn. **Mr. Brock** seconded. Unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.*