

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
VIRTUAL MEETING
ZOOM PLATFORM
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2020 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gelfand called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Neal Gelfand, Chair, District II
Robert Phelan, Marco Island
Tammie Pernas, Everglades City
Suzanne Cross, City of Naples (arrived later)
Fred Sasser, City of Naples
Karen Homiak, District I
Rick Hart, Persons with Disabilities (arrived later)
George Dondanville, At-Large
Dennis DiDonna, At-Large

CAC Members Absent

Russell Tuff, Vice-Chair, District III (*resigned)
Bob Melucci, District IV
Josh Rincon, Representative of Minorities
Pam Brown, District V

MPO Staff

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

Others Present

Gladys Delgadillo, Conservancy SW Florida
Tara Jones, Jacobs Engineering
Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering
Victoria Peters, FDOT
Trinity Scott, Collier County
Lorraine Lantz, TAC Chair, Collier County
Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Homiak moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Pernas seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes.

N/A.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

N/A.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters – FHWA approved de-obligation. Waiting for Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to be approved. Still vetting project priorities.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin - No formal update.

7. Committee Action

A. Provide Input on 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Scenario Planning – Alternate 3

Ms. McLaughlin – introduced **Ms. Jones** and **Mr. Gramer** from Jacobs Engineering to discuss the LRTP. Presentation given by Jacobs (in agenda packet). **Ms. Jones** – in process of working with FDOT. Will submit Alternative 3 to Board on Friday, June 12 and to FDOT on Monday, June 15, 2020. Discussed Draft Alternative Scenarios for 2045. In phase 3 of LRTP. Next phase is the documentation phase. Alternative 2 was needs plan – fiscally unconstrained. FDOT did not include three I-75 interchanges – Vanderbilt Beach Road, Veterans Memorial Rd and Everglades Blvd -in the model due to inconsistencies with Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) plan. Focusing on red and black colored road segments – these are failing, primarily related to intersections and interchanges. Will be identified as needs, but the model doesn’t “see” them. The Cost Feasible network is a subset of Alternate 2. Opportunity to advance to Cost Feasible with Alternate 3. **Mr. Gelfand** – inquired about relationship between Collier County Interactive Growth Model (CIGM) and FDOT planning model. CIGM provided socio-economic data to FDOT to use in planning model. “Tried” to address congestion in Alternative 2 – tried how? Regarding policy constraints – could take years to change County policy, can note what was considered, County could change policies. Do look at changing feeder streets – 111th St, Wiggins Pass, some aren’t considered in network, could code them in. **Mr. Gramer** if 41 congested for longer stretch, drivers might move to other [north/south] roads, but not for such a short segment. **Mr. DiDonna** – need to extend Veterans Memorial Parkway west to 41. Not shown on network. **Ms. Lantz** – Veterans Memorial

extending from Livingston to US41 was in 2040 Needs Plan. **Mr. Sasser** – inquired about policies constraining corridors – where are they? **Ms. Jones** – recall policies are in County comprehensive plan, transportation element. **Mr. DiDonna** – inquired about pursuing roadways that need to be reviewed. **Ms. Jones** – improvements are policy constrained. Vanderbilt Drive was expanded to 4 lanes [in Alternate 2] but did not draw enough traffic to relieve congestion on 41. Also consulted with Lee County to see if any roads could be considered. Reviewed Veterans Memorial Parkway that connects Old 41 to West of I-75 but was not in FDOT SIS plan. Need to look at actual volumes to gauge capacity. **Mr. Gelfand** – asked for clarity as to how granular the modeling is in terms of assumptions about development. **Mr. Gramer** – development assumptions built into model [via CIGM] increased housing has been accounted for in Alternative 3. **Ms. Jones** – model is not sensitive to intersection improvements. Lengthy discussion regarding feasibility and application of model for traffic review including various intersections (Immokalee, Old 41, Wiggins Pass, etc.).

Ms. Jones – autonomous vehicle still needs to be incorporated in Alternative 3 by FDOT. Will keep committee informed as to results. **Mr. Gelfand** – inquired about level of detail in planning process. **Mr. Gramer** – requires some flexibility but trying to prioritize the projects that will have most impact. Need to ensure that quality of life is maintained. Presentation is advisory only and not seeking approval at this point. **Mr. DiDonna** – What about funding? Impact fees should be spent where County is charging for them. **Ms. Lantz** – will send impact fee district map to MPO to distribute to committee.

Lengthy discussion regarding assessment of impact fees, future projects such as FDOT PD&E on Old 41 extend, accommodation for seasonal traffic patterns, congestion impacting emergency services. Needs will be considered as cost feasibility study is developed. Seasonal traffic compared to off season traffic needs to be factored into model. **Ms. Peters** – will ask when FDOT can provide update on Old 41 PD&E study.

Mr. Gelfand called for a vote to show support for beginning Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) testing with Alternate 3 network. *Committee voted unanimously for proceeding with CFP.*

8. Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. Member Comments

None.

9. Distribution Items

10. Next Meeting Date

July 8, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting (future virtual meetings TBD pending extension of Executive Order)

12. Adjournment

With all business having been conducted, Mr. Gelfand asked for motion to adjourn. Ms.

Homiak made motion and Mr. Sasser seconded. Voted unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.