

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Board of County Commission Chambers  
Collier County Government Center  
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor  
Naples, FL 34112  
June 14, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**\*\*HYBRID REMOTE – IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair McDaniel** called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Present (in BCC Chambers)**

Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr., Chair

Commissioner Dan Kowal, Vice-Chair

Commissioner Burt L. Saunders

Commissioner Chris Hall

Council Member Tony Pernas

Council Member Greg Folley

Council Member Berne Barton

Council Member Linda Penniman

**Members Present (via Zoom)**

Commissioner Rick LoCastro

**Members Absent**

None

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

**FDOT**

L.K. Nandam, District One Secretary

Wayne Gaither, Manager, District 1 Southwest Area Office

Jason Heironimus, Public Information Officer

**Others Present**

Scott Teach, Esq., Deputy County Attorney  
Trinity Scott, Department Head, Collier County Transportation Mgmt. Services  
Lorraine Lantz, Manager, Collier County Transportation Planning, TAC Chair  
Bridget Corcoran, Legislative Affairs Coordinator, Collier County Manager Office  
Anthony Matonti, BPAC Chair

**Others Present via Zoom**

None

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Chair McDaniel** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chair McDaniel** called for a vote to allow **Commissioner LoCastro** to participate virtually via Zoom.

*Commissioner Saunders moved to allow Commissioner LoCastro to participate virtually via Zoom and Commissioner Hall seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS**

**4.A. Approval of the Agenda and Previous Minutes**

*Council Member Penniman moved to approve the previous minutes and Council Member Pernas seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**Ms. McLaughlin** requested that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of a replacement page two (2) for item 1.C Attachment 1 under 9.A.

*Council Member Folley moved to approve the agenda as modified and Vice-Chair Kowal seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**4.B. Ratify the Community Transportation Coordinator Local Coordinating Board Annual Evaluation**

*Council Member Pernas moved to Ratify the Community Transportation Coordinator Local Coordinating Board Annual Evaluation and Council Member Penniman seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

## 6. AGENCY UPDATES

### 6.A. FDOT

**Secretary Nandam** announced that Governor DeSantis signed a budget approved by the Administration on June 12, 2024, which included cuts in transportation projects, resulting in some of FDOT's earmarked projects being vetoed. He would inform the MPO if any of the vetoed projects were in the Collier region when he more had details.

**Mr. Gaither** followed-up with **Vice-Chair Kowal's** inquiry at the May 10, 2024 MPO Board meeting to find out if there were plans in place to bolster roads to accommodate the increased weight of electric vehicles. **Mr. Gaither** said discussions and preparations for possible bills had commenced, but that neither federal nor state sponsorship/companionship had been obtained. The question of whether it would be handled at the federal or state level was still being considered. Regarding **Chair McDaniel's** inquiry about SR 29 and Oil Well Rd, FDOT had been working with Collier County Transportation Management Services Department staff to assess growth expectations for two studies of the intersection; a lighting justification study, which was expected to be completed by the end of July 2024, and a traffic signal analysis, estimated to be completed by the end of August 2024. **Mr. Gaither** reported that the I-75 and SR 951 interchange project was scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2026, and that there had been positive feedback for the Collier to Polk Regional Trail Master Plan at the five public meetings, which were well attended.

**Commissioner LoCastro** asked **Mr. Gaither** about the status of road maintenance on the Collier County exits I-75 exits.

**Mr. Gaither** said he was aware that there were road maintenance projects in the works and would follow up with **Commissioner LoCastro** with details at a later date.

### 6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Ms. McLaughlin** gave a reminder that Collier MPO would be receiving its quadrennial review by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration during a site visit on July 23-24, 2024. She said the agenda was still being finalized, but that she had arranged for **Chair McDaniel** to speak during the review. She also mentioned that in light of the some of the questions that would be asked during the review, **Ms. Miceli** was producing an in-house informational video about Collier MPO to highlight the diverse landscapes and communities of the Collier region as well as show the Board, committee members and partners that make up Collier MPO. **Ms. McLaughlin** announced that she would be out of the office for three weeks in July and that **Ms. Hansen** would be stepping into her role while she was away.

## 7. CHAIR REPORTS

### 7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

**7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report**

*Report presented in writing.*

**7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

**7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report**

*Report presented in writing.*

**7.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

**7.C.1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair Report**

**Mr. Matonti** reported that BPAC was enjoying outstanding meeting attendance and thanked the members. He said that at the most recent meeting, the committee had approved the SUN Trail priority list, the bike-ped interactive map had received positive feedback, and that the discussion about e-bikes had continued. The two main comments were that a speed limit should be implemented on sidewalks and that there needs to more infrastructure to support multimodal transportation throughout Collier County.

**Council Member Folley** thanked **Mr. Matonti** for arranging to meet with City of Marco Island staff to further discuss e-bikes, and **Vice-Chair Kowal** thanked **Mr. Matonti** for meeting with him and mentioned that there was an effort toward an enacting an ordinance addressing e-bikes.

**Chair McDaniel** requested that the executive summaries of Chair Reports include a list of Committee members, as well as a list of those who were in attendance and those who were not.

**7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)**

**7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report**

None.

**7.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)**

**7.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report**

None.

**8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)**

**8.A. Adopt Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Approve Authorizing Resolution**

**Mr. Kingston** said that since the draft of the FY25-29 TIP was presented to the Board at the May 10, 2024 Board meeting, the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees had endorsed it at their May 20, 2024 meetings, with the suggestion by TAC that it include the I-75 capacity enhancement project from Golden Gate Pkwy to Corkscrew Rd in the project sheets. This has been addressed by adding projects underway but not therein included in Appendix I: Additional Projects, Plans, and Studies.

*Council Member Penniman moved to adopt Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and Approve Authorizing Resolution and Vice-Chair Kowal seconded.*

**Roll Call Vote.**

*Commissioner McDaniel – Yes*

*Commissioner Kowal – Yes*

*Commissioner Hall – Yes*

*Commissioner LoCastro – Yes*

*Commissioner Saunders – Yes*

*Council Member Barton – Yes*

*Council Member Penniman - Yes*

*Council Member Folley - Yes*

*Council Member Pernas – Yes*

*Passed unanimously.*

**REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)**

**9.A. Approve the Annual List of Project Priorities**

**Mr. Kingston** said that since the draft Annual List of Project Priorities was presented to the Board at the May 10, 2024 Board meeting, changes to the draft were that the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding project was updated with additional notations and programming status, Freight priorities project costs had been updated based on a preliminary estimate provided by FDOT, the planning study priority ranking had been revised to show all years as having equal rank (as opposed to 2025-2026 in first and 2027-2030 in second), and that the amount requested had increased from \$400,000 to \$450,000, in FY29-30 for the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees voted to endorse the list at their May meetings.

*Council Member Folley moved to approve the Annual List of Project Priorities and Commissioner Hall seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**11. Distribution Items**

**11.A. Administrative Modification to Collier MPO's Fifth Amended FY 22/23-23/24 Unified Planning Work Program**

*Item distributed.*

**12. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Folley** complimented Chair McDaniel on a great meeting.

**Commissioner Hall** agreed that it was a great meeting.

**Council Member Penniman** said it was wonderful to be part of the MPO Board again.

**Vice-Chair Kowal** said that following the meeting, he was going to attend to some stormwater/standing water issues on some of the streets in District 4. He also mentioned that it was Flag Day as well as the birthday of the U.S. Army.

**Commissioner LoCastro** thanked **Vice-Chair Kowal** for his service in the army. He also thanked the Board for their work and thanked **Mr. Gaither** for looking into his inquiry and looked forward to his response.

**Chair McDaniel** asked if **Ms. Scott** could provide an update regarding the four lanes on Oil Well and the intersection improvements at Desoto, so he could share the information at upcoming meetings the following week. He made a general announcement that if citizens see standing water, to alert the County.

**Ms. Scott** said if citizens see standing water, call the Collier County Road Bridge Stormwater Division at 239-252-8924, available 24 hours a day.

**13. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**13.A.** September 13, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112

**14. ADJOURN**

*There being no further business, **Chair McDaniel** adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:59 a.m.*