

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Board of County Commission Chambers  
Collier County Government Center  
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor  
Naples, FL 34112  
June 9, 2023  
9:30 a.m.**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

*Commissioner Saunders moved to allow Vice-Chair Hall and Council Member Perry to participate via Zoom. Commissioner Kowal seconded. Passed unanimously.*

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

**Members Present (in BCC Chambers)**

Council Member Greg Folley, City of Marco Island, Chair  
Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3  
Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr., Collier County BCC District 5  
Commissioner Dan Kowal, Collier County BCC District 4  
Council Member Tony Pernas, Everglades City  
Council Member Ted Blankenship, City of Naples

**Member Present Virtually Via Zoom**

Commissioner Chris Hall, Collier County BCC District 2, Vice-Chair  
Council Member Paul Perry

**Members Absent**

Commissioner Rick LoCastro, Collier County BCC District 1

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director  
Sean Kingston, Principal Planner  
Dusty Siegler, Senior Planner

**FDOT**

Victoria Peters, Community Liaison  
Tanya Merkle  
Todd Engala  
Wayne Gaither, Manager, District 1 Southwest Area Office (SWAO)

**Others Present**

Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney  
Trinity Scott, Department Head, Collier County Transportation Mgmt. Services

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning, TAC Chair  
Troy Miller, Manager, BCC Television Operations  
Amy Lyberg, Collier County Human Resources Director  
Michelle Avola-Brown, Naples Pathways Coalition  
Vu Vu, Landis Evans

**Zoom Participants**

Elaine Middelstaedt, CAC Chair  
Anthony Matonti, BPAC Chair

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** let it be known that there had been a change to the agenda. There was a replacement Exhibit in Attachment 3 for item 9.B., which was an updated TRIP Priority List.

*Council Member Pernas moved to approve the Agenda and Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**4.A. May 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

*Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Minutes and Council Member Blankenship seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**4.B. Ratify the 2023 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Annual Update**

*Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Consent Item, and Commissioner Kowal seconded. Passed unanimously.*

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

None.

**6. AGENCY UPDATES**

**6.A. FDOT**

**Ms. Peters** responded to a question that Board members had at the May 12, 2023 MPO Board meeting, regarding the necessity of a resolution from Collier County for Moving Florida Forward. Her belief was that a resolution is not necessary. **Ms. Peters** shared that FDOT Freight Office was hosting two information sessions on State and Local Freight Mobility Trade Plan.

**6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Ms. McLaughlin** had no report to add other than the agenda.

**7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

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

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

**Ms. Middelstaedt** reported that at the May 22, 2023 CAC meeting, the committee had voted to endorse the Final Draft of the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Annual List of Project Priorities with new changes introduced by Collier County Transportation Planning, and a walk-on Amendment to the FY 2023-2027 TIP. FDOT presented an updated version of the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility study with a positive response, as well as Moving Florida Forward. The meeting concluded with MPO staff and committee members discussing the upcoming Joint Workshop with Lee County MPO Citizens Advisory Committee.

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

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

**Ms. Lantz** explained that as TAC has the same agenda items as CAC, at the May 22, 2023 TAC meeting, the same items were discussed that were previously mentioned by Ms. Middelstaedt. TAC also discussed the annual list of priorities projects. Collier County had requested that the bridge at 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue move forward as a bridge priority project. In deciding which priority project be moved further ahead to the 2028-29 project fund list, it was proposed to move Immokalee at Livingston to 2028-29 and keep Oil Well Road in its current position in the priorities list.

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

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

**Mr. Matonti** began by saying that the May 16, 2023 BPAC Agenda was very similar to the TAC and CAC agendas, which included the presentation on the Marco Island trail Loop Feasibility Study. **Mr. Matonti** mentioned that the study's public survey response, favoring facilities which are separated from roadways, is consistent with what the County has been building along its roadways, as well as statewide preference for bicyclists and pedestrians.

**Chair Folley** made mention of the support and enthusiasm of the Marco Island City Council for the project.

**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 FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution 2023-3**

**Ms. McLaughlin** explained that the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees had recommended endorsement of the TIP with a few suggested minor changes, which were incorporated in the final draft. The TIP is brought forward every year in June at this time to get it delivered to the Florida Department of Transportation by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Ms. McLaughlin** asked if the Board had any questions or comments. There were none.

*Commissioner McDaniel moved to adopt the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program and Authorizing Resolution 2023-3 and Council Member Blankenship seconded. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.*

*Chair Folley - Yes  
Vice-Chair Hall – Yes  
Commissioner Kowal – Yes  
Commissioner McDaniel – Yes  
Commissioner Saunders – Yes  
Council Member Blankenship – Yes  
Council Member Perry - Yes  
Council Member Pernas - Yes*

**8.B. Approve Amendment to the FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Authorizing Resolution 2023-05**

**Mr. Kingston** explained that FDOT has requested that Collier MPO amend its FY 2023-2027 TIP to add a project to install Statewide Rumble Strips to provide lane departure mitigation treatments on state roads.

**Chair Folley** asked if there were questions or comments on 8.B. There were none.

*Council Member Pernas moved to approve the amendment to the FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Authorizing Resolution 2023-5 and Commissioner Saunders seconded. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.*

*Chair Folley - Yes  
Vice-Chair Hall – Yes  
Commissioner Kowal – Yes  
Commissioner McDaniel – Yes  
Commissioner Saunders – Yes  
Council Member Blankenship – Yes  
Council Member Perry - Yes  
Council Member Pernas - Yes*

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

**9.A. Approve the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Application, Authorizing Resolution, and TD Planning Grant Agreement**

**Ms. Siegler** stated that the amount requested in the TD Grant application for FY 2023/24 is \$29,265. The funds will be used as described in the FY 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Task 6 - Transit and Transportation Disadvantaged, and the TD Planning Grant Agreement. The LCB voted to endorse the draft TD Planning Grant Application and the draft authorizing Resolution 2023-04 at its meeting on May 3, 2023.

**Chair Folley** asked if there were questions or comments. There were none.

***Commissioner McDaniel** moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Application, Authorizing Resolution, and TD Planning Grant Agreement, and **Commissioner Kowal** seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **9.B. Approve Annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP)**

**Ms. McLaughlin** explained that the MPO is rotating calls for projects according to the protocol set by the MPO Board. This year, the MPO is doing an informal call for bridge, safety, and planning projects and received an application from the County to reintroduce the 47th Avenue Bridge for prioritization with an updated cost estimate. The planning priorities from 2022 were resubmitted to capture the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Joint Collier-Lee MPO Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) project list was updated to include the addition of the Immokalee at Livingston Major Intersection Improvement Project in 2028-29, as well as updates about the funding status of previous priorities. The request is to approve this year's List of Project Priorities.

**Chair Folley** asked if there were questions or comments. There were none.

***Commissioner Saunders** moved to approve the Annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP) and **Council Member Pernas** seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **9.C. Review and Comment on Draft MPO Executive Director Recruitment Process, Timeline and Job Posting**

**Ms. McLaughlin** requested that the MPO Board review and comment on the draft recruitment process, timeline, and job posting to fill her role of MPO Executive Director, as her employment contract term expires on March 9, 2024.

***Ms. McLaughlin** introduced **Ms. Lyberg**, Director, Collier County Human Resources Division.*

**Ms. Lyberg** explained that **Ms. McLaughlin** reached out to her division for assistance. Ms. Lyberg presented a proposed job announcement and timeline. Upon request from the MPO Board, a survey was performed to find the current salary range for the position in the state of Florida. **Ms. Lyberg** presented her recommendations.

*A group discussion was held regarding the recruitment process, timeline, applicant qualifications, and job site postings. It was decided that the position would be posted in mid-August to mid-September, that the applicant be required to possess a bachelor's degree - supplemented by ten years previous experience in transportation planning with at least two of those years being with an MPO, and that the position be posted on the County job board as well commercial job sites.*

**Chair Folley** asked **Ms. Lyberg** if the group findings sufficed. **Ms. Lyberg** said they did. **Chair Folley** thanked **Ms. Lyberg** and told her the Board would see her in a few months for an update.

#### **9.D. Review and Comment on Draft Agenda for Joint Workshop with Lee County MPO**

**Ms. McLaughlin** explained the request was for the Board to review and comment on the draft agenda for the MPO Board Joint Workshop with Lee County, as well as the workshop being moved to the afternoon, based on the workshop invite responses she had received.

**Chair Folley** mentioned that he wanted to be sure nothing was left off the agenda that **Ms. McLaughlin** and Lee MPO Executive Director, Mr. Don Scott, had curated. **Ms. McLaughlin** said that she believed the important topics were included, but that Mr. Scott was also discussing the workshop agenda with the Lee MPO Board, so the agenda could potentially be revised.

**Ms. McLaughlin** explained that the Board would have another opportunity to review the agenda at a preview meeting which would be scheduled for the end of July / beginning week in August.

**Mr. Miller** announced there was a public comment regarding the draft agenda.

**Ms. Avola-Brown** recommended that the coordination of the Paradise Coast Trail in connection with the Bonita-Estero Rail Trail be added to the workshop agenda, as some of the railway overlaps into Collier County and negotiations for the railway are underway. She mentioned that both trails will be part of the Florida Gulf Coast Trail, which could have economic benefits for the Collier County area.

**Ms. McLaughlin** agreed that the item would be beneficial to add to the agenda.

#### **10. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **10.A. FDOT Presentation on the Draft Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design**

**Ms. McLaughlin** introduced and explained the history of the project, mentioning that the feasibility study had originated by request of previous MPO Board member, Erik Brechnitz, who represented Marco Island, to see if it was feasible to include Marco Island in the Paradise Coast Trail Vision and the MPO's SUN Trail network. The feasibility study was prioritized by the MPO Board and programmed using the MPO's SU funds, with FDOT serving as the lead agency. **Ms. McLaughlin** introduced **Mr. Engala**.

**Mr. Engala** and **Mr. Vu** presented the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design presentation, which can be found in the [June 9, 2023 MPO Board Agenda Packet](#).

**Ms. McLaughlin** concluded the presentation by proposing to bring the project back to the MPO Board in September for direction, in order to provide County staff time needed to analyze the report and mentioned that the report shows that it would be feasible to construct a shared use path within the existing Right of Way despite the environmental sensitivities and constraints, and the next step would be to conduct a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study of the entire corridor.

*Ms. McLaughlin introduced public comment.*

**Mr. Musico** mentioned the support he has heard from the public for the project on and off Marco Island, as well as his own desire to see the project completed.

**Ms. Avola-Brown** expressed her appreciation for the project and asked for the Board to consider funding the areas on the trail which are not yet currently funded.

*A group discussion was had regarding project costs, funding, the possibility of utilizing available SUN Trail funds, and the feasibility of constructing the trail were examined. The discussion concluded with a plan to bring the project back to the Board in September or October after more information could be provided regarding project cost estimates.*

**Commissioner Saunders** requested a report on the process to be followed to add the corridor to the MPO's SUN Trail alignment to make the PD&E study eligible for SUN Trail funding. **Commissioner McDaniel** requested a status report on the CR 92 culvert project.

**10.B. Status of Moving Florida Forward Initiative, 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment**

**Ms. McLaughlin** stated that there was no new information.

**11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

**11.A. MPOAC Weekend Institute Curriculum**

**Ms. McLaughlin** mentioned, per a Board member's request, the MPOAC Weekend Institute material is included in the agenda packet.

**11.B. Administrative Modification to FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Ms. McLaughlin** stated that the TIP was current as of this month, and 11.B is on the agenda to recognize the SU (Surface Transportation Block Grant -- Urban) funding that is in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Long Range Transportation Plan.

**12. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner McDaniel** mentioned that he had a Town Hall in Ave Maria the night before, and wanted to talk with the Department of Transportation about putting up a flashing light at Oil Well and 29, saying it is a dangerous intersection and that there had been multiple fatalities, as well as a flashing light at Skysail and Ave Maria entrance, and reflector lights for lane designation on Oil Well and Camp Keais.

*Ms. Peters took note of Commissioner McDaniel's concerns.*

**Chair Folley** made mention of his enthusiasm regarding the Marco Island Loop Trail.

**13. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**13.A. Tentative Joint Workshop with Lee MPO - August 18, 2023 – in the afternoon, Location to be Determined**

**Commissioner Saunders** asked that if the agenda could be distributed to Board members and they all returned the agenda with their comments and requests, would that avoid the necessity of a workshop preview meeting?

**Mr. Teach** said that **Commissioner Saunders'** suggestion of agenda review process would be acceptable in lieu of a preview meeting.

**13.B. Next Meeting Date – September 8, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. Board of County Commissioners  
Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL, 34112**

**14. ADJOURN**

*There being no further business, **Chair Folley** adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m.*