

COLLIER METROPLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) BOARD MEETING

Board of County Commissioner Chambers

3299 E. Tamiami Trail, Naples

9:00 a.m.

May 10, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Councilman Buxton called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Otero called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

Members Present

Councilman Reg Buxton, City of Naples, Chair

Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr., Collier County BCC District 5

Commissioner Donna Fiala, Collier County BCC District 1

Commissioner Andy Solis, Collier County BCC District 2

Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC District 4

Councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt, City of Everglades City, Vice-Chair

Councilman Terry Hutchison, City of Naples

Councilman Erik Brechnitz, City of Marco Island

Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3 (Present over teleconference)

Members Absent

None

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, MPO Executive Director

Brandy Otero, MPO Principal Planner

Eric Ortman, MPO Senior Planner

Karen Intriago, MPO Administrative Assistant

FDOT

Wayne Gaither, FDOT

Victoria Peters, FDOT

Secretary LK Nandam, FDOT

Zachary Burch, FDOT

Gwen Pipkin, FDOT

Others Present

Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney

Michelle Avola, Naples Pathway Coalition (NPC)

Trinity Scott, Collier County Transportation Planning (CCTP)

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning (CCTP)

Rae Ann Burton, Citizen

Tara Jones, Jacobs Engineering

Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering

Pam Brown, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hutchison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to allow Commissioner Saunders to participate by telephone due to exceptional circumstances. Second by Commissioner Fiala. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Agenda, Previous Minutes, and Consent Items

A. Approval of Appointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Larry Smith, PE)

B. Approve the Second Amendment to the MPO Lease Agreement and the Amended and Restated Staff Services Agreement between the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Collier County Board of County Commissioners

C. April 12, 2019 MPO Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the Agenda, Previous Minutes, and Consent Items. Second by Councilwoman Middelstaedt. Carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Rae Ann Burton - Has a concern with the County-owned land on the Randall curve; whatever is built there will either enhance or destroy the rural environment. Of the three proposals presented at public meeting, Shy Wolf Sanctuary received the most votes - 64. What is built in the area must benefit Golden Gate Estates and not the developers. The money from the sale belongs to GAC Land Trust and all should be used for the benefit of Golden Gate Estates.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters – Gave an update on the Trail Blvd. sidewalk project. Final inspection completed; contractor working with FDOT on punch list items. Lighting final inspection completed. Signalization final inspection held, punch list generated. FDOT has held a series of meetings with the Lighthouse of Collier - Center for Blindness and Vision Loss. FDOT has followed up by installing Audible Ped Signals (APS) at a number of intersections throughout Collier County. Ms. Peters will continue to follow up with local law enforcement and the Community Traffic Safety Team regarding the Lighthouse's concerns about red light running.

Commissioner Taylor - What is the progress regarding the red-light running devices and is it an FDOT issue or is it a legislative issue? **Ms. Peters** - On this type of matter FDOT partners with law enforcement on information they receive from local citizens, where these occurrences are identified. Then law enforcement takes over.

Commissioner Taylor - Requested update on intersection cameras that were removed. **Secretary LK Nandam** - FDOT does not manage that program. By statute, cameras can be installed if enforcement agencies choose to. FDOT has a permit process to follow when placed on state roads.

Councilman Buxton - Requested information on the managed lanes study on I-75. **Mr. Burch** – FDOT is studying I-75 Corridor through Lee/Collier Counties, Sarasota/Manatee/Charlotte and I-4/ in Polk County. Purpose is to investigate future needs of I-75 - capacity needs, adding lanes (up to 8-10). Study will consider all types of managed lanes, including express lanes, freight lanes, HOV lanes, and regular general use lanes. Study will review all existing interchanges; determine improvements needed to accommodate more lanes

or general operation improvements. FDOT has agreed to look at potential new interchanges including one at Vanderbilt Beach Rd in Collier. Lee/Collier County study will cost about \$10 million; take 4-5 years to complete. \$11 million in Sarasota/Manatee and Charlotte and \$11 million in Polk County. Data collection varies from how many people are on the road, where they get on, where they get off, why are the drivers using it, are they local trips, are they long distance trips, noise, etc. to determine need to expand number of lanes.. Widening I-75 will cost billions of dollars; this is a long-term project.

Commissioner McDaniel - Total cost of study comes out to \$30 million. **Secretary LK Nandam** - FDOT selected a consultant to do these studies and is in contract negotiations. An interstate program manager consultant was hired for the overall program, responsible for creating community and public engagement plan. Regular updates will be given to MPO. The outcome will include plan geometrics and priority list.

Commissioner McDaniel – Understands process is lengthy and complex, but constituents cannot fathom the cost. No surprise that costs have risen to \$10 million/mile for FDOT to build a road - should be done differently.

Commissioner Fiala - If it takes five years just to do the study, how is it going to help the building process if the growth in population is happening so rapidly? How valid the study is when there are other processes such as bidding that will need to be completed before construction can begin. **Secretary LK Nandam** - the study will define what I-75 is going to look like. As funding becomes available, segments will be tackled in order of priority. If there is a time gap, a minor re-evaluation will be done to make sure the study is still valid.

Councilman Brechnitz - Designing 100 miles of road and taking four years for just a study is puzzling to the average citizen. **Mr. Burch** - The study is very in-depth with many State and Federal rules, guidelines, and requirements ranging from endangered species, noise, air, etc. It is a complex process, but ensures use of State and Federal funding to make improvements.

Commissioner McDaniel - MPOs provide the forum for communication for people to express where those needs are and for prioritization. The people who drive in these areas are the ones who really know the deficiencies in the system. **Mr. Burch** – Study has in-depth communications plan involving outreach to local businesses, residents and government officials. Maintaining the communication and level of commitment to the residents and elected officials will not only be important to the project but important to the Department.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin - Announced Ms. Brandy Otero as the new Principal Planner for the Collier MPO. Ms. Otero's previous position (Senior Planner) was advertised and closed on Thursday. The Naples Pathway Coalition (NPC) approached Ms. McLaughlin requesting an MPO Board resolution of support for the Paradise Coast Trail Vision. Checking in with the Board before introducing a draft resolution to the advisory committees. Will limit resolution's statement of support to how the NPC vision relates to the recently adopted Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP). The vision is consistent with the SUNTrail network and the proposed Spine Trail Network in the BPMP. Ms. McLaughlin asked the Board if they are comfortable with her pursuing this resolution with the committees.

Commissioner McDaniel - Concerned that the map shows a wide path through areas that don't have roads, particularly that go out along I-75 and through the middle of Golden Gate Estates, and the wide path along US 41. Concern is based upon the previous direction and discussions regarding the River of Grass Greenway issue.

Commissioner Saunders – Agreed with Commissioner McDaniel regarding being cautious not to send out the wrong signal. He supported the resolution.

Councilman Hutchison - Inquired about the new resolution and how it differs. **Ms. McLaughlin** explained that it is consistent with BPMP. The proposed study corridor that goes east and north to Immokalee and would connect Golden Gate Estates, Ave Maria, and Immokalee is included in the BPMP, because it came out in public meetings as a desired connection. However, how to make these connections has not been determined and needs to be studied further. **Councilman Hutchison** - Does staff have a map showing which portions of the Vision are old and which are new? **Ms. McLaughlin** - Will bring back a map that differentiates the existing alignment for the SUNTrail with what is new. The map will be part of the advisory committee review.

Ms. Avola - NPC hired Kimley-Horn as consultants to make the vision become a reality and put together a plan. The NPC has worked together with Trinity Scott and the MPO to come up with an off-road multi-use path system that is in unison with BPMP. She explained how it would improve the area, make safer commuter transportation for citizens in Immokalee/Ave Maria/ Golden Gate, provide a recreation corridor, and healthier lifestyle. The wide swath indicated would be the proposed study area. The next step would be a feasibility study. Being that the trail would be approximately 70 miles long, it would also become a destination trail. The NPC is exploring all sorts of funding options private and public. The project is still in the preliminary stages.

Commissioner McDaniel - What luck has NPC had coordinating with FPL? There are enormous transmission lines crossing the state that are sorely unutilized. **Ms. Avola** – NPC will work with FPL as part of the next step however the vision has some very strong connections and NPC will be looking at utilizing utility corridors and canals.

Councilman Brechnitz – Requested a copy of the first plan and the second plan to better understand what is proposed.

Commissioner McDaniel – asked that this item be brought back in June. **Ms. McLaughlin** confirmed, added that the resolution will be presented to the advisory committees in May and the Board in June.

7. Committee Chair Reports

7.A.1. Citizen Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. Brown provided a summary to the Board of the Chair report contained in the packet, adding that the turn-out of committee members has been very good and discussions very lively. She has comments on other items on the agenda which she will address at the appropriate time.

7.B.1 Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report

Ms. Lantz provided a summary to the Board of the Chair report contained in the packet, noting that questions and comments regarding the UPWP and the TIP amendment had been addressed and expected that would be the case also with the draft TIP in June.

7.C.1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Chair Report

Mr. Ortman read the Chair report contained in the MPO packet to the Board .

7.D.1 Congestion Management Committee Chair Report

7.E.1 Local Coordinating Board (LCB)

Commissioner Fiala provided a summary to the Board based on the Chair report in the packet.

8. Regular Board Action (Roll Call Required)

A. Approval of Amendment to Fiscal Year 2019 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ortman - FDOT requested an amendment for a project located in Everglades City (Copeland Ave.). It was requested to better meet the needs of Everglades City and to ensure planning consistency and authorization of federal funds. The amendment is required because the project limits are being corrected to go from .2 miles to .93 miles which constitutes a major change. The original project was submitted for Datura St. and Broadway Ave. and the length was approximately .2 miles. The application changed from Datura/Broadway to Copeland Ave. The State’s system still showed the project length as .2 miles, so this amendment will correct that. The TAC asked if the southern limit of the project was correct. Staff researched and determined that the southern limit of the project was correct as shown. The TAC and CAC unanimously endorsed the amendment.

Commissioner McDaniel - Requested that staff ensure this project coincide with road improvements scheduled in the area.

Commissioner Solis made a motion to approve the Amendment to Fiscal Year 2019 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program. Second by Councilwoman Middlestaedt. Roll call vote was taken with the motion passing unanimously.

<i>Commissioner Taylor</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Solis</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilwoman Middlestaedt</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilman Brechnitz</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner McDaniel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Fiala</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilman Buxton</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Saunders</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilman Hutchison</i>	<i>Yes</i>

9. Regular Board Action (No Roll Call)

A. Approval of Amendment to FY 18/19-19/20 Unified Planning Work Program

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Amendment to the FY2018/19 -2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Second by Commissioner Taylor. Carried unanimously.

B. Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Application and Resolution 2019-05

Commissioner Fiala moved to approve the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Application and Resolution 2019-05. Second by Commissioner McDaniel. Carried unanimously.

C. Approve Use of SU “Box” Funds to Cover Cost Over-Run on Financial Project Number 4350131, “ITS Integrated/Standardized Network Communication.”

Ms. McLaughlin - Current and more up-to-date cost estimates brought the project in at a higher cost. Funds are available to cover the additional project cost. By Board policy this item is being brought to the Board for discussion. The original estimate was \$850,000. The project came in at \$258,409 over the estimated cost. If approved, FDOT would use the remainder of the MPO FY19 SU "Box" funds [\$37,268] and \$221,141 from FY20 leaving a balance of \$505,468. The proposal meets the eligibility criteria - FDOT recommended this project be considered, and Collier County can meet the deadlines.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the use of SU "Box" Funds to Cover Cost Over-Run on Financial Project Number 4350131, "ITS Integrated/Standardized Network Communication." Second by Councilwoman Middlestaedt. Carried unanimously.

D. Approve Joint FDOT-MPO Joint Certification Statement

Ms. McLaughlin - MPO Board approval is needed for the Chair to sign the annual Joint MPO/FDOT Certification Statement. FDOT has made the determination that Collier MPO's documentation is in order and is considered to be low risk. Under noteworthy practices and achievements, staff has expanded efforts in public engagement and collaboration with partner agencies, examples include collaborating with the City of Naples and the NPC on the bike tourism map, recently completing the Golden Gate Walkability Study, and the completion of the new Public Participation Plan and Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the Joint FDOT-MPO Certification Statement. Second by Councilwoman Middlestaedt. Carried unanimously.

10. Presentations (May Require Board Action)

A. FDOT SR29 Oil Well Rd to SR82 Project Development and Environmental Study (PD&E) Update

Ms. Gwen Pipkin presented the PowerPoint "SR29 Project Development & Environment Study" highlighting:

- A public hearing was held on Nov. 15, 2018 to present the preferred alternative. The preferred alternative included:
 - 4 lane divided highway from north to south
 - Reconfigured signalized intersection where 29 meets Westclox and at CR 846
 - Adding roundabout at SR 29 and SR 82
 - Reconfigured signalized intersection where the new alignment of SR 29 meets the existing SR 29 north of Westclox Street/New Market Road
 - Roundabout at SR 29 and SR 82
- 64 citizens attended the public hearing.
- A petition with over 1,000 signatures requesting a crosswalk at the intersection of Westclox by the hospital area.
- Other comments were received regarding Preferred Alternative, bike / pedestrian accommodations, support/opposition of roundabout at SR29 and Westclox St, and impacts for property owners on parcels.
- Immediate actions that were taken after the meeting: adjustment of roadway alignment to avoid impacts to airport park and reviewed pedestrian crossing options for Westclox.
- Total costs estimated at \$166,736,000.
- Traffic operations evaluating interim intersection improvements at SR 29 and Westclox Street.
- On July 18th the SR 82 project from Gator Slough Rd. to SR 29 to add a roundabout will be let.

Commissioner McDaniel – What provisions are made for pedestrians crossing at a roundabout? **Ms. Pipkin** - Modern roundabouts have an entry that is queued off to the right. There is an entry on the roundabout that has a crosswalk. Pedestrians only cross one direction at a time. It is a two-phase move for pedestrians.

Ms. Brown - Pleased with the aggressive action that is being taken regarding Immokalee. Recommends installing a right merge lane on SR 29 and 82 that goes south into Immokalee and a west merge lane for SR 82 and SR 29 to alleviate traffic. Agrees with Commissioner McDaniel and does not feel a roundabout is safe for a heavy commercial traffic at a big intersection. Inquired about an overpass for better traffic fluidity and asked if it is possible to change at this stage.

Commissioner McDaniel - The project is scheduled to be let on July 18th and the roundabout is part of the project. He has researched roundabouts and the number of crashes may not go down, but the number of fatalities is reduced significantly.

Ms. Brown – When will the red light at SR 29 and Westclox be installed? **Ms. Pipkin** is following up on that item. The traffic signal is one of the options to address the issues. **Ms. Brown** would like to see improvements before season starts again. **Commissioner McDaniel** is working with the private sector to help identify funding for the project.

B. Draft FY2020 – FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Eric Ortman presented the PowerPoint “*FY2020- FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program*” highlighting:

- TIP divided into three sections, projects divided into nine different sections
- Total funding increased by 24% from \$398 M to \$493 M
- Majority of funding will go to Highway and Maintenance
- All Transportation Performance Measures and Targets will be included in TIP with Consensus Planning Document
- Appendix has been added
- GIS maps produced, clearer and more accurate than Google Earth
- Major Projects include:
 - Widening Projects-
 - SR82: SR29 to Hendry Co Line
 - SR 29: Oil Well Rd to Hendry Co Line
 - Resurfacing Projects-
 - I-75: Toll Booth to Broward Co: CST FY22
 - US41: CTS in FY 21,22,23
 - Major Interchange Project
 - I-75 @ SR951; CST FY24
 - New Projects and Major Added Phases-
 - 16th St Bridge: New Bridge
 - I-75@Pine Ridge: PD&E
 - Airport Rd: Adding Thru Lanes
 - SR951: Tower Rd to Manatee Rd
 - Bike/Ped Projects Funded for Construction

Commissioner McDaniel – There is an item later in the agenda regarding the City of Naples not pursuing the Beach Access Sidewalk Project, however the project is still in the draft TIP.

Ms. McLaughlin - City of Naples has submitted an official request to remove the project. It takes a while to go through the FDOT internal process. It is still shown in their Work Program, but an amendment should be presented sometime in the near future. **Ms. Peters** explained the project could not be fully removed due to the money that has been spent on the project. It must stay this year in the TIP because of the funding spent on the design phase. However next year the construction phase will be removed. It may not show up as an amendment, but it should not appear in next year's work program.

Commissioner McDaniel - Regarding SR29& SR 82, The priority should be put where people are in fact traveling.

Secretary Nandam - The north segment is part of the work program for construction because it is a very small segment. The project is less than \$9 million. The segment mentioned by Commissioner McDaniel is still the priority.

Commissioner McDaniel – Projects where people are traveling should be given priority. It is imperative due to the many fatal accidents that have happened over the years.

Councilman Hutchison - Project 4404371 described as a sidewalk/bike lane project on South Golf Drive, from Gulf Shore Blvd to US 41 (running down south side of Naples Beach Hotel and golf course). Councilman Hutchison inquired about how that work would correspond with the work being done on the hotel project. **Ms. McLaughlin** stated that the MPO staff will check with City of Naples Streets and Drainage Department staff, agreeing that coordination is needed because of this new development.

Councilman Hutchison - There are 50 to 60 vehicles parked in the right of way on various days. Is there a plan to limit parking or provide notice that parking is not allowed? Overwhelming number of vehicles park on that right-of-way close to the beach; need to plan to accommodate that or provide public notice that parking is not allowed. Water quality is very important to this state, there should be a reconsideration or alternative to pouring concrete so close to a large body of water. **Ms. McLaughlin** will reach out to City of Naples staff and request a presentation since this is going to be a locally-led project.

Councilman Hutchison - Is any work planned on US 41 from Golden Gate Parkway to 5th Ave., such as infrastructure improvements, road changes, lane diets? **Secretary Nandam** - There is a drainage/infrastructure issue on that segment of US41. FDOT is working on identifying funding to rebuild the drainage on US 41. Currently, FDOT is performing a study taking into account the goals of the City of Naples and Collier County. A time frame for this project has not yet been identified.

Councilman Hutchinson - Why is the project not in the current Work Program if it is being studied now and what category of project does this fall under? **Secretary Nandam** - The study is being done by in-house design consultants; the type of project cannot be defined until the study is completed.

Councilwoman Middelstaedt - Regarding Part 5 City of Everglades, packet page 328 - Everglades City has discovered a document that states the County is responsible for the maintenance of 29 (surfacing, signage, striping) and the City's responsibility is maintenance of landscaping on the median. There have been 3 nearly fatal accidents on the roadway. The City has been reviewing the issues from a liability standpoint and has discovered this document. The agreement will be brought to the County soon. MPO needs to be aware. **Mr. Ortman** - A CAC member from Everglades City brought this

issue to attention at CAC meeting. **Ms. McLaughlin** - The MPO is deferring to Collier County to do the research. The results can be brought to the MPO.

Commissioner Solis – Asked about the status of the widening of Vanderbilt Beach Road (VBR) east of Goodlette to 41. **Ms. Scott** stated that the project is within the 5-year work program and design has begun.

C. FDOT Statutory Formula Report

Ms. Peters presented and explained the FDOT Statutory Formula Report contained in the packet. Key points included:

- This Statutory Formula Equation is not a true reflection on how the Department distributes funding; these numbers only represent the funds that the Department is required to provide 80% on.
- Collier County is healthy, looking at total funds
- The goal is to reach out and to collaborate with local partners.

D. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Kick-off Presentation

Ms. Jones presented the PowerPoint “*Envision 2045 Collier MPO Long Range Transportation plan*” highlighting:

- Purpose of the 2045 LRTP
- 2045 LRTP Requirements
- Planning Emphasis Areas that must be addressed
- Differences with the LRTP compared to the 2040 Opportunity for public input and outreach
- 2045 LRTP Schedule
- 2045 LRTP Goals

Ms. Jones asked the Board for their vision related to growth and the future transportation system in Collier County.

Councilman Hutchison - UBER made its initial public offering. What will be different, in terms of planning for autonomous vehicles, that will be fundamentally different to accommodate those kinds of changes? **Ms. Jones** It is difficult to predict how it will look in the future. There is policy in place that allows for the testing of autonomous vehicles. It will be a while before anything is implemented on the roadway network. There are several ongoing studies and as information becomes available, the Board will be updated. **Councilman Hutchison** asked if traffic will be mitigated to some extent or will it be a wash with population growth. **Ms. Jones** There is a potential for more vehicles in the future.

Secretary Nandam - The industry is still trying to figure out what the change will mean. FDOT has issued policy direction on how to incorporate the technology into the planning process for the 2045 LRTP. The 2045 LRTP update will not give the clear vision as to what it will look like in the future. FDOT is focused on testing technology. The real impact will occur at the land-use planning level. With autonomous vehicle markets working the way they do, the way land use planning is done will be completely different particularly in determining the number of parking spaces needed. The impact to traffic infrastructure will also be different. Over the next five to ten years, the land use changes will be identified, and what the impact of those changes are to the infrastructure will be evaluated.

Councilman Brechnitz – Suggested reviewing studies completed by Tesla and other communities that have already begun to plan for autonomous vehicles.

Commissioner McDaniel – LRTP is completed every 5 years. The goal is to adjust the needs with the circumstances that are currently prevalent as the plan is updated. Tennessee and Louisiana are building 100-mile segments of automated connected vehicle infrastructure now. The studies are showing that there may be as much as a 30% reduction of cars in the future.

E. Naples Beach Access sidewalk projects No. 4371851

Ms. McLaughlin - Presented an update on the Naples Beach Access sidewalk project. City Council voted to deny a maintenance agreement for the project and requested the project be terminated. She wanted to discuss what can be done to try to avoid having projects incur costs and then have the project dropped for one reason or another. Explained it could be because the project was not scoped properly, lacked feasibility, community changes, and then projects get dropped after spending time and money in planning. Referred to letter submitted by Mr. Greg Strakaluse that is in the packet. Explains what happened at length. MPO staff will discuss possible preventative measures with the advisory committees. As projects move forward, there may be a mechanism to have the agency requesting funding check in with their governing body to ensure there is still support for the projects.

Secretary Nandam - The MPO has limited resources and over \$400k was spent on design. There is a reason the Work Program is brought to the committees and the Board. When the Work Program is brought forward, it's a good time to comment on projects, not only the new 5th year but the 4 preliminary years as well.

Councilman Hutchison - The project was first conceived over 5 years ago. **Ms. McLaughlin** explained that the process is to program projects in the new 5th year of the work program. In addition, there is a lag between design and construction of 2 years. **Councilman Hutchison** - Effective communication to the people who are involved and to the people who are affected would help alleviate these types of circumstances. In a 10-year span much is changed. In the last few years water quality has become very important and this project was very close to a large body of water.

Councilman Buxton - No one wants unnecessary spending. The makeup of people living in the area has changed by 80%. The taxpayers that now live in that location came to the Council and demanded this project not go through.

Secretary Nandam – The MPO needs to figure out the effective communication strategy for all the projects and make sure that the MPO prioritization process keeps that in mind so that educated decisions can be made on where to continue spending resources.

Councilman Hutchison - Build in the infrastructure piece that points us back to effective communication.

Commissioner McDaniel – Many people don't understand the length of time that projects take to complete. Projects are easily 7 or 8 years out once they are initiated. Communication is imperative to educate the public on the process.

F. Draft 2019 Project Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin - Priorities are still being vetted by the advisory committees. The Board will be asked to adopt priorities at the June meeting. When these projects are brought to the Board, staff wants to ensure that the projects are doable, feasible, and desired. Presented the draft priorities in the packet. Regarding new Highway Priority – MPO staff suggested adding Corkscrew Road to the

Highway priorities list as a safety project. Collier County's engineering group recommended this proposal.

Commissioner Taylor – Question about the proposed diverging diamond on Pine Ridge Rd. **Ms. Scott** - This priority is only for the I-75 interchange area. The amount shown is only a cost estimate. \$31 million in funding included as part of the County's sales tax referendum. The County is working with FDOT to bridge the funding gap. The PD&E will begin around October 1st and hopefully validate the County's previous study that shows the diverging diamond would work. This still needs to remain a priority so FDOT can come to the table and partner with the County to complete the corridor.

Commissioner McDaniel – Corkscrew Road is already in process. **Ms. Scott** - Collier County has developed construction drawings. The road is in both Collier County and Lee County. Collier County has been trying to partner with Lee County to have them come up with their half of the funding. Collier County has requested safety funds from FDOT, but there are strict eligibility criteria for safety funding. This will give it another avenue to potentially receive funding.

Ms. McLaughlin - Summarized the remaining priorities.

Councilman Hutchinson – Questioned how projects get on lists. **Ms. McLaughlin** - Agency staff submitted projects for funding. **Councilman Hutchinson** – There are issues with Lake Park Elementary and congestion. Cars are queuing onto Goodlette-Frank Road and causing an issue. **Ms. McLaughlin** – Evaluating the queuing at schools is part of the Transportation System Performance Report project that is just getting underway.

Ms. McLaughlin – Continued presenting priorities. There have been adjustments and updates to the Transportation Regional Incentive Program priorities. Strategic Intermodal System has no changes. The Transit Priority list has just been received by Collier County and will be taken to advisory committees.

Commissioner McDaniel – Would like to see a partial interchange at Vanderbilt and I-75 brought into the priority list at some point. Would be a huge benefit to the community. Noted that comments are needed by next week in order to be included in the priorities for adoption.

11. Distribution Items

None.

12. Member Comments

Commissioner Solis - My understanding is that the interchange at Vanderbilt & I-75 has been looked at and that there were certain restrictions that may or may not make it feasible. Secretary Nandam - A planning level analysis has been incorporated into the PD&E Study for I-75. The answer on that study would hopefully be available sooner than five years. **Commissioner Solis** - requested that the presentation explaining the MPO, FDOT and local agency project funding and planning process be given again. **Ms. McLaughlin** – Staff will coordinate with FDOT so the presentation will be given in June.

Commissioner McDaniel - There has been a change in the dynamic between school planning and road infrastructure. With the 'School Choice' option, parents can choose their child's school and drive the students, potentially adding to the number of vehicles on the roadway. There has been no cost-consideration for the impacts on our infrastructure to support the intensity of what is transpiring with

schools. Would like to see the MPO make some suggestions and adjustments with regards to the impact fees that schools collect, and potentially having a portion of those fees set aside to assist with planning, engineering, future development, and construction costs. Lee County School District offers school choice, but they bus their students. The school bus systems have around 10 thousand route trip changes a year. Going forward this will need to be addressed.

Councilman Hutchison - The safety of our children and the ones who are transporting them should be important to our community and the MPO. The TIP 2020-2024 draft described 10 planning factors, one of which is to increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users. A project called Vision Zero has been adopted which calls for zero fatalities, zero serious injuries, etc. Heart attacks are often covered up by the trauma resulting from vehicle accidents. There is a network of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in the City of Naples. There is an opportunity to extend the knowledge of A.E. D's and their locations and abilities to save lives in the most heavily traveled roadways in Collier County. Would like staff to explore the merit of adding AED signage to FDOT assets along highways and appropriate bicycle/pedestrian pathways in Collier County. Asked that through a consensus decision from the MPO Board, the Executive Director and FDOT be directed to review the merits of increasing the safety of Collier transportation system by incorporating A.E.D wayfinding signage at appropriate locations. Could be reviewed?

Secretary Nandam – Vision Zero is a goal that is adopted by FDOT. It is a systems based approach. However, wayfinding signage is a local community initiative. FDOT will be a partner, but it should be a local effort.

Councilman Hutchinson – Suggested adding it to the same signs advertising food and gas on I-75.

Councilman Buxton - Make this an agenda item in September.

13. Next Meeting Date

Regular Meeting – June 14, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

14. Adjourn

With no further comments Councilman Buxton adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.