

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

TAC Members Present

Lorraine Lantz, *Chair*, Collier County Transportation Planning Manager

Alison Bickett, *Vice-Chair*, City of Naples

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

Dan Lammers (*for John Lambcke*), Collier Schools Transportation

Dave Rivera, City of Naples

Don Scott, Lee MPO (*arrived during item 6.B.*)

Harry Henkel, City of Everglades

Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Omar De Leon, Public Transit Manager, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)

TAC Members Absent

Justin Martin, City of Marco Island

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

Others Present

Victoria Peters, FDOT Community Liaison

Felicia Kirby, Jacobs Engineering

Sonal Dodia, Jacobs Engineering

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Henkel moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the January 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Bickett moved to approve the January 22, 2024 meeting minutes. Ms. Wuerstle seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. **Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda**

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters said that FDOT was working with MPOs on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) deadlines. She said that 2024 Legislative earmarks approved by the Governor will come out of the transportation trust fund and FDOT will adjust funding for projects in the Draft FY 25-29 Work Program accordingly. FDOT is working with Collier County on addressing safety concerns at the intersection of Oil Well Rd and S.R. 29 by installing flashing “stop ahead” lights, rumble strips and other signage. Commissioner McDaniel requested nighttime lighting at the intersection and FDOT recommended including that in the MPO’s annual List of Project Priorities this year. Ms. Lantz noted that the County is reviewing several development proposals at or near the intersection and asked that the MPO coordinate with County Transportation Planning.

B. MPO Executive Director

None.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Endorse addition of Golden Gate Pkwy/Livingston Rd Intersection Design to the Joint Lee/Collier Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project Priority List for 2024

Ms. McLaughlin said that the purpose of the proposal was to provide an improved intersection at Golden Gate Parkway and Livingston Road by designing an intersection that optimizes traffic flow, reduces delays, and improves the roadway network. The County was submitting an application to FDOT to meet the March 29, 2024, deadline FDOT established for new TRIP and County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) priorities for FY 2030. The project is consistent with the MPO’s 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Cost Feasible Plan. The addition of the project is being considered by Lee County MPO’s advisory committees which would be shared and brought to TAC for endorsement at a later date. She said this was a request for the Committee to endorse the addition of the Golden Gate Pkwy/Livingston Rd intersection design as part of the 2024 TRIP Priority list.

Ms. Lantz said the County was working on a scope for the corridor study for an improved intersection. The study results would include a recommendation for an improved intersection and the County was asking for funding for design.

A group discussion followed, and it was agreed there was a need for this project to be prioritized.

***Mr. Rivera** moved to endorse addition of Golden Gate Pkwy/Livingston Rd Intersection Design to the Joint Lee/Collier Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project Priority List for 2024, and **Mr. Hall** seconded. Carried unanimously.*

B. Review Draft FY 25/26 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. McLaughlin said the item was being presented for the Committee to review the Draft FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP sets forth the MPO’s budget for activities and studies expected to be undertaken for a two-year period, beginning July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2026. FDOT required a draft UPWP submittal for review and comment by March 15, 2024, and a final version by May 15, 2024. Staff was requesting that the Committee review the draft UPWP. The final UPWP would be presented for Committee endorsement in April.

***Ms. McLaughlin** provided a presentation prepared by Collier MPO Senior Planner, Dusty Hansen, which can be viewed in the [March 25, 2024 TAC Agenda](#), and announced that Ms. Hansen invited Committee members to submit any questions or comments to her by April 8, 2024.*

This item was presented for review only.

C. Endorse Amendment to the TAC Bylaws

Ms. McLaughlin said the item was being presented to update agency representation for the Collier County Transportation Management Services Department (TMSD) in the TAC Bylaws, in response to TMSD’s request to change the TAC Bylaws to reflect the Department’s new organizational structure. Staff recommended that the Committee endorse the proposed amendment to the TAC Bylaws.

Ms. Lantz noted that the Congestion Management Committee had also had structure change implemented from the TMSD reorganization and due to the restructuring of both Committees, **Mr. Hall** would be moving from TAC to CMC as the Collier County Traffic Operations and safety representative, and that a representative from the Collier County Growth Management Department Community Planning & Resiliency Division would be joining TAC to participate in considering the local infrastructure and long-range planning discussions.

***Ms. Bickett** made a recommendation to change one of the City of Naples representative titles from Planning to Traffic Operations. Staff confirmed the TAC Bylaws would be revised to reflect this change.*

***Mr. Rivera** moved to endorse the Amendment to the TAC Bylaws with the amended City of Naples representative title change and **Mr. De Leon** seconded. Carried unanimously.*

8. Reports and Presentation (May Require Committee Action)

A. Draft Report on the Collier Area Transit Regional Service and Regional Fare Study

Ms. Kirby and Ms. Dodal provided a presentation on the Collier Area Transit Regional Service and Regional Fare Study. The information presented in the study can be viewed in the [March 25, 2024 TAC Agenda](#).

A group discussion followed about the different ways to facilitate public involvement, e.g., surveys which include multiple choice questions as well as write-in opportunities, public forums, and surveying citizens at local public events.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Scott announced that there was going to be a PD&E public hearing in the Lee County/Collier Urban area regarding the U.S. 41 and Bonita Beach Road intersection, and that on Friday, Lee MPO Board gave the Lee MPO staff direction to prioritize the Trust for Public Land's Bonita-Estero Rail Trail project.

Ms. Bickett announced that the City of Naples had elected three new city council members and that Mayor Teresa Heitmann had been reelected as mayor.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

April 22, 2024, 9:30 a.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg. Main Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.