

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
ZOOM PLATFORM  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 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  
Russell Tuff, Vice-Chair, District III  
Tammie Pernas, Everglades City  
Suzanne Cross, City of Naples  
Fred Sasser, City of Naples  
Karen Homiak, District I  
Rick Hart, Persons with Disabilities  
George Dondanville, At-Large  
Bob Melucci, District IV  
Dennis DiDonna, At-Large

**CAC Members Absent**

Josh Rincon, Representative of Minorities  
Pam Brown, District V  
Robert Phelan, Marco Island

**MPO Staff**

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

**Others Present**

Tara Jones, Jacobs Engineering  
Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering  
Kyle Purvis, FDOT  
Victoria Peters, FDOT  
Lawrence Massey, FDOT  
Trinity Scott, Collier County

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County  
Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – FDOT has requested that Item 8 A. (Presentation on SIS 2045 Cost Feasible Plan) be moved to an earlier position on the agenda due to scheduling commitments. This will allow them to still give their presentation to the committee.

*Mr. Tuff moved to approve the agenda with the request to move item 8.A. to an earlier position on the agenda. Ms. Pernas seconded. Carried unanimously.*

### **4. Approval of the January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**

*Mr. Tuff moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Pernas seconded. Carried unanimously.*

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

N/A.

### **6. Agency Updates**

#### **A. FDOT**

**Ms. Peters** – doing constructability reviews. New program cycle is FY2022-2026. Majority of funding is going to bike/ped projects. FDOT engineers coordinating with agencies. Could be moving projects around with possibility of funding. I-75 Managed Lanes Connect Study is being rescheduled for public comment (east of Collier Blvd. to Bayshore Road). Progress can be tracked at [swflinterstates.com](http://swflinterstates.com). **Mr. Tuff** – mentioned the announcement from Gov. DeSantis regarding the I-4 interstate expansion. **Ms. Peters** – explained the announcement and encouraged everyone to also visit [swflroads.com](http://swflroads.com) pertaining to ongoing projects. **Mr. Gelfand** – inquired about projects being reduced due to COVID-19 pandemic. **Ms. Peters** – did not believe that anything has been affected but will check into it.

#### **B. MPO Executive Director**

No formal update.

### **\*\*8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)\*\* per agenda approval vote**

#### **A. FDOT Presentation on SIS 2045 Cost Feasible Plan**

**Mr. Massey** – presentation provided in agenda packet. Discussed draft Strategic Intermodal System (“SIS”) 2045 Cost Feasible Plan (“CFP”). Recommends providing update on a yearly basis instead of every 5 years. SIS covers priority transportation facilities including airports, spaceports, seaports, freight, passenger rail and bus terminals, rail corridors, waterways, and highways. Purpose of SIS CFP is to balance SIS needs with future revenues and comply with

Florida statutes. Development of phased financial plan for projects to ensure consistency with goals of Florida Transportation Plan (“FTP”). Extensive presentation including background information of SIS, goals and objectives, and proposed development of programs. Specific focus on 2045 SIS CFP Update Process with slides providing detailed information on progress. Explained how projects are selected and the requisite evaluation criteria. Demonstrated updated timeline through 2020 on goals and objectives. Currently 9 projects within Collier MPO region. Requested feedback on candidate projects using a survey link – end date for survey is 6/19/20. Survey results will be provided in the fall update and which projects were selected. FDOT will present to MPO Board on June 12, 2020.

## **7. Committee Action**

### **A. Endorse 2020 Project Priorities**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – discussed 2020 Bicycle Pedestrian Priorities as ranked by BPAC. 100% of annual SU allocation equals approximately \$4.1 million. Currently planning 5 years out for FY 2026. Discussed materials and presentation included in agenda packet. Highest scored projects are prioritized. First year funding request is approximately \$2.9 million. Total estimated project costs are approximately \$13 million. **Mr. Gelfand** – the detail on the 2020 Collier MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Priorities chart indicates the represented District of the project, which is very helpful.

**Ms. McLaughlin** - Initiated discussion on 2020 Bridge Priorities chart (in agenda packet). Data was obtained from County’s 2008 East of 951 Bridge Study. The LRTP sets the process for everything that follows. Priority 1 bridge is 16<sup>th</sup> Street NE, south of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, is scheduled for construction at \$4.9 million in 2022 per Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Priority 2 bridge is 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, west of Everglades Blvd. PD&E is completed. Continued discussion regarding 2020 Congestion Management Project Priorities. MPO board established policy of programming SU funds on a rotating 5-year basis: 2 year-bike/ped, 2-year congestion, 1-year bridge. Partnership with FDOT and all congestion management priority projects are funded within TIP. **Mr. Sasser** – inquired about striping project at Golden Gate Parkway and 41 - does not involve paving? **Ms. McLaughlin** – project has changed. Was submitted as striping project but FDOT reviews all projects for construction viability. FDOT determined that an additional lane could not be added without taking more of the right-of-way and that requires reconstruction of intersection. **Mr. Dondanville** – mentioned concerns about high rate of accidents and near misses regarding the intersection, especially for vehicles leaving shopping center and traveling north on 41. Suggested reviewing the striping patterns on the current roadway and making improvements. **Ms. McLaughlin** – intersection is currently scheduled for preliminary engineering in FY2023 and design would be part of that phase. Will take comments to FDOT (**Ms. Peters**) and let designers know that there are serious concerns. **Ms. Peters** – will put a note on the project file so that FDOT is aware of issue before it goes to designers.

**Ms. McLaughlin** – discussed 2020 Transit Priorities as shown in agenda packet materials. First 10 projects listed on chart are operational improvements that cannot be funded with MPO’s SU allocation but are listed to possibly obtain other funding sources including grants. Items 11-14 are transit asset management projects. MPO Board (in 2018) adopted transit performance measures

and targets but needs to demonstrate how project priorities are meeting goals. Projects are prioritized beyond SU dollars that can be picked up for transit.

**Ms. McLaughlin** – discussed connection between the 2040 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan and the Priorities for Highway Projects and MPO Priority Safety Projects (chart provided in agenda packet). US 41 and Goodlette project has been on list for intersection improvements and FDOT is now studying traffic patterns. **Ms. Cross** – inquired about making any transportation decisions and collecting data post-COVID (because traffic volume would have been much lower). **Ms. McLaughlin** – FDOT collected the data prior to COVID. **Ms. Peters** – FDOT would not do traffic studies during that time. **Ms. McLaughlin** – Corkscrew Road was prioritized and programmed to receive funds for construction in FY 2021 and 2024. Also, US 41 from Greenway Road to 6 L Farm Road is new project on the list, based on 2040 LRTP. Will begin working on the 2050 LRTP plan in FY2024-2025 at a cost of \$600,000. Also mentioned Joint Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities for Lee and Collier that have their own evaluation criteria.

*Mr. Tuff moved to endorse the 2020 Project Priorities. Mr. Sasser seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **B. Endorse FY2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – extensive discussion concerning TIP presentation included in agenda packet (7B Attachment). Meetings scheduled to discuss draft issued in February were cancelled due to COVID-19. Updated February version to current date [April snapshot FDOT Work Program] including reductions in project costs and correcting scrivener’s and typographical errors. See chart in agenda packet. Added one additional project – Immokalee widening of SR 29 to include bypass. Overview of contents of TIP and explanation of project criteria selection process.

*Mr. Tuff moved to endorse the FY2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Hart seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **C. Endorse Public Participation Plan Amendment**

**Ms. McLaughlin** – lengthy discussion and presentation concerning Public Participation Plan (“PPP”). Revisions were proposed to include language from state statutes and federal/state land management agencies to provide for national disasters/states of emergency due to pandemics, acts of terrorism, etc. Prior PPP addressed emergency situations such as deadlines and hurricanes. Newer insertions required reopening public comment period for additional 45 days. Very comprehensive and significant changes were inserted in PPP for review. Special provisions for public involvement during emergency similar to COVID pandemic. Followed FHWA guidance and recommendations in drafting language for insertion. **Mr. Gelfand** – asked for clarification as to whether public participation has increased as a result of the PPP and if there is a metric that is used to gauge participation. **Ms. McLaughlin** – PPP was adopted in 2019 and reports are given to Board annually. Relatively new plan so not too many statistics available, however, use of social media to increase public awareness demonstrated by over 2,000 responses to congestion survey and advisor network growing from 50 to over 400 individuals.

*Mr. Tuff moved to endorse the Public Participation Plan Amendment. Ms. Cross seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **D. Provide Input on 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Scenario Planning**

**Ms. Jones** – presentation concerning 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (“LRTP”). Must be adopted by the Board by December 20, 2020. Currently in Phase II (Scenario Planning) (referring to presentation/plan materials in agenda packet). Phase III is Needs and Cost Feasible Plan. Socio economic data is used to determine goals and objectives of plan. **Ms. Cross** – is data available for review. **Ms. Jones** – memo in January summarized methodology with maps indicating results from data analysis. **Ms. McLaughlin** – used County Interactive Growth Model which has locally adopted zoning, master plans, comprehensive plans, and land policies of various entities including City of Naples, Marco Island and Collier County. MPO did not make assumptions. Brief discussion concerning data used and relied upon to prepare assumptions and projections of growth. **Ms. Jones** – continuing presentation. Coordinating with FDOT in sharing information and data to prepare drafts that are eventually brought to the CAC committee. Using chart in agenda packet to explain Alternatives 1-5 plan for progress status. Primarily capacity projects and highway plans. Alternative 1 plan is adopted 2040 LRTP and network with 2045 socio economic data. Alternative 2 is list of proposed needs/financially unconstrained projects. Alternative 3 is final needs plan. Alternative 4 is draft cost feasible. **Ms. McLaughlin** – reviewed maps showing traffic data and proposed improvements. **Ms. Jones** – Existing + Committed maps were developed around June 2019. Maps included in agenda packet were initially drafted 3/13/20, showed updated 4/23/20 version. Brief discussion concerning highlighting specific projects to be completed. **Ms. McLaughlin** – TAC decided this morning to meet during summer months to further discuss projects and developing network scenarios. Certain benchmarks are due in summer months and meeting cancellations have delayed action on plans. **Mr. DiDonna** – inquired about alternative road options including a bypass and autonomous vehicles (specifically referring to Sawgrass Parkway in Ft. Lauderdale). Extensive discussion regarding alternatives to road construction including transportation other than vehicles, building alternate roads to accommodate traffic, mass transit systems, etc. **Mr. Gramer** – there are a limited amount of options for expanding traffic system but alternatives including park-and-ride and additional roadway connections are being considered.

**Ms. Cross** – inquired about scheduling meeting dates during summer to discuss continuing projects. Most attendees were interested in virtual meeting opportunity. **Ms. McLaughlin** – will work with committee members to schedule meetings in June, July, and August on a virtual basis.

#### **E. Endorse Collier County National Highway System (NHS) Justification Report and SR 82 NHS Justification Report**

**Mr. Purvis** – gave presentation on National Highway System (“NHS”) Justification Report and explained modifications to report. NHS consists of arterials throughout United States as well as intermodal facility connectors. Used charts in presentation materials in agenda packet. Removed projects on NHS Changes slide except for SR 82, which was added. Other projects around Airport Pulling were eliminated due to low enplanement data based on FHWA review. **Ms. Gelfand** –

questioned significant drop in enplanement data. **Mr. Purvis** – decrease was noted and will get more information to explain/share. Continuing presentation – SR 82 from Hendry County line to Collier County. Approval of modification to plan will assist FDOT in recommendation to FHWA and will enhance NHS network connectivity within Collier County and region. **Mr. Dondanville** – inquired about benefit of being on NHS system. **Mr. Purvis** – additional funding is available on system. Brief discussion regarding pros and cons to participating in plan.

*Mr. Tuff moved to endorse the Collier County National Highway System Justification Report and SR 82 NHS Justification Report. Mr. Sasser seconded. Passed unanimously.*

## **9. Member Comments**

**Mr. Sasser** – confirmed that he would like to participate in virtual summer meetings.

## **10. Distribution Items**

None.

## **11. Next Meeting Date**

*August 31, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.  
2885 Horseshoe Drive South, Main Conference Room*

*\*\*Summer meeting dates to be TBD.*

## **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 3:30 pm.*