

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the  
COLLIER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 2020 9:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Ms. Lantz** called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Ms. McLaughlin** called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

**TAC Members Present**

Lorraine Lantz, Chair, Collier County Transportation Planning (Chair)  
Michelle Arnold, PTNE  
Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations  
Ute Vandersluis, City of Naples Airport Authority  
Justin Lobb, Collier County Airport Authority  
Don Scott, Lee County MPO  
Daniel Smith, Director of Community Affairs, City of Marco Island  
Andy Holland, City of Naples  
Omar De Leon, PTNE  
April Olson, Conservancy of SW Florida (*non-voting*)

**TAC Members Absent**

Tim Brock, Everglades City  
Tim Pinter, Vice-Chair, City of Marco Island  
Greg Strakaluse, City of Naples  
John Kasten, Collier County School District  
Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

**MPO Staff**

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

**Others Present**

Eric Ortman, Blue Zones (not confirmed)  
Bill Gramer, Jacobs Engineering  
Tara Jones, Jacobs Engineering  
Tom Ross, Jacobs Engineering  
Victoria Peters, FDOT

Kyle Purvis, FDOT  
Lawrence Massey, FDOT, Systems Planning Administrator and SIS Coordinator (joined later)  
Valerie Nowotnick, Minute Taker

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

*Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Arnold seconded. Carried unanimously.*

### **4. Approval of the February 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**

*Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Holland seconded. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

### **6. Agency Updates**

#### **A. FDOT**

**Ms. Peters** – Reviewing draft projects with engineers. Possible programming of projects after review period for FYI 2022-2026. Looking at current Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) projects to see if any can be deferred. Categorizing projects based on necessity (i.e., bridge projects, infrastructure projects, etc.). During quarantine, had public meeting scheduled on I-75 managed lane project from east of Collier Blvd. (Collier County) to Bayshore Road in Lee County. Public meeting was postponed. Swflinterstates.com has progress information on I-75 managed lane studies. Anticipate public hearings will resume once things return to normal.

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** - no formal update. Discussion items are covered in agenda.

### **7. Committee Action**

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** – Requesting endorsement of 2020 project priorities. Bike/ped priority projects are slated to receive 100% of MPO annual SU federal funding for FY 2026, which is approximately \$4.1 million. Based on project phases, first year would be approximately \$2.9 million. Total costs estimated to be \$13 million - on order of three years of SU funding. Gave overview of projects based on chart in agenda packet. Reviewed 2020 bridge priorities (listing in agenda packet). Commissioner McDaniel has frequently requested an update of the bridge study for the project east of 951 in Collier County before any further prioritizations of bridges. **Ms. Lantz** – Collier County is in the process of updating it. Anticipated having study updated before the board meeting in June but cannot do public comment section right now so update may be delayed until August when public meetings can resume. It is re-evaluation of study. **Ms. Peters** – asked for clarification

of “re-evaluation” of current study. **Ms. Lantz** – Collier County did study around 2008 – part of east of 951 horizon study including bridge evaluation/bridge study. This study became part of the long-range plan and those are the bridges discussed. Public outreach is key - transfer of properties within area may require notification to new homeowners of existing bridge study.

**Ms. McLaughlin** - Discussed congestion management project priorities and transit priorities. (See agenda packet for project spreadsheets with specific information). Nothing has really changed except update on FPN numbers and status in current Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”) (draft FY 2021-2025). Requested transit priorities from Collier County and asked **Ms. Arnold** to review and make suggestions. Key topic in TIP – what is MPO doing to support transit asset management. **Ms. Arnold** – gave overview of transit priorities using 2020 Transit Priorities spreadsheet in agenda packet. Items 1-10 are operational items. Historically included because priority lists are funded/unfunded items and shows need for grant applications. Item 11 was added (8300 Radio Road) for maintenance. Item 12 is to enhance accessibility for ADA public. Item 13 is adding bus stops with shelters. **Ms. McLaughlin** – Item 14 was bus replacement and that was completed but required amending list. **Ms. Peters** – asked about transit (Item 12) – estimate 250k enhancing accessibility for ADA – have monies in 2024-2026 – is there a specific year you would need the funds. **Ms. Arnold** – for next couple years, funding would be good for ADA improvements but would like to have a further discussion with FDOT regarding ADA plan and use of funds. Conducted ADA plan and identified bus stops to be ADA accessible. Goal is to have at least 10 done per year. **Ms. McLaughlin** - discussed priorities for highway projects as well as 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (“LRTP”) and MPO Priority Safety Projects (see spreadsheet in agenda packet). Specific project statuses and whether project(s) is still being studied or if it has been converted to FDOT project. **Ms. Peters** – should current LRTP be kept for priority funding. **Ms. McLaughlin** – List should have both LRTPs. Need to keep the current LRTP on as a priority. **Ms. Otero** – once we have closeout and de-obligation, should leave it on as planning priority. **Ms. McLaughlin** – when we go to Board, we will have both on there. **Ms. Peters** – pushing for monies to be available in July or August rather than November. **Ms. McLaughlin** – discussed joint Transportation Regional Improvement Program (“TRIP”) priorities for Lee and Collier per presentation in agenda packet. Updated plan went to Lee County TAC on May 7, 2020, and they voted to endorse. Annotations with information received from Collier County indicating movement of projects and modifying phases. Veterans Memorial Blvd. and Oil Well Road are new projects. **Ms. Lantz** – explained purposes behind modification of TRIP projects and timeline. **Ms. Olson** – asked for clarification on Oil Well Road project being moved up in the schedule. **Ms. Lantz** – not new project – moved to 2024-2025 budget. **Ms. McLaughlin** – error will be corrected. It is not a new project – just being moved to 2024-2025 budget per **Ms. Lantz**.

*Ms. Lantz moved to endorse Project Priorities. Mr. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.*

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** – extensive discussion regarding variances (attachment 1 in agenda packet) from February Snapshot in first draft of the TIP updated in second draft (attachment 2) to match April Snapshot; noted changes in funding plans and errors corrected. Additional correction – SR29 should include Immokalee bypass. Discussed performance measures. **Ms. Arnold** – transit asset

management is required by Federal government. Must identify certain assets including equipment, rolling stock, infrastructure, and facilities. Do not have infrastructure so they are requiring an annual review to determine if goals are being met. **Ms. McLaughlin** – mentioned that City of Naples (Greg Strakaluse) had sent comments - asked about funding allocations in the congestion management section. Was assured by **Ms. Peters** that FDOT is monitoring and future iterations of (FDOT) work program will include those projects.

*Ms. Arnold moved to endorse the FY2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.*

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** – discussed Public Participation Plan (“PPP”) Amendment. Was originally proposed in January/February and went through initial public comment period. Was scheduled to be heard by committees in March and April meetings but were canceled due to COVID-19. Was asked by FDOT and others to amend the PPP to address COVID-19 accommodations. Restarted mandatory 45-day public comment period again which began 4/8/20 and ends 5/22/20. Public comment period will continue beyond 5/22/20 through Board meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Received comment from Ms. Burton who was concerned that adding these special procedures for COVID would eliminate the public comment period on major events. Was assured that MPO would be going to the Board to ratify anything that occurred during emergency situation. Second comment from **Ms. Olson** suggesting that 3 other state agencies should be consulted to review documents. Have contacted those agencies and received response from Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and they want to be involved. Will be added to the PPP amendment that goes to the Board.

**Ms. McLaughlin** continued discussion of PPP presentation in packet. Track changes indicate revisions to document. There will be final cleanup (typographical and non-substantive changes) after comments are received. Requested endorsement with stipulation that, if changes are proposed after public comment period, the plan would be re-presented to committee. Preparing for federal certification in August. **Ms. Lantz** – page 29-31 is where majority of changes are located. Presuming that it is based on guidance from FDOT and FHWA. **Ms. McLaughlin** – we were given recommendations by FHWA and FDOT. Included language to make it relevant to MPO. The suggested changes from FDOT and FHWA in response to COVID-19. Adoption of specific language pertaining to PPP additions should be confirmed with resolution voted on by the Board. No Federal deadlines were moved during pandemic. All requirements pertaining to the TIP and UPWP and other deadlines were expected to still be met by June 2020. **Mr. Scott** – one date pushed forward is the performance measures for transit safety plan by 6 months. **Ms. Arnold** – intends to stay on the original schedule. **Ms. Olson** – revisions very comprehensive - included provisions for not only health emergencies but also internet attacks. **Mr. Scott** – plan is consistent with current standards being implemented.

*Mr. Scott moved to endorse the Public Participation Plan Amendment. Ms. Arnold seconded. Passed unanimously.*

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

**Ms. McLaughlin** – introduced Jacobs Engineering to discuss the draft Long Range Transportation Plan (“LRTP”). **Ms. Jones** – gave lengthy presentation pertaining to 2045 LRTP that will need to be adopted by December 20, 2020 (per presentation included in agenda packet - “White Paper”). Currently working with FDOT in scenario planning phase. In January, provided Socio-Economic Data (“SE Data”) related to Traffic Analysis Zones (“TAZ”), which mapped entire county. TAZ data includes housing units, employment data, hotel/motel and other factors. Reviewed Alternative 1 plan and revised deficient areas in the plan. Should receive results on Alternative 2 plan by June 1. Alternative 3 plan addresses proposed needed, financially unconstrained projects. Alternative 4 will address proposed financially constrained projects. Alternative 5 is revised draft cost feasible network. MPO Final is cost feasible network based. Discussed FDOT-prepared existing and committed network maps showing service volumes and changes between Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 improvements.

**Ms. Olson** – asked about Alternative 1 projects 1-10: will have significant environmental impacts. Agencies have issued letters regarding these projects. At what point will the environmental impact be considered? **Ms. Jones** – Alternative 1 projects are consistent with 2040 needs plan. Projects shown on spreadsheet are not prioritized in any order. Evaluation framework memo was prepared a couple months ago that included goals, objectives, and measures, which included environmental factors. Will be looking at effects at a high level – no field evaluations (next phase) – but will consider wetland and habitat effects and they will be factored into project prioritization. **Ms. Olson** – in what Alternative scenario are you considering the environmental factors? **Ms. Jones** – would be considered in the cost feasible stage. Reviewing needs list right now (traffic congestion, etc.) and connectivity opportunities (emergency response, evacuations, etc.). Around Alternative 4 or 5, the cost feasible stage will be considered. Once results are received from FDOT, projects will be prioritized using the evaluation criteria. Further discussion between **Ms. Olson**, **Ms. Jones** and **Ms. McLaughlin** concerning actual projects on Alternative 2 spreadsheet and clarification of classification of projects. **Mr. Purvis** – offered to work with **Ms. Olson** to answer her specific questions regarding FDOT’s costing tool. **Ms. Lantz** also provided clarification on costing tool. Also mentioned usage of white paper to describe how it is applied to the LRTP. **Ms. Jones** provided further information as to priorities and costing tools.

**Ms. McLaughlin** – asked whether committee would be willing to keep meeting over the summer or staff could convene a working group to meet and go over network alternatives. **Ms. Olson** offered to join the group. **Ms. Arnold** – suggested adding committee meeting dates over summer. **Ms. Lantz** – suggested scheduling another meeting of the committee. **Ms. McLaughlin** – agreed that committee meetings would be preferable to forming a working group. **Ms. Lantz** stated that a quorum needed to be reached for any discussions. **Ms. McLaughlin** – suggested sending possible dates to get availability of committee members during summer. Possibility of holding meetings on last Monday of each month, starting with June 29. **Ms. Jones** – will not have results back on Alternative 4 by June 29. She will send email with schedule dates. **Ms. McLaughlin** – discussed FDOT’s District One 2045 Cost Feasible LRTP Model Development Process and Schedule dated 02/24/20. **Ms. Jones** discussed 2045 Existing and Committed Network for Collier County (p. 11 of presentation) in detail.

**Ms. McLaughlin** – suggested that the meeting has been very long and should wrap up discussions for now and table remaining discussion for next meeting. **Ms. Lantz** – agreed and suggested that discussions continue after **Ms. Jones** provides requested information. **Lawrence Massey (Assistant Planning Administrator FDOT)** – runs are based on socio economic data and reflects growth in certain areas. Suggested that a report be generated to discuss the impacts of those items. **Mr. Smith** – asked **Ms. Jones** about the term “relief” and whether it pertained to only vehicles. **Ms. Jones** – yes, would refer to vehicles only.

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

**Ms. Peters** – introduced **Mr. Purvis** to discuss NHS Modification in Collier County. NHS is federally maintained database of the National Highway System network throughout the country. Primarily arterials and intermodal connections. Reviewed roads in District 1 and created report to submit to FHWA. SR 82 was the only road selected to be added. Other roads were recommendations for deletions. **Mr. Purvis** discussed PowerPoint presentation of roads designated and showed portion of SR82 in Collier County from Hendry County line to SR29. **Ms. Lantz** – asked about Naples airport. **Mr. Purvis** - **Ms. Vandersluis** – will signage remain the same on I-75. **Mr. Purvis** – signage to airport will remain.

*Mr. Scott moved to approve endorsement. Mr. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.*

## **8. Reports and Presentation**

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

**Mr. Massey** – new Strategic Intermodal System Coordinator. Strategic Intermodal System (“SIS”) was established in 2003 to enhance Florida’s mobility and economic competitiveness. **Mr. Massey** gave presentation using Power Point to discuss program objectives.

**Mr. Scott** – asked for clarification about 8 lanes versus 10 lanes in the SR29 corridor within Collier County. **Mr. Massey** – agreed with testing an 8 lane project in that area for the 2045 LRTP. **Ms. Lantz** – asked that the survey link be distributed to the committee members.

## **9. Member Comments**

None.

## **10. Distribution Items**

N/A.

## **11. Next Meeting Date**

*August 31, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.*

*Growth Management Department- Conference Rooms 609/610*

*\*Future dates of meetings to be held in summer months TBD.*

## **12. Adjournment**

*There being no further comment or business to discuss, **Mr. Scott** moved to adjourn. **Mr. Holland** seconded. Unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.*