

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Homiak called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

CAC Members Present

Karen Homiak, *Chair*

Dennis Stalzer

Harry Henkel

Josh Rincon

Kevin Dohm

Michelle Arnold

Misty Phillips

CAC Members Absent

Fred Sasser, *Vice Chair*

Becky Irwin

Dennis DiDonna

Neal Gelfand

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, MPO Executive Director

Dusty Hansen, Senior Planner

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist II

Others Present

Marcellus Evans, FDOT (*arrived during item 7.B.*)

Jeff Jacquin, FDOT Consultant

Nicole Harris, FDOT Project Manager

Katherine Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. **Approval of the April 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Dohm moved to approve the April 28, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Stalzer seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

Mr. Evans reported that pipe and pavement inspections are being made at US 41 and 6th Ave North and ditch line cleaning is being conducted at San Marco Rd and moving north.

B. MPO

Ms. McLaughlin noted this would be the last committee meeting until August and wished everyone a good summer hiatus.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Endorse Annual List of Project Priorities for SU Box Funds and New Bike/Ped Priority

Ms. Hansen explained that the List of Annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP) was previewed at the April 28, 2025 CAC meeting and at the MPO Board meeting in May. The MPO is given approximately \$6.2 million in annual funding from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (SU Box) fund, with \$500,000 in reserve for cost overruns. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's (BPAC) priority project, submitted by the City of Marco Island for a 1.1 mile shared-use path on 6th Avenue and East Elcam, totals \$1.9 million. The proposed LOPP programming in order of priority includes projects deleted from the Draft Tentative Work Program FY26-30, continuing projects from design phase to construction, prioritizing unfunded projects from prior years, and new project priorities. The final draft would be presented at the June 13, 2025 MPO Board meeting for adoption.

Ms. Hansen reviewed the LOPP (which can be viewed in the May 19, 2025 CAC Agenda).

Mr. Dohm moved to endorse the Annual List of Project Priorities for SU Box Funds and New Bike/Ped Priority. Mr. Rincon seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Review and Endorse the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Kingston said that every year the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated and that projects funded for the proposed FY26-30 TIP originated in the MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan. Projects make their way from the LRTP to the TIP through the MPO's annual process of selecting and updating Project Priorities for submission to FDOT's FY26-30 Work Program. The draft FY26-30 TIP was previewed at the April 28, 2025 TAC/CAC meetings and the May 9, 2025 MPO Board meeting. Updates to the TIP include the addition of an MPO Resolution number, updates to the Transportation Disadvantaged section to clarify FY2026 funding, an amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) including the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Plan incorporating the Immokalee Interchange project costs. The LRTP Amendment was awaiting FDOT/FHWA approval.

Mr. Kingston provided a presentation (which can be viewed in May 19, 2025 CAC Agenda).

Mr. Dohm asked what was planned in the TIP for the Everglades City Airport funding and if Ms. McLaughlin knew if the airport would remain open, as he was advocating for it to remain open.

Ms. McLaughlin said the funding in the TIP for the Everglades City Airport is earmarked for maintenance, and as there hadn't been a decision regarding the status of the airport, the airport status had not been considered in the TIP. The Everglades City Airport falls under the jurisdiction of the Collier County Board of County Commissioners and the Federal Aviation Administration, but since the item is transportation funding, if the Committee members desired, a request that the Everglades City Airport remain open could be included in the motion to approve the TIP.

A group discussion followed, and Committee members voiced their support for keeping the Everglades City Airport open.

Ms. Homiak noted a Scrivener's Error of a few pages that were duplicated in the document. Staff confirmed that the error would be corrected.

The committee agreed to make a motion to endorse the TIP with the request to correct a Scrivener's Error and the inclusion of a message to the MPO Board to request that the Everglades City Airport remain open.

Next steps would be MPO Board approval on June 13, 2025 followed by submission to FDOT by the June 30, 2025 deadline.

Mr. Dohm moved to endorse the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program with a request to correct a Scrivener's Error and a message to the MPO Board expressing the Committee's support for keeping Everglades City Airport open and **Mr. Henkel** seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Endorse Amendment 2 to the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Hansen said the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) guides the MPO's budget and planning activities for a two-year period. The current UPWP covers July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. UPWP updates and revisions are a usual part of the process. Amendment 2 to the UPWP includes reallocated funds to FY24/25 for MPO staff salaries and benefits, consultant services and operating expenses, and funds from FY25/26 were reallocated within operating expenses. MPO develops and submits the UPWP to the FHWA, FTA, and FDOT.

Ms. Hansen reviewed Amendment 2 (which can be viewed in May 19, 2025 CAC Agenda).

Amendment 2 to the UPWP would be presented to the MPO Board for approval on June 13, 2025.

***Mr. Henkel** moved to endorse the Amendment 2 to the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program. **Mr. Rincon** seconded. Carried unanimously.*

8 Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. FDOT Presentation on I-75 from Golden Gate Parkway to Corkscrew Road widening and Immokalee Road Interchange Improvements - PD&E Study Update

Mr. Jacquin said he was an FDOT consultant with AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc. and the Deputy Project Manager of FDOT's Project Design and Environmental (PD&E) studies for the 18.5 mile segment of I-75 from north of Golden Gate Parkway in Collier County to south of Corkscrew Road in Lee County and the Immokalee Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). Immokalee Interchange enhancements would improve traffic flow. A recent study resulted in DDI conclusion as the best choice. Construction is anticipated to start March 2027. The I-75 project objectives are to enhance safety and improve mobility along I-75 in Southwest Florida. A traffic noise analysis is included in the study. Construction is planned to move south from 2027-2031. The PD&E public hearing for the project was scheduled for August 14, 2025.

(The full presentation provided by **Mr. Jacquin** can be viewed in May 19, 2025 CAC Agenda.)

Ms. Arnold inquired if there would be any coordination with Transit.

Mr. Jacquin said a coordination meeting with Collier County Transit was forthcoming.

B. MPO Update on Plans Under Development

Mr. Kingston said the MPO plans in process of being updated include the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and its adjunct plans (which will be adopted before the LRTP December 11, 2025 adoption deadline): Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP), and Transit Development Plan (TDP). The 2050 LRTP is being prepared by consultants, Jacobs Engineering and expected summer activities were refining the draft needs list, drafting a Cost Feasible Plan, and continuing Model Run Alternatives. Deliverables would continue to be presented to TAC/CAC and the MPO Board until a December 11, 2025 MPO Board 2050 LRTP adoption.

The CSAP, in development with project consultants TY Lin, anticipated summer activities include a 4th steering committee meeting and 2nd public meeting, as well as a presentation of the draft at the BPAC, TAC/CAC, and MPO Board meetings. A final presentation was anticipated for approval at the October 10, 2025 MPO Board meeting.

The BPMP is being developed with project consultants Capital Consulting. Expected summer activities include a presentation of the draft BPMP for review at the August 19, 2025 BPAC meeting and September 12, 2025 MPO Board meeting, followed by an anticipated October 10, 2025 MPO Board meeting approval.

Ms. Hansen said that the MPO is collaborating with Collier Area Transit (CAT) on the TDP, with consultant, Stantec Consulting – who will be developing revenue and cost estimates through 2050 to provide to Jacobs Engineering for the LRTP. Anticipated summer activities include presentation of the draft TDP at CAT’s Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC) August 20, 2025, TAC/CAC August 25, 2025, the MPO Board September 12, 2025, and the Collier County Board of Commissioners in either September or October 2025.

9 Member Comments

Mr. Stalzer asked **Mr. Evans** when FDOT planned to start the 951 to Golden Gate Pkwy widening/extension project, as a condominium with 250 units was being constructed in the area, and traffic has already been an issue.

Ms. Eastley informed **Mr. Stalzer** that it is a County project.

Mr. Dohm said that at the Marco Island City Council meeting that evening, Police Chief, Tracy L. Frazzano, would be presenting her ideas about addressing e-bikes. **Mr. Dohm** said that once an ordinance passed, education would be important.

10 Distribution Items

C. Collier County Ordinance 2025-22 (Amendment to Collier County Pedestrian Safety Ordinance)

Item was distributed.

11. Next Meeting Date

August 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m. –Transportation Management Services Bldg., South Conference Room, 2885 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL, 34104 – in person.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Homiak adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.