

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Bickett called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

TAC Members Present

Alison Bickett, *Chair*, City of Naples Public Works, Deputy City Engineer

Don Scott, *Vice-Chair*, Lee MPO Executive Director

Bert Miller, Collier County Growth Management Community Planning & Resiliency, Planning Manager

Bryant Garrett, Collier County Airport Authority, Airport Operations, Executive Manager

David Rivera, City of Naples, Traffic Operations Supervisor

John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation Director

Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning, Planner III

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

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority, Senior Airport Development Coordinator

TAC Members Absent

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island, Director of Community Affairs

David Rivera, City of Naples, Traffic Operations Supervisor

Justin Martin, City of Marco Island, Public Works Department Director

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.A.*)

Jeff Jacquin, FDOT Consultant (*arrived during item 7.C.*)

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Garrett moved to approve the agenda. **Mr. Scott** seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Scott moved to approve the April 28, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Garrett seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

Mr. Evans said that there was an investigation underway at US 41 and 6th Ave N to evaluate the pavement and that the pipe inspections at San Marco Rd would continue.

B. MPO

Ms. McLaughlin said there was a draft of policy and strategies for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). The draft will be presented to the Committee once each TAC member has an opportunity to provide individual comments.

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 TAC meeting and is directed by the receipt of \$6.2 million in annual funding from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (SU Box) allocation, less \$500,000 reserved 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 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 TAC Agenda).

A group discussion followed, and the idea that rising costs of construction would need to be considered when the design phase of a project is programmed much earlier than the construction phase. It was noted that some projects were being reprogrammed due to cuts in Carbon Reduction Program (CARB and CARU) funding.

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

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

Mr. Kingston said the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was being updated and that projects funded in the proposed FY26-30 TIP originated in the MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan and was developed by the MPO in cooperation with FDOT. Projects went through the MPO's annual process of selecting and updating Project Priorities and are current with FY26-30 FDOT's 5-year 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.

Noted changes to the TIP include updates to the Transportation Disadvantaged section to add FY2026 funding as well as the amended Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 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 on the TIP (which can be viewed in May 19, 2025 TAC Agenda).

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

***Mr. Garrett** moved to endorse the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. **Mr. Scott** seconded. Carried unanimously.*

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

Ms. Hansen said the MPO develops and submits a two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to the FHWA, FTA, and FDOT that guides the MPO's budget and planning activities. The current UPWP covers July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. 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.

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

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

***Mr. Scott** moved to endorse the Amendment 2 to the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program. **Mr. De Leon** 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 the Deputy Project Manager of FDOT's Project Design and Environmental (PD&E) studies for an 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). The I-75 project objectives are to enhance safety, reduce congestion, and improve mobility along I-75 in Southwest Florida. A traffic noise analysis is included in the study. Immokalee Interchange enhancements would improve traffic flow. 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 TAC Agenda.)

A group discussion followed, and it was mentioned that the Immokalee DDI study included improvements directly affecting the interchange and would improve sidewalks but not add any new sidewalks, that the I-75 South Corridor PD&E was looking to create up to ten lanes with outside lanes dropping off prior to the Corkscrew overpass going northbound, all pond sites would be accommodated within the existing Right of Way (ROW), and that the greatest public concern expressed was the expected noise issues.

Mr. Jacquin said TAC members and Collier County staff could reach out to him with any questions, and that a similar presentation would be presented to the Collier MPO Board on June 13, 2025.

B. MPO Update on Plans Under Development

Mr. Kingston said MPO plans in progress include the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP), and Transit Development Plan (TDP). The 2050 LRTP is being developed with project 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 combined fourth steering committee meeting and second 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. 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. Scott mentioned that in regard to Collier County's recent amendment to its 2022 Pedestrian Safety Ordinance to address e-bikes, the City of Sanibel also announced sidewalk speed limits. Sanibel park rangers monitor speed limits on sidewalks and give warnings, but the Sanibel Police Department would not approve sidewalk ticketing. Most Lee County citizens are concerned about e-bikes and speeding on sidewalks.

Ms. Bickett added that City of Naples citizens are also concerned about e-bikes.

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

12. Adjournment

Ms. Bickett adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.