

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:30 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

Alison Bickett, Vice-Chair, City of Naples

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island (*arrived during 7.A.*)

John Lambcke, Collier Schools Transportation

Justin Martin, City of Marco Island

Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

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

TAC Members Absent

Andrew Bennett, Collier County Airport Authority

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

Dave Rivera, City of Naples

Don Scott, Lee MPO

Ute Vandersluis, Naples Airport Authority

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director

Sean Kingston, Principal Planner

Dusty Siegler, Senior Planner

Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

Others Present

Brian Wells, Director, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE)

Alexander Showalter, Senior Planner, Collier Area Transit (CAT)

Victoria Peters, FDOT Community Liaison

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. De Leon moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the August 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A Scrivener's Error was noted regarding the misspelling of Mr. De Leon's name in one of its entries. Corrected minutes will be the minutes of record.

Ms. Wuerstle moved to approve the August 28, 2023 meeting minutes with this correction. Ms. Bickett seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 1, announces a Public Hearing to present the New Draft Tentative Work Program for 2025-29. New projects, projects that have been advanced, and projects that have been further funded are included. Online public hearing dates will be from October 16-20, 2023. There will be an in-person and virtual public workshop on October 18, 2023, at FDOT from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin: There is an FDOT press conference today at 10:00 a.m. regarding the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative, and it looks like it will be beneficial for District 1.

7. **Committee Action**

A. Endorse Amendment to FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Capital and Operating for Fixed Route Transit)

Mr. Kingston: This is to endorse an Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement (TIP) and authorizing resolution. FDOT has requested the Collier MPO to amend its FY 2024-2028 TIP to add the following projects: 451147-1: Capital for fixed transit route; Project Name: 5310 Capital – Bonita Springs UZA – Collier County BOCC, 451147-2: Operating for fixed transit route; Project Name: 5310 Capital – Bonita Springs UZA – Collier County BOCC, and 451147-3: Capital for fixed transit route; Project Name: 5310 Capital – Bonita Springs UZA – Collier County BOCC. Staff recommends the Committee endorse the Amendment and authorizing resolution.

Mr. De Leon: This is for the purchase of three paratransit vehicles, three radios, and three tablets for vehicles that we requested in 2021.

Mr. De Leon moved to endorse the Amendment to FY 24-28 Transportation Improvement Program, and Mr. Lambcke seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. Review and Comment on the Draft 2023 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, Major Update

Ms. McLaughlin: This for the Committee to review and comment on the Draft 2023 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Major Update. The TDSP quantifies the current paratransit service provided by Collier County (Collier Area Transit) and the demand for paratransit service in the coming five years. It looks at development, service, and quality assurance components associated to the program. This was a joint effort between Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE), and Capital Consulting Solutions. The Local Coordinating Board (LCB) was briefed on the plan, and it is now out for public comment. We are looking for your comments. This will be voted on at the October 4, 2023, LCB Special Meeting. It is due to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged on October 11, 2023. The MPO Board will be asked to ratify the Plan.

Ms. McLaughlin gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the purpose of the TDSP, specific component requirements, substantive changes to the prior TDSP, and updated demographic information and trends.

Ms. McLaughlin: A new Major Update is due in 120 calendar days once we have the new executed Memorandum of Agreement, which was required due to the Board of County Commissioners being redesignated as the Community Transportation Coordinator.

Mr. De Leon: Our Transportation Disadvantaged Program is for individuals with disabilities to have door to door service. We do well in the peer analysis comparison included in the TDSP, but there are still some time and efficiency issues when people travel from one end of the county to the other, due to the county's size. The Plan provides performance measures that we can monitor, like, quality assurance for the riders and guidelines on how we operate our service. It is monitored annually to see how we're performing. It is a good guide for our paratransit service.

A group discussion followed, and it was noted that this item was presented for comment only.

8. Reports and Presentation (May Require Committee Action)

A. Update on Draft 2023 Apportionment Plan and Adopting Resolution

Ms. McLaughlin: After each decennial census, MPOs must review the composition of their membership and Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundaries and submit an Apportionment Plan that meets the requirements of the laws enumerated in the Executive Summary (which can be found in [September 25, 2023 TAC Agenda](#)). Apportionment Plans must include the following: 2010 and 2020 Census population in the MPO area, current MPO membership, proposed MPO membership, methodology used to determine the proposed changes if there are proposed changes (N/A), MPA boundary map, and a MPO Board resolution adopting the Apportionment Plan. The MPO must submit the Apportionment Plan and MPA boundary map to the FDOT Office of Policy Planning and the District by November 14, 2023. The MPO Board does not have a regular meeting scheduled in November due to Veteran's Day (observed) falling on the second Friday (November 10). Therefore, MPO staff is taking the Apportionment Plan to the Board for adoption at their October 13th meeting. We're not asking for endorsement today but welcome your comments. The FDOT Template is a "Membership Template" and will stay the same.

A group discussion was had, and it was noted that this item was presented for comment only.

B. Population and Revenue Projections

Ms. McLaughlin: This is for the Committee to receive a report on population and revenue projections as a follow-up to the Joint Lee/Collier TAC Workshop in August. The presentation Mr. Scott gave at the Joint Workshop gave a regional perspective, so I wanted to give the Committee more detail from a local perspective.

Ms. McLaughlin gave a presentation highlighting Collier MPO statistics on population and revenue projections, which can be viewed in the [September 25, 2023 TAC Agenda](#).

A group discussion was had mentioning that the Long-Range Transportation Plan funds have gone down in recent years. This item was being presented for informational purposes only.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Lambcke: Speaking of population and lack of money for roads, I had a discussion with Barron Collier to talk about their next project off Immokalee Road, and my concern was, when will we have four lanes, and when will we have a traffic light there? I was told there would be 2,300 parcels and there is supposed to be affordable housing. In 2030, they're looking to build a miniature Ave Maria north of Everglades Boulevard. I believe we will have the projected 2045 population in ten years. [Ms. Lantz gave a brief explanation of the County's planning process to Mr. Lambcke after the meeting adjourned.]

Mr. De Leon introduced Mr. Wells, who let the Committee know he was glad to be at the meeting

Mr. Martin: In this fiscal year on Marco Island, West Winterberry Bridge will be under construction, which will affect Winterberry Drive, a major east-west corridor. The construction will affect school bus traffic, trash collection, emergency services, and more. Right now, we are on the last part of the Department of Transportation permitting process, which should be finished in October/November. We're looking at a December/January project start. The bridge will be out just over a year. We have another project that will affect San Marco Road, which is another east-west corridor on Marco Island.

Ms. Bickett: The City of Naples is trying to get its beach ends open after Hurricane Ian. The South Gulf Drive project received the sixty percent plans it needed. The council wants to see swales, but the residents want curb and gutter, as they don't want their right of ways touched, but they already have swales. So, we're figuring it out.

Ms. Lantz: We are working on our Annual Update and Inventory Report which will be presented at the Collier County Planning Commission meeting at the end of November, and at the Collier County Board of County Commissioners meeting in December. We will have updates moving forward for the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

10. Distribution Items

A. Approved 2024 Meeting Calendar

Ms. Lantz: This item is for distribution. It is the approved 2024 MPO Meeting Calendar, for informational purposes only.

11. Next Meeting Date

October 23, 2023, 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 10:59 a.m.