

**Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Board of County Commission Chambers  
Collier County Government Center  
3299 Tamiami Trail East, 3rd Floor  
Naples, FL 34112  
September 8, 2023  
9:30 a.m.**

**\*\*HYBRID REMOTE – IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Folley called the meeting to order at approximately 9:31 a.m.*

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Present (in BCC Chambers)**

Council Member Greg Folley, City of Marco Island, Chair  
Commissioner Burt Saunders, Collier County BCC District 3  
Commissioner Dan Kowal, Collier County BCC District 4  
Council Member Ted Blankenship, City of Naples  
Commissioner Chris Hall, Collier County BCC District 2, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Rick LoCastro, Collier County BCC District 1  
Council Member Paul Perry, City of Naples

**Members Absent**

Council Member Tony Pernas, Everglades City  
Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr., Collier County BCC District 5

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director  
Sean Kingston, Principal Planner  
Dusty Siegler, Senior Planner  
Suzanne Miceli, Administrative Support Specialist II

**FDOT**

Victoria Peters, Community Liaison  
Wayne Gaither, Manager, District 1 Southwest Area Office (SWAO)  
L.K. Nandam, District 1 Secretary  
Katherine Chinault, Project Manager  
Jim Wood, Project Manager, Kimley-Horn

**Others Present**

Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney  
Trinity Scott, Department Head, Collier County Transportation Mgmt. Services  
Troy Miller, Manager, BCC Television Operations  
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning, TAC Chair  
Michelle Avola-Brown, Naples Pathways Coalition  
Alan Musico, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Daniel Zegarac, public at large

**Zoom Participants**

Todd Engala, FDOT

Bessie Reina, FDOT

Vu Vu, Landis Evans

Andy Wells-Bean, Audubon Western Everglades

Reggie Wilson, Florida Department of Health

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Chair Folley led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS**

**4.A. June 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**4.B. Approve Amendment 4 to the Public Transit Grant Agreement (G1V40)**

*Commissioner LoCastro moved to approve the Agenda, Previous Minutes and Consent Items, and Commissioner Hall seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**6. AGENCY UPDATES**

**6.A. FDOT**

**Ms. Peters:** Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is wrapping up our new projects for the Draft Tentative Work Program FY 2025-2029. Year 2029 is the new fifth year. We're looking forward to a possible public hearing, anticipated in the middle of October. We follow the legislative cycle. Commissioner LoCastro asked about a 951 update. We are currently constructing a noise wall at I-75 at exit 101. This is a design-build project. We have been in the design utility relocation phase from September of 2022 to July of 2023. We are starting noise wall clearing and construction. We will begin construction in late 2023 and 2024. It is anticipated to be complete by the spring of 2026.

**6.B. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

None.

**7. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

**7.A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

**7.A.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Report**

**Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that the Chair was not present, and the Chair report was included in the agenda packet.

## **7.B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

### **7.B.1. Technical Advisory Committee Chair Report**

**Ms. Lantz:** Your report is in your packet. TAC had a quorum. We endorsed routine projects like the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Roll Forward Report, and the 2024 Calendar. We provided general comments regarding project costs related to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) amendment to cover cost overruns for the Marco Island bike lane/sidewalk project and endorsed the amendment. We commented on and endorsed the proposed Transit Development Plan (TDP) Scope of Work. We received a presentation on the Collier to Polk Trail Priority Corridor and confirmed that there were no new alignments added to it, only a change in the priority so the funding could be allocated there. We also requested confirmation that the Rookery Bay segment was going to be eliminated from the SUN Trail map and endorsed the Collier to Polk Priority Trail Corridor. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2023.

## **7.C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

### **7.C.1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair Report**

None.

## **7.D. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CMC)**

### **7.D.1. Congestion Management Committee Chair Report**

**Ms. McLaughlin** indicated that the Chair was not present, and the Chair report was included in the agenda packet.

## **7.E. LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)**

### **7.E.1. Local Coordinating Board Chair Report**

**Ms. Siegler:** LCB Chair, Mr. Pernas, is traveling. He was present at the September 6, 2023, meeting, and we did have a quorum. Board actions included the review and approval of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged approved rate model for fiscal years 2023-2024 for Collier County, and the Committee Transportation Coordinator's Draft FY 2022-2023 Annual Operating Report. The Board provided review and comment on the current draft major update to the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP). For the reports and presentations, the Community Transportation Coordinator's Quarterly Report of Operating Statistics for the Paratransit System was presented by Omar De Leon, Public Transit Manager for Collier Area Transit (CAT). The MPO Quarterly Progress Report of Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program Support Accomplishments was presented by me. For the FDOT report, Michelle Peronto relayed that there has been a delay in providing some grant awarded vehicles to CAT and others because of production issues, and difficulty obtaining certain parts. FDOT is hosting a Grant Workshop related to FTA Sections 5310, 5311, and 5339 grants. Grant applications are available on September 22, 2023, and are due in December 2023. Both the Florida Public Transportation Association and the American Public Transportation Association are holding joint conferences in Orlando in October 2023. The distribution items included the Final 2023 TDSP Annual Update and updated Grievance Committee Sub-Committee roster. The next LCB meeting is a special meeting on October 4, 2023, for approval of the TDSP major update, which occurs every five years.

**8. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)**

**8.A. Approve Amendment Incorporating the Roll Forward Report in the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Authorizing Resolution 2023-07**

**Mr. Kingston:** This TIP Amendment incorporates FDOT’s annual Roll Forward Report. The FDOT Work Program Office provides us with an annual Roll Forward Report which includes projects from the previous fiscal year which were not authorized, and now must be incorporated into the TIP for the current year. Staff recommendation is for Board approval.

*Commissioner LoCastro moved to approve the Amendment Incorporating the Roll Forward Report in the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Authorizing Resolution 2023-07 and Council Member Perry seconded.*

- Commissioner Hall – Yes*
- Commissioner Kowal – Yes*
- Council Member Folley – Yes*
- Commissioner LoCastro – Yes*
- Council Member Perry – Yes*
- Commissioner Saunders – Yes*
- Council Member Blankenship – Yes*

*Passed unanimously.*

**8.B. Approve Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution 2023-08 to Add Funding for the City of Marco Island Collier Alternate Bike/Ped Project**

**Mr. Kingston:** The City of Marco Island Director of Public Works sent an email in June 2023, describing how the construction cost estimates have increased approximately \$1.5 million since the project application was submitted in 2019. MPO Executive Director, Anne McLaughlin, forwarded the request to FDOT to determine whether sufficient funding would be available to cover the cost increase. FDOT confirmed that funding was available, and programmed the amounts shown in the attachments in today’s agenda packet. Staff is bringing the Amendment forward to the fiscal year 2024-2028 TIP, with FDOT’s recommendation.

*Commissioner Hall moved to Approve Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Authorizing Resolution 2023-08 to Add Funding for the City of Marco Island Collier Alternate Bike/Ped Project and Commissioner Saunders seconded.*

- Commissioner Hall – Yes*
- Commissioner Kowal – Yes*
- Council Member Folley – Yes*
- Commissioner LoCastro – Yes*
- Council Member Perry – Yes*
- Commissioner Saunders – Yes*
- Council Member Blankenship – Yes*

*Passed unanimously.*

**9. REGULAR BOARD ACTION (NO ROLL CALL)**

**9.A. Approve Amendment #4 to FY 22/23-23/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Related Resolution**

**Ms. Siegler:** The UPWP identifies and describes the MPO’s budget for activities, studies, and technical support, and lists the funding sources for each planning task. The primary purpose of the Amendment is to update the amount for the fiscal year 2023-2024 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant award to \$29,265.00. The previous estimated award was \$27,954.00. The Amendment also includes updated estimated completion dates for some studies/plans (Tasks 5 and 6), substitution of a Safe Streets for All Action Plan for Local Road Safety Plan (Task 5), and language specifying the amount of current PL funding required to be, and allocated toward, Complete Streets initiatives (Task 5). The public comment period for the proposed UPWP Amendment began on August 18, 2023, and closes at this Board meeting. No public comments have been received. The TAC and CAC voted to endorse the amendment at their August 28 meeting.

*Commissioner Saunders moved to approve Amendment #4 to FY 22/23-23/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Related Resolution and Council Member Perry seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**9.B. Approve Resolution and Letter Supporting Priority Trail Corridor Designation for the Collier to Polk Regional Trail System**

*Ms. Chinault gave the Collier Polk Proposed Priority Trail Corridor presentation which can be viewed in the [September 8, 2023 MPO Board Agenda Packet](#).*

**Ms. McLaughlin:** This project came as a pleasant surprise from FDOT. It connects cities and towns in the area, including places that don’t always get the attention they need, and makes them part of the regional network. It is consistent with our Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the Naples Pathways Coalition’s Paradise Coast Vision Plan. It even helps solve an issue you asked me to work on at your last meeting to look into what it would take to add the Marco Island Loop Trail to the SUN Trail network. The project comes at a wonderful time for us. I will share more details about that when we cover the Marco Island Loop Trail in item 9.C.

*Ms. Avola-Brown requested to speak on item 9.C. and expressed her enthusiasm and appreciation for FDOT and all involved.*

*Commissioner Saunders moved to approve Resolution and Letter Supporting Priority Trail Corridor Designation for the Collier to Polk Regional Trail System and Council Member Blankenship seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**9.C. Approve a Resolution Accepting FDOT’s Final Report on the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design and Directing Staff to Take the Necessary Steps to Request SUN Trail Funding to Conduct Future Phases**

**Ms. McLaughlin:** This is for the Board to approve a resolution accepting FDOT’s Final Report on the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design and provide staff direction regarding the next step in the process. You received a presentation from FDOT and their consultant, Landis Evans, for this item at the June 9, 2023, MPO Board meeting. The report has since been finalized, without any major changes, only some clean-up and revisions.

There were some items you wanted brought back to you. One was a report from me on how to add this corridor to the SUN Trail alignment, and voila, here it is. You also wanted updated cost estimates from FDOT on each corridor alternative, and FDOT did provide those at the planning level with the notation that the costs do not include design or construction engineering inspection, future maintenance, water treatment, and environmental mitigation. That's where the costs are the highest, and what a Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) Study will give us in detail. Collier County had their consultant review FDOT's cost estimates and has validated them with the same caveats.

Regarding the status requested on the County Road 92 culvert, County Transportation Management Services Department reported that the design is in its final stages and construction was anticipated to begin in July with an approximate 8-month schedule.

FDOT has requested a Board resolution or letter of support indicating a willingness to move the project forward. The draft Resolution 2023-10 accepts FDOT's Final Report and directs staff to take the steps necessary to request SUN Trail funding to conduct a PD&E, estimated to cost between \$1.5 and \$2 million. We're requesting that the Board consider approving Resolution 2023-10 accepting FDOT's Final Report on the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design and directing staff to take the steps necessary to request SUN Trail funding to conduct a PD&E Study. It was endorsed by the TAC and CAC.

*Mr. Musico requested to speak on item 9.C. and expressed that there is a strong desire and overwhelming support for this project.*

*Commissioner Hall moved to approve a Resolution Accepting FDOT's Final Report on the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design and Directing Staff to Take the Necessary Steps to Request SUN Trail Funding to Conduct Future Phases and Commissioner LoCastro seconded. Passed unanimously.*

#### **9.D. Approve Proposed 2024 MPO Meeting Calendar**

**Mr. Kingston:** This is the proposed 2024 MPO Meeting Schedule which has been endorsed by TAC and CAC.

*Commissioner Saunders moved to approve Proposed 2024 MPO Meeting Calendar and Commissioner Kowal seconded. Passed unanimously.*

### **10. PRESENTATIONS (MAY REQUIRE BOARD ACTION)**

None.

### **11. DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

#### **11.A. Administrative Modification to FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (TIP Review Checklist)**

**Mr. Kingston:** This is for the Board to receive a copy of FDOT's completed review checklist which has been added to the TIP.

#### **11.B. Administrative Modification to FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Revised Table 9)**

**Mr. Kingston:** This is for the Board to receive a copy of modification to correct Table 9 on the 2024-2028 TIP adding 2021 Planning Study Priorities.

**11.C. Letter of Support for Miccosukee Tribe’s Safe Streets for All Grant Application**

**Ms. McLaughlin:** I was asked by the Miccosukee Tribe to write a letter of support for their Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant Application.

**11.D. Updated 2023 MPO Meeting Calendar**

Item distributed.

**12. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Perry:** Regarding the Joint meeting with Lee MPO on August 18, 2023, I commend Collier MPO Board for 100% attendance. I was disappointed that the Lee MPO Board did not do the same. Thank you to staff for making sure we were going to be there.

**Commissioner Saunders:** I agree that the Joint Workshop was a good meeting.

**Commissioner LoCastro:** I agree with what has been said. I hope that it is possible to get more of the Lee County MPO Board at the meeting in the future. We rarely have joint meetings with Lee, and it was important to be there. It was a valuable meeting.

**Council Member Blankenship:** I agree with what has been said regarding the joint meeting with Lee.

**Commissioner Kowal:** I agree that the Lee MPO Board attendance was disappointing, especially when it was my first joint meeting. These meetings are important, and we should all take these meetings seriously.

**Chair Folley:** I agree with what has been said regarding the joint meeting. I am very pleased with the progress of the Marco Island Trail Loop. Shout out to Mr. Musico, FDOT and everyone involved. We appreciate the support.

**13. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**13.A.** *Next Meeting Date – October 13, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL, 34112*

**14. ADJOURN**

*There being no further business, **Chair Folley** adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.*