

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Collier County Growth Management Division
Planning & Regulation, Rooms 609 & 610
2800 North Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104
9:30 A.M.**

March 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lantz called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Ortman confirmed that a quorum was present.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning, Chair

April Olson, Conservancy (*non-voting*)

Tim Brock, Everglades City

Andy Holland, City of Naples

Dan Hall, Collier County Traffic Operations

Michelle Arnold, PTNE

Gregg Strakaluse, City of Naples

Tim Pinter, City of Marco Island

Debra Brueggeman, Collier County Airport

Ute Vandersluis, City of Naples Airport Authority

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Daniel Smith, City of Marco Island

Justin Lobb, Collier County Airport

Don Scott, Lee County MPO

MPO STAFF

Anne McLaughlin, MPO Executive Director

Eric Ortman, MPO Senior Planner

Karen Intriago, Administrative Assistant

FDOT

Victoria Peters, FDOT

OTHERS PRESENT

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Lantz noted that staff has postponed item 8a to the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Holland moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Mr. Pinter. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of February 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Holland moved to approve the February 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Second by Mr. Brock. Carried unanimously.

5. Open to Public for Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Ms. Peters stated that FDOT has released the March 6th Snapshot of the Tentative Work Program and will provide it to MPO staff to allow them to develop the MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the upcoming year.

B. MPO Executive Director

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the MPO Board approved the contract for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); staff is working on issuing a Notice to Proceed to Jacobs Engineering.

7. Committee Action

A. Endorse Amendment to FY 18/19 – 19/20 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Otero stated that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) has been amended to recognize funding for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants. Every year a placeholder for FTA funding is placed in the UPWP until allocation is announced to the 5305 grants. The allocation has been announced and Collier MPO is receiving \$144,874 in FY 18/19. In addition, MPO staff received notification from FDOT that the District will no longer be asking the MPOs in District 1 to contribute to the Districtwide Long- Range Transportation Plan modeling expense. The UPWP has been amended to reallocate the funding to cover costs for the MPO's 2045 LRTP consultant. **Ms. Otero** noted other changes revising target dates for the Transit Impact Analysis, revising the budget tables and FTA grant application. Staff is recommending endorsement to the amendments to the UPWP.

Ms. Arnold noted that PTNE staff has been in conversation with the state regarding the utilization of MPO 5305 funds to match the County's state grant for the Park and Ride study; the state [FDOT Transit Division] clarified that the County and MPO could enter into an agreement on funding. **Ms. Arnold** asked if this agreement was conducted would the UPWP have to be amended. **Ms. Otero** noted that amount is currently in the UPWP, additional information will need to be researched. **Ms. Peters** noted that an amendment is needed when funds are being allocated to a different task.

Ms. Lantz questioned if the 2045 LRTP still has a shortfall in the budget of \$200,000. **Ms. Otero** noted that another amendment to the UPWP will be coming forward to recognize the closeout of last year, which will eliminate some of that shortfall. **Ms. Peters** noted that the MPO has proposed a strategy for addressing the shortfall using SU Box funds; she will ask FDOT Work Program staff informally (via email) to hold budget available in anticipation of the MPO's request.

Ms. Arnold moved to endorsed Amendment to FY18/19 – 19/20 Unified Planning Work Program. Second by Mr. Pinter. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports and Presentations (May require committee action)

A. FDOT Planning Studio

Item has been deferred to next month.

B. Update and Comment on Draft 2019 Project Priorities

Ms. McLaughlin noted that the committee received a report back in December about FDOT's request to receive Transportation Project Priorities for FY 2024–2025; the final approved list of priorities must be submitted by July 1, 2019. Based on the MPO Board's allocation policy it's stated that 100% [of the SU Box funds] for the new fifth year of the Work Program will go to congestion management projects, therefore staff focus has been largely on issuing a Call for Projects for congestion management projects. The Congestion Management Committee (CMC) has reviewed and ranked the projects; MPO staff submitted the final applications and ranking to FDOT in February, as shown in Attachment 1 in the meeting packet.

Mr. Brock asked who determines the cost estimates for the projects. **Ms. McLaughlin** noted that the cost estimate is prepared by the entities submitting the projects. The application is then submitted to FDOT for

review. Ms. McLaughlin stated that the CMC discussed possibly standardizing cost estimate, but chose instead to go with local entities' experience with recent project costs. FDOT also makes available a Cost Estimating Tool for entities to use to determine planning level costs.

Mr. Strakaluse noted that three or four years ago, the City of Naples estimated the pathway list for the City substantially less than what FDOT had programmed the funding for; FDOT estimates bring project costs higher. Regarding the city's congestion management projects, some designs are nearly final and have engineering level cost estimates; the roundabouts in particular have this level of detail. Asked if bridges on the priority list are affected by the 1% sales tax that recently was passed in the County. **Ms. Lantz** noted that some of the bridges are on the sales tax list and others are on the SU list. The sale tax money is geared towards finishing some of the projects that are on the [sales tax] list.

Ms. Peters stated that FDOT has been reviewing the submitted priorities list; once their review has been completed, they will hold a teleconference to go over questions FDOT has on the projects.

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the 2019 Highway Project Priorities added Collier County's Corkscrew Road Safety Project. This project has been broken down into two parts - north and south sections. Because a portion falls directly on the border between Lee and Collier County, coordination must be done with Lee MPO for funding. The Conservancy is looking potential impacts related to panther habitat – the mitigation costs could add considerable to the project cost estimates. **Ms. Lantz** asked if safety funds are being requested for this project. **Ms. McLaughlin** stated that FDOT has mentioned that this project doesn't meet the criteria for HSIP funding, so it has been placed on the list to be eligible for Other Arterial or SU funds.

Ms. Peters asked if the Lidar mapping for the congestion management priority list will stay on as a wish list item since the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) hasn't yet committed to using that technology. **Ms. McLaughlin** responded that the committee decided to keep the project on the list as a place holder to eventually fund the technology that FHP settles on.

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the 2019 Bike/Ped Priorities may require a slight adjustment in funding amounts once staff has the opportunity to review FDOT's March 6th Snapshot. All projects on this list, with the exception of the facilities on Immokalee Rd, are moving forward from design through to construction. The Immokalee Rd facilities remain unfunded even for design at this point in time. In 2019, when it's time to program for another new 5th year of the Work Program, bike/ped is the next category up for funding; staff will issue a Call for Projects, and a new list is anticipated. **Ms. Peters** noted that if it's the wish of the County to drop off Immokalee Rd. from the bike/ped priorities list, that could occur when the new list is created. **Ms. Lantz** noted that the County is starting a project for Immokalee Rd. from Livingston to beyond I-75 and might want to defer any changes to the list until that study is complete.

Ms. Peters noted that the funds for bridges is a placeholder until further review is conducted to determine the actual cost of the project.

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the Transit Priorities and Regional Project Priorities remain pending, staff is currently waiting on responses from Lee MPO whether any new regional projects will be added to the priorities list. **Ms. Lantz** noted that first three years on the 2018 Joint TRIP Priorities list are now past, Collier Blvd. from Golden Gate Main Canal to Golden Gate Pkwy. was ranked for 2017/2018 funding, however due to financial reasons, Collier County was not able to pursue it in FY17/18 but would like to pursue it for design in FY22/23, Right of Way in FY23/24, Construction FY24/25. A few of the other projects on the list would also need to be shifted. **Ms. McLaughlin** stated that once she receives the updated list, a regional exchange with Lee MPO will be conducted to review and rank the projects.

Ms. Olson questioned the justification for including the interchange at Everglades Blvd and I-75 on the list since it is in neither the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) nor the 2040 LRTP CFP. Ms. Olson noted that she reached out to Sarah Catala from FDOT who confirmed that the interchange is not in their 2045 multi-modal Unfounded Needs Plan adopted in 2017. The interchange was not supported by FDOT

in 2012. Ms. Olson asked if it is possible to update the list. **Ms. Lantz** stated that the list is based off the 20240 LRTP. **Ms. McLaughlin** noted that FDOT has stated that it's not a priority, having reviewed an earlier Interchange Justification Report (IJR) the County submitted. Commissioner McDaniel has stated in MPO Board meetings that he would like the project to be studied again as a partial interchange for safety and evacuation reasons. Ms. McLaughlin noted that its up to the committee to vote whether to endorse the list or not. **Ms. Olson** recommended this project be removed due to environmental concerns; however no motion was made or seconded.

Ms. Arnold noted that PTNE will be submitting new Transit Priorities. **Mr. Brock** asked if there will be bus service out to Everglades City. **Ms. Arnold** said work will soon begin on a Major Update to the Transit Development Plan which provides an opportunity to include Everglades City.

9. Member Comments

Ms. Arnold stated that PTNE participated with United Way on the annual Stuff the Bus event and received strong support.

Ms. Olson stated the Conservancy was able to raise \$2 million at their Magic under the Mangroves event.

Ms. Strakaluse noted that the City Council just approved \$7.4 million in streetscape improvement along 8th Street between 5th Ave. South to 7th Ave. North. The project will add multi-modal features along the corridor. On April 17th staff will present a maintenance agreement for sidewalks in old Naples. This will fill in a few missing links along the east/west sidewalks that connect the eastern portion of the City to the beach.

Ms. Lantz reported the County will be hosting the 3rd public meeting on the Randell/Oil Well Corridor Study on April 11th.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

April 29, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments or items to attend to, Ms. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.