



**JOINT COLLIER AND LEE MPO
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Estero Recreation Center
9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd
Estero, FL 33928
October 7, 2021, 1:00 p.m.**

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Roll Call

The Joint Collier and Lee MPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on October 7, 2021 was called to order by Mr. Don Scott at 1:05 p.m. Mr. Scott suggested Lee MPO CAC Chair Rick Anglickis act as Chair for the joint meeting. The committees agreed by consensus. Ms. Anne McLaughlin mentioned the agenda was changed due to the presenter for Agenda Item #7Eb on the Paradise Coast Trail needing to leave early.

The Collier CAC roll was recorded by Collier MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those in attendance introduced themselves and included Tammie Pernas, Josh Rincon, and Neal Gelfand.

The Lee CAC roll was recorded by Lee MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those members in attendance introduced themselves and included Carie Call, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Albert O'Donnell, Rick Anglickis, Justin Thibaut, Steve Henry, Bruce Bohlander, and Kevin Berry.

Others in attendance included Anne McLaughlin, Brandy Otero, Scott Philips, and Danielle Bates with the Collier MPO; Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; members of the public John Majka, Deborah Sebastian, and Robert Wilgosz; Ned Baier with Volkert; Alicia Dixon and Ian Sikonia with Lee County Port Authority; Lorraine Lantz with Collier County Transportation Planning; Michelle Avola-Brown with Naples Pathway Coalition; and Victoria Peters and Tanya Merkle with FDOT.

Agenda Item #2 - Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Item #3 - Election of a Chairperson

Mr. Rick Anglickis was elected by consensus to Chair the meeting.

Agenda Item #7Eb – Paradise Coast Trail Feasibility Study

This agenda item was moved up due to the presenter having to leave the meeting early. Ms. Michelle Avola-Brown then provided a presentation on the Paradise Coast Trail Study in Collier County that included slides with information on vision for trail, existing conditions map, benefits, early support, purpose, transportation, community, recreation, tourism, conservation, transformation, study partnership, overview of process, study, and estimated schedule. She asked if there were any questions or comments. The presentation on the Paradise Coast Trail Study can be viewed here: [Paradise Trail](#). The committee briefly discussed contact information, trail crossing Immokalee, bicycles on roadways, mixed use pathways, separation on facilities, parameters for sidewalks and pathways, dog walkers on sidewalks/pathways, and using sidewalks for work access.

Agenda Item #4 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda. However, there were three public comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda. Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, gave a public comment with a presentation on projects on SR 80. Mr. Majka's presentation can be viewed here: [John Majka Public Comment Presentation](#). Ms. Deborah Sebastian, a member of the public, gave a public comment on projects on SR 80. Mr. Robert Wilgoz, a member of the public, gave a public comment on projects on SR 80.

Agenda Item #5 - Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Agenda Item #6 – Action/Discussion Items

A. Review and Comment on Updated Lee-Collier Interlocal Agreement 2021

Ms. Anne McLaughlin provided an overview of the updates to the document that was last updated in 2009. Ms. McLaughlin referred to the three versions of the agreement, the current version, version with changes shown, and clean version, that were included in the agenda packet and posted to both MPO's websites prior to the meeting. Ms. McLaughlin mentioned a Collier MPO Board member request for more regional meetings and reviewed the changes that were made such as the TAC suggestion on removing dates from the agreement to produce a more flexible document. Chair Anglickis asked if the TAC asked to strike the dates. Ms. McLaughlin replied yes, they made the recommendation to strike the dates. Mr. Scott said voting would be done at individual meetings and the joint meetings would only be for discussion as there were quorum issues from both MPOs in the past. A brief discussion followed on voting, comments, setting up meetings as needed, requirements, and bringing changes back to separate meetings.

Agenda Item #7 - Reports and Presentations

A. Presentation on Lee/Collier 2045 LRTPs

Ms. McLaughlin with Collier MPO provided a Power Point presentation on the Collier County 2045 LRTP Growth Areas. Her presentation included slides with information on Collier overview, 2015 to 2045 population and employment growth, increase in dwelling units, average household size, increase in commercial, Collier recalibration of growth model due to census,

2045 LRTP model runs, E + C roadway network map, cost feasible plan projects/map/table, and planned project tables. The full presentation given by Ms. McLaughlin can be viewed here: [Collier 2045 LRTP Presentation](#) Mr. Don Scott provided a Power Point presentation on the Lee County 2045 LRTP Growth Areas. His presentation included slides with information on household/population/job baseline data and forecasts, population density increases, employment density increases, Corkscrew Road East of Alico, SR 78 at Saddlewood Lane, Alico west of I-75, residential growth for Lee/Collier/Charlotte, FDOT District One Regional Planning Model, 2045 cost feasible plan, 2045 needs plan, traffic modeling, traffic impacts, and update of the LRTP. Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions or comments. There was a brief discussion on increase in lots being sold, BEBR projections, example of San Carlos area, example of Pine Island area, and future development. Mr. Scott's presentation can be viewed here: [Lee County 2045 LRTP Presentation](#)

B. Update on I-75 Southwest Connect Study

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided a presentation as an Update on the I-75 Southwest Connect Study. She introduced Ms. Tanya Merkle, also with FDOT. Ms. Peters then gave a brief update on the I-75 Southwest Connect Study including information on project limits, public workshop recap, and website link. She asked if there were any questions. The information discussed by Ms. Peters on the I-75 Connect Study can be viewed here: [I-75 Update](#) The committee briefly discussed noise barriers, right of way, and staying informed. Ms. Carie Call asked for the suggested locations of the noise barriers. Ms. Peters said she would get back with that information. Ms. Merkle said that detailed information on the locations of the noise barriers isn't known yet as the study is still in progress. Mr. Scott commented that a noise barrier was requested along Daniels.

C. Regional Roads Project Status

Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation on the Regional Roads Project Status including information on Old US 41, US 41/Bonita Beach Road Intersection, SR 82, and other regional roadway projects on Logan Boulevard and Veterans Boulevard. The entire presentation can be viewed here: [Regional Roads Status](#) The full SR 82 presentation can be viewed here: [SR 82 Corridor](#) Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions or comments. The committee briefly discussed definitions of the acronyms CFI and LAP. Mr. Scott provided definitions. Chair Anglickis suggested the MPO acronyms list be sent out to the committee again. Lee MPO staff said they would email the acronym list to the Lee MPO CAC members again.

D. RSW Airport Master Plan Update

Ms. Alicia Dixon with the Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) provided a presentation on the RSW Airport Master Plan Update. Her presentation included slides with information on LCPA organizational chart, master plan, process, study goals, study areas, two-year action plan, and public involvement. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. The LCPA presentation can be viewed here: [RSW Airport Master Plan](#) The committee briefly discussed financial aspects and funding, rentals of retail space, new terminal concept, security changes, and ranking of RSW as second busiest single runway airport in the USA.

E. Regional Bikeway Updates

Mr. Ron Gogoi introduced Mr. Ned Baier with Volkert who provided a Power Point presentation on the Rail Trail Study in Lee County that included slides with information on the feasibility

study, study area, organization chart, schedule, update on progress, alignments one through three, and next steps. The presentation on the Rail Trail Study can be accessed here: [Rail Trail](#) The committee briefly discussed a trail in the Indianapolis area, safety factors and concerns, policing of trails, involving parks and recreation staff, volunteer example with Cape Coral Police Department Marine Unite, large right of way available, asking riders what they want through survey, parking lot access on each end of trail, dedicated two way lanes, respect for other users on trail, separated lanes, park and ride, use of local funds, SUN Trail funding, and Buffalo area Rails to Trails example. The Paradise Coast Trail Feasibility Study presentation was taken after Agenda Item #3.

F. Regional Transit Update

Mr. Scott provided the LeeTran report given by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran at the earlier TAC meeting. He said Ms. Huff provided information on seasonal schedules, coordination between Lee/Collier, ridership down in past but slight increase in September, Fort Myers Beach tram, removing once a week Pine Island route and servicing instead with TD and paratransit, Bonita route, and capital projects. Ms. Brandy Otero with Collier MPO provided information on the report given by Ms. Michelle Arnold with PTNE/Collier at the earlier TAC meeting including decrease in ridership, bus driver/operator shortages, and regional coordination with LeeTran.

Agenda Item #8 - Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Peters provided the FDOT report which included information on the draft tentative Work Program, Mobility Week, and Ciclovía in Immokalee.

Agenda Item #9 - Members' Comments

There were no member comments.

Agenda Item #10 - Information Items

There were no information items.

Agenda Item #11 - Adjournment of Joint CAC Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [Joint Collier and Lee CAC Audio](#)

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