



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

**Estero Recreation Center  
9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd  
Estero, FL 33928  
October 7, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

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**Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Joint Collier and Lee MPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting on October 7, 2021 was called to order by Mr. Don Scott at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Scott noted the Lee MPO's TAC Chair was not present and asked the Collier MPO's TAC Chair, Ms. Lorraine Lantz, to Chair the joint meeting. Ms. Lantz agreed.

**The Collier TAC roll was recorded by Collier MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those in attendance introduced themselves and included Lorraine Lantz with Collier County Transportation Planning, Michelle Arnold with Collier County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement, Ute Vandersluis with the City of Naples Airport Authority, and Margaret Wuerstle with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.**

**The Lee TAC roll was recorded by Lee MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those members in attendance introduced themselves and included Alicia Dixon and Ian Sikonia with Lee County Port Authority; Dawn Huff and Dominic Gemelli with LeeTran; Anthony Palermo, Carl Karakos, and Barb Carr with the City of Fort Myers; Oisin Dolley with the City of Sanibel; Matt Noble with the Village of Estero; Gary Harrell with the Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO; and Mike Cook with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District.**

**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; Tamara Pigott with the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau; Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group; Andy Getch and Dennis Wilson with McCormick Taylor; members of the public John Majka, Deborah Sebastian, and Robert Wilgosz; Ned Baier with Volkert; Carmen Monroy with Stantec; Trinity Scott with Collier County; 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**

Ms. Lorraine Lantz was elected by consensus to Chair the meeting.

## **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 Wilgosz, a member of the public, gave a public comment on projects on SR 80.

## **Agenda Item #5 - Approval of Agenda**

**Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Dawn Huff seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Agenda Item #6 – Action/Discussion Items**

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

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item on the Updated Lee-Collier Interlocal Agreement 2021. He stated the item was not an action item, but only for review and discussion, and it would be voted on at the individual MPO's separate meetings. He then introduced Ms. Anne McLaughlin to provide 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 adding the goal is to have an updated agreement. Mr. Scott mentioned a suggestion to remove dates from the agreement and provided a brief history of past joint MPO Board meetings. Ms. McLaughlin mentioned the number of members on the Lee MPO's Executive Committee, the number of members on the Collier MPO Board, and providing a forum for discussion among the members. Mr. Scott reiterated voting would be done at individual meetings and the joint meetings would only be for discussion. A brief discussion followed on what was being asked of the TAC for this item, who defines the meetings as needed, LRTP planning, staff coordination among MPOs, concern that MPO Boards aren't meeting, Federal Certification review with regard to regional coordination and interlocal agreement updates, requirement to review interlocal agreement every five years, automatic renewal of interlocal agreement every five years, possible new interlocal with new parameters, history of interlocal agreements from census and possibility of combining MPOs, TRIP funding and regional roadways, regional roadway project examples, coordination concerns in past Federal Certifications, upcoming release of latest census results, suggestion for internal committees to update agreement a few pages at a time, providing a summary of how often joint meetings take place and who will attend, possibility of inviting entire Collier MPO Board to Lee MPO Executive Committee meeting, goal to refresh the interlocal agreement this year, bringing item back to individual

committee meetings, creating a flexible and adaptable document, quorum, example of other area interlocal agreements, COVID issues, bylaw review by legal staff, no requirements for joint TAC/CAC, requirements to coordinate at staff level, LCB quorum in room requirements, using technology to adapt, differing legal opinions on hybrid meetings, revisiting agreement when census data is released, research into MPO Alliance structure, difficulty with logistics with large groups, and possibility of lowering quorum. Mr. Scott said he would be in contact with Ms. McLaughlin regarding a possible meeting of Collier MPO Board with the Lee MPO Executive Committee.

## **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, 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 project tables. Mr. Scott mentioned 951 and showed a map of the project limits at the request of a committee member. 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 economic development and growth, Florida as a major economic growth area, continued migration to Florida, increase in prices and demand, opposite of expected response given climate change, COVID, current work from home statistics, traffic increases, historic traffic downturn, parents driving children to school instead of using bus, examples from other areas, working remotely pattern, beating median population forecast, large companies advocating for remote work, public transportation, shortage of bus drivers, and complete streets. The full 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 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 upcoming meeting engagements from the project team, public workshop, project specific limits, and website link. The information discussed by Ms. Peters on the I-75 Connect Study can be viewed here: [I-75 Update](#) The committee briefly discussed website and trip information available on the website, when the project team will be presenting to Charlotte, next public meeting date, and questions sent to website on local projects related to I-75.

### **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 SR 82 roundabout and CFI, public outreach on roundabout, FDOT PSA on RFBs, outreach to chambers and other local groups, Hanson roundabout and issues with tractor trailers blocking Hanson, police patrols in Hanson area, and additional presentations on agenda.

#### **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. The LCPA presentation can be viewed here: [RSW Airport Master Plan](#) The committee briefly discussed other LCPA presentations, airport grant funding, Tampa International electric bus shuttles, future plans at RSW for electric shuttles, sustainability as part of the master plan, large amount of current construction projects, infrastructure bill, expensive gates project, and link to open public comment.

#### **E. Regional Bikeway Updates**

Mr. Ned Baier 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 costs per mile, range, estimates, overpass, cost of working with railroad, coordination with communities on budget, and use of information from consultant. 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, benefits, early support, purpose, recreation, tourism, conservation, transformation, study partnership, overview of process, study, and estimated schedule. She asked if there were any questions. The presentation on the Paradise Coast Trail Study can be viewed here: [Paradise Trail](#) The committee briefly discussed funding amount, type, and future presentations.

#### **F. Regional Transit Update**

Ms. Michelle Arnold with PTNE/Collier provided information on Collier Transit updates including COVID impact on ridership, struggles with hiring bus drivers/operators, regional coordination with LeeTran, seasonal schedule changes, and regional fares in the future. She asked if there were any questions. There were none. Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran provided information on LeeTran updates including some ridership decreases in past, slight increase in September ridership, service changes interlining on US 41 into Collier County, Fort Myers Beach tram and downtown Fort Myers trolley services, mobility on demand, TD service, and capital projects. She asked if there were any questions. Mr. Scott asked if the Pine Island mobility would have on demand service. Ms. Huff replied no as most of the clients in Pine Island qualify for TD and 5311 funding can be used for others. Mr. Gogoi asked about the paratransit schedule for Pine Island. Mr. Gemelli provided the service days/times and noted the replaced Pine Island route only ran on Thursdays.

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Florida Department of Transportation**

Ms. Peters provided the FDOT report which included information on 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 TAC Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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

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