**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD** 

9:00 a.m., Friday, November 17, 2023 Lee County Administration East Building 2201 Second Street, Room 118 Fort Myers, FL 33901 239-244-2220



## AGENDA

#### Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

- 1. Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items
- 2. \*Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of the October 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes
  - B. Approval of the Appointment of CAC Member to fill an At-Large Vacancy
  - C. Approval of an Appointment of an Alternate BPCC Member for the City of Sanibel
- 3. Public Comments will be taken on each Public Hearing and New Business Item

## **Public Hearing Items**

- 4. \*Approval of Amendments to the FY 2024 through FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for the Metro Parkway from Daniels to Winkler Project and to Add the I 75 Moving Florida Forward Project (Don Scott)
- 5. \*Approval of the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments (Don Scott)

## **New Business**

6. \*Adoption of a Passenger Rail Program Priority for a Southwest Florida Intercity Rail Study (Ron Gogoi)

#### **Other Business**

- 7. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda
- 8. LeeTran/TD Report
- 9. FDOT Report
- 10. Announcements
- 11. Information and Distribution Items

## Adjournment

## ^Roll Call Vote \*Action Items \*May Require Action

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## Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by MPO Board Chair/Lee County Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called by MPO staff. A quorum was present. Lee County MPO Board Members in attendance included Lee County Commissioners Cecil Pendergrass, Raymond Sandelli, and Mike Greenwell; City of Fort Myers Councilmembers Johnny Streets Jr. and Teresa Watkins Brown; City of Cape Coral Mayor John Gunter; City of Cape Coral Councilmembers Dan Sheppard, Keith Long, and Patty Cummings; Town of Fort Myers Beach Councilmember John R. King; City of Sanibel Vice-Mayor Michael Miller; City of Bonita Springs Councilmember Laura Carr and Deputy Mayor Fred Forbes; and Village of Estero Mayor Jon McLain.

Others in attendance included the following – Victoria Peters, L. K. Nandam, and Wayne Gaither with FDOT; Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco; Derek Rooney/MPO Legal; Randy Cerchie with Lee County; Blanca Contreras with the City of Fort Myers; Tim Morris with the Lee County Port Authority; Dominic Gemelli with LeeTran; Lee County IT staff; LCSO deputies; Laura Dodd with Cape Coral; Mary Drazan with Friends of BERT (Bonita Estero Rail Trail); and member of the public John Majka.

## Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items

Chair Pendergrass asked if there were public comments on consent agenda items. There were none.

#### Agenda Item #2 - \*Consent Agenda

- A. Approve the September 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve the 2024 MPO Meeting Schedule

Councilmember Laura Carr made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember John R. King seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments will be taken on each New Business Item

Public comments will be taken at each new business item and are limited to three minutes.

#### **New Business**

#### Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approve the SS4A Safety Action Plan Scope of Services

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan Scope of Services that was attached to the agenda packet and <u>posted to</u> the MPO website. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: <u>SS4A Scope</u> The Board discussed public survey, distribution of public survey, design of public survey by consultant, bringing public survey to MPO Board for review, ways to increase safety, infrastructure and non-infrastructure strategies, and texting while driving. Chair Pendergrass asked if there was public comment on this agenda item. There was none.

Councilmember Laura Carr made the motion to approve the SS4A Safety Action Plan Scope of Services. Councilmember Johnny Streets Jr. seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Agenda Item #5 - \*Adoption of the 2024 Highway Safety Targets

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the adoption of the 2024 Highway Safety Targets that were attached to the agenda packet and <u>posted to the MPO website</u>. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: <u>Safety Targets</u> The Board discussed average annual fatalities, economy and growth of Lee County, impact of Covid, fatalities in nineties, incident rate, example of manufacturing, targets versus numbers, target of zero, plans to achieve target, plan for percent reduction, vision for state, countermeasures planned, driving down the numbers, planning with relation to target, role of enforcement, targeting age groups, resources for education/enforcement/engineering, percent of unlicensed drivers, vehicle miles traveled, example in Broward County of remembrance day, state action plan, providing future presentation from the FDOT safety office to MPO Board, comprehensive action plan, adding lighting and signage, impacts of speeding, and aggressive driving. Chair Pendergrass asked if there were any public comments. Mr. John Majka provided a public comment.

## Councilmember Laura Carr made the motion to adopt the 2024 Highway Safety Targets. Councilmember Teresa Watkins Brown seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Agenda Item #6 - \*Approve the SUN Trail Priorities

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the approval of the SUN Trail Priorities that were attached to the agenda packet and <u>posted to the MPO website</u>. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: <u>SUN Trail Priorities</u> Chair Pendergrass asked if there were any public comments on this item. Mr. John Majka provided a public comment. Chair Pendergrass asked if there were any additional comments on this item. There were none.

# Councilmember Laura Carr made the motion to approve the SUN Trail Priorities. Deputy Mayor Fred Forbes seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Agenda Item #7 - Review of the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2025-2029

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT presented this agenda item for the review of the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2025 through FY 2029. The work program was emailed to the MPO Board and posted to the MPO website on Friday, October 13, 2023. The Summary of Changes Report was also emailed to the MPO Board and posted to the MPO website on Friday, October 13, 2023. Ms. Peters showed the FDOT Work Program overview YouTube video and also reviewed the highlights of the Lee County work program. The video shown can be viewed at the following link: Work Program Video The Board discussed the limits and timeline of a project on Fort Myers Beach, SR 31 phases and timelines, SR 78 widening projects, I-75 widening, Moving Florida Forward, and pavement only projects instead of full resurfacing projects. Mr. Gogoi then provided a Power Point presentation review of the MPO priorities that can be viewed at the following link: MPO Priorities Chair Pendergrass asked if there were any public comments on this agenda item. Mr. John Majka provided a public comment. Chair Pendergrass asked if there were other comments. There were none.

## Agenda Item #8 - Review and Comment on the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of and comment on the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments that were attached to the agenda packet and <u>posted to the</u> <u>MPO website</u>. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: <u>LRTP Amendments</u> Mr. Scott said this item would come back for approval at the next meeting. Chair Pendergrass asked if there were any public comments on this agenda item. There were none.

## **Other Business**

## Agenda Item #9 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. John Majka provided a public comment on items not on the agenda.

#### Agenda Item #10 - LeeTran/TD Report

Mr. Dominic Gemelli with LeeTran provided the LeeTran report which included information on seasonal service and the capital improvement plan. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

## Agenda Item #11 - FDOT Report

Ms. Vicotria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report that included information on the upcoming SR 31 public meeting. Information on the SR 31 public meeting was also provided in Agenda Item #13.

#### Agenda Item #12 - Announcements

Deputy Mayor Fred Forbes commented on the Lee and Collier MPOs and the SR 951 extension. The Board discussed the Lee and Collier MPOs, limitations of the legislation, urban areas, regional coordination, funding, example of Bonita Beach Road, core services in Lee County, lack of quorum at joint meeting, other prior commitments/schedules, addressing coordination between the MPOs, Corkscrew Road, Coconut Road, and coordination between local jurisdictions.

## Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

Mr. Scott noted the information and/or distribution items included a notice for the SR 31 public meeting that was also <u>posted to the website</u>.

#### The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: MPO Board October 20, 2023

## ^Roll Call Vote \*Action Items \*May Require Action

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## CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the appointment of Blanca Contreras to the Citizen Advisory Committee to fill an at-large vacancy (see **attached** application).

## Federal and State CAC Membership Requirements

In its 1997 review of the Lee County MPO's planning process, the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) review team demanded that the MPO "must develop proactive methodologies to directly involve minority, low income, elderly, and other disadvantaged groups in the transportation planning process." The review team identified this as a corrective action that must be completed in order to avoid federally imposed sanctions. In addition, Chapter 339.175, *Florida Statutes*, stipulates that minorities, the elderly, and the handicapped must be adequately represented on the CAC.

## MPO Bylaws Membership Requirements

Paragraphs (b) and (c) under Section 1.005(2) of the MPO Bylaws also spell out membership requirements that must be considered when making appointments to the

CAC:

Each County Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members to the CAC from different communities within his or her district. Each of the other voting members of the MPO shall appoint one (1) member to the CAC who lives in his or her city. If a voting member is unable to find a volunteer to sit on the CAC that lives in his or her district the voting member may appoint someone who lives outside of their jurisdiction to represent their jurisdiction as long as the appointee lives in Lee County. The MPO shall also appoint a transportation handicapped member on an at-large basis and two other at-large members that will be filled with low income and/or minority members of the CAC shall serve at the pleasure of the MPO members who appointed them, or their successors. (A notification letter will be sent to all elected officials that are new to the MPO Board regarding this process.) Due to the fact that each member of the CAC is appointed by a member of the MPO Board, the CAC committee **does not** have alternate members.

(a) The members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizen Advisory Committee shall be citizens and year-round residents of the city or county commission district which their appointers represent Lee County; or, in the case of the at-large, mobility handicapped member, of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's transportation study area. Members or their immediate family members (spouse, child, parent or sibling) shall not be declared candidates or elected officials of the Lee County Commission, municipalities in Lee County or Lee County Constitutional Officers. Members shall not be employees of any of the local governments represented on the MPO or of the state or federal departments of transportation. Should the status of any CAC member change in such a way as to disqualify him/her from membership under the terms of this paragraph, his/her membership shall automatically terminate. Those who thus become ineligible for CAC membership shall provide written notice to the MPO staff, the CAC Chairman and the MPO member responsible for appointing their replacements.



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	P.O. Box 150045	
	Cape Coral, Florida 33915-001	5
	Phone: (239) 330-2243	Fax: (239) 790-2695
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Please note: Your application will remain active in the MPO's Office for one (1) year. Resumes may be included; however, the application MUST still be completed. Read "Important Information" section on the second page of the application, then sign and date the application. (Use additional pages as needed.)

#### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK

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Application for Citizen Advisory Committee (Attach additional sheets or a resume if necessary)

Complete the following: (Please describe those facets of your background/experience which you feel may be useful for membership on this Board/Committee. Please list all public involvement activities you been involved in (include efforts outside the local area). Should you feel it appropriate, you may include academic, vocational, and skill training; diplomas, degrees and certification; licenses and other background information).

I am a full-time Cape Coral resident since 1998. I hold a Real Estate Broker's license and until recently served 2 terms as director at the Realtor Assoc. and at Florida Realtors (state level) and have traveled on several trips to Tallahassee to meet with representatives to discuss housing issues such as property rights, insurance, water, etc. My goal is to be a productive contributor and have the opportunity through my involvement (locally and state) to serve our SWFL communities.

Please describe any public involvement or community service you've been involved in either locally or otherwise.

Lee County Precinct #11 Election Clerk (gubernatorial & presidential). Past President & Founding Member of NAHREP SWFL Chapter. Affordable Housing Committee – Lee County. Chair, Affordable Housing Advisory Council – City of Cape Coral. Board member, Freedom & Virtue Institute. Chair, Hispanic Vote PAC of SWFL (non-partisan). Volunteer homebuyer instructor - Habitat for Humanity and Realtor's Care.

Would you be willing to serve on other advisory boards? <u>YES</u>

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

• Florida State Statute 119.07 designates that this application as a public document be made available for anyone requesting to view it.

Applicant's Signature: <u>Blanca</u> Contreras

Date Signed: 10/13/2023

Are you related to any member of the Lee County MPO? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_x NO

A LIST OF SAMPLE ELIGILBILITY REQUIREMENTS OR DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To assist the Lee County MPO in its selection process, please check as many of the following categories that apply to you:

- a. Lee County (Unincorporated area)b. City of Cape Coralc. City of Fort Myersd. City of Bonita Springse. City of Sanibelf. Town of Fort Myers Beach
- 2. Member of one of the following organizations or group:

a. Florida Engineering Society	
b. Chamber of Commerce	
c. NAACP	
d. Historical Preservation Society	
e. A Homeowners' Association	
f. A Local Environmental Group	
g. Home Builders Association	
h. Lee County School Board	
i. Agricultural Community	
j. Other Above Board Chamber	XXXXXX
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3. Representative of one of the following:

4. Professional/Career Credentials:

a. Registered Architect	
b. Licensed Attorney	
c. Licensed Engineer	
d. Licensed Building Contractor	
e. Licensed Electrical Contractor	
f. Licensed General Contractor	
g. Licensed Heating/Air Conditioning Contractor	
<ul> <li>Licensed Plumbing Contractor</li> </ul>	
i. Fire Official	
j. Geologist	
k. Licensed Health Professional	
I. Realtor	XXXXXX
m. Subcontractor (especially in building trades)	
n. Owner or Operator of Motel/Hotel, etc.	
o. Licensed Veterinarian	
p. Judge of the Family Law Division	
q. Land Surveyor	
r. Other	

5. Knowledge, training, background, interest or experience in:

a. Natural Sciences: Ecology, Biology, Botany, etc. b. Education c. Banking or Finance	xxxxxx
d. Real Estate	xxxxxx
e. Planning, Engineering, Environment	
f. The Development Industry	
g. Technical Codes (Building Codes)	
h. Archaeological, Historical Matters	
i. Architectural Development and Planning	<u> </u>
j. Historical Preservation	<u> </u>
k. Rehabilitation (related to health matters)	<u> </u>
I. Tourist Industry	
m. Child Advocate	
n. Agriculture	XXXXXX
<ul> <li>Other Legislative Administrator - Council</li> </ul>	~~~~~

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The information below is voluntary only: 6. Ethnic Background:

- a. African American
- b. Asian American c. American Woman
- c. American woman
- d. Hispanic American xxxxxxx e. Native American
- f. Multi-lingual xxxxxx
- g. Other

- 7. Family Income Level:
  - a. Less than \$20,000 per year
  - b. Between \$20,001 and \$40,000
  - c. Between \$40,001 and \$60,000

XXXXX

d. Greater than \$60,000 per year

8. Family Size

- a. One or two peopleb. Three or four people XXXX
- c. Five or six people
- d. Greater than six people

## APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE AT-LARGE CITIZEN MEMBER TO THE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR SANIBEL

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the appointment of Jim Meyer as an alternate at-large citizen member to the BPCC for Sanibel (resolution and application attached).

The MPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) membership includes four (4) seats for At-large Citizen Members. Staff has received an application from the City of Sanibel to appoint an alternate member for their seat to be filled by Jim Meyer.

## **BPCC Bylaw At-Large Membership Requirements**

Section 4: paragraphs (d) and (e) of the BPCC Bylaws also spell out membership requirements that must be considered when making At-Large appointments to the BPCC:

- D. In the case of At Large Citizen Members, appointments shall be made by the MPO Policy Board. All such appointments are subject to ratification by a majority of members of the MPO at a regular MPO meeting at which a quorum is present.
- E. The At Large Citizen Members of the BPCC shall be citizens and year-round residents of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's transportation study area. Members or their immediate family members (spouse, child, parent or sibling) shall not be declared candidates or elected officials of the Lee County Commission, municipalities in Lee County or Lee County Constitutional Officers. The At Large members shall not be employees of any of the local governments represented on the MPO or of the state or federal departments of transportation. Should the status of any of these BPCC members change in such a way as to disqualify him/her from membership under the terms of this paragraph, his/her membership shall automatically terminate. Those who thus become ineligible for BPCC members hall provide written notice to the MPO staff the BPCC Chair.

#### CITY OF SANIBEL RESOLUTION 23-069

## A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE (BPCC); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the BPCC is to assist the MPO with bicycle/pedestrian planning and programming activities for all agencies participating in the Lee County MPO; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities and duties of the BPCC are described in the Bylaws, a copy of which is available in the City Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sanibel has one voting member seat on the BPCC and the City Council desires to appoint an alternate member;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA:

**SECTION 1.** The following individual is hereby appointed to serve on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) as an alternate member to attend when the regular member is unable to do so:

#### Jim Meyer

The above member shall serve on the BPCC until the earlier of when the member tenders written resignation to the City Council or City Council appoints a replacement.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED IN OPEN AND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

Attest:

Approved as to form and legality:

John D. Agnew, City Attorney

Date filed with City Clerk: 11/8/23

Johnson, Mayor

## **Resolution 23-069**

Johnson	Yea
Miller	Yea
Crater	Yea
Henshaw	Yea
Smith	Yea

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Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee Application

Return Application to: Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Calandra Barraco P.O. Box 150045 Cape Coral, FL 33915-0045 Phone: (239) 330-2242 Fax: (239) 790-2695 Email: cbarraco@Leempo.com

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## PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK

Date: _10/25/2023 City _	Sanibel	
Name: _ Meyer Last	_Jim First	Middle
Address:760 Sextant #1073		
City: _Sanibel	Florida Zip: _33957	
Home Telephone: 314 406 0904	Contact Time:	
Email Address:meyerjm400@aim	n.com	
Referred By: Mike Miller	Date Available:10/25/2023	
Please list any Advisory Boards/Com	mittees to which you are currently appointe	d:
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Occupation (Or if retired, please indic	cate):Retired	
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Application for Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (Attach additional sheets or a resume if necessary)

Complete the following: (Please describe those facets of your background/experience which you feel may be useful for membership on this Board/Committee. Please list all public involvement activities you been involved in (include efforts outside the local area). Should you feel it appropriate, you may include academic, vocational, and skill training; diplomas, degrees and certification; licenses and other background information).

Please describe any public involvement or community service you've been involved in either locally or otherwise.

Would you be willing to serve on other advisory boards? IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

• Florida State Statute 119.07 designates that this application as a public document be made available for anyone requesting to view it.

Applicant's Signature: Jim Meyer\_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_10/25/2023\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to any member of the Lee County MPO? \_\_\_\_\_YES\_\_\_x\_\_\_NO

ELIGILBILITY REQUIREMENTS OR DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

To assist the Lee County MPO in its selection process, please check as many of the following categories that apply to you:

- 1. Are you a US Citizen \_Yes\_ \_\_\_\_
- 2. Year-round resident of:

a. Lee County (Unincorporated area)	
b. City of Cape Coral	
c. City of Fort Myers	
d. City of Bonita Springs	
e. City of Sanibel	No
f. Town of Fort Myers Beach	
g. Village of Estero	
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3. Member of one of the following organizations or group:

h.	Lee	County	School	Board
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- i. Agricultural Communityj. Other \_Sanibel Bike Club, VP\_ \_
- 4. Representative of one of the following:

a. Persons with Disabilities b. Public Libraries	
c. Education	<u> </u>
d. Florida Department of HRS	
e. United Way	
f. Elderly Health Care Consumers	
g. Nongovernmental Health Care Consumers	
h. Consumers of Regular Bus Service	
i. Developmental Disability Services	
j. The Elderly	
k. Veterans	
I Criminal Justice	
m.Health and Rehabilitative Services	
n. Other	

5. Professional/Career Credentials:

a. Registered Architect	<u> </u>
b. Licensed Attorney	
c. Licensed Engineer	<u> </u>
d. Licensed Building Contractor	
e. Licensed Electrical Contractor	
f. Licensed General Contractor	
g. Licensed Heating/Air Conditioning Contractor	
h. Licensed Plumbing Contractor	
i. Fire Official	
j. Geologist	
k. Licensed Health Professional	
I. Realtor	-
m. Subcontractor (especially in building trades)	
n. Owner or Operator of Motel/Hotel, etc.	
o. Licensed Veterinarian	
p. Judge of the Family Law Division	
q. Land Surveyor	<u> </u>
r. Other	

6. Knowledge, training, background, interest or experience in:

a. Natural Sciences: Ecology, Biology, Botany, etc.	
b. Education	_x
c. Banking or Finance	
d. Real Estate	
e. Planning, Engineering, Environment	
f. The Development Industry	
g. Technical Codes (Building Codes)	
h. Archaeological, Historical Matters	
i. Architectural Development and Planning	
j. Historical Preservation	
k. Rehabilitation (related to health matters)	
I. Tourist Industry	

m. Child Advocate n. Agriculture o. Other Volunteer Tutor

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The information below is voluntary only:

7. Ethnic Background:

- a. African American
- b. Asian American
- c. American Woman
- d. Hispanic American
- e. Native American f. Multi-lingual
- g. Other

8. Family Income Level:

- a. Less than \$20,000 per year
- b. Between \$20,001 and \$40,000
- c. Between \$40,001 and \$60,000
- d. Greater than \$60,000 per year

9. Family Size

- a. One or two people \_x \_\_
- b. Three or four people
- c. Five or six people
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## AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2023/2024 THROUGH FY 2027/2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADJUST THE PROJECT FUNDING FOR THE METRO PARKWAY FROM DANIELS PARKWAY TO WINKLER AVENUE PROJECT AND TO ADD THE I-75 MOVING FLORIDA FORWARD PROJECT

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust Metro Parkway project funding and to add the I-75 Moving Florida Forward Project.

The current FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being amended to adjust the funding for the Metro Parkway widening project from Daniels Parkway to Winkler Avenue and to add the PD&E and PE phases for the I-75 Moving Florida Forward widening project. The Metro Parkway adjusted project cost information is included on the **attached** TIP page and the Districtwide Lee and Collier I-75 widening project TIP page is also **attached**. The TAC and CAC unanimously approved this item at their respective meetings held on November 2, 2023.

## SR 739 (METRO PKWY) FROM DANIELS PKWY TO WINKLER AVE

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Phase	Fund Source	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total		
PD&E	DIH	9,956	0	0	0	0	9,956		
PE	DIH	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000		
ROW	DDR	2,957,094	11,688,650	0	0	0	14,645,744		
ROW	DIH	379,811	0	0	0	0	379,811		
ROW	DS	0	405,920	11,657,996	0	0	12,063,916		
ENV	DDR	130,000	0	0	0	100,000	230,000		
Total	-	3,486,861	12,094,570	11,657,996	0	100,000	27,339,427		

Project Number: 4313341

Prior Cost < 2023/24:	9,365,705
Future Cost > 2027/28:	0
Total Project Cost:	36,705,132
Project Description:	Expansion o

Expansion of roadway from four lanes to six lanes and conversion of the Metro/Colonial and Metro/Daniels intersections to continuous flow intersections

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## i-75 GOLDEN GATE PKWY TO S OF CORKSCREW ROAD



Fror	n:		-	Work Sur	nmary: ADD LA	NES AND RE	ECONSTRUCT
To:							
Lead	d Agency:	MANAGI	ED BY FDOT	Length:	17.695		
				LRTP #:	Chapter 5, Tab 5-15, Project S		
Phase	Fund Source	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total
PD&E	MFF	3,300,000	0	0	0	0	3,300,000
PE	MFF	21,000,000	0	0	0	0	21,000,000
Total	-	24,300,000	0	0	0	0	24,300,000

Project Number: 4525441

SIS

Prior Cost < 2023/24: Future Cost > 2027/28: Total Project Cost: Project Description:

Widen I-75 from Golden Gate Parkway to Corkscrew Road from six to eight lanes as part of the Moving Florida Forward Poject.

FY 2023/24 through FY 2027/28 - November 17, 2023

0

0

24,300,000

## REVIEW AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Review and approve amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

The MPO staff is amending the 2045 LRTP to address changes to projects based on additional funding from the Moving Florida Forward Program, local funding commitments, recent Federal and State appropriations and project phases added or changed in the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program. The proposed amendments are listed below and are shown in underline and strike through format on the attached Cost Feasible Tables.

The following changes are being proposed:

- Adjust the Metro Parkway right-of-way funding changes.
- Revise the limits of the SR 78 W. of Santa Barbara to 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue project to Burnt Store Road to 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue to address the local funding that is being used for the PD&E study within those limits. Also, adjust the funding to match what has been budgeted for the project (now funded in FY 2025).
- Revise the Burnt Store Road from Van Buren to the Charlotte County line design phase to now show this funded with the federal appropriation that was awarded to the County (now funded in FY 2024).
- Change the SR 31 from SR 80 to SR 78 project to adjust the phasing to account for the state appropriation funding and the right-of-way phase that is now funded. Also, add the construction phase that was included in the FDOT Tentative Work program (construction is funded in FY 2029).
- Revise the US 41 and Bonita Beach Road intersection project to include the design phase project funded with federal and local funds to match recent changes (now funded in FY 2026).
- Add in the widening of I-75 to eight lanes from the Collier County line to Corkscrew Road in the 2024 to 2027 time frame to match the Moving Florida Forward project. Also revise the I-75 managed lanes project currently shown in the Plan to match the typical section that has been shown in the recently completed I-75 South Corridor Master Plan.

The TAC and CAC unanimously approved this item at their respective meetings held on November 2, 2023.

Table 5-9: Cost Feasible Projects: State/Other Arterial/ Federal SU Funded Road Projects (\$1,000)

roject Identifier	Road Name	From	То	Improvement	Phase	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-	Total Cost (YOE)	Total Cost (PDC)	Funding
	Koau Name	FIOIII	10	improvement	FlidSe	2021-2023	2020-2030	2031-2033	2045	(101)	(FDC)	
S1	Countywide Signal System Updates, Final Phase			ITS	PE		\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,200	SU, SA DDR
21	Countywide Signal System Updates, Final Phase			ITS	CST		\$10,730	\$0	\$0	\$10,730	\$8,000	SU, SA DDR
	Metro Parkway	South of Daniels Parkway	Winkler Avenue	Widen 4L to 6L/CFI	ROW	\$18,284	\$ <u>11,658</u>	\$0	\$0	<u>\$29,942</u>	<u>\$22,683</u>	DDR, DS,DIH
	Metro Parkway	South of Colonial Blvd	Winkler Avenue	Widen 4L to 6L/CFI	CST		<u>\$37,962</u>	0	\$0	\$ <u>37,962</u>	<u>\$28,759</u>	OA
S2	Metro Parkway	South of Daniels Parkway	North of Daniels Parkway	CFI	CST		\$27,620	0	\$0	\$27,620	\$20,900	OA
	Metro Parkway	North of Daniels Parkway	South of Colonial Blvd.	Widen 4L to 6L	CST		\$37,820	0	\$0	\$37,820	\$28,650	OA
S3	Big Carlos Bridge Replacement Repayment			Reconstruct Bridge	CST	\$8,500	\$16,500	= \$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$21,000	SU/SA
S4	San Carlos Boulevard	Estero Blvd	Summerlin Road	Intersection Improvements	CST	\$8,206	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,206	\$8,206	SU/TAL
	Old US 41	Collier County Line	Bonita Beach Road	Add Lanes & Reconstruct	PE		\$2,640	\$0	\$0	\$2,640	\$2,110	SU
S5	Old US 41	Collier County Line	Bonita Beach Road	Add Lanes & Reconstruct	ROW		\$5,800	\$0	\$0	\$5,800	\$4,880	SU
	Old US 41	Collier County Line	Bonita Beach Road	Add Lanes & Reconstruct	CST		\$0	\$22,170	\$0	\$22,170	\$14,300	SU
	US 41 at Six Mile Cypress			Intersection Improvements	PD&E	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	DS/SI
	US 41 at Six Mile Cypress			Intersection Improvements	PE		\$4,690	\$0	\$0	\$4,690	\$3,553	OA
S6	US 41 at Six Mile Cypress			Intersection Improvements	ROW		\$0	\$7,560	\$0	\$7,560	\$4,880	OA
1.1	US 41 at Six Mile Cypress			Intersection Improvements	CST		\$0	\$39,430	\$0	\$39,430	\$29,870	OA
	SR78	W. of Santa Barbara	24th Avenue	Widen 4L to 6L	PD&E		<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$3,090</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$3,090</del>	<del>\$2,190</del>	OA
S7	SR 78	W. of Santa Barbara- Burnt Store Rd	24th Avenue	Widen 4L to 6L	PE		<u>\$<del>0</del>8,090</u>	\$ <del>9,27</del> 0	\$0	9 <u>,2708,090</u>	\$6, <del>000<u>577</u></del>	OA
	SR 78	W. of Santa Barbara	24th Avenue	Widen 4L to 6L	CST		\$0	\$0	\$81,080	\$81,080	\$43,710	OA
	SR 78	I-75	SR 31	Widen 2L to 4L	PE		\$3,080	\$0	\$0	\$3,080	\$2,330	OA
S8	SR 78	I-75	SR 31	Widen 2L to 4L	ROW		\$0	\$6,770	\$0	\$6,770	\$4,370	OA
	SR 78	I-75	SR 31	Widen 2L to 4L	CST		\$0	\$25,860	\$0	\$25,860	\$16,700	O
	SR 78	Old US 41	Slater Road	Widen 4L to 6L	PD&E		\$0	\$1,920	\$0	\$1,920	\$1,360	0/
S9	SR 78	Old US 41	Slater Road	Widen 4L to 6L	PE		\$0	\$0	\$8,360	\$8,360	\$4,080	OA
	SR 78	Old US 41	Slater Road	Widen 4L to 6L	CST		\$0	\$0	\$50,400	\$50,400	\$27,200	OA

# 2045 Transportation Plan



Project Identifier										Total Cost	Total Cost	Funding
	Road Name	From	То	Improvement	Phase	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2045	( YOE)	(PDC)	Sources
S10	Fowler Street	Metro/Fowler Cross over	Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd	Reconstruction	PD&E/PE/ROW/ CST		\$5,500	\$28,700	\$0	\$34,200	\$22,670	OA
	Burnt Store Road	Van Buren Parkway	Charlotte County Line	Widen 2L to 4L	PE	<u>\$4,500</u>	\$ <del>8,090_</del> 0	\$0	\$0	\$ <del>8,090</del> <u>4,500</u>	\$ <del>8,090</del> <u>4,500</u>	SU
S11	Burnt Store Road	Van Buren Parkway	Charlotte County Line	Widen 2L to 4L	ROW		\$15,680	\$0	\$0	\$15,680	\$13,514	SU
	Burnt Store Road	Van Buren Parkway	Janis Road	Widen 2L to 4L	CST		\$0	\$12,535	\$0	\$12,535	\$7,950	SU, LF
	Burnt Store Road	Janis Road	Durden Parkway	Widen 2L to 4L	CST		\$0	\$14,700	\$0	\$14,700	\$9,300	SU, LF
	Burnt Store Road	Durden Parkway	Charlotte Co/Line	Widen 2L to 4L	CST		\$0	\$15,900	\$0	\$15,900	\$10,100	SU, LF
<del>\$12</del>	<del>SR 31</del>	<del>SR 80</del>	<del>SR 78</del>	Widen 2L to 6L	ROW		<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$23,780</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$23,780</del>	<del>\$16,400</del>	<del>O</del> A
JIL	<del>SR 31</del>	<del>SR 80</del>	<del>SR 78</del>	Widen 2L to 6L	<del>CST</del>		<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$164,000</del>	<del>\$164,000</del>	<del>\$80,000</del>	OA
S13	Cape Coral Evacuation Study			Access	Planning	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300	SU, LF
	US 41/Bonita Beach Road	Intersection		Intersection	PE	1	\$ <del>3,190</del>	\$0	\$0	<del>3,190 <u>2,800</u></del>	2,4 <del>00</del> 221	OA
S14	US 41/Bonita Beach Road	Intersection		Intersection	ROW		\$5,940	\$0	\$0	5,940	4,500	OA, LF, SL
	US 41/Bonita Beach Road	Intersection		Intersection	CST		\$0	\$26,800	\$0	26800	17,300	OA, LF, SI
	US 41/SR 78	Intersection		Intersection	PE		\$750	\$0	\$0	750	570	OA
S15	US 41/SR 78	Intersection		Intersection	CST		\$8,050	\$0	\$0	8050	6,100	OA
S16	ACES Technology Support				Capital		\$5,000	\$9,000	\$50,000	\$64,000	\$33,900	OA, SU
S17	Transit Operations Congestion Management				OPS							OA
S18	US 41 Caloosahatchee River Bridge	Fort Myers	North Fort Myers	Sidewalk one side	PE*/CST		\$13,600	\$0	\$0	\$13,600	\$10,800	SU, GFSU, OA, LF
S19	Major Intersections/Interchanges			Operational & Safety Improvements	P/R/CST	i de suba	\$400	\$10,000	\$150,000	\$170,000	\$88,300	OA, SU
S20	Cape Coral Bridge Reconstruction			Bridge	CST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	BRTZ, SU, GFBZ, GFSU, GFBR, OA, SA, LF (see LC2 for LF
S21	I-75/Daniels Rest Area (N/S)			Add 150 truck parking spaces	PD&E	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	CARB
					Total Cost:	<u>\$42,790</u>	<u>\$225,810</u>	<u>\$230,615</u>	<u>\$339,840</u>	\$ <u>869,055</u>	\$ <u>540,343</u>	
					Revenues:	\$42,790	\$226,600	\$258,020	\$538,910	\$1,066,320		

Project Phases - PD&E: Project Development and Environment; PE: Project Engineering and Design; ROW: Right-of-Way; CST: Construction

Funding Sources - SU: Federal Surface Transportation Program Urban Area funds >200,00; SA: Federal Surface Transportation Program any area; OA: State Other Arterial funding; DDR: State District Dedicated Revenue; LF: Local Funding; DIH: State District In-house

Other - ACES: Automated, Connected, Electric & Shared Vehicle Technology



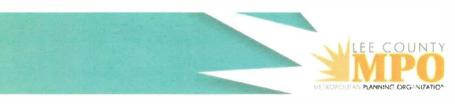




Table 5-11: Cost Feasible Projects: City of Cape Coral Road Projects (\$1,000)

**Total Cost:** 

**Revenues:** 

<u>\$5,700</u>

\$39,270

\$57,530

\$58,090

\$52,440

\$200,861

<u>\$115,670</u>

\$298,221

<u>\$62,630</u>

Project										Total Cost	Total Cost
Identifier	Road Name	From	То	Improvement	Phase	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2045	( YOE)	(PDC)
	Diplomat Parkway	Burnt Store Road	US 41	4L to 4L Limited Access	PE		\$0	\$7,104		\$7,104	\$4,580
C1	Diplomat Parkway	Burnt Store Road	US 41	4L to 4L Limited Access	ROW		\$0	\$10,840	<b>DUNBELS</b>	\$10,840	\$7,000
	Diplomat Parkway	Burnt Store Road	US 41	4L to 4L Limited Access	CST		\$0	\$0	\$77,380	\$77,380	\$37,750
	Chiquita Boulevard	Cape Coral Parkway	Pine Island Road	Widen 4L to 6L	PE		\$0		\$14,880	\$14,880	\$7,250
C2	Chiquita Boulevard	Cape Coral Parkway	Pine Island Road	Widen 4L to 6L	ROW		\$0	\$0	\$43,920	\$43,920	\$21,400
	Chiquita Boulevard	Cape Coral Parkway	Pine Island Road	Widen 4L to 6L	CST		\$0	\$0	\$129,850	\$129,850	\$63,300
	NE 24th Avenue	Pondella Road	NE 28th Street	Widen 2L to 4L	PE		\$5,490	\$0	\$0	\$5,490	\$4,160
C3	NE 24th Avenue	Pondella Road	NE 28th Street	Widen 2L to 4L	ROW		\$23,070	\$0	\$0	\$23,070	\$17,500
	NE 24th Avenue	Pondella Road	NE 28th Street	Widen 2L to 4L	CST		\$0	\$46,190	\$0	\$46,190	\$29,800
	NE 24th Avenue	NE 28th Street	Del Prado Boulevard	New 4L	PE		\$2,770	\$0	\$0	\$2,770	\$2,100
C4	NE 24th Avenue	NE 28th Street	Del Prado Boulevard	New 4L	ROW		\$9,000	\$10,500	\$0	\$19,500	\$13,600
	NE 24th Avenue	NE 28th Street	Del Prado Boulevard	New 4L	CST		\$0	\$20,700	\$0	\$20,700	\$13,400
C5	SR 78	Burnt Store Road	24th Avenue	Widen 4L to 6L	PD&E	\$ <del>2,250 <u>4</u>,500</del>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ <del>2,250</del> 4,500	\$ <del>2,250</del> <u>4,500</u>
					Total Cost:	\$4,500	\$40,330	\$95,334	\$266,030	\$406,194	\$ <u>226,340</u>
					Revenues:	\$4,500	\$42,689	\$97,000	\$298,590	\$440,529	

Project Phases - PD&E: Project Development and Environment; PE: Project Engineering and Design; ROW: Right-of-way Acquisition; CST: Project Construction





Table 5-15: Cost Feasible Pro	jects: Strategic Intermoda	System Projects (\$1.000)

Project Identifier	Road Name	From	То	Improvement	Phase	2021- 2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2045	Total Cost ( YOE)	Total Cost (PDC)
0104	1-75	at Daniels Parkway		Interchange	PD&E	\$2,828	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,828	\$2,828
SIS1	I-75	at Daniels Parkway		Interchange	DSB	\$19,332	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,332	\$19,332
SIS2	I-75	at Colonial Boulevard	Constant Sector (SA)	Interchange	CST	\$51,756	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,756	\$51,756
	I-75	Collier County Line Corkscrew Rd	SR <del>78 <u>80</u></del>	Managed lanes	PE	\$0	\$136,800	\$0	\$0	\$136,800	\$103,60
	1-75	Collier County Line Corkscrew Rd	SR <del>78</del> - <u>80</u>	Managed lanes	ROW	\$0	\$0	\$271,300	\$0	\$271,300	\$175,03
SIS3	1-75	Collier County Line Corkscrew Rd	SR <del>78</del> <u>80</u>	Managed lanes	CST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,125,900	\$1,125,900	\$549,20
0.00	<u>I-75</u>	Collier County Line	Corkscrew Rd	Widen 6L to 8L	PD&E/PE	<u>\$2 4,300</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$24,300</u>	<u>\$</u> 2 4 <b>,</b> 30
	1-75	Collier County Line	Corkscrew Rd	Widen 6Lto 8L	CSI	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$578,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$578,000</u>	\$469,918
SIS4	SR 31	SR 80	SR 78	Widen 2L to 6L	PE	\$9,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,950	\$7,540
<u>SIS4</u>	<u>SR 31</u>	<u>SR 80</u>	<u>SR 78</u>	Widen 2L to <u>6L</u>	ROW	\$20,050	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$20,050</u>	\$20,050
SIS4	SR 31	SR 80	SR 78	Widen 2Lto 6L	CSI	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$205,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$205,000</u>	\$167,667
0.05	SR 80	SR 31	Buckingham Road	Widen 4L to 6L	PD&E	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,1 40
SIS5	SR 80	SR 31	Buckingham Road	Widen 4L to 6L	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$2,195
SIS6	SR 82	Alabama	Homestead Road	Widen 4L to 6L	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,189	\$2,189	\$1,068
					Total Cost:	<u>\$128,216</u>	<u>\$921,300</u>	\$271,300	\$1,132,589	<u>\$2,453, 405</u>	<u>\$1,595,6</u> 2
					Revenues:	\$128,216	\$921,300	\$271,300	\$1,132,589	\$2,453,405	

Project Phases - PD&E: Project Development and Environment; PE: Project Engineering and Design; ROW: Right-of-way Acquisition; CST: Project Construction

Table 5-16: Cost Feasible Projects: Federal TMA Urban Area Allocation Projects - Box funds (\$1,000)

Project Identifier	Project Name	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2045	Total Cost
M1	Traffic Operations Center Op.	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 460	\$ 1,150
M2	Traffic Operations Projects	\$ 4,770	\$ 4,770	\$ 4,770	\$ 9,540	\$ 23,850
M3	Bus Replacements	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,500
M4	Bicycle Pedestrian Projects	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 62,500
	Total Cost	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$125,000

## ADOPTION OF A PASSENGER RAIL PROGRAM PRIORITY FOR A SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERCITY RAIL STUDY

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the **attached** Joint Resolution for submitting an MPOAC Passenger Rail Program Priority for a Southwest Florida Rail Study.

The MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) launched a Pilot Passenger Rail Priorities Program (PRPP). The goal of this Program is to expand rail options across the State of Florida while creating a comprehensive, integrated, and coordinated multimodal network. Potential rail projects in Florida identified through this Program will be communicated to FDOT to tap into funds available under the Florida Rail Enterprise, and federal discretionary rail grants available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

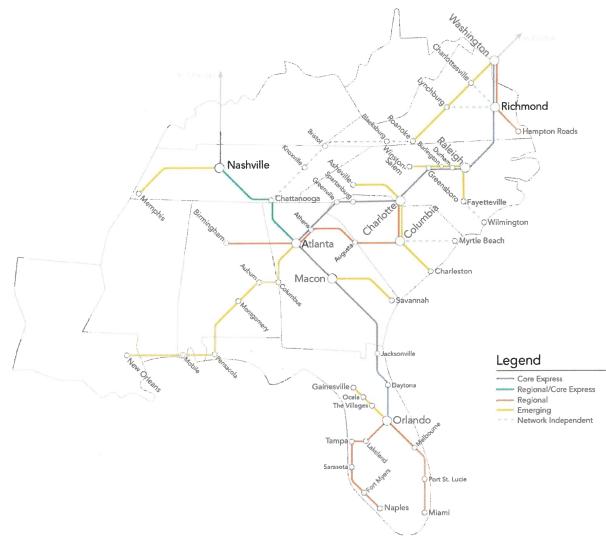
Staff from the four (4) Southwest Florida MPOs including Collier, Lee, Charlotte, and Sarasota/Manatee have coordinated with each other and have agreed to submit a Joint Priority Request under this Program for a SW Florida Rail Study. Currently, the FDOT Freight and Rail Plan updated in 2023 includes a map (see **attached** map) of the future passenger rail connections in the Southeast and Florida that includes a connection from Tampa down to Naples.

A Rail Study would investigate the feasibility of running an intercity (Amtrak) or high speed rail on I-75 using the multimodal transit envelope and connecting all four metropolitan areas with existing and planned passenger rail network at Tampa.

At their respective November 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings, the TAC and CAC unanimously recommended that the Lee MPO adopt a Joint Priority for a SW Florida Rail Study to be submitted under the MPOAC PPRP Pilot.



Figure 3-1 | Southeast Regional Network Vision



Source: Southeast Regional Rail Plan, FRA, December 2020

In July 2022, the Southeast Corridor Commission released a follow-up report, the Development Strategy for High-Performance Rail in the Southeast.<sup>4</sup> The report presents a 30-year passenger rail expansion and implementation plan that concentrates on connecting the Core Express routes in the network to provide high-performance rail services between major metropolitan areas throughout the Southeast. The Commission proposes the following phased approach to the buildout of the network based on the readiness of current segments and the priority of providing interstate connections:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.southeastcorridor-commission.org/\_files/ugd/f32a1d\_3440c715f68444c899c24a9435ce05fe.pdf



## RESOLUTION

Joint resolution by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations of Collier, Lee, Charlotte County - Punta Gorda, and Sarasota/Manatee supporting the submission of an application to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council for a Passenger Rail Priority comprising of a Southwest Florida Rail Study

Whereas, there are no existing and planned intercity or high speed rail service serving the major urban centers in Southwest Florida;

Whereas, FRA's long term regional passenger rail vision plan for the Southeast Region, developed in December 2020, identifies passenger rail service from Tampa to Naples via Bradenton, Sarasota, Port Charlotte, and Fort Myers, as shown in **Exhibit A**;

Whereas, FDOT's Rail System Plan, updated in October 2023, illustrates three tiers of Conceptual Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor Connections;

Whereas, one of those rail corridor connections serving new passenger rail markets include a Miami-Naples-Tampa passenger rail alignment under Tier III as shown in **Exhibit B**;

Whereas, FDOT will be evaluating all three tiers of corridors at some point of time to assess their ability to help achieve the statewide vision for passenger rail;

Whereas, the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council has launched a Passenger Rail Priorities Program (PRPP) Pilot and is identifying priority intercity passenger rail projects that can enhance Florida's rail projects;

Whereas, the list of potential passenger rail projects will allow Florida to take advantage of new funding opportunities available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, and planning grants available through the Florida Rail Enterprise;

Whereas, a Southwest Florida Rail Study among the list of projects would highlight the lack of existing and planned passenger rail service in Southwest Florida, and brings urgency to fund and undertake the study; Whereas, the Southwest Florida Rail Study would investigate the feasibility of running an intercity (Amtrak) or high speed rail on I -75 using the multimodal transit envelope and connecting all four metropolitan areas with existing and planned passenger rail network in Tampa;

Whereas, the results and recommendations from the study would help guide FDOT, the 4 MPOs, and local governments to coordinate, collaborate, plan, and fund the next phases for establishing intercity or high speed passenger rail service in Southwest Florida.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY ALL FOUR (4) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARDS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA THAT:

1. The BOARDS support the submission of a Joint application by all 4 MPOs for a Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council PRPP Priority for a Southwest Florida Rail Study.

## LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Adopted at Public Meeting on November 17, 2023

Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, MPO Chair

Derek Rooney, MPO Attorney

Donald Scott, MPO Director

## COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Adopted at Public Meeting on December 8, 2023

Council Member Greg Folley, MPO Chair

Scott Teach, Deputy County Attorney

Anne McLaughlin, MPO Director

## CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Adopted at Public Meeting on January 29, 2023

Commissioner Christopher Constance, MPO Chair

MPO Attorney

D'Juan Harris, MPO Director

## SARASOTA MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Adopted at Public Meeting on January 29, 2023

Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, MPO Chair

MPO Attorney

David Hutchinson, MPO Director