

# MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

NAPLES, FLORIDA

AUGUST 21, 2024

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Public Transit Advisory Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 1:00 P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at Collier County Museum Lecture Hall, 3331 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, Florida with the following members present:

Chair:	John DiMarco, III
Vice-Chair:	Peter Berry (Virtual)
	Cliff Donenfeld
	Dewey Enderle
	Sonja Lee Samek
	Benita Staadecker
	Open Seat

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Wells, Director, Collier County PTNE  
Omar DeLeon, Public Transit Manager, Collier County PTNE (Excused)  
Alexander Showalter, Senior Planner, Collier County PTNE (Excused)  
Keyla Castro, Operations Specialist, Collier County PTNE  
Elena-Ortiz Rosado, Marketing Manager, Collier County PTNE  
Liz Soriano, Project Manager, Collier County PTNE  
Jacob Stauffer, Transit Planner, MV Transportation  
Nolan Begley, Fixed Route Manager, MV Transportation (Virtual)  
Dusty May Hansen, Senior Planner, Collier MPO

**1. Call to Order**

**Chair DiMarco** called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and a quorum of five was established.

*Mr. Enderle motioned to allow Vice Chair Berry to participate in the meeting as a virtual participant due to an extraordinary circumstance. Second by Ms. Samek. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.*

*Vice Chair Berry joined the meeting. A quorum of six was present.*

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*Ms. Staadecker moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Samek. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.*

**4. Approval of Minutes**

*Ms. Samek moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024; Public Transit Advisory Committee meetings as presented. Second by Mr. Enderle. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.*

**5. Committee Action**

- a. None

**6. Reports and Presentations**

**Mr. Stauffer** reported:

**a. Major Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update**

**Mr. Stauffer** reported the TDP process, which identifies recommendations and implementation strategies to achieve the goals and objectives of Collier Area Transit, is a work in progress.

- To receive State Block Grant Funds for system operations, each transit agency must develop a Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update every five (5) years.
- The TDP is a ten (10) year plan for transit needs, cost and revenue projections, community transit goals, objectives and policies and serves as an operational guidance document.
- The major update is developed in coordination with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) long range transportation plan.
- Collier Area Transit staff has been working with the Consulting Team of Stantec and MPO Staff to update the plan.
- The consultant has produced the Public Involvement Plan, consistent updates to each section of the TDP and identified new peers for comparison of transit systems.
- The deadline to submit all TDP updates to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for approval is September 1, 2024.

*If members of the Committee have any comments or questions regarding updates to the CAT Major TDP they should contact Mr. Showalter.*

**b. Marco Island Trolley Pilot**

**Mr. Stauffer** presented the Executive Summary “*Marco Island Trolley Pilot*” to update the Committee on status of the proposed Marco Island Trolley route.

He noted:

- Collier Area Transit (CAT), in conjunction with the City of Marco Island, is considering the introduction of a trolley route to the island.
- 1 trolley and 1 thirty-foot bus will be utilized for transportation. Each vehicle has a seating capacity of thirty to forty passengers.
- The three-month pilot program, designed to test the viability of a trolley service on the island to reduce traffic congestion, would commence in January 2025.
- The route spans from the Rose Marina on the north side of the island, to Caxambas Park on the south side of the island, travelling along Collier Boulevard. The vehicles would stop at Veterans Community Park and existing beach access points along the way.
- The service, at no cost to the rider, would run from 9 AM to 9 PM.
- Surveys will be conducted to solicit feedback from the users.
- The pilot program is subject to funding by the City of Marco Island.
- A marketing campaign will be initiated at a later date.

**c. Facilities Update**

**Ms. Soriano** provided an update to the Committee on facilities projects and enhancements noting: Collier Area Transit Operations & Maintenance Facility

- The current Radio Road facility, purchased in 2005, has exceeded its useful life.
- In 2020, Collier County received a notice of award from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities Program. Additional funds allocated by the FTA for Emergency Hurricane Relief Funds from Hurricane Irma will be directed to the project.
- The project was released for bid and the Jacobs Engineering Firm was selected to design the facility.
- The Administrative and Maintenance facilities will include operational offices, a drive-through maintenance area for the buses, secure fleet parking, solar panels and air conditioning for the maintenance shop.

CAT Intermodal Transfer Facility - Immokalee

- The bus transfer station will include passenger and transit efficiency enhancements including new bays for the buses to pull off the street; canopy cover for the sheltered transfer of passengers; waiting platform with benches and trash receptacles; vending machines for food or a Food Truck vendor; restroom facilities for passengers and drivers; and ADA improvements.
- The project is under construction and is planned to be completed by late 2024.

**7. Member and Staff Comments**

**Ms. Rosado** will email members an invitation to the Marco Island Trolley meeting.

**8. Public Comments**

None

**9. Next Meeting Date**

September 18, 2024 - 1:00 P.M.  
Collier County Museum Lecture Hall  
3331 Tamiami Trail E  
Naples, FL. 34104

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by the chair at 1:34 P.M.

**Public Transit Advisory Committee**

  
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John DiMarco III, Chair

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on September 18, 2024 as presented \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended X.