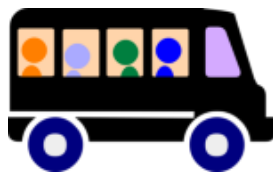


## BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#) (BPAC) makes recommendations to the MPO Board on bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including their planning and completion. In October 2018, the [Charlotte County Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan](#) was adopted by the MPO Board.



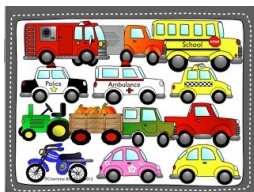
BPAC meetings are generally held on the third Thursday in the months of February, June, September and November at 2 p.m. [check our website](#) for meeting location



### TRANSIT

On April 13, 1999, the [Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners](#) pursued funding for a [Dial-a-Ride](#) type of service. The service commenced on January 2, 2001 for the urbanized areas of Charlotte County. This service is a general public paratransit system that provides curb-to-curb service six days a week on an advanced reservation basis for a nominal fee.

The Charlotte Rides 2020-2029 [Transit Development Plan](#) (TDP) was prepared with the cooperation of the [Florida Department of Transportation](#) (FDOT). The TDP is prepared by Charlotte County Transit, and is updated every 5 years. The Plan spans a ten-year timeframe that describes and assesses future transit needs and is required before certain federal and state transit funds can be allocated to the County. The 2020-2029 TDP was endorsed by the MPO Board and adopted by the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners in July 2019. The TDP is consistent with the [Charlotte County Local Government Comprehensive Plan](#) (Smart Charlotte 2050) and the [MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan](#) (LRTP).



## TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

The Charlotte County Transit Division has been the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Charlotte County since 1984. In 1992, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) designated the MPO as the official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program in Charlotte County. The MPO is responsible for TD planning activities including providing staff support to the [Local Coordinating Board](#) (LCB) which provides direction, information and advice to the CTC.



The LCB meets quarterly in the months of January, May, September and November. [check our website](#) for meeting location.

The LCB was named the 2015 Outstanding Coordinating Board of the Year by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The public is welcome at all LCB meetings to offer their ideas and thoughts on transit in the County.

### YOUR PART WITH THE MPO

The [MPO](#) is committed to hearing and considering your ideas, thoughts and opinions regarding transportation planning and its goals. The public involvement process includes provisions that citizens can obtain complete and accurate information, timely posting of public notices including all MPO Boards and Committee meetings leading to key decisions.

You may also write, phone, e-mail or use our "[Contact Us](#)" tab on our website to convey your ideas, thoughts and opinions.

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## MPO HISTORY AND MEMBERSHIP

THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY- PUNTA GORDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) was created in July of 1992. The MPO was established to provide a forum for transportation planning services, coordinate intergovernmental needs and goals, and facilitate public involvement.

THE MPO Board is a governing body with the authority to develop and adopt transportation plans, programs, and policies. The MPO Board consists of three Charlotte County Commissioners, one City of Punta Gorda Councilmember, and one Charlotte County Airport Authority Commissioner.

### The 2023 MPO Board Members are:

COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER G.CONSTANCE, MD  
(Chair) Charlotte County

COMMISSIONER STEPHEN R. DEUTSCH  
(Vice Chair) Charlotte County

COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TISEO  
Charlotte County

MAYOR LYNNE MATTHEWS  
City of Punta Gorda

COMMISSIONER PAUL ANDREWS  
Charlotte County Airport Authority

MPO Board Meetings are usually held in the months of March, May, July, October, and December at 2:00 p.m. in Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administrative Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The public is welcome to attend any MPO Board Meeting. The meetings are also broadcast live on CC-TV Channel 20 (Comcast) and Channel 96 (Century Link Prism) . Please visit our website ([www.ccpgmmpo.gov](http://www.ccpgmmpo.gov)) for specific MPO Board Meeting dates, meeting agendas and previous meeting minutes

## MPO GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The principal goals and objectives of the MPO include: establishing a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process. The MPO maintains a 25-year Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and a 5-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which includes all projects in the metropolitan area that are proposed utilizing Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds.

The planning process also addresses initiatives such as intermodal transportation, including public transportation (transit) enhancements.

The MPO has Interlocal Agreements with the Sarasota/Manatee and the Lee County MPOs. These Agreements require coordinated joint regional public participation efforts.



## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consists of local and state transportation professionals who represent several areas of expertise and responsibility. These include: transportation engineering, planning, transit, school, and emergency management professionals, as well as representatives of the Airport Authority, DeSoto County, Lee County MPO and the Cities of Punta Gorda and North Port.



Additionally, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council serve as advisory (non-voting) agencies on the TAC. The

TAC advises and makes recommendations on the technical aspects of transportation issues for action by the MPO Board.

TAC meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the months of March, April, July, September and November at 9:30 a.m. – [check our website](#) for meeting location

## CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is comprised of three Representatives from each of the County's geographic areas (South, Mid and West) and two At-Large Representatives. The purpose of the CAC is to provide public input to the MPO Board on proposed MPO transportation plans and programs. Members of the CAC also serve on special committees for transportation projects that have regional and statewide impact, as well as the Long Range Transportation Plan.

CAC meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of March, April, July, September, and November at 1:30 p.m. [check our website](#) for meeting location



*All Citizens are encouraged and welcome to attend any CAC meeting and offer their ideas, comments and concerns.*

## LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is based on, and is consistent with, local community priorities, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements, the 2060 Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), system plans such as the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and bicycle/pedestrian plan, corridor studies and the Smart Charlotte 2050 Comprehensive Plan. The LRTP is used in developing the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) priorities, and guides development of a transportation system that serves the needs of all travel modes with enhanced connectivity, security and safety within the County. The current LRTP, adopted October 2020 is the most significant plan prepared by the MPO, and sets forth a vision to address future transportation system needs through the year 2045. The MPO Board has authority over this Plan.

