



**CHARLOTTE COUNTY - PUNTA GORDA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2024
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING**

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING (IN PERSON)

Dianne Quilty, Mid County Representative, CAC Chair
Steven E. Hurt, Mid County Representative, CAC Vice-Chair
Della Booth, South County Representative
Jill Hartman, West County Representative
Robert Logan, Mid County Representative
Steve Schoff, West County Representative
Richard Kirchhoff, West County Representative
Pauline Klein, At-Large Representative
Richard Russell, At-Large Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Ellen Kiss, South County Representative - excused
James Kunard, South County Representative – excused

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN PERSON

D’Juan Harris, MPO Director
Betty-Ann Sherer, MPO Planner
Bekie Leslie, MPO Administrative Services Coordinator
Pam Barr, FDOT
Heidi Maddox, Charlotte County Transit
Brittany Metzler, City of Punta Gorda
Sgt. Dustin Paille, Charlotte County Sheriff’s Department
Kyle Purvis, FDOT District 1
Debbie Coudret, Citizen

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Dianne Quilty called the CAC Meeting to order at 1:33 pm. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Debbie Coudret described the need for a third lane on Henry Street in Punta Gorda. She noted that there will be bus traffic from the visiting cruise line going into the wildlife sanctuary. She stated that it would be nice to have the third lane go all the way to Shreve Street. Brittany Metzler will research the request which might be part of the Henry Street improvements. Ms. Coudret was informed that she was welcome to comment on the matter at the March 21, 2024 MPO Board Meeting under the Public Comments on Agenda Items section.

4. Reports

A. Chair's Report

CAC Chair Dianne Quilty described the two Joint Meetings held between the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and (1) the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and (2) the Lee County MPO.

B. City of Punta Gorda Report

Brittany Metzler reported on the 2024 budget. She described a sidewalk improvement project on West Henry Street. She noted road closures on Henry Street due to force main projects. Work was to begin on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

C. Charlotte County Report

D’Juan Harris noted that no representative from the County was present. If CAC Members had some County matters to address, they could reach out to Mr. Harris. He would forward Steve Schoff’s West County lighting information to County staff. Mr. Harris acknowledged that the internet connection is sometimes patchy at the Community Foundation meeting room. Mr. Harris reported that the MPO has potential office space available at the County’s Loveland Avenue building adjacent to the County Employee’s Clinic. Although the April committee meetings will be held at the Community Foundation location, June meetings will be held at the new location, which has a good meeting space.

D. Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Dustin Paille had nothing to report.

Chair Quilty requested that CAC members consider approving the changing of the order of the meeting agenda by moving Items 13 (Long Range Transportation Plan) and 16 (Transit Development Plan) to the current point in the meeting.

Bob Logan made a motion to reorder the agenda. Pauline Klein seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

13. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan - Update

On May 15, 2023, the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Board executed a contract with Kimley Horn & Associates to undertake tasks outlined in Task 1 - 2050 Socio - Economic Data Development and Task 2 update of the 2050 LRTP. The scope of work under Task 1 is

to complete the 2050 Socio -Economic Data Development. At the December 18, 2023, MPO Board meeting, the Board unanimously approved the 2050 Socio -Economic Data Update.

The 2050 LRTP update will commence under Task 2 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. The proposed budget for update of the LRTP will be allocated over three fiscal years. (FY 2024, FY 2025, and FY 2026).

MPO Staff is currently coordinating with Kimley Horn to finalize a draft Scope of Services to develop the MPO's 2050 LRTP update. The total cost to develop the update of the 2050 LRTP is \$349,998.35. Once the Draft Scope of Services and Work Assignment Order is approved, a Notice to Proceed will be issued to begin work on the 2050 LRTP which must be adopted no later than October 5, 2025.

1. [2050 LRTP Update Scope of Services](#)
2. [Work Assignment Order](#)

William Roll provided an LRTP update. He stated that there would be four LRTP events in the community.

Steve Schoff asked what planning would be done between the two contiguous MPOs in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. William Roll stated that coordination would take place, and he also happened to be involved with phase one of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's LRTP. Steve Schoff was concerned with the condition of River Road, especially on the southern portion of the roadway, where massive development was ongoing. D'Juan Harris said that River Road was discussed briefly at the Joint MPO Board Meeting with the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board. Currently, no funding for the southern portion was available, but all parties involved were aware and funding sources are actively being pursued.

William Roll addressed funding expectations for the LRTP's cost feasible projects. He described how the State of Florida has had a significant decrease in available State and Federal funding to complete transportation projects. Therefore, there will be fewer projects in the cost feasible portion of the plan. Two major factors are: (1) increases in automotive fuel efficiency and the increased usage of alternative vehicles which have resulted in decreased fuel tax collections, and (2) increased project costs for labor and materials. Additionally, the population is still increasing, while the State's maintenance of existing systems has been redoubled.

Discussion followed regarding:

- the need to increase impact fees (Richard Russell)
- increased population and rapid growth (Bob Logan)
- transit needs (Steve Schoff)
- the MPO not crossing the 200,000 population figure in the 2020 Census (by a count of 2 residents short) and not obtaining a Transportation Management Area (TMA) designation for the next decade
- funding of major expensive projects which makes project funding swings cyclical

Brittany Metzler inquired about disadvantaged communities being surveyed. William Roll stated that two engagement opportunities would be provided to address social service needs.

Pauline Klein made a motion to recommend MPO Board approval to allow MPO Staff to finalize scope of services and authorize the MPO Chair to sign the Work Assignment Order. **Bob Logan** seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

16. 2025 - 2034 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update

In accordance with Florida Administrative Code 14-73.001, Charlotte County Transit is currently developing the *Charlotte Rides* 2025-2034 Transit Development Plan (TDP). The project consultant is Benesch (formerly Tindale Oliver). Charlotte County Transit Manager Heidi Maddox provided a brief update on current activities including a project timeline.

Data gathered in production of Charlotte County Transit's TDP will assist the MPO and consultant Kimley-Horn in developing the Transit Element of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Meeting discussion included:

- impacts to transit over the past few years due to the pandemic and the rise of ride sharing services
- gauging the amount of local support for transit and whether it is a core value of government
- the recent launch of new scheduling software and the County's mobile cell phone application to improve efficiency but not replace the ability for passengers to call dispatchers to schedule trips
- ability to determine bus location via cell phone
- implementation of reminder calls to reduce no-shows
- recent changes in neighboring counties' bus systems
- lack of density in Charlotte County

5. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Report

Pam Barr gave the FDOT Report. Steve Schoff provided everyone a list of West County street lighting concerns for SR 776 and CR 771 which have very dark roadways at night. These concerns are Hurricane Ian storm damage-related. <https://ccpgmpo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/CAC/03%2006%202024%20CAC%20Meeting/Schoff%20CAC%20State%20Road%20Street%20Lighting%20Survey03%2006%202024%20UPDATE.rtf>

Ms. Barr noted that FDOT access maintenance crews will be addressing concerns in the next few months by continuing with their daily visual checks. There have also been supply issues. Steve Schoff stated that on the eight miles of SR 776, none of the lights work. Bob Logan mentioned other roadways such as Midway Blvd and Veterans Blvd that also had damaged lighting. Jill Hartman was recognized as the newest West County member, and she concurred that the roadway is very dark in the areas described by Steve Schoff. D'Juan Harris suggested that CAC Members might wish to turn their nameplates on edge to be recognized to speak at the meeting. He showed CAC Members a map that visually displayed where poles are down or with damaged heads that are often twisted or turned. Betty-Ann Sherer noted that Steve Schoff's previous input was documented in the map, and she thanked him for his efforts. D'Juan Harris observed that Lee County was hit the hardest by Hurricane Ian, and work was prioritized accordingly. He stated that Steve Schoff's concerns are being addressed, and

District One Secretary LK Nandam will speak regarding this issue at the upcoming MPO Board meeting.

Pam Barr reported on US 41 and Harborview Road. TransCore completed the lighting, and signal heads were installed. She noted that FDOT is taking action in Charlotte County, but the effort does take time and money. Pauline Klein praised the new US 41 right turns recently implemented and excellent traffic flow on US 41.

6. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes: November 8, 2023, Meeting

Bob Logan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. *Steve Hurt* seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

7. FY 2022/2023 – FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – De-obligation/Amendment

All MPO's in Florida are required to prepare a two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which describes the transportation planning activities for the MPO in narrative form and establishes the MPO budget over a 2-year time period. This 2-year UPWP was approved by the MPO Board at their May 16, 2022 meeting. Federal and State regulations govern the types of activities that are eligible for federal and state funding. MPO staff recommends amending FY 2024 UPWP by deobligating \$238,531 from FY 2022/2023 – FY 2023/2024 into the new draft UPWP FY 2024/2025 – FY 2025/2026 Task 4 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) consultant line. Also included the Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement.

The de-obligation of Federal Planning (PL) funds releases federal funds previously authorized but not expended by the MPO in FY 2023/2024 allowing these funds to be “carried forward” into the new FY 2024/2025 - FY 2025/2026 UPWP. These funds are then available for use by the MPO by October 2024.

These attachments were reviewed:

1. [Proposed UPWP Task Sheet and Funding/Summary tables](#)
2. [Amendment to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement](#)
3. [FDOT Cost Analysis Certification Form](#)

Richard Russell made a motion to recommend the MPO Board amend the current FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) by de-obligation of PL Funds totaling \$238,531. This will also require amending the Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement and allow staff to make appropriate minor revisions as recommended by FDOT/FHWA. *Rick Kirchoff* seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

8. Draft FY 2024/2025 – FY 2025/2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 through Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)/Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement describes the transportation planning activities and establishes the MPO budget for the next two State Fiscal Years. The

State Fiscal Year begins on July 1, 2024. The UPWP includes a narrative of the work to be accomplished and the cost estimates anticipated for each task activity. Federal and state regulations govern the types of activities that are eligible for federal and state funding. The MPO has agreed to participate in the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) program, starting with the State Fiscal Year FY 2024/2025 through FY 2025/2026 two-year UPWP cycle. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will serve as the CPG lead grant agency in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 8100.D. Under the CPG, the FTA and FHWA annually provide lump sum appropriations to allocate to MPOs for approved planning activities or tasks. The federal funds are leveraged by the MPO categorically, as FTA 5305(d) and FHWA planning (PL) funding. The MPO will utilize the CPG agreement to combine the MPO FTA 5305(d) and FHWA PL funding allocations into a single grant that is administered by FHWA.

The Draft FY 2024/2025– FY 2025/2026 UPWP also includes Transportation Disadvantaged Planning funds and Section 5307 funding. [Draft FY 2024/2025 through FY 2025/2026 UPWP/Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement](#)

Pauline Klein made a motion to recommend the MPO Board approve the Draft FY 2024/2025 -FY 2025/2026 UPWP/Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement for MPO staff to forward to appropriate reviewing agencies. Per comments and recommendations, MPO staff is allowed to make appropriate revisions accordingly. Bob Logan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9. FY 2023/2024 – FY 2027/2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

FDOT Staff requested the Charlotte County – Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approve the following two STIP/TIP Amendments in the current FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at the March 21, 2024, MPO Board Meeting:

- 1. 434965-5 Harborview Road from Melbourne Street to I-75 – This amendment adjusts currently programmed project cost estimates for right-of-way phase.**
- 2. 436928-3 Burnt Store from Lee/Charlotte County Line to Wallaby Lane – This amendment adds this as a new project for roadway improvements in Charlotte County.**

A STIP/TIP amendment is required to the MPO’s TIP and the Statewide STIP when a major change occurs to a project. These changes include, addition or deletion of a project, a major change in project cost, project phase initiation dates, or a major change in design concept or design scope (i.e., changing project termini or the number of through traffic lanes). [23 C.F.R. 450.104].

An amendment requires public review and comment, demonstration of financial constraint, or a conformity determination, if applicable. The proposed TIP amendments are included as Attachments 1 and 2 in the agenda packet.

FDOT requested MPO staff to administratively modify the current TIP to add earmark

funding for two Charlotte County projects: intersection improvements at Kings Highway/Harbor and Veterans Boulevard/Cochran Boulevard. Lastly, Hurricane Idalia Recovery funding was requested to be added to the MPO's current TIP. Administrative modification requests do not require board approval; however, these projects were included in this agenda item for informational and transparency purposes.

The administrative modification requests are included as Attachment 3 in the agenda packet.

1. FDOT TIP Amendment letter dated 02/19/2024 for:
 - [434965-5 Harborview Road from Melbourne Street to I-75](#)
2. FDOT TIP Amendment letter dated 01/10/2024 for:
 - [436928-3 Burnt Store from Lee/Charlotte County Line to Wallaby Lane](#)
3. FDOT Administrative modification letter dated 02/22/2024 for:
 - [452857-1 - Kings Highway & Harbor View Road Intersection](#)
 - [452858-1 - Veterans Boulevard Corridor Improvements](#)
 - [453669-1 - Hurricane Idalia Disaster Recovery Funding](#)

Regarding the Burnt Store Road project, D’Juan Harris described earmarked funds through Congressman Greg Steube’s office for Hurricane evacuation in Lee and Charlotte Counties.

Steve Hurt made a motion to recommend the MPO Board approve the amendment to the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO’s TIP for FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Administrative modification requests are for informational purposes only. *Pauline Klein* seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

10. Draft FY 2024/2025 – FY 2028/2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Federal and State legislation require MPOs to adopt a five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP outlines federal and state capital improvements for transportation and is a staged, multi-year, intermodal program of transportation projects that is consistent with the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The Technical and Citizens’ Advisory Committees formally review the development of the TIP.

The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO is scheduled to review and adopt the TIP at the May 20, 2024, MPO Board Meeting. [Draft 2024/2025 through FY 2028/2029 Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)

The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO entered into an interlocal agreement with the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and the Lee County MPO, formalizing and specifying regional planning projects along with time frames to produce those projects. The agreement calls for each MPO to identify regional priorities and include those projects in the respective MPO’s TIP. Those priorities that were adopted last year are included, in accordance with the interlocal agreement in the TIP.

CAC Members were asked to review and comment upon the draft TIP.

Richard Russell inquired about the LAP Feasibility Study in the area of the NB US 41 bridge and Kings Hwy. D’Juan Harris noted that it is now funded and will appear in the TIP. A public involvement process will follow. The MPO will be heavily involved. It was suggested that CAC Members be notified when the public outreach occurs. Diane Quilty offered to forward the link for ongoing County projects for staff to distribute to CAC Members.

11. 2024 Draft Project Priorities

Florida Statute 339.175(8) requires every MPO in the state to develop an annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP) consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the MPO’s adopted 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The LOPP are used in developing the next draft FDOT Five-Year Work Program and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

A preliminary list of project priorities along with project applications will be submitted to FDOT District One by March 29, 2024. The project priorities must be approved by the MPO Board and submitted to FDOT by July 1, 2024.

The MPO received candidate projects from the City of Punta Gorda and Charlotte County. These projects include Highway, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation/Transportation System Management (CM/TSM), and Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) projects. Attachment 2 is the list of project priorities previously approved by the MPO Board at the May 2022 meeting.

MPO Staff provided an overview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 List of Project Priorities. The final list will be presented at the May 20, 2024 MPO Board meeting for adoption. The prioritized list is then transmitted to FDOT for consideration of funding during development of the FY 2026 through FY 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program.

Below is the Draft LOPP MPO Staff anticipates submittal of a project priority application in 2024:

- Harbor View Road from Date Street to I-75 – Road Widening (CST)
- Edgewater Drive from Midway Blvd. to SR 776 – Road Widening (ROW & CST)
- N. Jones Loop @ Piper Road – Roundabout – (PE)
- SR 776 @ Charlotte Sports Park - Turn Lanes (CST)*
- SR 776 @ Flamingo Blvd – (CST)*
- SR 776 at Biscayne Drive – Design and Construction Turn lanes and Signal (PE&CST)
- SR 776 at Cornelius Blvd. – Design and Construction Turn Lanes (PE&CST)
- SR 776 at Jacobs Street – Design and Construction Turn Lanes (PE&CST)
- SUN Trail – from SR 776 at Gulf Cove to US 41 (CST)
- US 41 Bridge Approach Decorative Finish Street Lights
- US 41 MURT Bridge at S. Alligator Creek – (CST) *
- US 41 SB Harborwalk Phase II – ADA ramp improvements

*County Staff requesting additional funding due to increased cost estimates

1. [2024 Draft Project Priority Lists](#)
2. [2024 TRIP Regional Project Priorities](#)

CAC Members were asked to review and comment on the 2024 Project Priorities (Highway, TAP, CM/TSM and TRIP) for the upcoming FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program Cycle FY 2026 to FY 2030.

D’Juan Harris discussed the two project corridor studies in the County on SR 776 and US 41 that had resulted in the extended list of project priorities. The LoPP map developed by Betty-Ann Sherer was displayed.

Bob Logan made a motion to concur with the two draft project priority lists. Steve Hurt seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. This motion was not necessary, but was accepted.

12. 2023 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)/Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Joint Certification

Each year the FDOT and the MPO must jointly certify the metropolitan transportation planning process as described in **23 U.S.C. 134(k) (15)** and **23 C.F.R. 450.334 (a)**. The joint certification begins in January. This allows time to incorporate recommended changes into the Draft FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The District and the MPO create a joint certification package that includes a summary of noteworthy achievements by the MPO and if applicable, a list of any recommendations and/or corrective actions. The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Joint Certification Package has been reviewed and accurately reflects the results of the joint certification review meeting held on February 21, 2024. Based on the review and evaluation, the Florida Department of Transportation had no recommendations and/or corrective actions. Here are the attachments:

1. [2023 FDOT/MPO Joint Certification/Noteworthy Achievements](#)
2. [2023 FDOT/MPO Joint Certification Statement](#)

Pam Barr stated that FDOT found that the MPO was in the low risk category, which is a good status and indicates that staff has done a great job. She noted that the list of noteworthy achievements was also included in the review.

D’Juan Harris applauded MPO staff for their hard work.

Steve Schoff made a motion to recommend MPO Board approval of the 2023 FDOT/MPO Joint Certification, authorizing the MPO Board Chair to sign the FDOT/MPO Joint Certification Statement. Jill Hartman seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

14. 2020 Urban Area/Roadway Functional Classification Update - Final

Every 10 years following the United States Bureau of the Census issues revised urban area boundary maps. Each MPO/TPO in the nation must review these boundary maps and either adopt them or adjust them for transportation planning purposes.

FDOT maintains a categorized roadway network consistent with the Federal Functional Classification system. While the functional classification of some roadways can and do change within or on an adjusted urban area boundary, the functional classification of those roadways also changes as urban roads. These changes can take the form of newly constructed, re-aligned, extended, widened, or otherwise reconfigured roadways. Equally important are changing land use and development patterns. Growing residential areas, newly developed commercial or industrial centers, and construction of isolated traffic generators can all have a profound impact on the roadway network serving these developments.

The first step in the process of updating the Federal Functional Classification of Roadways is to determine the urban area boundary maps. FDOT staff coordinated with staff from Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda to agree on the revised urban boundary maps. The proposed 2023 Adjusted Urban Boundary map for the MPO Planning Area will be presented to the MPO Board for approval at the March 21, 2024, meeting.

1. [Executive Summary](#)
2. [Federal Functional Classification and Urban Area Update PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Kyle Purvis from FDOT District One gave a presentation. He stated that a packet correction was needed in the Toledo Blade Blvd area and would be made. D’Juan Harris stressed the importance of functional classifications for project funding.

Steve Hurt made a motion to recommend MPO Board approval of the Urban Area Boundary and Roadway Functional Classification map updates for Charlotte County. Rick Kirchoff seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

15. [Southwest Florida Passenger Rail Feasibility 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 multi-modal network. Potential rail projects in Florida identified through this program will be disseminated to FDOT for potential leveraging of funds available under the Florida Rail Enterprise, and federal discretionary rail grants available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Staff from the four Southwest Florida MPOs including Collier, Lee County, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda, and Sarasota/Manatee have coordinated with each other and have agreed to submit a Joint Priority request under this program for a Southwest Florida Rail Study.

A Rail Study would investigate the feasibility of implementing an inter-city or high-speed rail service on I-75 utilizing the median multi-modal transit envelope and connecting all four metropolitan areas with existing and planned passenger rail network currently in planning phases to Tampa.

Discussion followed on (1) existing railway, (2) possible terminals including airports, (3) possible funding options.

1. [Southwest Florida Passenger Rail Presentation](#)
2. [Southwest Florida MPOs Joint Resolution](#)

3. [MPOAC Passenger Rail Passenger Priorities Application](#)

Steve Schoff made a motion to recommend MPO Board adoption of the Joint Resolution to support the MPOAC Passenger Rail Program Priority Application for a Southwest Florida Passenger Rail Feasibility Study. *Richard Russell* seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

17. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

18. Staff Comments

Wendy Scott mentioned that the Peggy Walters Award nominations could now be submitted through June 30, 2024, and information would be available soon on the MPO website.

Betty-Ann Sherer discussed the upcoming Pedal and Play in Paradise event on March 23, 2024. MPO staff would use it to do public outreach for the Safe Streets 4 All project. It would be held at Laishley Park in Punta Gorda starting at 7:30 am. Ms. Sherer also reviewed recent improvements to the MPO's website.

Dustin Paille discussed biking under the influence. He also noted that there is still confusion regarding golf cart driving and learner's licenses.

19. Member Comments

Jill Hartman thanked the CAC for letting her be a part of the interesting group. She had moved many times within Florida (Fort Lauderdale and Cape Coral) as well as out-of-state (Nashville). She currently resides in West County off CR 776 (Pineville Drive near the Gardens of Gulf Cove).

Bob Logan requested information on the status on the Kings Hwy project segment in DeSoto County. D'Juan Harris described a recent coordination meeting with the Heartland TPO regarding TRIP funding. FDOT was proactive in providing funding, but FDOT requires an executed interlocal agreement with the Heartland TPO which they are drafting. It's important to make certain that improvements sync up to avoid a situation like the one encountered in the Burnt Store Road area at the Lee County line.

Richard Russell discussed two major issues that he had raised to local and state officials: unfair and inequitable impact fee shortages as well as issues with Mosaic.

Rick Kirchoff who lives in South Gulf Cove spoke regarding traffic turning left onto Gasparilla Road (CR 771) where two cars could be allowed. He wondered how to coordinate the placement of a white line at the location at Ingraham Blvd in South Gulf Cove to establish the two lanes. D'Juan Harris asked that he place his request in an email for Mr. Harris to forward to the staff.

Diane Quilty forwarded a text message to D'Juan Harris from El Jobean residents. They described an issue that had developed at the time that a Rays Spring Training game was

underway when a street cleaning vehicle was at work near the Sports Park and three accidents occurred on SR 776. These residents were requesting that no passing lanes be painted on the roadway to reduce accidents in that area. Mr. Harris stated that it may have been routine maintenance that was underway. Pam Barr stated that FDOT Maintenance needs to be aware of major events, so perhaps coordination should occur between FDOT and the Charlotte County Sheriffs' Office. Dustin Paille stated that the no passing lane request was trying to make a permanent solution to a temporary problem. He observed that the requirements to change a passing zone to a no passing zone are difficult and probably not appropriate in this instance.

Pam Barr noted that on January 1, 2024, Florida's "move over" for various types of inoperable vehicles legislation (HB 425) had taken effect. It required drivers to change over a lane or reduce speed to 20 mph lower than the speed limit when encountering these vehicles.

20. Adjournment (Next CAC Meeting – April 24, 2024)

Richard Russell made a motion to adjourn the CAC meeting. Pauline Klein seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 in-person at the Charlotte Community Foundation, 227 Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950 at 1:30 p.m.