

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 21, 2026

A Local Transportation Quarterly BCC Meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Tiseo, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Truex. Also, in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney David, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:55 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda - None

Public Input

David Northcutt remarked on transportation technical issues, process improvements, and impact study scope framework, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Multimodal Transportation Impact Analysis (MTIA), operating seasons, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

1. Projects Update

John Elias, Public Works Director gave a brief overview of Harborview Road: Phase 1, Phase 1 - Total Right of Way Acquisition Required, Phase 1 - Construction, Phase 2, Phase 2 - Design, Harborview Road Funding - Phase (Ph) 1, Harborview Road Funding - Ph 2, Edgewater & Flamingo Widening, Edgewater & Flamingo: Phase 3-5, Phase 3-5 - Total Right of Way Acquisition Required, Phase 3-5 - Construction, State Road (SR) 776 & Flamingo Intersection, Edgewater Road Funding Ph 3, Edgewater Road Funding Ph 4, Edgewater Road Funding Ph 5, Edgewater Road Funding / 776 at Flamingo, Kings Highway - Sandhill Boulevard to Desoto County Line, Kings Highway - Widening project, Kings Highway Funding, Sandhill Boulevard - Kings Highway to Deep Creek Boulevard, Sandhill Boulevard - Widening project, Sandhill Boulevard Funding, Veterans Boulevard turn lanes, Veterans Boulevard & Atwater Street, Peachland Boulevard & Harbor Boulevard, Gasparilla Road & Ingram/Ingraham, Gasparilla Road and Rotonda Boulevard East, Turn lanes onto Gasparilla Road, Veterans Boulevard at Murdock Circle & Paulson Drive, Enterprise Drive at SR776, and Elkcam Boulevard at Midway Boulevard.

Chair Tiseo discussed Phase 3-5 - Total Right of Way Acquisition Required, Edgewater & Flamingo Phase 3-5, mobilization costs, Veterans Boulevard turn lanes, Parmely Street and Melbourne Street intersection, and roadway improvements overlay. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Edgewater & Flamingo Phase 3-5, road widening, May 4, 2026 Special Meeting, and 2026 Sales Tax Program election results. **Commissioner Truex** commented on Edgewater & Flamingo Phase 3-5, funding impacts, Gasparilla Road and Rotonda Boulevard East, and intersection design.

2. Landscape and Gateway Features

Mr. Elias gave a brief overview of Discussion Topics, Landscape Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Background: Annual Landscape Maintenance Costs for Road & Bridge Rights-of-Way, Completed Thoroughfare Landscape Projects: Mid-County, West County, South County, County Road 771 (Gasparilla Road (Rd)) from State Road 776 to Marathon Boulevard

(Blvd), Winchester Blvd from State Road 776 south, Midway Blvd from Harbor Blvd to Yancy Street (St), Edgewater Dr from Harbor Blvd to Midway Blvd, US 41 Micro Tunnels, Completed Gateway Features: Toledo Blade Blvd at Hillsborough Blvd, Jones Loop at I-75 off-ramp, Tucker's Grade at I-75 off-ramp, In Progress Gateway Project, Landscape Design Standard Levels: Basic, Medium, High, Piper Road Landscape and Gateway Project, Piper Road Landscape Project: Options, Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs, Type A Gateway Feature, Piper Road Gateway Feature, Piper Road Gateway Feature - Additional design considerations, Remaining CIP Projects, and responded to establishment watering requirement costs.

Chair Tiseo noted Landscape CIP Background, Gasparilla Road landscaping installation and irrigation, Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs, cost share opportunities, Landscape Design Standard Levels: Basic, Piper Road Landscape and Gateway Project, Piper Road Landscape Project Options, and Florida-friendly options. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to Punta Gorda Airport and Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park (ECAP) cooperative effort, Piper Road Gateway Feature, Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs, xeriscaping option, and Punta Gorda Harborwalk. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs, xeriscaping options, landscaping design standards, Piper Road Gateway Feature, and Punta Gorda Airport partnership. **Commissioner Truex** mentioned Piper Road Gateway Feature - Additional design considerations, and Punta Gorda Airport partnership and maintenance costs.

County Administrator Flores remarked on Punta Gorda Airport Chief Executive Officer (CEO) James Parrish.

3. Don Pedro/Knight Island ROW Encroachments

Mr. Elias gave a brief overview of Past Discussion, Don Pedro/Knight Island, Community Meetings, Community Meeting Feedback, replied to beach renourishment parking requirement, Rights-of-Way (ROW) encroachment review and variance, and dedicated ROW Code Compliance Officer.

Chair Tiseo commented on beach renourishment funding impacts, ROW encroachment violations, community meeting feedback, equitable treatment, bridgeless barrier islands (BBI) special zoning, public safety access, Code Compliance and enforcement, Englewood Beach sidewalk, frangible standards, and Manasota Key Overlay Code. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to consistency, ROW encroachment, public safety access, violations, and hurricanes. **Commissioner Deutsch** noted consistency. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed dedicated public ROW, Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) code responsibility, FDOT and BBI standards, property owners or homeowner's association creation, liability, roadside recovery minimums, ROW encroachment and vacation process, public safety, and Code violations. **Commissioner Truex** mentioned enforcement challenges, BBI exceptions, beach renourishment funding parking requirements, ROW encroachments, Code Enforcement Officers violation review process, and Manasota Key Overlay Code.

County Attorney David interjected on ROW vacation process and enforcement challenges.

4. School Speed Zone update

Mr. Elias gave a brief overview of Overview – Phase One locations, Overview – Phase Two locations, Launch Phases, Launch Dates, Warnings Issued, Warnings Issued - heat maps, Top Speeders, Benefits & Value: These systems will help reinforce safe driving behavior in school zones, The program is self-funded, responded to City of Punta Gorda methodology, and speed reduction methodology.

Chair Tiseo commented on City of Punta Gorda, Top Speeders, and citation fees. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to enforcement time frames, Port Charlotte High School signs, and City of Punta Gorda

AA. County Administrator Comments - None

BB. County Attorney Comments - None

CC. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Constance noted David Northcutt handout distribution. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Boca Beacon, April 22, 2026 Boca Grande Parking Committee Meeting attendance and discussion items, and April 27, 2026 Joint Meeting with Lee County.

ADJOURNED: 4:18 pm

Joseph M. Tiseo, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk