

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 20, 2025**

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 Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

**The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Changes to the Agenda**

**Change #1:** Item 1, Added attachment - Fiscal Update.

Requested by: Budget & Admin Services

**COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

### **Public Input - None**

#### **1. Quarterly Transportation Update**

**(Change #1)** Added attachment - Fiscal Update.

John Elias, Public Works Director gave a brief overview of Discussion Points, Harborview Road, Harborview Road Phase 1 - Design, Harborview Road Phase 1 - Construction, Harborview Road - Phase 2, Edgewater/Flamingo Widening, Edgewater/Flamingo Phase 3, Edgewater/Flamingo Phase 4, Edgewater/Flamingo Phase 5, Edgewater/Flamingo Phase 3-5, State Road (SR) 776/Flamingo Intersection: Construction funded by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Local Agency Program (LAP) Grant, SR776/Flamingo Intersection - Construction, Burnt Store East/West Connector, Burnt Store East/West Connector - Right-of-Way and Design, Kings Highway Widening, Kings Highway Widening - Design and Construction, Sandhill Boulevard Widening, Sandhill Boulevard Widening - Design and Construction, Cranberry / Hillsborough Roundabout, Veterans Boulevard (Blvd) at Cochran Blvd Intersection, Veterans at Cochran Exhibition, Veterans Boulevard Various Intersections: Veterans Boulevard at Atwater Street, Veterans Boulevard at Harbor Boulevard, Veterans Boulevard at Loveland Boulevard, Peachland Blvd at Harbor Blvd Intersection, Harborview/Kings Highway Intersection, and Gasparilla Road Intersections Improvement.

Richard Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager gave a brief overview of Agenda, Transportation Projects - Total Projected Expenditures, Transportation Projects - Surplus/(Shortfall), Cost of Deferment, Hilltop Projections, Ad Valorem Options, Sales Tax Allocations, and Projections with Recommendations.

**Chair Tiseo** discussed SR 776/Flamingo Intersection, Gillot Blvd, challenges, Burnt Store East/West Connector - Right-of-Way and Design, impact fee credits, calculations, Toledo Blade Blvd, planning process, partnership, Flamingo Blvd, benefits, Florida Power & Light (FPL) pipe installation, permit modifications, improvements, Veterans Blvd, Peachland Blvd at Harbor Blvd Intersection, Cost of Deferment, credit line costs, tax payer net benefits and savings, project prioritization, Sales Tax Allocations, 2026 Sales Tax Focus Group, Capital Needs Assessment (CNA), Tier 1 and 2 Projects, and recommendations. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Edgewater/Flamingo Phase 3-5, Burnt Store East/West Connector - Right-of-Way and Design, cost calculations, Burnt Store East/West Connector, infrastructure opportunities, property acquisitions, Cranberry/Hillsborough Roundabout, Cornelius Blvd, Veterans Blvd and Murdock Circle Intersection, Peachland Blvd at Harbor Blvd Intersection, dedicated right turn lanes, timing intervals, Gasparilla Road Intersection Improvements, speed and conflict control, Sales Tax Allocations, Transportation Projects - Total Projected Expenditures, Transportation Projects – Surplus/(Shortfall), community outreach efforts, April 22, 2025 Metro Forecasting Update Presentation, Parks Master Plan, informed decisions, and Cost of Deferment. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on May 19, 2025 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting, stormwater facilities, permit acquisition, Quigley Eye Specialists, Atwater Street, landscaping requirements, FPL, Peachland Blvd at Harbor Blvd Intersection, Projections with Recommendations, calculations, Sales Tax Allocations, infrastructure, cash flow challenges, March 26, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting, financing techniques, and 2026 Sales Tax Focus Group. **Commissioner Truex** noted Edgewater/Flamingo Phase 3-5, net gain, Gasparilla Road Intersections Improvements, roundabout, Sales Tax Allocations, inflationary factors, Transportation Projects – Surplus/(Shortfall), Tier 2 Projects, project prioritization, Cost of Deferment, traffic flow, growth, and financial responsibility.

Joanne Vernon, County Engineer responded to Edgewater/Flamingo Phase 3-5, Burnt Store East/West Connector - Right-of-Way and Design, impact fee credits, permit modification, and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director replied to Murdock Village property acquisitions, Sales Tax Allocations, and Transportation Projects – Surplus/(Shortfall).

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on project prioritization, 2026 Sales Tax Focus Group, and decision process.

#### **AA. County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Flores spoke to Sales Tax Allocations, 2020 Sales Tax Projects, and adjustments.

#### **BB. County Attorney Comments - None**

#### **CC. Commissioner Comments**

**Chair Tiseo** discussed collector-distributor roads, cost, Property Tax Reform Task Force, Representative Danny Nix, Gas Tax distribution, Ad Valorem dollars, Sarasota and Charlotte Counties, transportation funding, road construction indexing, electric vehicles (EV), adjustments, and Metro Forecasting Update. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned May 19, 2025 MPO Meeting, FDOT District Secretary LK Nandam resignation and Southwest Area Office Director Wayne Gaither, long range transportation plan, Jones Loop Road, road improvements, Burnt Store Road, electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) vehicles, National Association of Counties (NACo), Punta Gorda Airport, parking pods, and study funding contribution. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on transportation methods. **Commissioner Doherty** noted May 19, 2025 MPO Meeting, long range transportation plan, Yorkshire/Raintree and Kings Highway/I-75 interchanges, cost,

Sarasota/Manatee MPO and City of North Port partnership, Kings Highway/I-75 Interchange, collector-distributor road, traffic distribution, August 4, 2025 MPO Meeting, and FDOT study. **Commissioner Truex** spoke to Gas Tax calculation methods.

Mr. Burger responded to Gas Tax factors, growth impacts, May 22, 2025 Focus Area Workshop – Infrastructure, and Representative Danny Nix.

**ADJOURNED: 2:13 pm**

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**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**