

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING

NAPLES, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 18, 2022

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 3:00 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 (ZOOM)
Devon Browne
James Caton
Dewey Enderle
Sonja Lee Samek
Martin de St. Pierre (ZOOM)

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Arnold, Director, Collier County PTNE
Omar DeLeon, Public Transit Manager, Collier County PTNE
Elena Ortiz-Rosado Events, Sales & Marketing Coordinator PTNE
Alexander Showalter, Senior Planner, Collier County PTNE
Jacob Stauffer, Transit Planner, MV Transportation

1. Call to Order

Chairman DiMarco called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

2. Roll Call

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

Chair DiMarco motioned to allow Peter Berry and Martin de St. Pierre to participate in the meeting via ZOOM remote access due to an extraordinary circumstance. Second by Mr. Caton. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.

A quorum of seven was present.

3. Approval of Agenda

Chair DiMarco moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Caton. Carried unanimously 7 - 0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Samek moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2022 of the Public Transit Advisory Committee meetings as presented. Second by Mr. Berry. Carried unanimously 7 - 0.

5. Committee Action

a. Election of Committee Chairpersons

In accordance with the authorizing Ordinance No. 2016-07 which established the Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC), annually the members of the Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among its members.

Nomination for Chair

Ms. Samek nominated John DiMarco for the position of Chair of the Public Transit Advisory Committee for one year, or until a successor is appointed. Second by Mr. Caton. Nominations were closed and no others were tendered. Carried unanimously 7 – 0. Mr. DiMarco retained the Chair.

Nominations for Vice Chair

Mr. Caton nominated Sonja Samek for the position of Vice-Chair of the Public Transit Advisory Committee for one year, or until a successor is appointed. Second by Chair DiMarco. Nominations were closed and no others were tendered. Carried unanimously 7 -0. Ms. Samek assumed Vice Chair.

6. Reports and Presentations

a. Key Performance Indicators

Mr. Stauffer presented the FY22 Collier Area Transit (CAT) Annual Performance Measures to the Committee for review and recommendations.

System Total Statistics Analysis

- Ridership and profit revenue increased every month from October 2021 to August 2022.
- Revenue miles and hours decreased month over month.

Hurricane Ian

Impact on MV Operations:

- Provided transportation for public assistance pre and post hurricane.
- Worked with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to contact all individuals on special needs list to ensure they were pre-registered for transportation to shelters.
- Supported Marco Island evacuation efforts the morning of the storm.
- Aided Fire Department evacuation needs on the eve before the event, transporting individuals from Home Depot to shelters.
- Employed vehicles and drivers for evacuations and medical services.
- Supported the community with buses for use as cooling stations in areas without generators to provide heat relief for individuals.
- Utilized Paratransit vehicles during the storm.

Emergency Relief:

- Requests for *Emergency Relief Funds* are processed through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).
- The FTA allocates funding to impacted areas to reimburse for operational services and repairs to assets. MV Transportation will provide documentation to secure reimbursement.
- Damaged assets included the transfer facility which sustained flood damage.

Transportation Vehicle Inventory

- Noting Tampa, FL has adopted a 50/50 inventory position on traditional vs. electric vehicles, Staff will consider vehicle ownership options to provide resiliency.
- Ability to store power for electric vehicles in the event of a power loss will be investigated.

Committee recommendations:

- Consideration be given to publishing *City of Naples Newsletter* on Transit Systems services and events.

b. Mobility Week

Mr. Stauffer presented an Executive Summary “*Federal Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mobility Week 2022*” and CAT’s participation in the events. He noted:

- Mobility Week is a cooperative effort between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and its partner agencies to promote awareness of safe multimodal transportation choices.
- Counties, cities, and transportation agencies in Florida will host public events the week of October 21 – 28, 2022.
- CAT has partnered with the Collier County Supervisor of Elections to offer free rides on Saturday November 5th, the last day of early voting. Both entities will promote the event on social media.

Staff responded to Committee queries:

- The *All Collier Area Transit Routes Map* developed by CAT is available on the County’s web site.
- The maps icons will help direct the user to their desired transit route.
- Polling stations are conveniently located along the transit routes as well as Government Center.

Ms. Samek will send the link for the school districts app, utilized by students, to Ms. Ortiz-Rosado for publication in Mobility Week virtual fliers.

7. Member Comments

Mr. Caton complimented CAT and PTNE on their outstanding work.

Chair DiMarco urged members to attend meetings in person to facilitate decisions pertinent to operation of the PTAC.

8. Public Comments

None

9. Next Meeting Date

November 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m. – Collier County Museum Lecture Hall, Naples, FL. 34104

10. Adjournment

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 3:30 P.M.

Public Transit Advisory Committee



John DiMarco III, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on Nov 17th, 2022 as presented X or as amended _____.