

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING

NAPLES, FLORIDA

MARCH 21, 2023

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 3:02 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  
Devon Browne  
James Caton  
Dewey Enderle (Excused)  
Sonja Lee Samek  
Martin de St. Pierre (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: 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 3:04 P.M.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*Vice Chair Berry moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Caton. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.*

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**a. February 21, 2023, Minutes**

*Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, meeting of the Public Transit Advisory Committee as presented. Second by Vice Chair Berry. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.*

**5. Committee Action**

**a. Membership Renewal – Peter Berry**

**Mr. Showalter** presented the Executive Summary “*Renewal Membership for the Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)*” and the PTNE Staff endorsement for Peter Berry noting, as standing Vice Chair, he has been an important contributor to the overall success of CAT over his time on the Committee.

*Chair DiMarco moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioners reappoint Peter Berry to the Public Transit Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Second by Mr. Caton. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.*

The item will be placed on the Board of County Commissioner’s *Consent Agenda* for consideration.

**6. Reports and Presentations**

None

**7. Member & Staff Comments**

**Mr. Showalter** provided the following updates:

Regional Study

On March 24, 2023, the *Regional Study* will commence, and Collier Area Transit (CAT) will partner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the project.

- The County has retained a consultant to assist with the project.
- Key elements include Electrification and Emissions Transition Plans.
- Technical drafts will be presented to the Committee.

Collier Area Transit Beach Bus

Beach Bus service from Conner Park to Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park and Vanderbilt Beach is offered to residents and visitors.

- The service started on February 20<sup>th</sup> and runs until April 29<sup>th</sup> and is offered Fridays through Mondays between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Thirty (30) to fifty (50) riders per day accessed the service, however ridership has declined due to the onset of red tide conditions.

Retirement Party

A retirement party in honor of Michelle Arnold, PTNE Director, will be held Friday March 24, 2023, at *The Cove at PCSC, 3940 City Gate Drive, Naples, FL 34117* at 4:30 p.m.

Members were advised to adhere to the *Florida Sunshine Law* which prohibits them from discussing any item which may come before the Committee outside of a legally noticed meeting.

Committee members expressed their gratitude for Ms. Arnold's service and wished her the best in retirement.

**8. Public Comments**

None

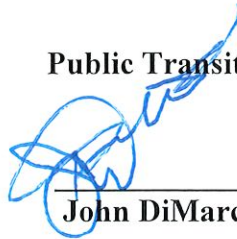
**9. Next Meeting Date**

April 18, 2023, 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 3:15 P.M.**

**Public Transit Advisory Committee**



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**John DiMarco III, Chairman**

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented  or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.