



**Public Transit Advisory Committee  
Collier Area Transit  
Hybrid Meeting  
Collier County Museum Lecture Hall  
3331 Tamiami Trail East Naples, Florida  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
1:00 p.m.**

**Agenda Packet**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes
  - a. [November 15, 2023](#)
- 5) Committee Action
- 6) Reports and Presentations
  - a. [FY23 Year in Review - CAT Fact Sheet](#)
  - b. [Regional Fare and Service Update](#)
  - c. [Construction and Facility Updates](#)
- 7) Member Comments
- 8) Public Comments
- 9) Next Meeting Date – February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Collier County Museum Lecture Hall
- 10) Adjournment

Two or more members of the Board of County Commissioners may be present and may participate at the meeting. The subject matter of this meeting may be an item for discussion and action at a future BCC meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING

NAPLES, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 15, 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 1:00 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  
Devon Browne (ZOOM)  
James Caton (Resigned)  
Dewey Enderle  
Sonja Lee Samek  
Martin de St. Pierre

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Wells, Director, Collier County PTNE  
Omar DeLeon, Public Transit Manager, Collier County PTNE  
Alexander Showalter, Senior Planner, Collier County PTNE  
Keyla Castro, Operations Specialist, Collier County PTNE  
Jacob Stauffer, Transit Planner, MV Transportation  
Mark Moujabber, General Manager, MV Transportation  
Nolan Begley, Fixed Route Manager, MV Transportation  
Dusty Siegler, Senior Planner, Collier County MPO

*Chair Forman motioned to allow Mr. Brown to participate in the meeting via ZOOM remote access due to an extraordinary circumstance. Second by Ms. Samek. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.*

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman DiMarco called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

*Mr. Showalter reported a letter of resignation was received from Mr. Caton.*

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and a quorum six was established.

*Vice Chair Berry motioned to allow Mr. Brown to participate in the meeting as a virtual participant. Second by Mrs. Lee Samek. Carried unanimously 5-0*

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*Vice Chair Berry moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. de St. Pierre. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.*

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**September 20, 2023**

*Mr. Enderle moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, meeting of the Public Transit Advisory Committee as presented. Second by Mr. de St. Pierre. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.*

**5. Committee Action**

**a. 5210, 5311, 5339 Grant Applications**

Mr. DeLeon presented the Executive Summary “Grant Application for 5310, 5311, and 5339” for the submission of the FFY24/SFY25 Operating or Capital Grants for Rural Areas Program applications to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) must approve the grant application submissions. He noted:

**5310**

The 5310-capital grant request in FY24 supports Collier Area Transit (CAT) System to purchase replacement vehicles to support the paratransit service.

- Funding in the amount of \$578,062.00 will be used to purchase four (4) replacement paratransit vehicles that have met their useful life.
- The capital grant includes an 80% Federal Share (\$462,447.00), a 10% State Match of (\$57,803.00) and a 10% Local Match of (\$57,812.00).
- Replacement vehicles will not increase the overall paratransit fleet inventory.
- The acquisition will provide for ongoing transportation services to the elderly and disabled residents of the County.

**5311**

The 5311-capital grant request in FY24 supports the Collier Area Transit (CAT) System to offset operational costs to support fixed route service in the rural areas.

- The rural capital grant funding amount is \$1,568,510.00.

- The capital grant includes a 50% Federal Share (\$784,255.00), and a 50% Local Match (\$784,255.00).

### **5339**

The 5339-capital grant request in FY24 supports the Collier Area Transit (CAT) System to purchase a replacement vehicle to support fixed route service in rural areas.

- The capital grant funding in the amount of \$676,172.00 will be used to purchase one (1) forty (40) foot fixed route bus to replace a bus that has met its useful life.
- The capital grant funding and match requirements include a 75% Federal share (\$507,129.00) with a 25% State Match (\$169,043.00).

**Mr. DeLeon** noted:

- The report includes a copy of the Grant Applications to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners on December 12, 2023, for approval to submit them to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) December 15, 2023.
- Grant funds, awarded to FDOT by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), are utilized annually by the Program.

*Vice-Chair Berry motioned to endorse the submittal of Grant Applications 5310, 5311 Rural, and 5339 Rural in the amount of \$2,822,744.00 to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for approval and submission to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Seconded by Mr. Enderle. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.*

## **6. Reports and Presentations**

### **a. November Route Changes**

**Mr. Stauffer** presented the Executive Summary “November Route Changes” updating the Committee on the service modifications to be implemented for the season schedule change on November 26, 2023. He noted:

- Changes will be implemented across multiple Collier Area Transit routes.
- Public notification in advance of the changes included distribution of the proposed schedule modifications throughout the community and postings on social media and RideCAT.com.
- Many changes are driven by an effort to improve the On-Time Performance of CAT’s fixed route service.
- Data collected over the past two years includes “run times” and driver feedback, resulting in adjustment to the timepoints to provide riders a more accurate estimation of bus arrival at the stops.
- Routes 11,12,13,14 and 17 have had the last loops removed.
- Routes 15 and 16 will return to travel along Golden gate Parkway now that the Golden Gate Bridge replacement is complete.
- Changes will be available for public review online and across multiple locations throughout the County.
- Proposed 2023 Seasonal Route Changes are available at:  
<https://www.ridecat.com/wpcontent/uploads/2023/11/Item-6a-November-Season-Changes.pdf>.

In response to Committee comments Mr. Stauffer noted:

- Routes 11, 11B, 12, 13 and 14 will end service earlier in the day.
- Drivers anticipate complaints from passengers due to the proposed changes.
- Additional revenue infusion from local funds must be approved by the BCC.
- Seasonal ridership statistics for the routes impacted by shorter hours were shared with members.
- Service frequency and extended hours were modified on some routes.
- A ridership survey conducted previously indicated most of the use is by the work force.

#### **7. Member and Staff Comments**

**Mr. DeLeon** provided an update on Maintenance Facility construction noting:

- The 25,000 square foot transit-oriented facility will include operational offices, a drive-through maintenance area for the buses, service for electric buses, and secure fleet parking.
- On finalization of a contract with the engineering firm selected, the design process will be initiated.
- Construction project bid invitations will be solicited on completion of the design phase, estimated time eighteen (18) months.

#### **8. Public Comments**

None

#### **9. Next Meeting Date**

December 20, 2023 - 1:00 P.M.  
Collier County Museum Lecture Hall  
3331 Tamiami Trail E  
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 1:26 P.M.**

**Public Transit Advisory Committee**

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**John DiMarco III, Chairman**

November 15, 2023

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 as presented \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**Reports and Presentations**  
**Item 6a**  
**FY23 Year in Review – CAT Fact Sheet**

**Objective:**

To update the committee on the service provided and some key statistics from our operations throughout Fiscal Year 2023.

**Considerations:**

With major changes to the fixed route system at the beginning of FY23, including the removal of routes and consolidation of others, the overarching goal was for an increase in ridership. The stats provided show that the changes made have been beneficial to the system ridership. We have highlighted other key measures to present on this fact sheet including On Time Performance, Transit App downloads and usage, and Paratransit ridership. These stats will us review the impacts of our changes and initiatives and provide a baseline for comparison and improvement during FY24.

**Recommendation:**

None.

**Attachment:**

FY23 Collier Area Transit – Year in Review

Prepared by:  Date: 1/10/2024  
Alexander Showalter, PTNE Senior Planner

Approved by:  Date: 01/10/2024  
Brian Wells, PTNE Division Director

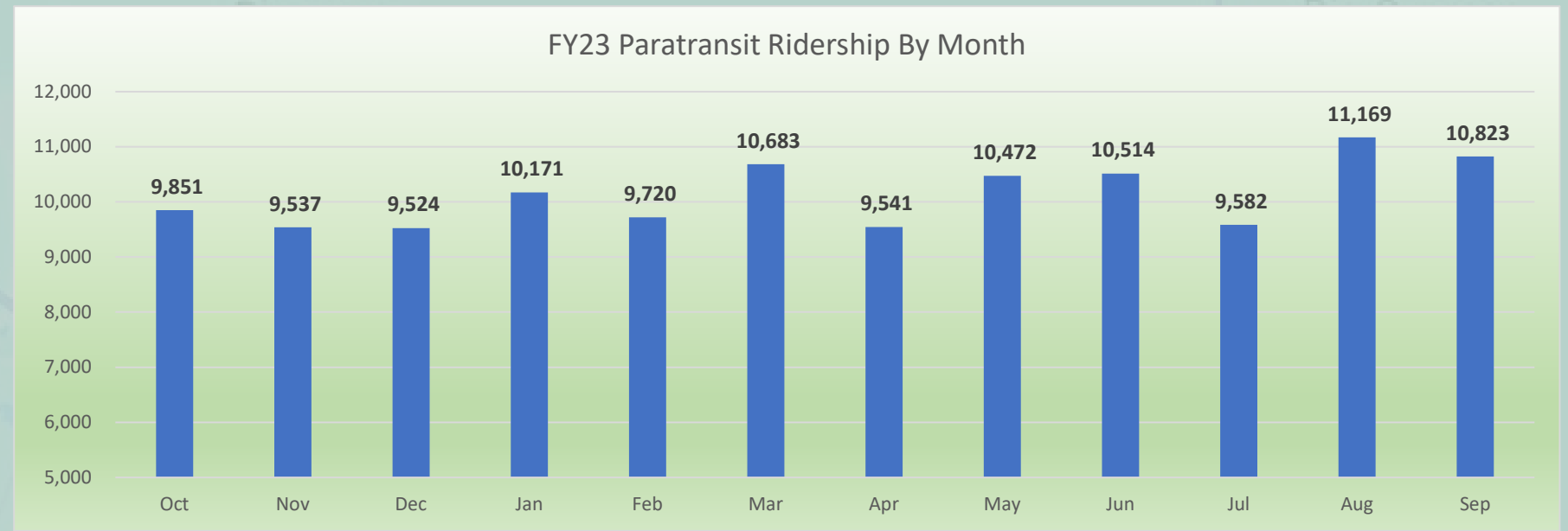
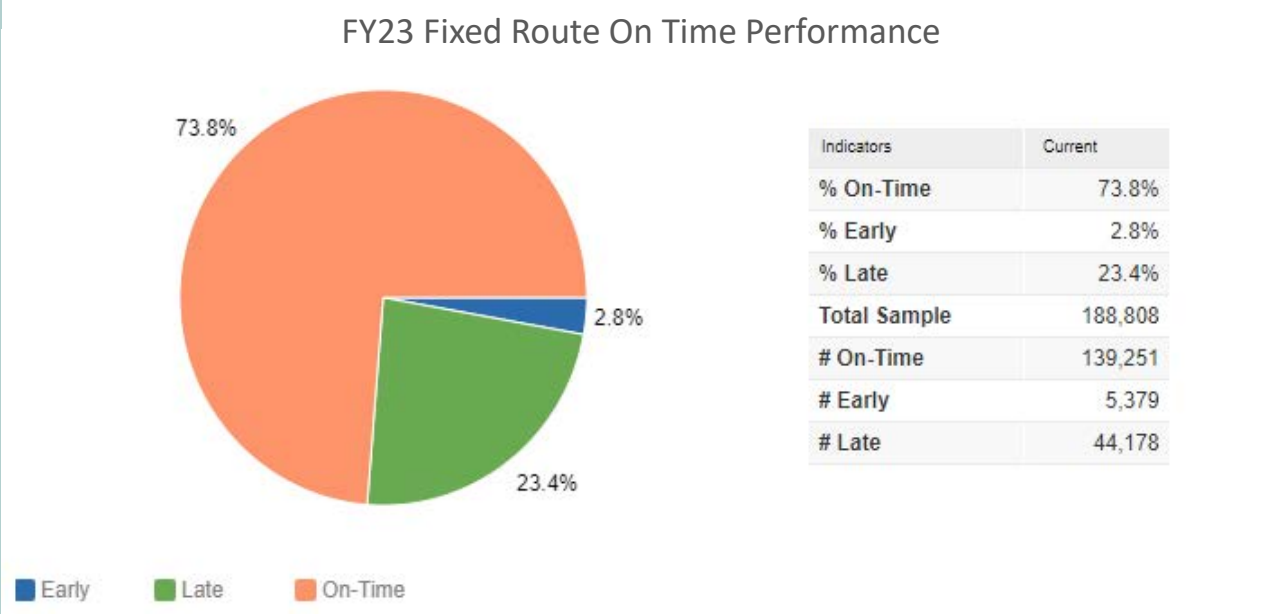
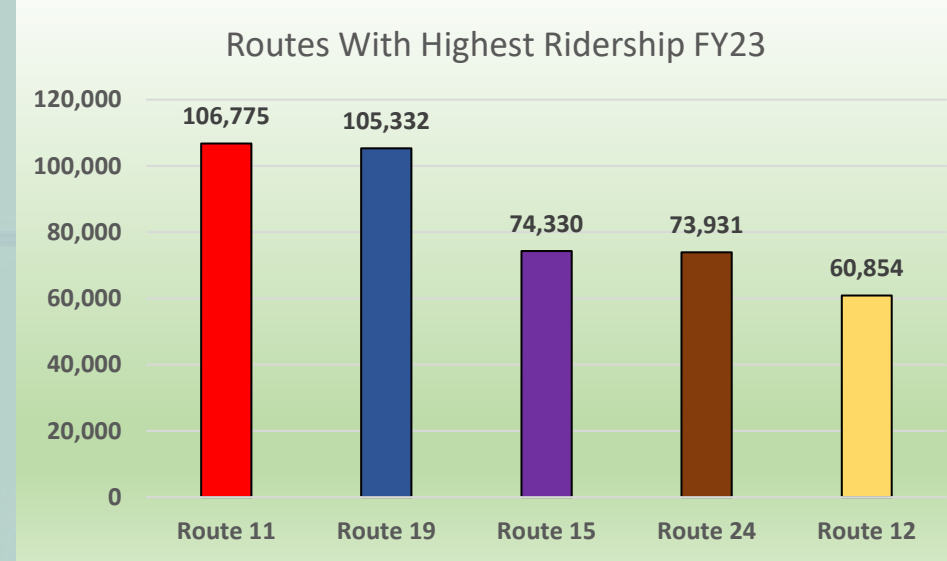
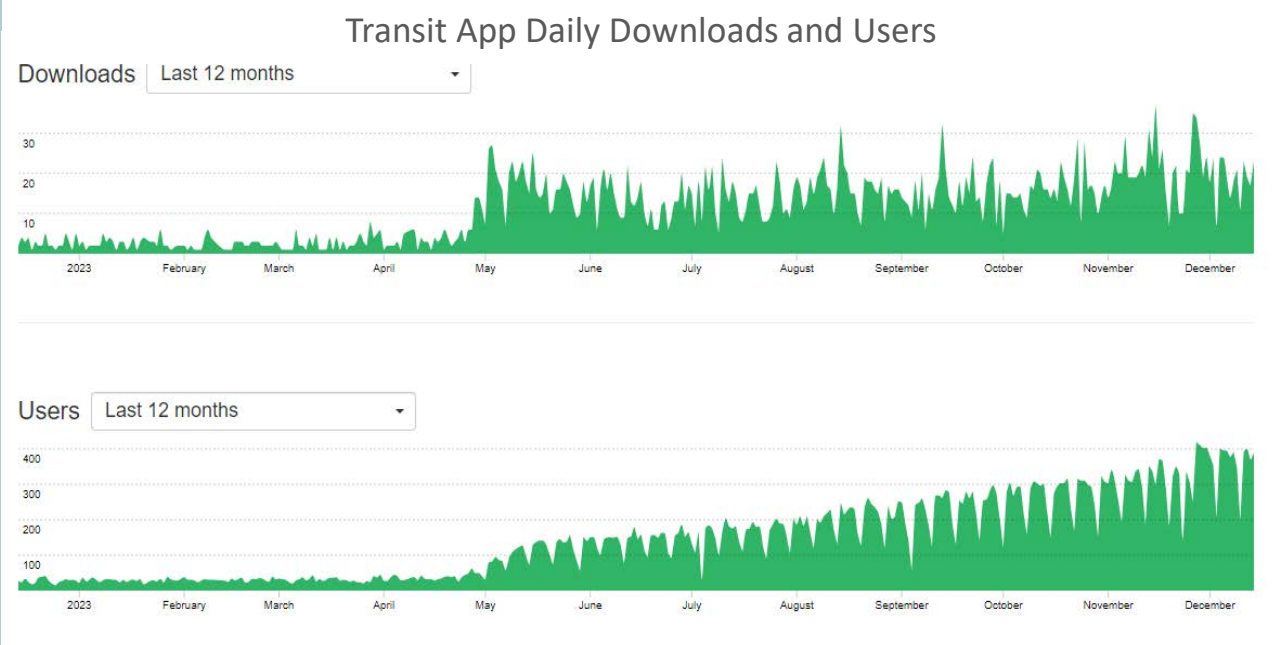
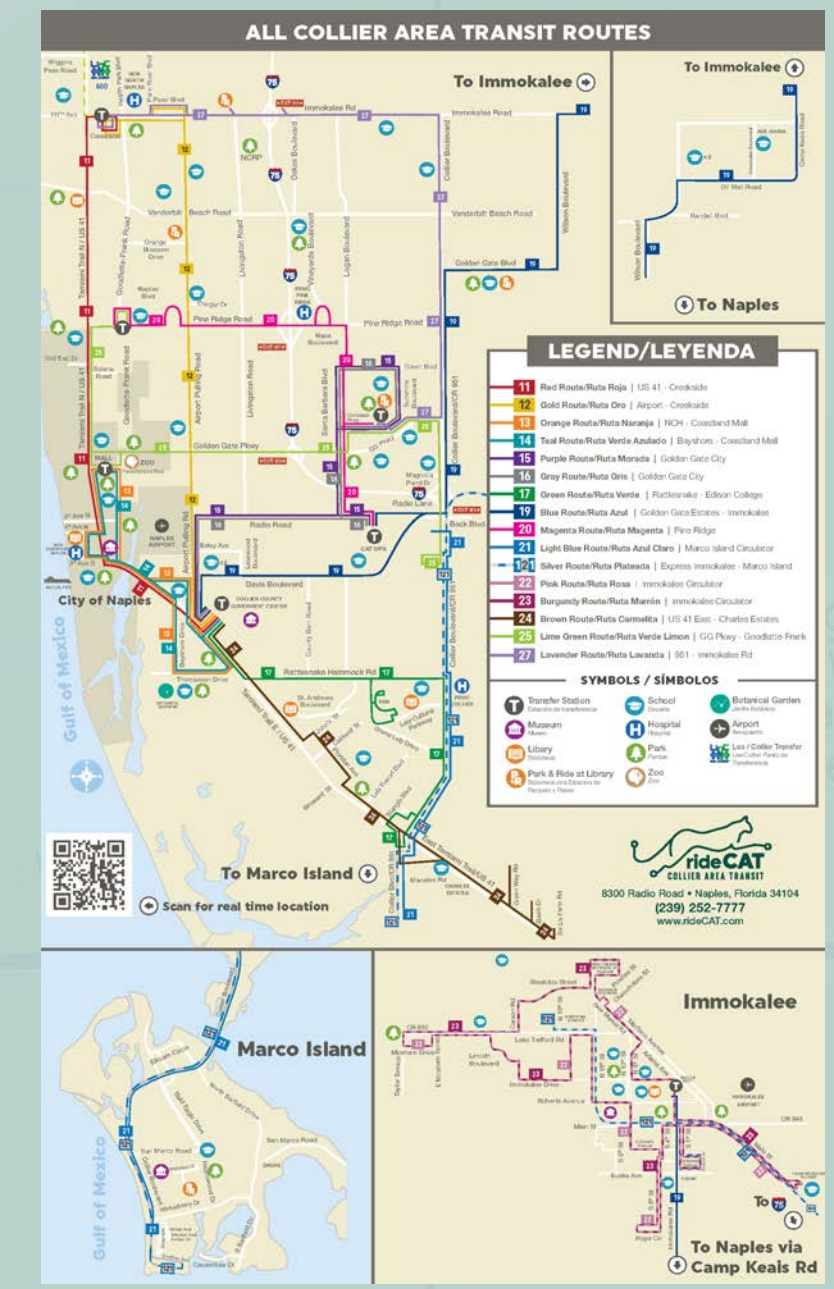
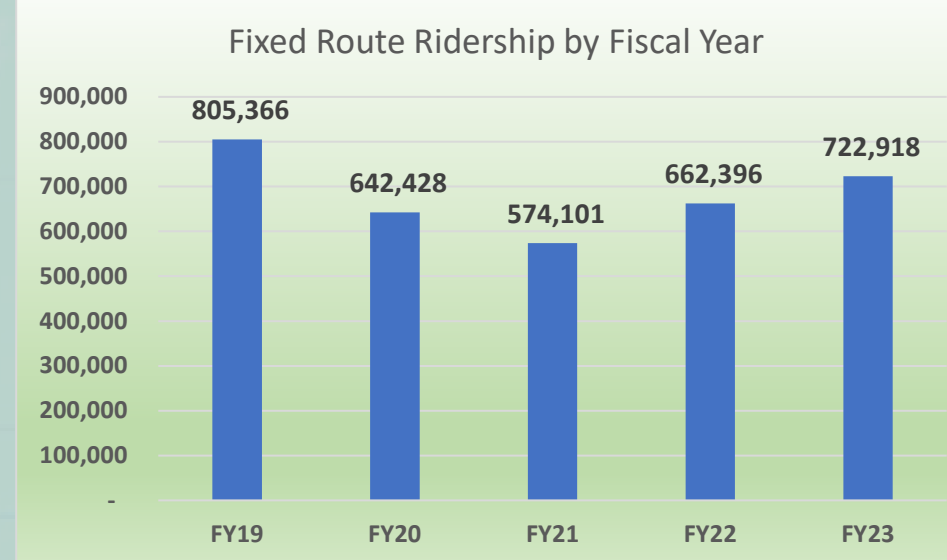


# Collier Area Transit - Year in Review



## Quick Facts:

- Over 722,000 Fixed Route Rides Facilitated
- Over 121,000 Paratransit Rides Facilitated
- Over 2.66 Million Miles Travelled (FR & PT)
- 562 Active Bus Stops
- 4 Park & Ride Locations





**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**Reports and Presentations**  
**Item 6b**  
**Regional Service and Fare Study Update**

**Objective:**

To update the committee on the progress and next steps for the ongoing Regional Service and Fare Study.

**Considerations:**

In March of 2023, Collier Area Transit and Jacobs Engineering kicked off the Regional Service and Fare Study. The purpose is to complete the development of a Study which evaluates the prospect of implementing regional service from Collier County into adjacent Counties, including the evaluation and recommendation for a Regional Fare structure that would be implemented with any future service.

CAT and Jacobs had released a survey available to the public in December, closing on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 requesting the feedback and insights on routes ridden and their choice for a route recommendation. After reviewing the results of 199 respondents, the UF/IFAS to Lehigh Acres route was the top recommendation and will be the route selected for further development in this study.

**Recommendation:**

None.

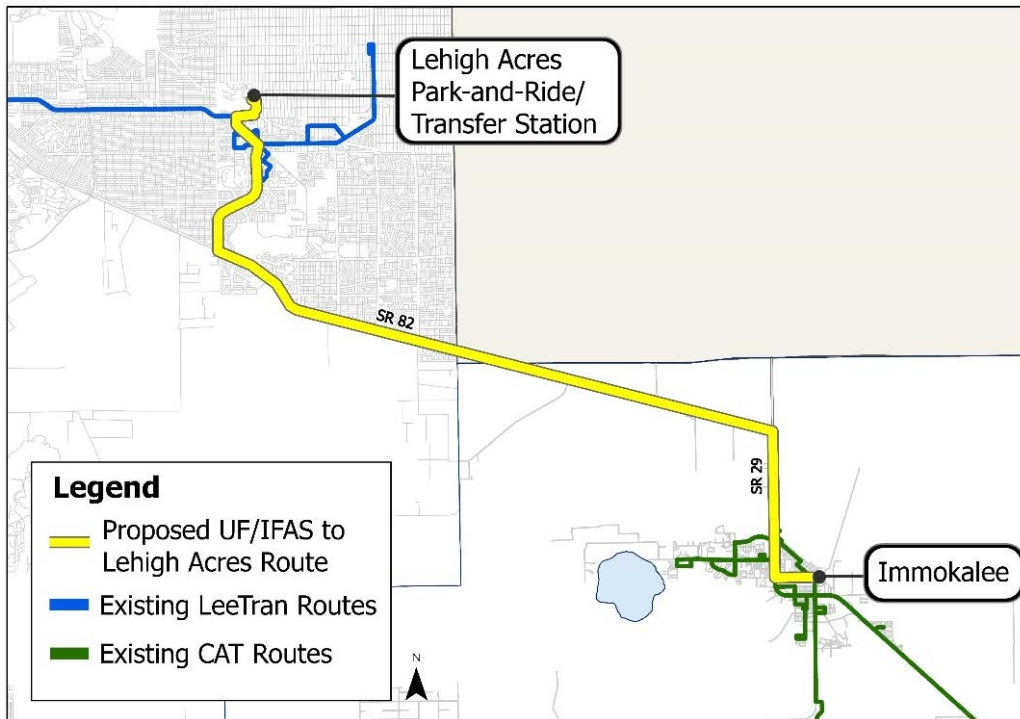
**Attachment:**

UF/IFAS to Lehigh Acres Route Map

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Brian Wells, PTNE Division Director

- After public response, the **UF/IFAS and Lehigh Acres Route** has been chosen for further development in the Regional Service and Fare Study.



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**Reports & Presentations**  
**Item 6c**  
**Construction Update**

**Objective:**

To update the committee on the bus shelter construction program and upcoming transit facilities projects.

**Considerations:**

Collier County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE) Project Manager will be providing the committee an update on recently constructed, in progress, and upcoming bus stop improvements. As well as an update on current facility projects.


**Recommendation:**

None.

**Attachment:**

None.

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