

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

NAPLES, FLORIDA

JULY 16, 2025

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 Government Center, Human Resources Building B, 3303 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, Florida 34112 with the following members present:

Chair:	John DiMarco, III
Vice Chair:	Peter Berry
	Cliff Donenfeld
	Dewey Enderle (Virtual)
	Sonja Lee Samek (Excused)
	Benita Staadecker
	Open Seat

ALSO PRESENT: Omar DeLeon, Public Transit Manager, Collier County PTNE
Alexander Showalter, Senior Planner, Collier County PTNE
Liz Soriano, Project Manager, Collier County PTNE
Keyla Castro, Operations Support Specialist, Collier County PTNE
Leslie Barnes, General Manager, MV Transportation
Nolen Begley, Fixed Route Manager, MV Transportation
Jacob Stauffer, Transit Planner, MV Transportation

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Ms. Staadecker motioned to allow Mr. Enderle to participate in the meeting as a virtual participant due to extraordinary circumstances. Second by Vice Chair Berry. Carried unanimously 4 – 0.

Mr. Enderle joined the meeting. A quorum of five was present.

3. Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Berry moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Mr. Donenfeld. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. March 19, 2025

Vice Chair Berry moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025, Public Transit Advisory Committee meeting as presented. Second by Ms. Staadecker. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.

b. June 18, 2025

Vice Chair Berry moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025, Public Transit Advisory Committee meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Donenfeld. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.

5. Committee Action

a. Membership Application – John DiMarco III & Jake Wayne Bates

Mr. Showalter presented Executive Summary “*Membership Applications*” for John DiMarco III and Jake Bates.

John DiMarco III

The PTNE Staff endorses “*Renewal of Membership to the Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)*” for John DiMarco III noting, as standing Chair, he has been an important contributor to the overall success of CAT over his time on the Committee, providing feedback and advice to staff and vendors on improving transit operations and efficiencies in Collier County.

Vice Chair Berry moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioners reappoint John DiMarco III to the Public Transit Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Second by Ms. Staadecker. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.

The Committee’s recommendation will be placed on the Board of County Commissioner’s *Consent Agenda* at the next available meeting.

Jake Wayne Bates

The PTNE Staff submitted for the Committee’s consideration an application from Jake Wayne Bates, to join PTAC.

Mr. Bates application will be considered by the Committee at the next meeting of the PTAC.

6. Reports and Presentations

None

7. Member and Staff Comments

Grant Funding

Mr. Showalter noted there has been no immediate operational impact on the PTNE's federal grant funding.

Collier Area Transit Operations & Maintenance Facility

Ms. Soriano provided an update to the Committee on facilities projects and enhancements noting:

- The Radio Road Administrative and Maintenance facilities will include operational offices, a drive-through maintenance area for the buses, secure fleet parking, solar panels, and air conditioning for the maintenance shop.
- Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., was selected to design the facility.
- Construction Invitations to Bid are expected to be distributed in 2026.

8. Public Comments

None

9. Next Meeting Date

August 20, 2025 - 1:00 P.M.
Collier County Government Center
Human Resources Building "B"
3303 Tamiami Trail E
Naples, FL. 34112

10. Adjournment

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by the chair at 1:16 P.M.



Public Transit Advisory Committee

John DiMarco III, Chair

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on August 20, 2025 as presented X or as amended ____.