



Collier County
TRANSPORTATION
MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Public Transit Advisory Committee
Collier Area Transit
Hybrid Meeting
Collier County Government Center Human Resources Building "B"
HR Training Room
3303 Tamiami Trail East Naples, Florida
July 15th, 2026
1:00 p.m.

Agenda Packet

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes – May 20th, 2026
- 5) Committee Action
 - a. NONE
- 6) Reports and Presentations
 - a. Electric Bus Review
 - b. New Safety Manager Presentation
 - c. New Fareboxes and IT update
- 7) Member Comments
- 8) Public Comments
- 9) Next Meeting Date – August 19th, 2026, Human Resources Building "B" HR Training Room
- 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.

Collier Area Transit operates in compliance with Federal Transit Administration, (FTA) program requirements and ensures that transit services are made available and equitably distributed and provides equal access and mobility to any person without regard to race, color, or national origin, disability, gender or age. Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964*; FTA Circular 4702.1A, "Title VI and Title VI Dependent Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients.

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

NAPLES, FLORIDA

MAY 20, 2026

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:	Benita Staadecker
	Taylor Carboy
	Cliff Donenfeld
	Jennifer Ginther
	Cecelia Morales
	Open Seat

ALSO PRESENT: Ellen Sheffey, Interim Director, Collier County PTNE (Excused)
Omar DeLeon, Public Transit Manager, Collier County PTNE
Jacob Stauffer, Planner II, Collier County PTNE
Rosio Garcia, Operations Coordinator, Collier County PTNE (Virtual)
Keyla Castro, Management Analyst, Collier County PTNE (Virtual)
Elena Ortiz-Rosado, Events, Sales and Marketing Coordinator
Nolan Begley, Fixed Route Manager, MV Transportation (Virtual)

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 six was established.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Donenfeld moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Vice Chair Staadecker. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. March 18, 2026

Vice Chair Staadecker moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, Public Transit Advisory Committee meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Donenfeld. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

5. Committee Action

a. Program of Projects

FY2026 Program of Projects

Mr. DeLeon presented an Executive Summary “FY26 Grant Funding and Allocation Overview, Collier Area Transit – Section 5307 & 5339 Allocations” to inform the PTAC Advisory Committee of the Program of Projects for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307 and 5339 grant application submittals for FY26-FY27.

The Public Transit Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE) Division receives federal grant funds for the management of the Collier Area Transit (CAT) system annually to be used for capital projects and operating assistance as defined by the FTA.

Section 5307

Provides federal funding to public transit systems in urbanized areas (population 50,000+).

- Funds support the operation and capital needs of transit agencies.
- Collier County is located within the Bonita Springs/Naples Census Urbanized Area.
- A portion of the Section 5307 funding received is shared with Lee County.
- The total amount allocated to the Urbanized Area Formula Program is \$7,034,886 of which \$5,396,461 is awarded to Collier County, \$93,564 to the Federal Department of Transportation (FDOT), and \$1,544,861 distributed to Lee County.
- The FDOT portion of \$93,645 is split between Lee and Collier Counties. Lee County will receive \$21,169 and Collier County will receive \$72,395.
- With the FDOT funds, Collier County will receive \$5,468,856 and Lee County \$1,566,030 of grant funds.
- Projects proposed for the appropriated funding may include, as funding permits:
 1. Paratransit Infotainment System
 2. Bus Stop Signage
 3. Property & Fencing Gates
 4. ITS Support and Warranty
 5. ADA Operational Expenses
 6. A 40-foot Bus Replacement
 7. Support Vehicles (2 Vans)
 8. Fleet Preventive Maintenance

9. Fixed Route and Paratransit Operational Expenses

Section 5339

Bus and Bus Facilities Program

- The program provides dedicated federal funding for buses and transit facilities.
- Intended to help agencies replace, rehab, or purchase buses, vans, and related equipment.
- Funds the construction or rehabilitation of bus maintenance and operations facilities.
- Collier County is the designated recipient for the urbanized area with funds allocated of \$498,463.
- Projects proposed for the appropriated funding include:
 1. Fuel Island and Facility Rehab \$100,000
 2. Fixed Route – forty-foot bus replacement \$348,463
 3. Radio Replacement - \$50,000

In response to Committee member comments Mr. DeLeon noted:

- Twenty percent of funds are designated to ADA operations and needs.
- Bus replacement criteria are determined when a bus has reached the end of its useful life (every five years or one million miles).
- Support vehicles replacement standards are five years or one hundred thousand miles.
- Forty-foot buses are utilized during peak demand periods.
- Assets are tracked by the Cartograph System. Radio replacement on buses is determined by end of life as documented by this system. One piece of equipment has been identified for replacement.

Next Steps

- PTAC Endorsement
- Public Participation Process
- Board of County Commissioners' Approval to submit to the FTA for grant funding.
- FTA Submission and Approval

Recommendation

Vice Chair Staadecker motioned to endorse the Collier Area Transit 5307 FY26-27 Program of Projects in the amount of \$5,468,856.00, financed by Federal Grant Funds, and 5339 FY26-27 Program of Projects in the amount of \$498,463.00 for transit capital projects and operating assistance to the Collier Area Transit (CAT) system. Second by Mr. Donenfeld. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

6. Reports and Presentations

a. New Member for School District

Mr. Stauffer introduced Taylor Carboy, a new member representing the school district. Mr. Carboy works with children with special needs.

b. Try Transit Day

Ms. Ortiz-Rosado reported:

- In honor of Earth Day, free rides were offered all Day Wednesday, April 22, 2026, for fixed-route buses.
- CAT partnered with Naples Botanical Garden for the event.

- Collier County employees earned \$50 Healthy Bucks for riding the bus.
- The new Ebus was wrapped to feature the Everglades and the Ten Thousand Islands.
- A social media campaign promoted the event.
- Riding the bus is great physical activity and can save the rider up to \$13,000 annually.

c. Electric Bus Update

Mr. Stauffer reported the new Ebus has been received.

d. Brainstorm and Feedback

Mr. Stauffer summarized feedback received on initiatives for PTAC to pursue. He detailed a proposal for Committee evaluation:

1. Downtown service
 - Inception of an autonomous circulator/shuttle in 2031.
 - Operational cost is estimated at 2 million; start-up cost is unknown.
2. Marketing County Officials
Try Transit Day
 - Director and Department Heads would like to make it an annual event.
 - Seventy plus County Staff participated.
 - Transit users totaled 550+ (normally 500), and 21 new app downloads.
 - Commissioner newsletter
3. Ridership
 - Fixed route passengers total 734,275 and Para Transit 128,844.
4. First Responder Grants
 - Emergency Funding
 - Worker Safety
 - Relief Funding

8. Staff and Member Comments

None

9. Public Comments

None

10. Next Meeting Date

July 15, 2026 - 1:00 P.M.
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11. Adjournment

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by the chair at 1:36 P.M.

Public Transit Advisory Committee

John DiMarco III, Chair

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on _____, 2026 as presented _____ or as amended _____.