



Meeting Minutes - Draft
Transportation Master Plan Steering
Committee

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

1:30 PM

MacKenzie Hall - 800 Dunlop Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 1:32 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Millar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Bill Millar, Erika Steiner, Evelyn Stewart, Pasquale Russo and Alternate Committee Member Allie Pecenka

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

All members were in attendance.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of January 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Russo moved, seconded by Committee Member Steiner, to adopt the January 21, 2026, minutes. The motion carried.

5. Old Business

a. Public involvement status:

- i. Recap of focus group interviews
- ii. Discuss upcoming public workshop on Thursday, March 26, 6-8 PM at the Community House

Planning Director Paula McMichael introduced Chris Zuppa, Ned Baier (Project Manager), and Mellisa Martin, Consultants with Volkert, Inc., who provided a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding public involvement to date.

Update from the Focus Group Interviews:

Discussion ensued regarding providing additional backup materials behind the opposition to certain topics (widening roads, ferry service, etc.) to the Committee for consideration. Ms. Martin advised there is additional information in the summary report that will be provided to the Committee and added to the record. Further

discussion ensued regarding what "reverse travel lanes" may entail and not being a feasible consideration.

Discussion further ensued regarding the topic of dedicated bike lanes or "pull-out" areas along Periwinkle for e-bikes, golf carts, etc. Mr. Zuppa spoke to the need to update the comp plan in order to add lanes and feasibility is being considered. Committee Members inquired what data could be provided from the focus groups.

Mr. Baier provided background from Focus Group 1's discussions relating to opposition to ferry service, speed humps, concerns about a round about, and opposition to scooters and electric mobility devices on the shared use paths. Discussion ensued regarding the definition of a "scooter" and safety concerns related to use of scooters, opposition to use of Lime scooters, and ferry service considerations. Committee Members expressed the desire to get people on the island with less traffic, needing to understand what is changing on Captiva, and how growth can be monitored and controlled. Mr. Zuppa clarified the goal is to improve traffic, not to limit people coming onto the islands.

Chair Millar advised the upcoming public workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th from 6-8 pm and will be held at the Sanibel Community House. Ms. McMichael advised the workshop would be hybrid with the opportunity for the remote participation. Ms. Martin provided more information on the marketing efforts for the workshop and process for additional public participation.

6. New Business

- a. Update on existing conditions and preliminary list of transportation capital projects. **(Supplement 1)**

Mr. Zuppa continued the PowerPoint presentation speaking to the map and data relative to wildlife strikes on the island. Discussion ensued regarding including the total population of the animals being tracked and why the Eastern Screech Owl is not included in the list. Continued discussion ensued regarding traffic calming, exploration of options for wildlife protection, not recommending pull-out areas. Rachel Rainbolt, Conservation Officer, Natural Resources Department, spoke to the reasoning for the screech owls being left out of the nationwide list while being the number one struck species on the island.

The presentation continue relative to road elevations. Committee members asked what the base level was, what the relative range is, and what the value of the data is. Mr. Zuppa spoke to the base level being "mean sea-level in Quebec, Canada", using information from the stormwater master plan data, and project idea themes. Discussion ensued regarding traffic operations and calming options. Mr. Baier spoke to having visual presentations to demonstrate some of the ideas for use in public

involvement moving forward. Committee Members expressed the desire preservation of the soul of Sanibel to be the goal.

b. Drone videos of Periwinkle/Causeway traffic

Mr. Zuppa played some drone footage demonstrating the traffic issues on the island. Discussion ensued regarding how the data could be used to train traffic aides and recommend projects for improvement.

7. Public Comment

Public Comment:

- Roy Giles - Periwinkle Park - spoke to aerial transport (gondola system) being an environmentally protective option to improve traffic on the island
- Ed Holden - Sanibel Resident - spoke to the topic of "curb cuts" and the need to include risk in the report data.

Discussion ensued regarding connectivity for parcels and businesses on the Periwinkle corridor and possibility of incentivizing shared parking or interconnectivity for businesses. Ms. McMichael spoke to the code requirements and incentives.

8. Next Meeting Date

- a.** Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at MacKenzie Hall

9. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 P.M.