

**MINUTES OF THE LEE MPO BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN
COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Held on March 22, 2016

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on March 22, 2016 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

From the BPCC

Andy Getch	LCDOT
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council
David Wagley	LCDOT
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
Gary Gasperini	City of Cape Coral
Isobel Hitchcock	Member-At-Large
Levi McCollum	LeeTran
Jason Lemay	LC Parks
Jennifer Hagen	City of Bonita Springs
Megan Will	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Nancy MacPhee	VCB
Roger Lloyd	LCSD
Salli Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Tina Sujana	Member-At-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Providance Nagy with FDOT; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Officers Chad Hartzell and Lucas Smoker with the Cape Coral PD; Lt. Joseph Bowers with FHP; Christin Collins with LMHS; Michael Tisch and Michael Ryan with Atkins; and Bethany Quisenberry with Lee County Schools

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF BPCC MEETING

Mr. Dan Moser, BPCC Chair, chaired and called the joint meeting to order at 10:00 am. The members introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2016 JOINT BPC-PAC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY SALLI KIRKLAND TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 23, 2016 JOINT BPC-PAC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY GARY GASPERINI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – AMENDMENT OF THE BPC BYLAWS

Mr. Gogoi called out the proposed amendments to the existing BPC bylaws. *Section 4A - Membership* of the BPC bylaws was being amended to add the Village of Estero. *Section 2D - Responsibilities* was being amended to delete reference to Local and Regional Transportation Enhancement Funds, while adding reference to Regional Alternative – Any Area, and SUN Trail funds.

Ms. Letourneau asked that in Section 2M regarding bicycle and pedestrian signage the word “uniformity” be replaced by “coordination”.

MOTION BY MS. KIRKLAND TO AMEND THE BPC BYLAWS AS PROPOSED BY STAFF ALONG WITH THE CHANGES CALLED OUT BY MS. LETOURNEAU. SECONDED BY GARY GASPERINI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – PRESENTATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY

Dr. Margaret Banyan stated that the Village had contracted FGCU to perform an assessment of the condition of the roads, bike lanes, sidewalks and median landscaping in Estero. Besides her, the FGCU faculty included Dr. Claude Villiers and Dr. Thomas Felke, and the team also included seven civil engineering, public administration, and political science students. She presented the results of the pavement conditions and crossing analyses, provided the bicycle and sidewalk recommendations from the study, and the landscape priorities. The infrastructure findings from the study were presented to the Village Council at a Workshop on January 20th. The cost of the study was \$17,000.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – PRESENTATION ON THE WALKING/BIKE AUDIT IN EAST FORT MYERS AND TICE

Dr. Margaret Banyan and Ms. Anne Pierce presented the results of a bicycling and walking audit conducted at the Tice and Franklin Park Magnet School neighborhoods in East Fort Myers. The audits were made possible through a \$46,325 Rauschenberg Foundation Fund grant awarded to Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. The Tice Audit was conducted in October 3, 2015 and the Franklin Park audit was conducted in January 19, 2016. There are few sidewalks and no bike lanes in the neighborhood around the Franklin Park Magnet School. The intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Ford

Street does not have stop bars and crosswalks. The lack of safe sidewalks on Ford Street have resulted in the busing of students for 2 blocks.

AGENDA ITEM #5–UPDATE ON THE CAPE CORAL BIKE PED MASTER PLAN

Mr. Ned Baier with Jacobs provided a progress update of the Cape Coral Bike Ped Master Plan and outlined the next steps. The consulting team which also included Alta conducted a Kick-Off Meeting with the Project Advisory Group on February 24th that was followed by field work on February 25th and 26th. An Interactive Wiki Map was developed for public input.

AGENDA ITEM #6 –UPDATE ON THE MPO ROUNDABOUT STUDY

Mr. Gogoi provided an update of the MPO Roundabout Study. The study had been underway since November of last year. The consultant team completed initial screening analysis, crash analysis and detailed roundabout operational analysis at all 18 intersections. He presented conceptual roundabout design plans at the intersections of Ortiz/Tice, McGregor Boulevard/Virginia, MLK Jr. Boulevard/Lee Street, and Edison Avenue/Broadway. He reported the MPO Board discussions from the presentation made at its March 18th meeting, and District 1 Secretary's remarks on potentials funds for roundabout project development phases.

AGENDA ITEM #7–TIGER AND OTHER MPO PROJECT UPDATES/DEVELOPMENTS

Mr. Scott provided LCCSI project updates. Colonial shared use path was under construction, 100% design plans were completed for Daniels Parkway shared use path and that the MPO was waiting on permits from the US Corps of Engineers, the sidewalks in San Carlos Park was completed, three bus shelters were complete and three were under way. 60% of the TIGER funds have been spent. He also provided an overview and update on the Transportation Leadership Academy. He also reported on the drainage issues involving the Orangewood Elementary sidewalks in Tice that caused the costs to go up. He also reported that the MPO Board endorsed the School District priorities for SRTS funds at its March 18th meeting.

Mr. Gogoi provided an update of the TBARTA coalition to push the Southwest Coastal Regional Trail as the second highest regional priority trail system in the state. It was one of 7 in the state that was shortlisted by the Florida Greenways and Trail Council for further evaluation. The Council would be voting at its March 31st meeting. He also reported that 1/3rd of Sun Trail funds would be spent on the Coast to Coast Connector, 13rd on the second highest priority regional trail system picked by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council and 1/3rd would be spent on individual trails identified in the SUN Trail Network Map.

Chairman Moser introduced Christine Collins from Lee Memorial Health System as the newest member of the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation. Ms. Collins stated that

she would represent the greenways and trails interest in Southwest Florida and that she would be setting up key strategic meetings when the Foundation's President is in Fort Myers in April.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN RELATED PROJECTS

Ms. Kirkland announced that the Sanibel Bicycle Club received the Florida Bike Club of the Year award.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT

Mr. McCollum reported that LeeTran ridership numbers for February 2016 was 321,000 which was a 6% drop from February 2015.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT

Ms. Nagy called out the website www.suntrail.com which has webinars and presentations, and the proposed draft criteria for individual trails. Application forms for individual trails will be forthcoming.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Letourneau reported that the Passodimo Bike Safety Bill did not pass. There was also no bill on distracted driving issues. She also reported on a national report on pedestrian safety that was published recently. According to the report pedestrian fatalities rose 10% nationally in 2015 from the previous year. Pedestrian fatalities in Florida on the other hand went down by 4% but the bad news was that Florida still ranked as the most dangerous state for pedestrians in the nation. In Lee County pedestrian fatality went up slightly but pedestrian share of the fatalities went down but still was 30% higher than the national average. She also reported that for the first time USDOT would require states and MPOs to provide safety performance measures for reduction of pedestrian and bicycle fatalities.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. MacPhee announced that FY 2017 Attractions Marketing Program funding cycle would be open on April 20th. Events Marketing Program funding cycle was already open and application deadline was April 29th.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.