

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

**Held on November 26, 2013**

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on October 29, 2013 at the City of Cape Coral Annex, Room A200, 815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral.

Those in attendance included:

Andy Getch	LCDOT
Dawn Huff	Lee County School District
Anna Bielawska	LeeTran
Dan Moser	IPC
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial Trauma
Jason Lamey	LC Parks and Rec
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Pat Young	At-Large
Karen Solgard	At-Large
Josh Overmyer	Fort Myers Beach
Stephanie Smith	City of Cape Coral
Linda Carter	CAC
Simone Behr	Visitors Convention Bureau

Others in attendance included Don Scott and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO, Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee, Sue Faulkner with Collier MPO, Providence Nagy with FDOT, David Wagley with LCDOT, and Sally Kreuzscher of Safe Kids Lee/Collier County

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Moser called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Mr. Scott announced that a quorum was present. The attendees introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2013 BPPC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MOTION BY MS. CARTER TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 29, 2013  
BPPC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. TESORO. MOTION  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Scott asked Chairman Moser to add two new items to the agenda under New Business - A discussion on the Draft Tentative Work Program on bicycle pedestrian projects and the cancellation of the December BPC meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AGENDA ITEM #2 – DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON ITEMS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

Mr. Scott stated that staff reviewed the crash descriptions for the Bicycle and Pedestrian fatalities for the last year and half to see if there were patterns and trends that could be addressed as part of the implementation strategies. He also reported that the first 4 intersections for undertaking road safety audits have now been identified which includes US 41 and Six Mile Cypress Parkway, SR 80 and Marsh Avenue, SR 78 and Santa Barbara Boulevard, and Colonial Boulevard and Six Mile Cypress Parkway. He reported that the MPO staff would be having a meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> with the law enforcement agencies. Ms. Letourneau suggested that a process should be in place, like the City of Sanibel, to analyze a traffic fatality or a serious injury crash after it happens. The City calls a meeting of law enforcement officers, engineers and planners to review the crash and how it could have been prevented. Mr. Scott reported that he was working on the agenda for the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with law enforcement agencies and that he was getting some help there from a part time employee of the consultant who is a law enforcement officer. Discussion ensued.

### **AGENDA ITEM #3 – PRESENTATION ON THE COLLIER MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESRIAN SAFETY STUDY**

Ms. Faulkner reported that the Collier MPO is developing a Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Study. The purpose of this study is to develop a better understanding of the safety issues in Collier County for bicyclists and pedestrians. The safety study will assist the MPO's Pathways Advisory Committee in more effectively evaluating the safety benefit of each project that they prioritize and recommend. The consultants are currently working with the MPO staff and the PAC on the three components of this study including analysis of crash data from police reports, collecting data from a survey to capture non-reported crashes, and the development of safety criteria that may be used by the PAC to evaluate future projects. Discussion ensued.

### **AGENDA ITEM #4 – PRESENTATION ON THE UPDATED LEE COUNTY BICYCLE AND SIDEWALK FACILITY MAPS**

Mr. Raimondo presented and discussed a map of sidewalk inventory along arterials and collectors using center line roadway, and asked for comments and ground-truthing of the facilities shown in the map. The map will be updated again next year. Moser called out Del Prado Boulevard and expressed his disappointment that the wide curb lanes were not maintained during the resurfacing of the corridor south of Coronado Parkway to Cape Coral Parkway, or that the corridor was not analyzed for implementation of

complete streets policies prior to the resurfacing project. Mr. Jansen stated that to his knowledge that segment never had wide curb lanes. Mr. Moser suggested dropping the posted speed limits on that section so that it would allow the implementation of sharrows and allow bicyclists to continue on the roadway. Discussion ensued.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #5 – REPORT ON THE TAP AND MPO BOXED FUND PROJECT SCREENING PROCESS**

Mr. Scott reported that a BPCC Subcommittee reviewed and screened the candidate projects for TAP and MPO Multimodal ‘Box’ funds on November 12<sup>th</sup>. He also referred to FDOT’s new Draft Tentative Work Program and reported that all the Multimodal Box and Safe Route to School, and most of the TAP priorities got funded. There were some projects where only the design phases got funded, and for those he felt that their next unfunded phases should automatically receive higher priorities from the committees in the next funding cycle. He called out the Gator Circle, Stella, Franklin, Katherine and Jeffcott projects as the only ones which did not receive any funding. He also reported that FDOT would now like us to submit a preliminary priority list so that they can have a head start on analyzing construction feasibility for the higher priority projects. Mr. Moser reported that during the project screening meeting the sub-committee added some projects, but did not drop any.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #6 – OVERVIEW OF THE RAIL FEASIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS AND MPO BOARD ACTION**

Mr. Scott provided an update on the rail feasibility study, and reported that the MPO Board approved the study recommendations at its November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Discussion ensued. He stated that the corridor adjacent to Evans except for the location where the right of way is only 40’ could accommodate a multi-use path that could extend JYLP north.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #6 – STAFF UPDATE ON VARIOUS ONGOING PROJECTS AND BPCC INPUT**

Mr. Scott stated that staff would be working on developing a new 2 year UPWP which among many things will include tasks such as the update of the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and the implementation of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Recommendations. He asked for committee input on any items that should be added to the UPWP.

## **ADD ON ITEM – CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER BPCC MEETING**

**MOTION BY MS. CARTER TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 17, 2013 BPCC MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. YOUNG. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **AGENDA ITEM #7 – PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Ms. Solgard informed the committee that the November meeting was her last one because of work conflicts.

Ms. Behr reported that Visitors Convention Park was working on a promotion called Pedal to the Park which encourages hotels in the area to offer biking services to Jet Blue Park and the Minnesota Twins Park.

### **AGENDA ITEM #8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Lamey reported about two ribbon cuttings of county park facilities in Lehigh Acres, one involving an adult park in Veterans Park on December 5th, and the other one is the Lehigh Acres Trailhead Park on December 12<sup>th</sup>

### **AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT**

Ms. Bielawska reported that the ridership numbers for LeeTran for the month of October, the first month of the new fiscal year, increased by 358,319 passengers which translate to a 2.5 % increase from last October.

### **AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT**

None

### **AGENDA ITEM #11 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Young Cape Coral reported that Cape Coral Bicycle Pedestrian Group initiated the signed bike route project over 90 miles of roadway, and that the project started a couple of weeks ago and that it would require media exposure.

Ms. Letourneau reported that on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> BikeWalkLee will be presenting the Complete Streets Champions award to the City of Cape Coral Council, Staff and the Cape Coral Bike Ped Group in recognition of their work in the implementation of the 90 mile signed bike route. She also talked about the award to the City of Sanibel Council,

Staff and the Sanibel Bicycle Club for all their work over 6 years in the implementation of the Sanibel Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan.

Mr. Tesoro informed that the Injury Prevention Council would be holding its holiday meeting at the Yacht Club on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and that the Lee MPO would be receiving the Lee County Injury Prevention Award for the Year 2013.

**AGENDA ITEM #12 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

None

**MOTION BY MS. CARTER TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. OVERMYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.