

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

**Held on October 27, 2015**

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on October 27, 2015 at the Cape Coral Public Works Building, 815 Nicholas Parkway, Cape Coral.

Those in attendance included:

Andy Getch	LCDOT
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council
Isobel Hitchcock	Member-At-Large
Jennifer Hagen	City of Bonita Springs
Jason Lamey	LC Parks
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial
Ryan Shute	Member At-Large
Sally Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Simone Behr	VCB
Syndi Bultman	Lee Memorial
Steve Chupack	Member At-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; D’Juan Harris and Providance Nagy with FDOT; Gary Gasperini with the City of Cape Coral; Dennis Petracca and Roman Serrano with LCSO; Conner Cardwell with the FHP; Corporal Hartzell with the Cape PD; Sarah Plummer with LeeTran; Doug Saxton with the Village of Estero; Ned Baier with Jacobs; Mike Tisch with Atkins; and Darla Letourneau.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Dan Moser called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The members introduced themselves after pledging allegiance to the US flag.

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 25, 2015 BPCC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 25, 2015 BPCC  
MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MS. HAGEN. MOTION CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY.**

## NEW BUSINESS

### **AGENDA ITEM #2–REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS FROM 2040 LRTP BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ELEMENT**

Mr. Baier with Jacobs gave an overview of the work in progress relating to the MPO Bike Ped Master Plan update. The list of projects, project costs, project maps were being updated. The plan update also includes the mileage of bike ped facilities prepared as part of a facility report, and all of these will all be integrated into the 2040 Transportation Plan under bicycle pedestrian element. He presented graphics on the increase of mileage of bike ped facilities in the last 5 years for the various communities, and shared documentation on the progress update of the bike ped master plan task implementation since the last Master Plan Update. He also presented a list of 10 year cost affordable bike ped projects covering the 2021 through 2030 time frame. The 2040 Transportation Plan is scheduled for adoption by the MPO Board in December.

Discussion ensued on projects along Buckingham Road. Mr. Getch stated that the current MPO Bike Ped Master Plan called for sidewalks and shared use paths but right of way constraints may preclude that, and there was also no support from the County's BPAC on these type of facilities. He proposed bicycle tracks or buffered bike lanes instead for a short section but instead of specifying project limits, he called for a placeholder for such types of facilities in the cost affordable bike ped project list.

Discussion ensued on bike ped accommodation on the 4 causeway bridges connecting Bonita Springs and Fort Myers Beach, and the bridges over the Caloosahatchee River. Mr. Moser felt that highway capacity projects should be sacrificed if necessary to pay for retrofitting existing bridges to accommodate bike ped facilities. Mr. Getch stated that the Cape Coral bridges were toll facilities and improvements could be addressed by toll revenues. However, the types of improvements would be determined by revenue sharing interlocal agreement with Cape Coral, and repayment of revenue bonding.

Mr. Scott reported that MPO Board at its October meeting concurred with the TAC and CAC to advance the construction of the Corkscrew Road widening in the first 5 year block of the Highway Cost Feasible Plan. He also gave an overview of the public comments received through the various tools on the 2040 Transportation Plan, and reported that the percentage of commutes by various modes was consistent with the AC surveys. He highlighted some of the improvements from the public comments that included I 75/Colonial interchange improvements, Corkscrew widening, sidewalks on Estero Parkway, expansion of airport transit service to Cape Coral, BRT on US 41, flyover at Colonial/Summerlin, pathway on SGLR right of way, etc.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 – REPORT ON NEW BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS IN FDOT’S DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Gogoi reported on the MPO bicycle pedestrian project priorities from this year that made it into the draft tentative work program, and also provided the results of an analysis of the TA and SU funds from the 5 year work program that are usually tapped to fund bicycle pedestrian projects. While the total amount of such funds spent on the draft tentative work program increased compared to the adopted work program, it did not necessarily translate into funding more projects. The increase in funds was mostly attributed to the increase of costs of already committed projects.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 – UPDATE ON THE SUN TRAIL FUND PROGRAM AND SOLICITATION OF PROJECTS THROUGH THE MPO PRIORITY PROCESS**

Mr. Gogoi provided an update of the Shared Use Non-Motorized Trail Program. \$25 million per year is available for implementation of shared use paths on Priority Trail Corridors identified in the DEP Greenways and Trails Master Plan. The first year of funding was roll forwarded to fiscal year 2017 as no written criteria and policy were set up for project selection. He reported on project types and eligibility based on Florida Statutes. Discussion ensued on potential projects that could be submitted. There was a discussion on a shared use path project on the FPN Trail south of Bonita Beach Road, and Ms. Hagen agreed to contact the City of Bonita Springs Public Works about contacting FPN about using their right of way.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 – REPORT ON SR 82 CRASH ANALYSIS**

Mr. Gogoi presented the results of the SR 82 crash analysis of the two lane section of the SR 82 corridor from Colonial Boulevard to SR 29 in Collier County. The analysis covered a time period from 2013 to October 2015. There were a total of over 1100 crashes and 20 fatalities during this period. Staff also provided updates on the implementation of SR 82 segments along the entire corridor all the way to SR 29.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM #6 – STAFF UPDATE ON THE TIGER GRANT PROJECT AND OTHER ONGOING MPO PROJECTS**

Mr. Scott stated that sidewalk construction on San Carlos Park was nearing completion, that the Sun Trust Bank line of credit was approved, that staff was waiting on the right of way agreement to start the construction of the Corkscrew bike lanes, and that the Tiger web site was up and running.

Mr. Gogoi reported that Phase IV designs plans for SR 78 resurfacing from US 41 to New Post Road and the sidewalk project on SR 78 from Bus 41 to Brewer Road were completed by FDOT, and that both projects would be undertaken under a single contract.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Ms. Letourneau brought up wayfinding in Lee County for better linkages, and stated that a project like that would not involve a lot of money. She proposed that the working group from the BPCC be reactivated.

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

Corporal Hartzell with Cape PD reported that the second wave of bike ped enforcement would be taking place, and that the Motor Challenge would start November/December which would address reduced crashes and deaths through traffic enforcement. Mr. Gasperini reported that bike lane projects would be underway on Cape Coral Parkway. Detective Serrano reported that the HVE grant was approved and that he was waiting on the Sheriff's signature before commencing bike ped enforcement in November. Ms. Kirkland reported that the results of the Sanibel Shared Use Path Intersection Improvement Study was presented at an Open House on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for gathering input, and that written comments could be also submitted to Public Works by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Karakos reported that the City of Fort Myers was involved in six LAP projects including sidewalk, maintenance, and shared use path projects. Mr. Sexton reported that FGCU would conduct an inventory on streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, gaps, landscaping and that the final report would be presented to the Village Council in February and then to a public forum in March. The inventory and the gaps will provide the base for developing the 5 year CIP for the Village of Estero. Ms. Behr reported that she would be attending the National Bicycle Tourism Conference in San Diego in November. Ms. Hagen reported that the City of Bonita Springs retained a consultant to update its Bike/Ped Facility Map. Mr. Getch reported that the BPAC made recommendations on their bike ped priority list, and that the County completed sidewalk projects in the Villas, Beacon Street, and Sunrise Boulevard but they were running into permitting issues on the Fiddlesticks Blvd project. Design, however, was going forward.

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

Ms. Plummer reported that ridership was down 13% for the month of September compared to last year but that annual ridership was down only 5%. It was her last BPCC meeting as she was leaving for the state for Michigan. She introduced Levi who was hired recently as a planner for LeeTran.

### **AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT**

Mr. Harris reported that FDOT was wrapping up the gaming cycle for the 2017 through 2021, and that project applications for the next gaming cycle will be due by February 1, 2016.

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

None.

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

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.