

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

**Held on January 29, 2013**

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on January 29, 2013 at the Lee County Tax Collector Building, 2480 Thompson Street, Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

Linda Carter	CAC
Stephanie Smith	City of Cape Coral
Jeff Davis	City of Bonita Springs
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
Mike Tisch	Lee County DOT
Steve Jansen	Lee County CTST
Wayne Gaither	LeeTran
Dawn Huff	Lee County School District
Dru Doyle	At-Large Member
Dan Calvert	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Josh Overmyer	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Karen Solgard	At-Large Member
Reed Jarvi	Collier County Growth Management Department

Others in attendance included Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Sarah Layman with Collier MPO; Russ Muller with FDOT; and Darla Letourneau of BikeWalkLee;

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Calvert called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Mr. Gogoi called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2012 BPCC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MOTION BY MR. OVERMYER TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 27,  
2012 BPCC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. JANSEN.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **AGENDA ITEM #2 - PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

## **AGENDA ITEM #3 – ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

Mr. Gogoi stated that it was the tradition with the BPC that the Vice Chairman becomes the next Chairman. Since Mr. Moser was the current Vice Chairman, he called for nominations for the Chair.

**MOTION BY MR. OVERMYER TO NOMINATE DAN MOSER AS THE CHAIRMAN. SECONDED BY MS HUFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Gogoi asked for nominations for Vice Chairman and called out the names of the eligible members.

**MOTION BY MR. TISCH TO NOMINATE STEVE JANSEN AS THE VICE CHAIRMAN. SECONDED BY MR. OVERMYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE YEAR ENDING BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN REPORT**

Mr. Gogoi gave a presentation on the year ending bicycle report. He stated that this was a recommendation from the MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. He was also taking the opportunity to highlight the achievements of the Lee County MPO some of which actually met the recommendations from the Master Plan. He also highlighted the individual bicycle pedestrian achievements of the local government jurisdictions and then proceeded to highlight the recommendations that were met and some that were partially met.

## **AGENDA ITEM #5 – REPORT ON THE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ACTION PLAN**

Mr. Scott provided an update of the MPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Action Plan. He mentioned that there were more fatalities and incapacitating injuries on state highways. On the ensuing discussion regarding less crashes on certain types of roadways like Tree Line, Mr. Jansen pointed out that there is less exposure to bicyclists and pedestrians than there is on roadways in downtown Fort Myers or MLK Jr. Boulevard.

## **AGENDA ITEM #6 – PRESENTATION ON CMP ANALYSIS SCOPE PHASE II**

Mr. Gogoi mentioned that this was an informational item and that the scope was approved by the Lee County MPO at its December 14, 2012 meeting. Phase I was completed by the consultant. Mr. Gogoi proceeded to highlight the tasks in the scope for Phase II.

## **AGENDA ITEM #7 – PRESENTATION ON SAFE STREET ACTIVITIES**

This item was tabled to the next regular BPC meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 – UPDATE ON TAP AND MPO MULTIMODAL ENHANCEMENT BOX FUND PRE-APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Gogoi provided an update on the TAP and Multimodal Enhancement Box Fund Pre-applications that were prepared and submitted for FDOT review during this funding cycle. The TAC comments on the Cape's proposed Great Circle Bike Route was also reported to the BPCC. The comments called for the development of a planning study instead of actual project implementation as it will not get funded as it has been submitted.

**AGENDA ITEM #9 – DISCUSS POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING JOINT LEE COLLIER BPCC MEETING**

The committee called out possible items for the joint Lee Collier BPCC/PAC meeting including the approval of the regional pathways priorities, an update on the River of Grass Greenway and an update on the Vanderbilt Shared Use Pathway. Mr. Moser, talking about the upcoming Estero Boulevard meeting, noted that a roundabout at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and San Carlos Boulevard has not been pursued in the proposed improvements and suggested the online commenting could be an opportunity to get the Town to take notice.

**AGENDA ITEM #10 – PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Ms. Doyle reported that she has taken on the responsibility, on behalf of BikeWalkLee, to work with VCB on creating a web page that focusses on bicycling and hiking to attract visitors to Lee County. She will be reporting the progress at the next BPCC meeting. Ms. Letourneau informed the committee that there is an online opportunity to comment on the Estero Boulevard improvements through a mind mixer program.

**AGENDA ITEM #9 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN RELATED PROJECTS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM #11 – LEETRAN REPORT**

Mr. Gaither reported that LeeTran continues its trend in increased ridership. In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ridership numbers hit 1 million, which is the first time in LeeTran history where ridership usually peaks during the season. Mr. Moser reported that LeeTran was moving along with the next step of transit task force with products developed now approved by the Lee County Management and Planning committee. Mr. Gogoi reported that staff was developing a scope on bus pullouts and another on queue jumps and will be bringing them for review to the committee.

**AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM #11 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.