

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

Held on April 21, 2015

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on April 21, 2015 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

Andy Getch	LCDOT
Anna Bielawska	LeeTran
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
David Wagley	LCDOT
Isobel Hitchcock	Member - At – Large
Jason Lamey	LC Parks
Jennifer Hagen	City of Bonita Springs
Linda Carter	CAC
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial
Sally Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Steve Chupack	Member At-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi, Don Scott and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; D’Juan Harris with FDOT; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Detective Roman Serrano with LCSO; Officer John Kulko with CCPD, and Soloane Jackson.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2015 BPCC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY MS. BIELAWSKA TO APPROVE THE MARCH 24, 2015 BPCC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. CANCEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #2– REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SCOPE OF THE LEE MPO BIKE PED MASTER PLAN UPDATE

MOTION BY MR. TESORO TO APPROVE THE SCOPE OF THE LEE MPO BIKE PED MASTER PLAN. SECONDED BY MR. WAGLEY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #3– DISCUSSION ON FDOT GUIDANCE FOR TRAIL DEVELOPMENTS

Mr. Scott staff informed the committee that the District 1 Secretary reported at the April 17th MPO Board meeting that FDOT will continue to maintain all new pathways and trails constructed in the right of ways of state highways.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON TRAIL SEGMENT STATUS ON OGT MAP

Mr. Gogoi informed the committee that MPO staff had been assisting OGT in identifying the status of the trail segments in the Lee County portion of its Draft Land Trails Opportunity Map. The map with the trail status was presented to the committee for input.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY CHALLENGES FOR UNDERTAKING MAYOR’S CHALLENGE FRAMEWORK

Ms. Letourneau gave a background and update on the Mayors Challenge. Over 200 counties in the US and 32 in Florida are participating in the Initiative. There are no funds tied to it. In Lee County, the Cities of Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Fort Myers are part of the Mayors Challenge initiative.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – DISCUSSION ON THE 4TH EDITION MPO BIKE MAP

Mr. Raimondo mentioned that in March and June 2013 the MPO had ordered 33,500 and 20,000 maps respectively for a total of 55,000 3rd Edition Maps. Only about 2,000 to 3,000 maps were left. The MPO will be now developing a 4th edition map. For the new edition, he suggested removing the Caloosahatchee Regional mountain bike park and filling the space with bike maintenance tips, how to properly lock up a bike, safety tips, and a list of the ongoing TIGER projects and their construction years. The front picture will be also changed and there will be a new color scheme. Approximately 16 shops that rent bikes, not including hotels, and bike store service shops will be added. No names will be used, just locations. Committee input included adding an inset map of the Tour de Parks, adding the Critical Mass group as a bike club, using www.meetup.com for searching names of local bike clubs, adding locations of water fountains, and using Garmin and Straka for ground truthing existing facilities.

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #7 – STAFF UPDATE ON THE TIGER GRANT PROJECT AND OTHER ONGOING MPO PROJECTS

Mr. Scott provided an update on the ongoing TIGER funded Lee County Complete Streets Initiative project. The sidewalks in the San Carlos Community is the first project schedule for construction. Substantial construction will be completed by November 2016. A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for April 30th.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #8 – PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Detective Serrano reported that as part of the HVE grant the LCSO provided 44 warnings, 110 citations mostly to drivers of vehicles. They were up to the last 3 operations with the last one scheduled for May 14th.

The Chair asked staff to add an agenda item for the next meeting regarding a general discussion requesting school district to make it mandatory for children under 16 years of age to wear helmets while riding their bikes to school. It was reported that a Lee County School District Board member had proposed a change in the existing wellness policy that will require all students to wear helmets to school.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Ms. Hagen reported that on May 6th there will be a Bike to School Ride from the Flea Market to Bonita Middle, and that the Bonita Springs Bike Ped Advisory Committee had sent a letter of support to the School District in support of the Wellness Policy amendment.

Mr. Cancel reported there would be a Kids to the Park Day for school children on May 16th.

Officer Kulko reported that as part of the HVE grant the Cape PD made 700 contacts both at schools, and at bike zones in the City. In reference to the earlier discussion on making it mandatory for school kids to wear a helmet while riding their bikes to school, he informed the committee that if the student is ticketed for not wearing a helmet, he will have to pay a \$59 dollar fine, and his driver's license will be suspended if he does not pay the fine.

Ms. Letourneau reported on the status of HB 231 on bike bed safety, and announced a ride on May 1st. Florida Bicycle Association will be coming to town to give a special award to Dan Moser.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – LEETRAN REPORT

Ms. Bielawska shared a passenger trip report and stated that the March numbers were down by 1% as compared to last year.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – FDOT REPORT

Mr. Harris provided an update on Kids Safety event at Florida Gulf Coast Town Center, and also reported on hotel key cards with FDOT logo, and

AGENDA ITEM #12 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM #13 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

**MOTION BY MR. TESORO TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 24TH BPC
MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. HAGEN. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.