

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

Held on August 27, 2013

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on August 27, 2013 at the City of Cape Coral Annex, Room A200, 815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral.

Those in attendance included:

Linda Carter	CAC
Patricia Young	At-Large Member
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
Stephanie Smith	City of Cape Coral
Mike Tisch	Lee County DOT
Andy Getch	Lee County DOT
Steve Jansen	Lee County CTST
Anna Bielawska	LeeTran
Jason Lamey	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Dawn Huff	Lee County School District
Josh Overmyer	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Jeff Davis	City of Bonita Springs
Simone Behr	Visitors Convention Bureau
Stacey Ravey	Collier Transportation Planning

Others in attendance included Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Shane Merit with the Town of Fort Myers Beach; Providence Nagy with FDOT; Brad Davis with Alta Planning + Design; Ned Baier with Jacobs and Gary Gasperini with the City of Cape Coral

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 27, 2013 BPCC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY MR. DAVIS TO APPROVE THE JUNE 25, 2013 BPCC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MS. YOUNG. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

None.

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #3 – PROJECT UPDATE ON THE NEW LEE MPO BIKE PED PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

Mr. Gogoi introduced Brad Davis with Alta and Ned Baier of Jacobs who proceeded to provide a summary of all the work done following the Notice to Proceed Notice and their findings. Activities that were conducted during this time included stakeholder and agency staff interviews and research on MAP 21 regarding funds for bicycle pedestrian activities. Two technical memos were completed during this process and these are being reviewed by staff and they will be shared with the committee.

The MPO has a well-documented, comprehensive bicycle pedestrian prioritization system in place. The local governments had a good understanding of this but some had difficulty understanding the bigger picture. There was also a feeling that projects identified in the Master Plan and even some covering a number of jurisdictions are not being submitted for funding as often as they should be. This could be because individual local government priorities are different from one another – some push for sidewalk projects to assist disadvantaged neighborhoods and some like Cape Coral did not have sidewalks in their roadway infrastructure when they were first built. Based on the feedback from the interviews, the consultants felt that the stakeholders and the staff agencies did not want a bicycle pedestrian prioritization developed from scratch, but that the current criteria could be updated. The committee felt there should be some flexibility built into the process so that it could address and fund projects sometimes in a short time due to a sudden emerging need. Concern was expressed that project applicants were gaming the system to further unworthy projects. Discussion ensued on a two prong approach in funding smaller local projects addressing gaps, and the bigger regional projects. The small projects addressing the gaps could be bundled together into a single project but they could be more effective if they are within a regional roadway. It was also felt project types could be very useful if they serve the last mile around bus stops and transfer stations. Thrown in the mix for consideration was a 75% - 25% split in available funding between regional and local projects, and that safety criteria should have the highest weighting but the number of crashes should not be the only consideration and that latent demand use should be taken into consideration. There was also the call for a subcommittee to review the candidate projects for project worthiness and meeting the regional vision before they are even submitted to FDOT for construction feasibility. Consultants stated they would put together a range of options that may still use the existing criteria with various weighting. As part of the deliverables, they will be developing a technical memo of best practices from other parts of the country regarding project selection and prioritization, and proposed changes to the existing prioritization process for the MPO.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – UPDATE ON BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Mr. Scott stated that staff identified the first step implementation activities based on the feedback from the MPO committees at their various meetings and we are seeking input on several different items to begin implementing those activities. One of these items

was shortlisting locations for road safety audit that were initially identified based on crash data, and recommendations from the committees. A total of 25 initial intersections and 3 corridors were grouped under various intersection types and staff asked the committee to shortlist the intersections and the corridors. The committee selected the following 10 locations:

- US 41 and Six Mile Cypress Parkway
- US 41 and Pondella Road
- Lee Boulevard and Gunnery Road
- Colonial Boulevard and Six Mile Cypress Pkwy.
- SR 78 and Santa Barbara Boulevard
- Old US 41 and Bonita Beach Road
- US 41 and Sanibel Boulevard
- SR 80 and Marsh Avenue
- Business US 41 and Mariana Avenue
- College Parkway

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #4 – PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

AGENDA ITEM #5 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN RELATED PROJECTS

Mr. Davis mentioned the Shangri-La extension was on track to be completed.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – LEETRAN REPORT

None.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – FDOT REPORT

Ms. Nagy announced that Dwyane Carver has been hired as State's new Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.