

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

Held on January 28, 2015

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on January 28, 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
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council
Dru Doyle	Member-At-Large
Elisa Yanes	Lee County School District
Gary Gasperini	City of Cape Coral
Jennifer Hagen	City of Bonita Springs
Linda Carter	CAC
Nick Danu	City of Fort Myers
Ryan Shute	Member-At-Large
Salli Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Steve Jansen	Lee County CTST
Steve Chupack	Member At-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; D’Juan Harris with FDOT; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; and Isobel Hitchcock.

CALL TO ORDER

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

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 28, 2015 BPCC MEETING
MINUTES**

**MOTION BY MS.CARTER TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 28, 2015 BPCC
MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. SHUTE. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #2– ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Mr. Gogoi stated that under existing bylaws an officer cannot serve consecutive terms in the same office, and that it is the practice of this committee to elect the current Vice Chair as the new Chair. The current Vice Chair Ms. Linda Carter expressed her willingness to

serve as the new Chair. Mr. Moser had earlier informed staff over electronic mail that he would be interested in the post of Vice Chair.

MOTION BY MR. JANSEN TO NOMINATE MS. CARTER AS THE CHAIR. SECONDED BY MR. GETCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY MR. CHUPACK TO NOMINATE MR. DAN MOSER AS THE VICE CHAIR. SECONDED BY MR. CANCEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – OVERVIEW ON THE STATUS OF THE LEE MPO BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Scott Staff provided a power point presentation on the status of the recommendations from the Lee MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. The Master Plan will be updated as part of the development of the 2040 Long Range Plan. All comments that have been received at the various MPO advisory committee meetings will be incorporated in the final report which will be presented at a future BPCC meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – DISCUSSION ON CHANGES TO MAPS FROM THE OGT GREENWAYS AND TRAIL SYSTEM PLAN

Mr. Gogoi explained that due to the recent developments in trail funding in Florida, and the possibility of more funding opportunities, MPO staff is proposing changes to the Lee portion of the Land Trails Opportunities Map and the Priority Trails Map to maximize their opportunities of tapping into these funds. An overview of the proposed changes in both maps were provided. Some connectors were proposed to be removed as it was no longer feasible to build them on lands given ownership hurdles and policies. The changes would be brought back again at a later time to the BPCC along with the changes to the Southwest Coast Connector that may be proposed by a working group comprised of BPCC and PAC members.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – REPORT ON BIKE PED PRE-APPLICATIONS

Mr. Gogoi reported the results of the TA/Box Fund Project Proposal Screening Subcommittee Meeting that was held on December 5, 2014. Pre-applications for construction feasibility were developed and submitted to FDOT for all the projects reviewed at that meeting except the bike lanes on McGregor. Mr. Getch informed the committee that the County would like to submit a pre-application for new sidewalks at the Harnes Marsh Elementary School. The project was unintentionally left out from the screening process, and that the project was actually identified as a candidate project at a meeting held after the November Technical Advisory Committee meeting to discuss projects benefitting schools. The BPCC concurred that the County could submit a pre-application for this project. A table of unfunded project priorities from the year before was

also presented, and staff informed the committee that pre-applications were also being submitted for these projects.

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #6 – STAFF UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Mr. Gogoi reported that there was funding shortfall for the SR 80 Shared Use Path from Shoreland to Buckingham, and the Leland Heights Boulevard Sidewalk project from Homestead to Richmond, with both projects scheduled for construction in FY 2016. One way to address the shortfall would be to make up for the difference in one project from the other, and deferring the construction of the other project to FY 2018. Mr. Jansen questioned whether the DDR funds committed for the SR 80 project could be used on the Leland Heights Boulevard project if that project were to be build first. There was a consensus of using funds from SR 80 to complete the Leland Heights Boulevard project in its entirety, while staging the construction of the SR 80 project with priority being given to the segment with the highest pedestrian demand. There was also a discussion on the JYLP extension being a Feasibility or a PD&E project.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Lt. Bueno announced that FHP and LCSO would be conducting a multimodal detail on SR 82 on February 17th. The exercise was being conducted to raise awareness for bicyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicle drivers and will be targeting high profile crash locations on that corridor.

Ms. Letourneau asked that an emergency meeting of the BPCC should be held this year if necessary to review and discuss projects proposed in FDOT's New Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2016 through FY 2021. She also informed the committee that interviews with LAB representative Steve Clark on his assessments of bike infrastructure in Lee County were posted in BikeWalkLee web site.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Ms. Hagen stated that 30% design plans have been completed for the Old 41 improvements in downtown Bonita Springs, and that a public workshop was being held on January 28th from 4 pm to 7 pm to take public input on these plans. The project limits were from Rosemary to Bonita Beach Boulevard.

Mr. Cancel announced that there will be a League of American Bicyclists Ride on February 4th that will assess and pinpoint potential improvements to the City of Fort Myers bicycle infrastructure.

Ms. Kirkland reported the results of a similar ride in the City of Sanibel on January 12th.

Mr. Gasperini reported on the Cape bicycle infrastructure assessment by Steve Clark of LAB while Mr. Chupack announced a 4th Annual Bike Safety Rodeo at Cape's Christa McAuliffe and Oasis Elementary Schools on February 7th.

Mr. Jansen commented that the FDOT final design plans on the safety project at the intersection of MLK and SR 82 missed the target. The ramps were not right, pedestrian push button signals were in the wrong place, and sidewalks were missing on one corner. FDOT had not asked for county input during the development of these plans.

Ms. Huff and Ms. Yanes of the Lee County School District reiterated the role of the District in providing bike ped safety education. They have partnered with All Schools Hospital of Tampa in providing safety classes in elementary and middle schools.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT

Ms. Bielawska reported that LeeTran has moved to its new facility on Evans and is operating from there.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT

Mr. Harris announced that FDOT will be hosting a series of regional workshops on the Florida Transportation Plan.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gogoi announced that the SW Coast Connector Working Group will be meeting on January 30th from 10 am to 12 noon at Estero Community Park and Recreation Center, Estero.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.