

# BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A  
1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Room A of the Fort Myers Regional Library, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

**The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Hagen at 10:30 a.m.**

**The members introduced themselves. A quorum was present.**

Those in attendance included:

### From the BPCC

Andy Getch	Lee County Department of Community Development
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers Engineering
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
Dave Wheaton	Member-At-Large
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
Hunter Abel	LeeTran
Isobel Hitchcock	Member-At-Large
Jason Lamey	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Jennifer Hagen	Member-At-Large, Chair
Mark Tesoro	Lee Health Trauma
Salli Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs

Others in attendance included Don Scott and Ron Gogoi with the Lee County MPO; David Agacinski with FDOT; and David Murphy with Lee County Department of Transportation.

### Agenda Item #1 - \*Approval of the April 25, 2017 BPCC Meeting Minutes

**Mr. Dan Moser made the motion to approve the April 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Isobel Hitchcock seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion was approved unanimously.**

### New Business

### Agenda Item #2 - \*Review and Approval of MPO Bike Ped Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and recommend MPO approval of the Lee MPO TAP, Regional TAP, and the Multi-Modal Enhancement Box "SU" priorities.

Mr. Gogoi began by discussing **Attachment A** of the agenda packet that includes the proposed Year 2017 priorities for the MPO allocated Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds. He stated because of the already long list of projects and the limited availability of MPO allocated TA funds, staff did not call for any new projects this year, and all nine projects on the list are unfunded priorities from last year. The priority order for the projects remains the same and is consistent with rankings from the original project evaluations from 2015 based on the MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Evaluation Criteria.

Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation describing **Attachment B** of the agenda packet that included the proposed Year 2017 Regional TAP fund priorities. Candidate projects for this category of funding have

to be along trail corridors identified in the Lee Collier Bi-County Regional Pathways Map. The funding source is the state portion of TAP funds. He said they were also brought to the BPCC in February, but now there are a few changes including removing the Summerlin Road project and adding Estero Boulevard. Mr. Gogoi mentioned the SR 80 project from Buckingham to Werner that was identified by the Lee County School District as a hazardous walking condition. Mr. Gogoi suggested adding the segment from Linwood to Werner and asked what the priority for this project should be. A suggestion was made to extend the project segment to Werner to match the SRTS project limits. Mr. Gogoi then noted they are all new projects. There was a brief discussion on the ranking of this project and the criteria used to rank the projects. There was also a brief discussion on the Summerlin path and its inclusion in the priorities. Mr. Gogoi said it could be added to the bottom of the list as the number five priority at the County's request. David Wagley said it is actually McGregor Boulevard, not Summerlin, and he would check with County staff on this project. Mr. Gogoi said to keep in mind they are not expecting Lee County to submit an application since it past the point to do so. Mr. Wagley said he would like to speak with staff before the project is added since it will have to be a LAP certified project. He would like to ensure the county will have the resources to do it. Mr. Gogoi said this agenda item will need to go forward for approval in June and there will not be another BPCC meeting before then. Chair Hagen said the BPCC will wait to hear what happens in June.

Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation with **Attachment C** of the agenda packet that included the proposed 2017 Multi-Modal Enhancement "SU" Box fund priorities. Mr. Gogoi explained that these funds are only for the MPO's Transportation Management Area (TMA). He added that a TMA is created when the population exceeds 200,000. The projects must be along federal aid highways to be eligible for this type of funds. He noted that Bike/Ped, Transit, and Traffic Operations projects all compete for this category of funds. He said there are no new bike ped projects because of the already long list of unfunded bike ped box priorities from last year. Transit and Traffic Operation projects, which come under Traffic Operations and Management, are typically identified by the Traffic Management Operations Committee (TMOC) while bike ped projects are identified by the BPCC. He commented that two new Operations and Management projects have been added to the list in **Attachment C** of the agenda packet, the Iona/McGregor intersection improvements and the Winkler Avenue/Challenger roundabout to address safety issues. The top two on the list are operations and management projects that are typically implemented off-the-top of available "SU" funds. Mr. Gogoi asked if there were any questions or comments. There was a brief discussion on the Gator Circle project. Mr. Gogoi said they are meeting with FDOT to discuss why this project wasn't approved. The discussion shifted to the Winkler/Challenger project. Mr. Gogoi said funding wouldn't be available for that project until 2023. Carl Karakos said the City of Fort Myers would like to advance that project and the discussion continued with suggestions on how to accomplish this. Mr. Gogoi asked if the BPCC was ready to approve the priorities.

**David Wagley made the motion, with the revision of the SR 80 project limits to include the same parameters as the SRTS SR 80 project, to approve the MPO Bike Ped Priorities. Mark Tesoro seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion was approved unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #3 - Review of the Scope for the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide input for the scope **attached** to the agenda packet for updating the Lee MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. He handed out hard copies of the scope to those BPCC members that requested them. He explained that with the *Dangerous by Design Report* designating the Cape Coral Urbanized Area as the #1 most dangerous place in the nation for walking, the MPO Board recommended that the Lee MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (BPSAP) be updated. Accordingly, earlier this year, the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was amended assigning funds in fiscal years 2017 and 2018 to update the BPSAP. He said this plan was developed in 2013. He added the crash data would be from 2012 to 2016. He further explained the update to the plan and discussed the need for the update. There was a conversation regarding the performance measures related to the plan. Mr. Scott asked if there

were any questions or comments. He stated stakeholders will be an important part of this process. A discussion followed on how to make Lee County a safer place for cyclists and pedestrians. Mr. Scott said the funding was in place and the project was ready to be started once a consultant was advertised for and hired. Mr. Gogoi suggested the CAC/TAC could review the item, and it would be brought back through the BPCC for approval. A discussion followed on the crash analysis aspect of the plan. The committee also commented on gaining media involvement to assist. The discussion continued on common locations or intersections in Lee County for crashes with suggestions to improve safety. A suggestion was made to add Complete Streets to the plan. Another suggestion was made to revise development practices for the county.

#### **Agenda Item #4 - Proposal to Add Three Oaks/Imperial Parkway and Alico Road to the Land Trails Opportunity Map**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to discuss a Village of Estero and City of Bonita Springs proposal to add Three Oaks Parkway/Imperial Parkway and Alico Road to the Land Trails Opportunity Map. He explained that the Village of Estero and the City of Bonita Springs are proposing that the Three Oaks Parkway/Imperial Parkway corridor from Alico Road to Bonita Beach Road and Alico Road from Michael G. Rippe Parkway to Three Oaks Parkway be added to the Land Trails Opportunity Map during the ongoing update of the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan. Accordingly, MPO staff would like to have the proposal vetted by all the MPO committees before a formal request is submitted by MPO staff to the Office of Greenways and Trails. Mr. Scott asked David Murphy about the bike ped plans for Three Oaks Parkway Extension. Mr. Murphy replied it is still in design, but it will have on road bike lanes and sidewalks in accordance with Complete Streets. Mr. Gogoi asked if there was construction in the five year CIP. Mr. Murphy answered yes. Mr. Scott explained that in order to become a priority trail, it would have to first be added to the opportunity map. There was a discussion on the location of the path. Mr. Scott mentioned a meeting with FDOT and county staff regarding maintenance along SR 82. He added the discussion involved possible variations in the width of pathways which might mean additional right of way and drainage issues. He noted FDOT may require the local jurisdictions to maintain the railings along the pathway. These factors may impact the type of pathways that are built in the future. The discussion continued on maintenance. Mr. Scott said before this becomes an action item, he will need to get more specifics in writing.

#### **Old Business**

#### **Agenda Item #5 - MPO Project Updates and other Developments**

Mr. Scott said he had covered this in previous agenda items. A question was asked about an update on the Winkler Canal Project. Mr. Karakos said there will be a meeting on May 25 to discuss this and a meeting on May 31 to discuss John Yarbrough. Chair Hagen said that leads into the next agenda item and asked if the City of Fort Myers had any other updates.

#### **Agenda Item #6 - Local Government Updates on Bicycle Pedestrian Related Projects**

Mr. Karakos discussed Complete Streets stating he was working with the planning department to move it forward. There was a brief discussion about another public meeting on the McGregor project. Mr. Karakos stated Nicole Monahan was the contact for that project and to contact her for more information. Mr. Gogoi discussed upcoming proposals and asked for consultant recommendations from the BPCC. A committee member suggested Genesis.

Mr. Karakos announced the Hanson extension started construction May 1. He said the second phase, roadway improvements, is advertised with proposals due May 31. He mentioned there was some discussion over changing the design to shared use paths, and stated only City Council could alter that at this time. A discussion followed regarding on road bike facilities versus shared use paths and the difficulty of altering the design of the project at this time.

There were no other local government reports.

#### **Agenda Item #7 - LeeTran Report**

Hunter Abel with LeeTran presented the LeeTran report. He noted that for April they were down 4.5% in ridership, partially due to one less calendar day in April 2017. He added that they had record ridership numbers for the seasonal beach routes.

#### **Agenda Item #8 - FDOT Report**

Mr. David Agacinski with FDOT presented the FDOT report. He reminded the BPCC that the Complete Streets Handbook was posted on the website with comments being due by May 26. Mr. Getch mentioned other FDOT design standards handbooks that were also available on the site.

Mr. Gogoi asked for an update on the next cycle for SUN Trail. Mr. Agacinski said there is \$25 million allocated each year, but he did not have a timeline for the new application cycle yet.

Mr. Agacinski noted the local comments are due by June 30 for the priority and opportunity trails.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

#### **Agenda Item #10 - Announcements**

Mr. Gogoi mentioned his conversation with L. K. Nandam on the bicycle box project. Mr. Gogoi said he is waiting on the result of a meeting that Mr. Nandam is having on May 26.

#### **Agenda Item #11 - Information and Distribution Items**

There were no information and distribution items.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.**

Chair Hagen announced the next BPCC Meeting is June 27, 2017 at the Lee County Admin East Building, 2201 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL.

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\* Action Items   + May Require Action

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