

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 26, 2016
Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A
1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
239-244-2220



AGENDA

Call to Order/Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1) *Approval of the November 24, 2015 BPCC Meeting Minutes

New Business

- 2) *Election of New Officers
- 3) *Review and Comment on the 2040 Bike Ped Element Documentation
- 4) *MPO Endorsement of Projects for SRTS Funds
- 5) Report on Projects in Lee County for MPO Allocated 'TA' and 'SU' Funds
- 6) Report on Projects in Lee County for SUN Trail Funds
- 7) VCB Presentation (Simone Behr)
- 8) Countywide Wayfinding Project Discussion

Other Business

- 9) Discussion on Agenda Items for February 23rd Joint BPCC and PAC Meeting
- 10) MPO Project Updates
- 11) Local Government Reports on Bicycle Pedestrian Related Projects
- 12) LeeTran Report
- 13) FDOT Report
- 14) Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda
- 15) Announcements
- 16) Information and Distribution Items

Adjournment

Next BPCC Meeting  February 23, 2016

* Action Items + May Require Action

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

Held on November 24, 2015

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on November 24, 2015 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Downtown Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

Andy Getch	LCDOT
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Jason Lamey	LC Parks
Jennifer Hagen	City of Bonita Springs
Linda Carter	MPO Citizen Advisory Committee
Megan Will	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial
Nena Garrett	LCSD
Simone Behr	VCB
Steve Jansen	Lee County CTST

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Providance Nagy with FDOT; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Officer Joseph Bowen with FHP; Sergeant Jon Kulko with the Cape PD; Jerl McCollum with LeeTran; Ned Baier with Jacobs; Mike Tisch with Atkins; and Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The members introduced themselves after pledging allegiance to the US flag.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2015 BPCC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY MS. HAGEN TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 27, 2015 BPCC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MS. BEHR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #2–REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2040 LRTP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR MPO ADOPTION IN DECEMBER

Mr. Scott gave an overview on the Executive Summary of the 2040 LRTP Executive Summary and reported that that the document was out for public comment. He reported on changes to the draft Cost Feasible Highway Plan including moving up the IJR for the Del Prado Extension and the construction of the Three Oaks Extension to the first five year (20121-2025), and adding a Cape Coral Evacuation Study in the first five year. He noted what can be done to address the planning study for the Del Prado Extension with the intersection operational funds that could go to that project phase. He addressed the transit funding changes and how that is affecting the future transit operations. The Bike Ped Cost Feasible Plan includes \$40 million in projects while the Needs Plan include \$208 million in projects. He touched on some of the traffic modeling issues in the future that include the growth in Lehigh Acres, adding bridges on parallel roads to improve circulation and roadway capacity, the addition of sector plan growth in Hendry County that will affect the SR 82 corridor, addressing future transportation funding and the projected impact of autonomous vehicles. He also discussed funding issues and fair share analysis.

He also reported that the CR 951 Extension was removed from the Needs Plan list following public comments at the November 20th MPO Board meeting.

MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO APPROVE THE 2040 LRTP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. SECONDED BY MR. CANCEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #3 –REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH BIKE PED MASTER PLAN SCOPE

Mr. Gogoi provided an overview of the final draft scope of services for the Town of Fort Myers Beach Bike Ped Master Plan. He reported that scope was finalized following discussions with the Town and County staff, and taking input from the TAC and the CAC at their November 5th meetings. He also presented slides on the Grand Resort Development with its proposed roundabout, pedestrian plaza and boardwalk that would have to be taken into consideration in the development of the bike ped master plan. He asked for input and approval of the scope.

MOTION BY MS. WILL TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH BIKE PED MASTER PLAN. SECONDED BY MS. HAGEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH LIGHTING STUDY SCOPE

Mr. Gogoi provided an overview of the final draft scope of services for the Town of Fort Myers Beach Lighting Study. He reported that the scope was finalized following discussions with the Town and County staff, and taking input from the TAC and the CAC at their November 5th meetings. He asked for input and approval of the scope. Ms. Hagen asked that the scope be revised to add language that called for consideration of dark sky provisions while developing the lighting plan. She stated that the City of Sanibel has a dark sky ordinance. Mr. Gogoi stated that he would add necessary language to the scope.

MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH LIGHTING STUDY SCOPE OF SERVICES. SECONDED BY MS. HAGEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – UPDATE ON SUN TRAIL PROGRAM

Ms. Nagy and Mr. Gogoi provided an update of the Shared Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Program. They reported that FDOT Central Office had provided a presentation on the SUN Trail Program at a Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Meeting on October 29th and held a video conference with the MPOs and the FDOT Districts on November 5th. MPO and District 1 staff also spoke separately to the Manager of the Sun Trail Program.

The funds can be used to undertake corridor and feasibility studies, PD&E, design, right of way, construction and reconstruction for multi-use trails that are identified as Priority Trails in the Florida Greenways and Trails Master Plan. FDOT is working on selection criteria and will hold open houses in February to discuss the criteria and gather public input. Application forms will be developed in April followed by a call for project proposals.

Mr. Gogoi stated that it behooves to be proactive by picking projects using the statutory criteria and completing the District 1 pre-applications for project viability and submitting them by the February 1st deadline. The City of Cape Coral will be identifying implementation projects on Kismet Parkway and the City of Fort Myers will be submitting a PD&E Study for the JYLP Extension.

WALK ON ITEM – STATUS ON SRTS PROGRAM

Mr. Gogoi reported that FDOT is soliciting applications for SRTS funds and that the Lee County School District will be submitting all unfunded school related sidewalk projects from last year for this application cycle. This includes proposed sidewalks that will benefit Tice Elementary School, Edison Park Elementary, Harnes Marsh Elementary, and Trafalgar Elementary and Middle. He also discussed the Lee MPO priority process for SRTS projects and that the school district will be prioritizing the proposals.

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #6 – MPO PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Scott provided an update of the TIGER Grant funded project and reported that Corkscrew Road bike lane construction would commence in the next two weeks, and that most of the sidewalks in San Carlos Park were complete, and design plans for the rest of the projects were close to 100% complete.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

None.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN RELATED PROJECTS

Ms. Hagen reported that the City of Bonita Springs will be meeting Dan Burden of Blue Zones on December 8th to discuss about regional coordination on bicycle friendliness and transit, and expanding Blue Zones north.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT

Mr. McCollum reported that for FY 2015 Leetran surpassed 3.7 million passenger trips which is the 4th highest total in LeeTran history. The River District Trolley (Route 500) service commenced on November 19th and it will end on April 27, 2016. It is a free service that is fully funded by the City of Fort Myers. Service is from 12 noon to 8 pm Monday through Wednesday, and 11 am to 11 pm Thursday through Saturday.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM #11 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – DISCUSSION ON HOLDING DECEMBER 29, 2015 BPC MEETING

MOTION BY MS. HAGEN TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 29, 2015 BPC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. JANSEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Call for nominations for the Chair and Vice-Chair.

The BPC bylaws does not allow officers to serve consecutive terms in the same office and it calls for the election of a Chair and Vice Chair at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year. However, the bylaws allow the current Vice Chairperson to automatically become the new Chair for the new calendar year if he/she accepts the position. Accordingly, if Mr. Dan Moser accepts the Chair for 2015, then the committee should call for nominations for a new Vice Chair from among its membership and hold elections. Any voting member or his/her alternate may nominate another voting member to be an officer. Nominees should be primary members who attend meetings on a regular basis and could be anyone from the following:

Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council (<i>Eligible only for Chair</i>)
David Wagley	Lee County DOT
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
Dru Doyle	Member-At-Large
Gary Gasperini	City of Cape Coral
Isobel Hitchcock	Member-At-Large
Jason Lamey	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Jennifer Hagan	City of Bonita Springs
Linda Carter	CAC Representative (<i>Eligible only for Vice Chair</i>)
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial System
Megan Will	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Nena Garret	Lee County School District
Ryan Shute	Member At Large
Salli Kirkland	Member-At-Large
Simone Behr	VCB
Steve Chupack	Member At Large
Steve Jansen	Community Traffic Safety Team
Wayne Gaither	LeeTran

Any member who would be unable to fulfill the duties of an officer should state so before nominations are taken, or notify the staff before the meeting if he/she is unable to attend. Any alternate member who attends meetings regularly who would be willing to serve as an officer may bring a letter to the meeting from his or her agency's director, appointing him or her as the agency's primary BPC representative (in which case a new alternate should also be appointed at the same time).

REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE 2040 BIKE PED ELEMENT DOCUMENTATION

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Review and comment on the **attached** 2040 Bike Ped Element documentation.

MPO staff and consultant will provide a power point presentation of the **attached** 2040 Bike Ped Element. The document is a supplement to the existing Lee MPO Bike Ped Master Plan and will be included as an appendix in Document B of the 2040 Transportation Plan. Document B is the comprehensive document of the Transportation Plan and highlights of the Bike Ped Element will be included in the main body of Document B along with the other elements.

The MPO Board adopted the 2040 Transportation Plan on December 18th and staff has 90 days from that day to finalize and complete all the documentation and submit it to Federal Highway.

**BIKE PED ELEMENT WILL BE POSTED ON MPO WEB SITE ON
FRIDAY (JAN 22) AND A LINK WILL BE SENT TO COMMITTEE**

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MPO ENDORSEMENT OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROPOSALS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Recommend MPO endorsement of Lee County School District Prioritized SRTS proposals that will benefit Tice Elementary School and Trafalgar Elementary School.

In response to FDOT's call for proposals for FY 2018, FY 2019 and FY 2020 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure funds, the Lee County School District is submitting 2 project applications. Consistent with the Lee MPO SRTS process, the school district prioritized proposals get endorsed by the MPO Board before the applications are signed off by MPO staff and submitted to FDOT. The school district prioritized proposals are as follows:

Priority #1: The proposal calls for sidewalks that will benefit Tice Elementary School. The proposed sidewalks are on Tice Street from New York Drive to Lynnedda Avenue, Waverly Avenue from existing sidewalk to Palm Beach Boulevard, New York Drive from Glenwood Avenue to Palm Beach Boulevard and Alameda Avenue from Palm Beach Boulevard to Shaw Boulevard. Cost Estimate: \$_____

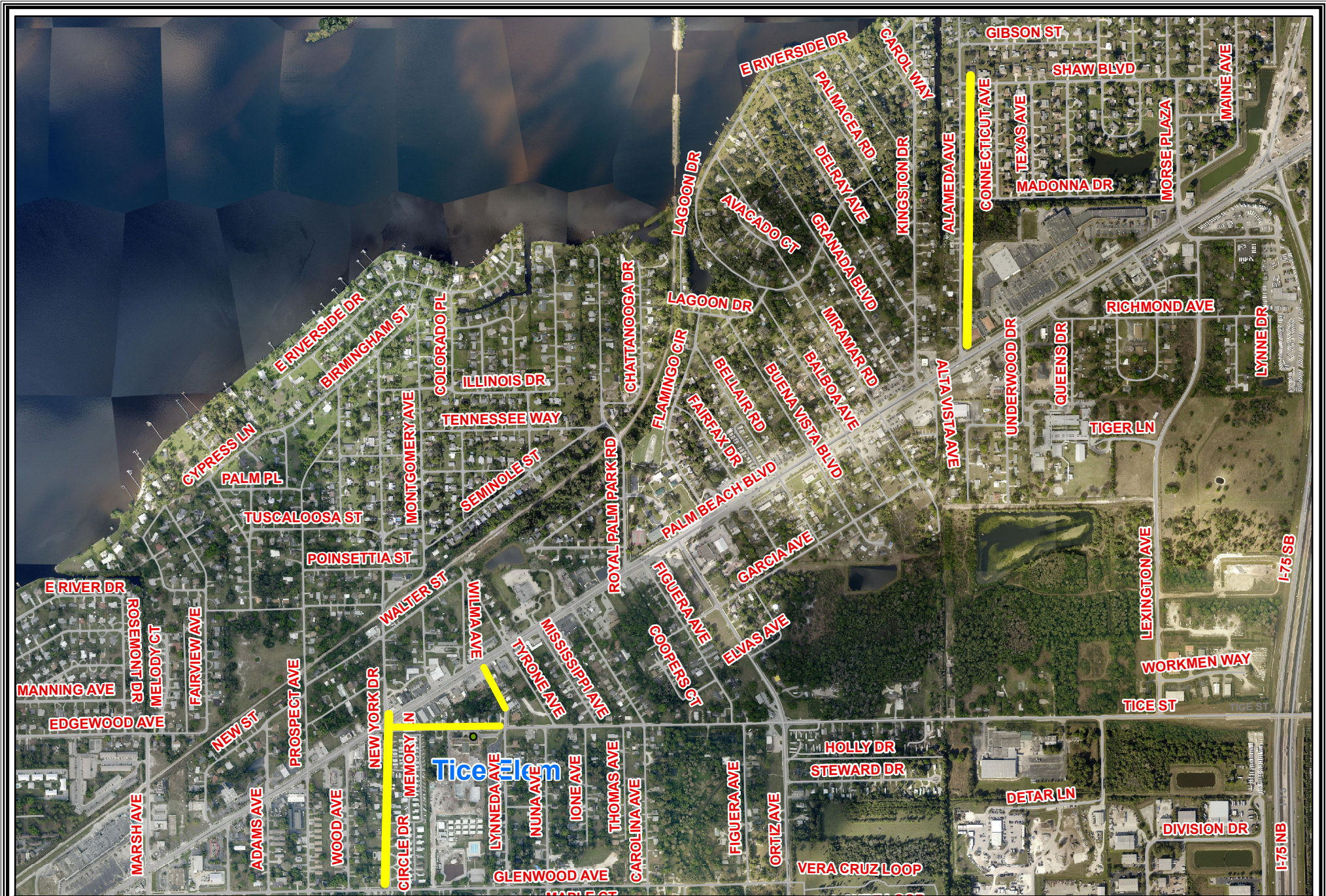
Maintaining Agency: Lee County BOCC

Priority #2: The proposal calls for sidewalks that will benefit Trafalgar Elementary School located in Cape Coral. The proposed sidewalks are on Trafalgar Parkway from SW 16th Court to SW 22nd Court, SW 20th Avenue/Nott Road from Trafalgar Parkway to SW Pine Island Road. Cost Estimate: \$689,425

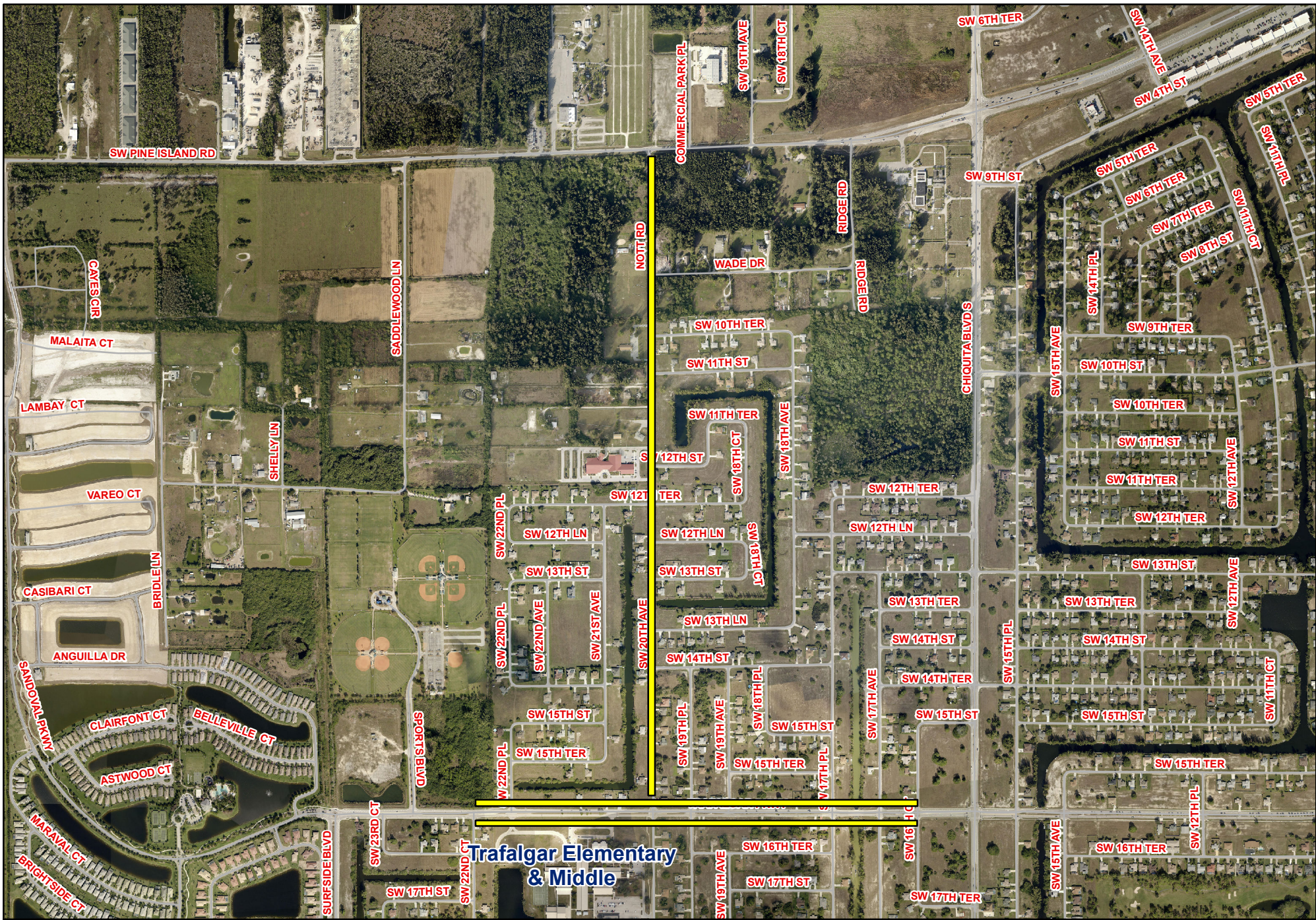
Maintaining Agency: City of Cape Coral

Project location maps for each proposal are **attached**. The school district is finishing up the applications that go along with each proposal. The Tice Elementary School project was submitted last year for SU funds and the Trafalgar Elementary School was submitted for TA funds, and both were vetted by the BPCC. Two other unfunded projects from last year include sidewalks on Clifford Street that would benefit Edison Park Elementary in Fort Myers and on 25th Street West, sidewalks that would benefit Harnes Marsh Elementary in Lehigh Acres. These two projects will be submitted for SRTS funds next funding cycle by the school district.

At its January 26th meeting, the BPCC will be asked to recommend MPO endorsement of the prioritized proposals.



Sidewalk on south side of Tice St from New York Dr to Lynnedda Ave
 Sidewalk on east side of Waverly Ave from existing sidewalk to Palm Beach Blvd
 Sidewalk on New York Dr from Glenwood Ave To Palm Beach Blvd
 Sidewalk on Alameda Ave from Palm Beach Blvd to Shaw Blvd



**Trafalgar Elementary
& Middle**

Map By: Dawn Huff
Planning, Growth &
School Capacity
Date: 10/13/2014

Sidewalk on the north and south side of Trafalgar Pkwy from SW 16th Ct to SW 22nd Ct
Sidewalk on SW 20th Ave/Nott Rd from Trafalgar Pkwy to SW Pine Island Rd



REPORT ON PROJECTS IN LEE COUNTY FOR MPO ALLOCATED 'TA' AND 'SU' FUNDS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. Staff will report on the bicycle pedestrian projects that are being submitted this year for TA and SU funds and take committee input.

The majority of the projects submitted last year for FY 2021 TA funds could not be funded as some of the available funds (approximately \$700,000) were used to meet funding shortfalls from previously programmed projects. With the passage of the 5 year FAST Act, TA allocations to the Lee MPO in the years 2016 through 2020 may actually increase slightly, and that provide an opportunity to do an extra project or two in one of those years. We do not know what the new allocation per year will be to project the funds that will be available in FY 2022 but it is safe to assume that it will be at least \$700k. Because of the long list of unfunded projects from last year and the increase in cost estimates, the projects that were not funded last year are being resubmitted for MPO allocated TA funds. The MPO is also not resubmitting the Old 41 shared use path project as FDOT has stated that it will not fund the project because of the PD&E Study programmed within the same project limits. **Attachment A** includes these projects listed by MPO priority order from last year.

Most of the bicycle pedestrian projects submitted for MPO allocated SU funds last year could not be funded as the available funds were used to pay for the increase in construction costs of previously programmed projects. The unfunded phases from last year are being submitted for SU funds this funding cycle. **Attachment B** includes these projects by MPO priority order from last year.

LEE MPO BIKE PED PROJECTS FOR FY 2022 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE (TA) FUNDS

Roadway/Project	Road Classification	Project Limits	Length	Proposed Improvements	Programmed Phase	Next Unfunded Phase	Requested Funds	Local Match	Total Cost	MPO Priority
Old Burnt Store Rd Bike Lanes ¹	Local Rd	Embers Pkwy to Tropicana Pkwy	1.01 Mile	Bike Lanes	PE	CST	\$ 358,920.00	\$ -	\$ 358,920.00	1
SW 29th Ave Sidewalk ¹	Local Rd	Ceitus Pkwy to SW 3rd Ln	0.46 Mile	Sidewalk (Both Sides)	NA	CST			\$ -	3
South St Sidewalk ¹	Local Rd	Fowler St to US 41	0.64 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	NA	CST			\$ -	4
Coronado St Sidewalk ¹	Local Rd	Cortez Blvd to US 41	0.5 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	NA	CST			\$ -	5
SW Santa Barbara Place/SW 20th St Sidewalk					NA	PE + CST	\$ 308,080.00	\$ 61,776.00	\$ 369,856.00	6
<i>SW Santa Barbara Place</i>	<i>Local Rd</i>	<i>Nicholas Pkwy to SW 20th St</i>	<i>1.19 Mile</i>	<i>Sidewalk (West Side)</i>						
<i>SW 20th St</i>		<i>SW Santa Barbara Place to Santa Barbara Blvd</i>	<i>0.06 Mile</i>	<i>Sidewalk (North Side)</i>						
SW 26th St/SW 26th Ln Sidewalk					NA	PE + CST	\$ 461,434.00	\$ 62,923.00	\$ 524,357.00	8
<i>SW 26th Ln</i>		<i>Santa Barbara Blvd to SW 1st Ave</i>	<i>0.11 Mile</i>	<i>Sidewalk (South Side)</i>						
<i>SW 26th St</i>		<i>SW 1st Ave to Skyline Ave</i>	<i>0.91 Mile</i>	<i>Sidewalk (Both Sides)</i>						
Passaic Av Sidewalk	Local Rd	Cortez Blvd to Canelo Dr	0.17 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 677,160.00	\$ 135,432.00	\$ 812,592.00	9
SW 10th St Sidewalk	Local Rd	Chiquita Blvd to Skyline Blvd	0.96 Mile	Sidewalk (North Sde)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 308,880.00	\$ 61,776.00	\$ 370,656.00	10
SW 47th Ter Sidewalk	Local Rd	Santa Barbara Blvd to Pelican Pkwy	0.49 Mile	Sidewalk (Both Sides)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 252,701.00	\$ 34,460.00	\$ 287,161.00	11
Grace Ave Sidewalk	Local Rd	Cortez Blvd to Canelo Blvd	0.17 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 74,527.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 82,527.00	13

Notes:

¹ Project already in the pipeline with funds committed for design

LEE MPO BIKE PED PROJECTS FOR FY 2022 ("SU") FUNDS
Multi-Modal Enhancement Box Funds

Roadway/Project	Road Classification	Limits	Length	Proposed Improvements	Programmed Phase	Next Unfunded Phase	Requested Funds	Local Match	Total Cost	MPO Priorities
Summerlin Rd Shared Use Path	Arterial	Lakewood Blvd to Cypress Lake Blvd	1.12 Mile	Shared Use Path (East Side)	NA	CST	\$ 1,275,613.00	\$ -	\$ 1,275,613.00	3
US 41 Sidewalk	Arterial	Tara Blvd to 72.38 N of French Creek Lane	0.74 Mile	8' wide sidewalk (West Side)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 240,500.00	\$ -	\$ 240,500.00	6
SR 80 Shared Use Path	Arterial	Buckingham Rd to Linwood Ave	0.81 Mile	Shared Use Path (south side)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 504,216.00	\$ -	\$ 504,216.00	7
Leonard/Westgate Blvd Shared Use Path	Collector	Sunshine Blvd to Lee Blvd	5.40 Mile	Shared Use Path (Both Sides)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 3,903,530.00	\$ -	\$ 3,903,530.00	9
Bell Blvd Sidewalk	Collector	Sunrise Blvd to Joel Blvd	1.1. Mile	Sidewalk (Both Sides)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 1,383,063.00	\$ -	\$ 1,383,063.00	10
Marsh Ave Sidewalk	Collector	Michigan Ave to SR 80	0.63 Mile	Sidewalk (West Side)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 915,937.00	\$ 130,848.00	\$ 1,046,785.00	11
Andalusia Blvd Sidewalk	Collector	Pine Island Rd to Diplomat Pkwy	1.53 Mile	Sidewalk (Both Sides)	NA	CST			\$ -	12
Veterans Pkwy Shared Use Path					NA	PE + CST	\$ 471,580.00	\$ -	\$ 471,580.00	13
<i>South Side</i>	<i>Arterial</i>	<i>SW 10th Ave to Existing SUP west of Skyline</i>	<i>0.29 Mile</i>	<i>Shared Use Path (South Side)</i>					\$ -	13
<i>North Side</i>		<i>SW 3rd Place to SW 2nd Court</i>	<i>0.18 Mile</i>	<i>Shared Use Path (North Side)</i>					\$ -	13
Alabama Rd Sidewalk	Arterial	SR 82 to Paddock St	1.84 Mile	Sidewalk (East Side)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 988,632.00	\$ -	\$ 988,632.00	14
Trafalgar Elementary and Trafalgar Middle Sidewalk			1.63 Mile		NA	PE + CST	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 189,425.00	\$ 689,425.00	15
<i>SW 20th Ave/Noti Rd</i>	<i>Collector</i>	<i>Trafalgar Pkwy to Pine Island Rd</i>	<i>1.00 Mile</i>	<i>Sidewalk (West Side)</i>					\$ -	
<i>Trafalgar Pkwy</i>	<i>Collector</i>	<i>SW 16th Ct to SW 22nd Pl</i>	<i>0.63 Mile</i>	<i>Sidewalk (Both Side)</i>					\$ -	
Buckingham Rd Bike Lanes	Arterial	Cemetery Rd to SR 80	2.07 Mile	Bike Lane	NA	PE + CST	\$ 1,445,234.00	\$ -	\$ 1,445,234.00	16
Skyline Blvd Sidewalk	Collector	Cape Coral Pkwy to El Dorado Pkwy	0.93 Mile	Sidewalk (Both Sides)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 533,913.00	\$ 72,806.00	\$ 606,719.00	17
US 41 Sidewalk	Arterial	Tara Blvd to Charlotte Cty line	1.33 Mile	8' wide sidewalk (East Side)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 672,750.00	\$ -	\$ 672,750.00	18
Averill/Gator Circle Sidewalks			2.22 Mile		NA	PE + CST	\$ 732,998.00	\$ 146,596.00	\$ 879,594.00	19
<i>Averill Blvd</i>	<i>Collector</i>	<i>Del Prado Ext to Gator Circle</i>	<i>0.38 Mile</i>	<i>Sidewalk (Both Side)</i>					\$ -	
<i>Gator Circle</i>	<i>Collector</i>	<i>Averill Blvd to Ramsey Blvd</i>	<i>1.84 Mile</i>	<i>Sidewalk (East side)</i>					\$ -	
Gator Circle Sidewalk	Collector	Averill Blvd to Ramsey Blvd	1.84 Mile	Sidewalk (North/West Side)	NA	PE + CST	\$ 677,160.00	\$ 135,432.00	\$ 812,592.00	20

Notes:

Program Priorities 1 through 4, and 6 with the \$2.56 Million in FY 2018 under Project FPN #1957641. Program remainder with \$3.20 Million to be set aside from the Lee MPO's Urban Area SU Funds in FY 2021 and supplement that with District 1 SA Any Area funds;

¹ Design completed. FDOT accidently removed project from Work Program.

REPORT ON LEE COUNTY PROJECTS FOR SUN TRAIL FUNDS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. Staff will report on Lee County projects that are being submitted for FY 2016 and 2017 Sun Trail Funds and take committee input.

There is \$50 million available for SUN Trail funds for planning and project implementation in FYs 2016 and 2017 for projects that are identified as Priority Trails on the State's Greenways and Trails Master Plan. The Southwest Coast Connector in Lee and Collier County is one of the priority trails identified in the Master Plan. The City of Cape Coral and the City of Fort Myers are submitting the following proposals for SUN Trail funds:

- Kismet Parkway Shared Use Path from El Dorado Boulevard to Del Prado Boulevard - PE (\$1.3 Million) and CST (\$6.48 Million)
- JYLP Extension PD&E Study from Colonial Boulevard to Hanson Street (the feasibility study is programmed in FY 2016) - \$400,000

The main SUN Trail application forms are going to be completed and submitted in April. In the meantime, the applicants are working on the pre-applications for construction viability that is required by District 1 for all projects applying for state and federal funds. In consideration of potential projects for construction along the Southwest Coast Connector, the MPO identified only those gaps in the trail with available right-of-way or earlier phases. The JYLP PD&E study will determine the alignment for the pathway, environmental constraints and any right of way needs.

VCB PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. The Lee County Visitors Convention Bureau will highlight the agency's bicycle pedestrian related activities from last year and will also provide a report on the National Bicycle Tourism Conference.

BPC member Simone Behr with the Lee County Visitors Convention Bureau will provide a power point presentation at the January 26th BPC meeting highlighting the agency's bicycle pedestrian related activities and also takeaways from the National Bicycle Tourism Conference that she attended in November of last year.

COUNTYWIDE WAYFINDING PROJECT DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. There will be a discussion led by BikeWalkLee on countywide wayfinding, subcommittee formation and picking a date for a subcommittee meeting.

Wayfinding signs for bicyclists are available in only certain parts of Lee County. New shared use paths and bike lanes are being built without wayfinding signs. In addition to bicycle facilities, bicycle amenities (lockers, street furniture, parking, water fountain, etc.) and wayfinding signs are important for communities aspiring to become bicycle friendly communities, or getting a higher designation.

Identifying locations for wayfinding signage, funding, design, implementation, maintenance and even drafting language to add in local Land Development Codes would be tasks that could be undertaken by a wayfinding subcommittee. However, there should be overall support for countywide wayfinding signage from the BPCC and local government buy in and participation before we form a committee and hold meetings. Buy in and participation by local governments means that they will be installing and maintaining wayfinding signage and adhering to a consistent but flexible design that could be used throughout the county. **Attached** is a list of some of these tasks compiled by BikeWalkLee member Darla Letourneau.

At the January 26th meeting, we will find out the level of support for such an undertaking before forming a subcommittee and picking a date for a kick off meeting.

DLetourneau 11/12/15

Ideas for BPCCC Wayfinding working group

Background

At Oct. 2015 BPCCC meeting I suggested that a working group again be established for addressing wayfinding countywide. Such a working group was formed in 2011 but was discontinued after the first meeting since the County was already working on a project to design and instal wayfinding signs on roadways along the Lee County Tour De Parks Route where paved shoulders were being converted to bike lanes.

Timing:

With the TIGER project construction getting underway, it's a good time for a countywide discussion about how to connect the TIGER wayfinding signs with the existing two loops in the area, and how some of the surplus TIGER funds could be used to supplement the existing wayfinding signs.

Tasks:

BPCCC temporary task force/working group set up to make recommendations to BPCCC for consideration. [note: not subject to Sunshine laws.]

Having a more comprehensive wayfinding signage system will help meet the larger goals of promoting more use of the biking and walking facilities. Wayfinding signs are a cost-effective way to promote awareness of the existing biking network, and also alert drivers to the fact that they are on a designated bike route.

A BPCCC working group could help identify where the new wayfinding for the TIGER grant projects should be located and how it should be integrated with the existing signage in the area. For example, do we add new names to the routes or amend the Tour de Parks loop? The TIGER application talked about connecting the Tour de Parks Loop and the University Loop so we want to find ways to make all the components look integrated.

We also need to begin to look at taking the wayfinding signage south from Lakes Park on the shared use path all the way to Sanibel/Captiva, along with signage pointing them to Fort Myers Beach (even though path will be under construction for several years)...would be nice to have a "Beach Loop".

Also, there is a new pathway that's going in on Summerlin on the other side of Lakes Park...that leg should be considered becoming part of the expanded Tour de Parks route.

There also needs to be local government commitment to "owning" and marketing the routes. For example, the Tour de Parks loop needs to be considered part of the Lee County Parks and Rec program and they should make sure that the signage works (lots of signs missing on backsides of signs so only work in one direction); update the map when facilities change (e.g. changes in Metro extension), and

take responsibility to distribution of the maps thru all their communication channels. The Parks and Rec system should view this as a "park" asset that needs to be staffed and promoted, maybe plan rides, events, etc. around their facilities. They also need to consider kiosks with info, etc., as Cape Coral is doing with their routes. As the Tour de Parks loop expands with the TIGER grant, esp. along Daniels Parkway, this takes on new importance. We also need VCB countywide to be committed to marketing the routes to visitors through their strategies, marketing, and communication networks.

We also need each of the "owners" of the routes to take responsibility for alternative routes when there is construction or roadway changes along the route. (note the unacceptable situation that occurred along the Metro extension project where that section of the Tour de Parks loop was disrupted with no notification to users and no alternative routes provided.)

The Cape Coral 90-mile biking route system is an excellent example of the power of creating biking routes, wayfinding and maps, and marketing them for local and tourism purposes. We can learn from Cape Coral's experience re: benefits for others in county, with ideas for other local communities. One of the lessons learned from the Cape's experience is that there needs to be an easy way to get the County or State that controls roads in a municipality that is part of a route system to be able to quickly provide the signage along the route. Maybe a standing MOU needs to be worked out or something. (Cape system was delayed while signage on the Veterans Parkway SUP had to be negotiated with LeeDOT...and had to be elevated to BoCC members to get action.)

Sanibel is also starting to add wayfinding signs, and they could benefit from experience of other communities. Communities like Bonita and Estero are currently developing inventories of their bike/ped facilities and gaps and one of the next steps could be to identify preferred biking routes. If that is done, then creating a system of routes and wayfinding signs could be their next steps. Fort Myers Beach is also getting ready to undertake the development of a master plan and given the many tourists on island, building routes and wayfinding signs into their system could also be timely. The City of Fort Myers should also be developing routes for biking to downtown Fort Myers on the back roads.

By having a countywide task force working on this issue, we can work to connect the work that is going on in individual jurisdictions, to learn from each other, to join forces on moving together on common agenda, with strategy for seeking funds to implement beefed up wayfinding and routes in all the jurisdictions.

It would also be very helpful to get consultant assistance with this effort, bringing in best practices and ideas from other communities. Consultant assistance should be requested from the Alta team that is working on special projects related to the TIGER grant. Also, the Alta team working on the Cape Coral master plan, as well as whatever consultant team is hired for the FMB master plan should be brought into this effort so that they can incorporate this BPCC team's ideas into their consultant work.

Timeframe: Task force (or workgroup) should be established in Jan. 2016 with 2-year life (timed with completion of TIGER grant), and meet the hour before the regular monthly BPCC meeting (maybe less frequently after scope takes shape), making recommendations to the BPCC for consideration in both 2016 and again in 2017.

Possible Members

following members from BPCC: Dan Moser (IPC), Bonita (Jenn Hagen), Cape (Gary Gesperini), Fort Myers (Aveline Cancel), Sanibel (Salli Kirkland), Estero (Doug Saxton), LeeDOT (Andy, David), LeeDOT traffic safety (Steve Jansen--responsible for installing signs), Parks & Rec (Jason Lamey), FMB (Belinda Smith), VCB (Simone Behr)

and others: Mike Swanson (CCBP--who planned the Cape Coral route system), invite chair of BPAC (Don Mayne); and BWL (Darla)

Consultant assistance: Use Alta team that Don has doing special assignments related to TIGER grant (see their 9/21/15 memo, #4: wayfinding signage), along with coordination with consultants working on Cape, FMB, Bonita, and Estero bike/ped master plans/maps .

MPO staff: Ron and Don

**DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JOINT
BPCC AND PAC MEETING**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. **Attached** is a draft agenda for the February 23rd BPCC and PAC meeting for review and comment.

There is a joint meeting of the Lee MPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee and Collier MPO's Pedestrian Advisory Committee on February 23, 2016 in Estero. Staff has put together the **attached** draft agenda for the meeting for review and comment.



JOINT COLLIER MPO PATHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND LEE COUNTY MPO BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Estero Community Parks & Recreational Center, Room 103 A
9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard
Estero, Florida

**February 23, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Election of a Chairperson**
3. **Public Comments**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Action Items**
 - A. *Approval of Proposed Changes to the Joint Regional Pathway Map
 - B. +Discussion on Pathway Implementation Issues on FPL Corridors along the Southwest Coast Connector
 - C. +Discussion and Joint Approval of Candidate Projects for Shared Use Non-Motorized Trail Funds
6. **Reports and Presentations**
 - A. Presentation on Sanibel Shared Use Path Intersection Improvement Study (Keith Williams)
 - B. Zagster Bike Sharing Presentation (Chad Jacobs)
7. **Florida Department of Transportation**
8. **Transit Update**
9. **Members' Comments**
10. **Information Items**
11. **Adjournment of Meeting**
- C. Status on Ongoing/Upcoming Bike Ped Projects in Lee and Collier County
- D. Report on Lee County and Collier County Proposals for SRTS Funds
- E. Update on the ROGG Greenway

MPO PROJECT UPDATES

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item but an information item on ongoing MPO projects.

Updates will be given on the following MPO projects:

- *TIGER V Funded Lee County Complete Streets Initiative*
- *Roundabout Study*
- *Cape Coral Bike Ped Master Plan*
- *Proposed Revisions to Lee and Collier MPO Regional Pathways Map*

