

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

Held on March 24, 2015

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on March 24, 2015 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council
David Wagley	LCDOT
Diane Holm	Injury Prevention Council
Elisa Yanes	Lee County School District
Gary Gasperini	City of Cape Coral
Linda Carter	CAC
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial
Ryan Shute	Member-At-Large
Simone Behr	VCB
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; Sarah Layman with LeeTran; Sally Kreuzscher with Lee Memorial; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Captain Connor Cardwell with FHP; Detective Roman Serrano with LCSO; Officer S. Kondas with CCPD; and Soloane Jackson and Isobel Hitchcock, private citizens.

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

AGENDA ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2015 BPCC MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION BY MR. SHUTE TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 27, 2015
BPCC-PAC JOINT MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. CANCEL.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #3– REPORT ON THE SUBMITTAL OF PRELIMINARY BIKE PED PRIORITIES FOR MPO MULTIMODAL ENHANCEMENT BOX AND TA FUNDS

Mr. Gogoi explained the two lists of preliminary bike ped priorities for Multimodal Enhancement Box and TA fund priorities respectively. Staff used the screening criteria to evaluate the projects and that a more detailed analysis will be done later. He pointed out that the construction phases for the Old Burnt Store Road Bike Path and the SW 20th Avenue Sidewalks will be among the top priorities when final priority lists are developed in June as these projects are already in the pipeline, and funds already committed to their design phases.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REPORT ON THE MPO BIKE PED MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Scott distributed a scope of services for a minor update to the MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan. Staff tasks include updating existing conditions and community profiles, updating facility maps and tables, developing crash data tables and maps, and updating the prioritized needs list. The consultant will be responsible for providing a new set of recommendations based on where we are with the current set of recommendations, updating the implementation strategies, and providing input into the prioritized needs list.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – REPORT ON THE SAFE KIDS STRATGIC PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Sally Kreuzcher of Lee Memorial provided a status report on the Safe Kids Strategic Plan Update. Some of the goals of the Plan include reduction of motor vehicles injuries and fatalities to children by 5% for Collier and Lee County by December 2020, and reduction of bike/ped injury and fatality rate to children by 5% per capita for Collier and Lee County annually until December 2020. Discussion ensued on wearing bicycle helmets within school property. Mr. Jansen stated that school's responsibility ends at the fence line. A policy to wear helmets within school property could be brought up next school year. There was a suggestion that the subject be addressed at a future Lee County School District meeting. Parent accountability for kids wearing helmets was raised.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – UPDATE ON BIKE PED EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN LEE COUNTY

Detective Serrano reported that bike ped enforcements were carried out at major hot spots in Lee County. Bike lights were handed out during these operations. Decoys were used and violators were given warnings or written citations. He also mentioned about

conducting some special operations with less man power, and one such operation was conducted that morning in Lehigh Acres, and another one would be conducted in Palm Beach Boulevard in the afternoon. There is one large operation left before the grant expires, and that event will have media exposure.

Captain Cardwell reported that FHP used Signal 4 Analytics to identify high crash locations where they carried out bike ped education and enforcement. FHP worked with BikeWalkLee during these operations, and handed out statutory brochures and bike lights. Below are the dates and the locations, and the contacts made:

2/17/15 – Martin Luther King Jr Blvd and at the Rosa Parks Transportation Center – total of 586 citizen contacts

12/16/14 – US 41 between Crystal Drive and Brantley Road – total of 153 citizen contacts

9/24/14 – CR 865 between Matanzas Street and Tropical Shores Way – total of 279 citizen contacts

5/28/14 – SR 78 between US 41 and Business 41 – total of 158 citizen contacts

3/26/14 – US 41 @ Brantley Drive and SR80 @ Ortiz Avenue – total of 131 citizen contacts

Officer Klondas reported that the Cape PD conducted Pedestrian/Bicycle enforcement and education under the High Visibility Grant. Since March 7th, 8 enforcement/educational operations were conducted with 251 man hours spent. Contacts were made with 50 vehicles, 25 pedestrians and 103 bicyclists. It was observed that young kids were not wearing helmets, they had earphones, and that bicycle helmet use was lacking among students in Caloosa Middle. The emphasis on pedestrians and bicyclists were appreciated by the citizens. Officers were initially warning offenders and handing out brochures, and later were giving citations. In lieu of the \$59 in citations, the violators were given the option to provide 5 hour community service. The Cape PD will be conducting operations at all of the Middle Schools in the City.

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #6 – STAFF UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Mr. Scott provided an update of the TIGER Grant funded Lee County Complete Streets project. He reported that a line of credit with SunTrust for \$1 million was being finalized so that the MPO could pay for design build services, and then seek reimbursement from FHWA. Design, survey and permitting was under way for the first section and that construction would commence in June 2015. He also called out the various elements which will be updated during the development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. He explained the District 1 Travel Demand Model, and explained the results of Alternative 1 of the 2040 Cost Feasible Model Run for Lee County.

Mr. Gogoi reported that a draft JPA of the Cape Coral Bike Ped Master Plan was being reviewed by FDOT legal division in Tallahassee. MPO staff had been notified that the draft will be available in time for approval and execution by the MPO Board

at its April 17th meeting. He also provided updates to the Transit Bus Queue Jump Study and the Bus Pullout Study.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Mr. Tesoro talked about staying at a hotel in Kissimmee where he received room keys with FDOT bike/ped message.

Mr. Moser informed about a contract with CUTR on WalkWise Florida that will expand the concept to Lee County. The program uses an interactive technology driven presentation to impart and assess people's knowledge of pedestrian safety. The presentation is free and is hour long.

Ms. Letourneau reported on the Mayor's Challenge launched in Mid-January of 2015, and that the City Councils of Bonita Springs and Cape Coral have taken action to join the challenge. An action item to join the challenge was in the Fort Myers City Council Meeting agenda for April 6th. She also reported that BikeWalkLee is raising funds to buy and distribute bike lights.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Mr. Cancel stated that the City of Fort Myers had applied for permits to Seminole Gulf Railroad at 3 projects.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT

Ms. Layman distributed 10 year annual passenger trips and ridership numbers through February 2015. She reported that ridership numbers have been down after the recent implementation of new fares.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT

Mr. Harris reported on the March 7th Ciclovía held in Immokalee. He made a reference to FDOT's Pedestrian Safety Tip bookmarks that he had handed out.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM #13 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

MOTION BY MR. CANCEL TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 24TH BPCC MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. BEHR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.