

# BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2014  
Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A  
1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239-244-2220



## AGENDA

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### Call to Order/Roll Call

- 1) \*Approval of the January 28, 2014 BPCC Meeting Minutes
- 2) \*Approval of the March 11, 2014 BPCC Meeting Minutes

### New Business

- 3) \*Recommendation of Preliminary Bicycle Pedestrian Project Priorities (Ron Gogoi)
- 4) FHP Bicycle Detail Observation and Analysis (Lt. Greg Bueno)
- 5) Committee Input on LC Parks & Recreation Projects (Jason Lamey)
- 6) LinC User Survey and Funding Proposal Presentation (Wayne Gaither)

### Old Business

- 7) Discussion on the District One Funding Policy for Bicycle Pedestrian Projects with Significant Drainage Improvements (Dan Moser)
- 8) Staff Update on Ongoing Projects and BPCC Input (Don Scott)

### Other Business

- 9) Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda
- 10) Local Government Reports on Bicycle Pedestrian Related Projects
- 11) LeeTran Report
- 12) FDOT Report
- 13) Announcements
- 14) Information and Distribution Items

### Adjournment

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\* Action Items    + May Require Action

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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT LEE/COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
(MPO)  
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE (BPCC) AND  
PATHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) MEETING**

**Held on February 25, 2014**

**10 A.M.**

The following members were present for the joint meeting of the Collier and Lee County MPO BPCC/PAC on February 25, 2014, 2013 at the Estero Community Park & Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, 103A, Estero, Florida 33928.

**Collier County MPO PAC Members Present:**

Dayna Fendrick, At-Large  
Al Musico, At-Large  
Joe Bonness, At-Large

**Lee County MPO BPCC Members Present:**

Jeff Davis, City of Bonita Springs  
Steve Jansen, Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST)  
Dan Moser, Injury Prevention Coalition (IPC)  
Dawn Huff, Lee County School District  
Wayne Gaither, LeeTran  
Mark Tesoro, Lee Memorial Health System  
Andy Getch, Lee County Department of Transportation  
Pat Young, At-Large  
Josh Overmyer, Town of Fort Myers Beach  
Steve Avakian, City of Sanibel

**Collier MPO Staff Present:**

Lucilla Ayer, MPO Executive Director  
Sue Faulkner, MPO Principal Planner  
Sarah Layman, MPO Planner  
Kristin Campos, MPO Administrative Secretary

**Lee County MPO Staff Present:**

Don Scott, MPO Executive Director  
Ron Gogoi, Transportation Planning Administrator

**Others Present:**

Anna Bielawska, LeeTran  
Persides Zambrano, City of Cape Coral  
Carolyn Conant, Cape Coral Bike Ped  
Darla Letourneau, Bike Walk Lee  
Maureen Bonness, River of Grass Greenway (ROGG)  
Stacy Revay, Collier County Growth Management Division (GMD) Transportation Planning Department, non-voting  
Patty Huff, ROGG  
Providance Nagy, FDOT

Ryan Weeks, FDOT  
Justin Reck, FDOT  
Deb Chesna, Florida Department of Health  
Vitor Suguri, FDOT  
Ellie Krier, Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust  
Megan Contreras, Wink News  
Paul Whiteside, citizen

### **Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Mr. Jansen.

Ms. Campos called the roll for the Collier PAC and announced that a quorum was not present

Mr. Gogoi called the rolled for the Lee County BPCC and announced that a quorum was present.

### **Agenda Item 2 - Election of a Chairperson**

Ms. Fendrick was elected Chairwoman of the February 25, 2014 Joint Lee/Collier BPCC/PAC meeting.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Public Comments**

Ms. Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee stated that it is gratifying to see all the presentations scheduled at the Joint BPCC/PAC meeting because it demonstrates that there are many projects that are occurring within Lee and Collier County.

Ms. Letourneau discussed Agenda Item 6A (Presentation on the Cape Coral Bike-Ped Initiative Update) and stated that this proposal is a great interest to BikeWalkLee. She explained that BikeWalkLee has been very supportive of the idea. Cape Coral Bike Ped and the city of Cape Coral were awarded BikeWalkLee's Complete Street Champion of the Year Award for 2013.

Ms. Letourneau discussed the Attachment Item for Agenda Item 6B (Presentation on the Status of the River of Grass Greenway) and stated that the letter requests FDOT to review alternate pathway alignments to be studied as a Design component of the project.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Approval of the Agenda**

**The Agenda was approved by Consensus.**

The committee agreed to reorder the agenda and moved to reports and presentations.

### **Reports and Presentations**

### **Agenda Item 6A – Presentation on the Cape Coral Bike-Ped Initiative Update**

Ms. Zambrano presented an Update on the Cape Coral Bike-Ped Initiative in a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Zambrano presented the Strategy and Progress of Cape Coral Bike-Ped which included:

- Identify phased improvements and routes to begin creating a city wide network;
- Work the routes with standardized signage and pavement markings;
- Improve critical areas where potential problems exist; and
- Publicize the routes through a website.

Ms. Zambrano explained that Cape Coral Bike-Ped has initiated the Adopt A Route, the blue and white sponsor signs, which tell you the name of the route and the organization that raised the funds to make each route possible. She stated that the community has come together to begin to create a system of over 90 miles of interconnected cycling routes within Cape Coral.

Ms. Zambrano introduced Ms. Conant, Cape Coral Bike-Ped, stated that on March 1, 2014 there would be a Formal Ride to launch the Team Aubuchon Route and the Chamber Route.

Ms. Conant stated that the city of Cape Coral has completed marking the first two routes, Team Aubuchon and the Chamber Route, with green and white traffic control signage as well as the blue and white sponsor signage. She explained that the green and white traffic control signage and the blue and white sponsor signage will provide cyclists an effective means to navigate through the bicycle routes.

Ms. Conant stated that Strategic Goal 3 would be to seek grants in conjunction with the city of Cape Coral for infrastructure improvements. Ms. Conant stated that Cape Coral Bike-Ped would coordinate with the City of Cape Coral, Lee County and/or the State to insure a pathway or other bicycle friendly designs are included in widening or road improvement projects, such as Burnt Store Road widening.

Ms. Conant stated that Strategic Goal 4 would be to publicize the routes through a website and elsewhere for the public to view. She discussed the goals of Cape Coral Bike-Ped which include:

- Relocating needed information from the Cape Coral Bike-Ped website to the city of Cape Coral's website. List all bike route links and other pertinent information on the city of Cape Coral's website and optimizing the city's search engine to locate information on cycling in Cape Coral, in 2015.
- Enlisting writers to submit articles with different slants to state, national and international publications.
- Promoting more effective bicycle tourism to Cape Coral and other areas within the region by working with the Lee County Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Musico questioned the cost of the Sponsor a Route signs. Ms. Conant explained that the sponsor signs are \$300 each or citizens can donate funds for 10 sponsor signs for \$2500 total. Ms. Conant explained that Cape Coral Bike-Ped also gives citizens the opportunity to Name a Route, in which case the citizen's name would be on the route sign for 10 years.

Chairwoman Fendrick asked if the sponsored routes were existing facilities. Ms. Conant stated that Cape Coral Bike-Ped took existing bike lanes and connected them to less congested alternate streets.

Mr. Gaither stated that the networks of bikeway routes identified in Cape Coral are within the vicinity of LeeTran routes. Mr. Gaither asked if Cape Coral Bike-Ped would be interested in providing any amenities for connection with LeeTran. Ms. Conant stated that Cape Coral Bike-Ped would be very interested in becoming more intermodal.

Mr. Moser stated that an interconnected pathway for the populace of Cape Coral is what the city needed.

### **Agenda Item 6B – Update on the River of Grass (ROGG) Greenway Project**

Ms. Faulkner introduced Ms. Maureen Bonness with the Friends of River of Grass Greenway. Ms. Bonness gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the status of the ROGG project.

Ms. Bonness stated that the River of Grass Greenway is a future 75-mile shared use pathway parallel to US 41 between Naples and Miami. Ms. Bonness stated that the ROGG will be a facility for non-motorized transportation and recreation that promotes enhanced opportunities for education and stewardship of the environmental cultural assets of the area. She discussed the current ROGG projects which included:

- **1.** Feasibility and Master Plan Study for the entire pathway which has been underway for nearly 20 months. The Feasibility and Master Plan Study is funded by FTA Sarbanes Transit-in-Parks grant.
- **2.** PD&E Study for the 17-mile segment known as ROGG west which is between CR 92 (San Marco Road) and SR 29. The PD&E Study is funded by 2009 FDOT Regional Transportation Enhancement Grant.
- **3.** Design study for the 2.3 mile segment to the west of CR 92, known as “ROGG far-west.” ROGG far-west is funded by 2009 FDOT Regional Transportation Enhancement Grant. Concern has been raised about pathway options for crossing the Alexander-Cameron Canal.

Ms. Bonness discussed the Feasibility and Master Plan Study and stated that extensive efforts were made to incorporate widespread public participation through weeks of public meetings, as well as a continuing town hall website. She stated that in June 2013, an Agency Technical Review was held and efforts in recent months have focused on scheduling numerous agency meetings.

Ms. Bonness discussed the PD&E Study for ROGG-west and stated that the PD&E will evaluate the 17-mile segment from CR 92 (San Marco Road) and SR 29 in Collier County. Ms. Bonness stated that the study team is currently gathering information on the social and environmental in the project study area. She explained that ROGG-west is currently on hold pending the results of the Feasibility Study and Master Plan.

Ms. Bonness discussed the Design Study for ROGG far-west and stated that the 2.3 mile segment from CR 951 to CR 92 was contained in the FDOT US 41 PD&E Study. She noted that FDOT expressed concerns with the potential overlap of joint studies and project limits of the 2.3 mile limit.

Mr. Scott questioned if the pathway would be asphalt. Ms. Bonness stated that ROGG far-west would be asphalt. She explained that the Friends of River of Grass Greenway have always stated “hard surface” to leave it open to other alternative materials.

Ms. Bonness discussed the plans for the Alexander-Cameron Bridge and stated that the FDOT design calls for the pathway to be located within the shoulder of the existing US 41 bridge, rather than having a separate bike/ped bridge across the canal. She explained that there are vital safety concerns about co-locating a pathway on a bridge within inches of the traffic and requested that both alternative pathway alignments be studied as a component of the Design project.

Mr. Scott asked what the sufficiency rating was for the Alexander-Cameron Bridge. Mr. Weeks stated that the Alexander-Cameron Bridge is in good condition and the direction FDOT has been given is to utilize the existing roadway and the existing shoulder. Mr. Weeks stated that construction for an independent pedestrian bridge would be a secondary project. He explained that construction for the River of Grass Greenway trail would take place in FY15/16 by utilizing the existing Alexander-Cameron Bridge.

Chairwoman Fendrick questioned if the Alexander-Cameron Bridge has a lot of fisherman on the bridge. Ms. Bonness stated no, there is a sign that states that there is to be no fishing on the bridge.

Ms. Young asked how long it would take to construct the trail from Naples to Miami. Ms. Huff stated that the timeframe would be identified in the Feasibility Study and Master Plan.

Ms. Bonness announced that the Everglades Ride would take place on Sunday, April 13, 2014 to benefit the Friends of ROGG. She stated that there are 16-mile, 27-mile or 62-mile options and opportunities to customize the length of your ride.

Discussion ensued regarding the ROGG. Mr. Weeks stated when the local MPO's are discussing programming projects and if pedestrian bridges are going to be a desirable feature; to ensure that pedestrian bridges are part of the FDOT application that the local MPO would like the pedestrian bridges considered as part of the project.

### **Agenda Item 6C – Presentation on Serenity Walk Park and Freedom Park**

Ms. Ellie Krier with the Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust introduced the item and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Serenity Walk Park and Freedom Park.

Ms. Krier stated that Serenity Walk Park is an existing mitigation for the overall Lely Stormwater Area Improvement Project (LASIP). Ms. Krier noted that the land for Serenity Walk Park has 99 acres of natural wooded habitat with a one mile nature trail. She stated that Serenity Walk Park is located in eastern Collier County on the west side of Collier Boulevard south of I-75 and Davis Boulevard. She explained that the restored area includes wetlands that were enhanced by removing invasive, exotic plants and making hydrologic improvements.

Ms. Krier stated that Freedom Park is an approximately 50-acre natural water quality treatment facility, which provides flooding relief and treatment of stormwater runoff from the Gordon River Extension Basin. Ms. Krier explained that Freedom Park combines wetlands, habitats, trails, boardwalks, observation gazebos, educational facilities, and extensive indigenous landscape within a passive park setting. She noted that Freedom Park is located on the north side of Golden Gate Parkway between Airport-Pulling Road and Goodlette-Frank Road.

**Agenda Item 6D – Update on the Gordon River Greenway**

Ms. Krier introduced the item and gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Update on the Gordon River Greenway.

Ms. Krier stated that the first section of the Gordon River Greenway opened in 1992 which consisted of a 1 ½-mile paved loop trail adjacent to the Naples Municipal Airport and along the eastern edge of the river. She noted that the Gordon River Greenway will stretch two miles from Golden Gate Parkway toward the heart of the City of Naples ending at Central Avenue. Ms. Krier discussed the many characteristics that the Greenway would feature. Ms. Krier noted that the overall project, which seeks to create 124 acres of natural trails when complete, has been in the works since the 1980s.

Ms. Krier explained that there is going to be a new parking lot which will create 600 parking spaces for the Naples Zoo, Greenway Park and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Ms. Krier explained that the pedestrian bridge will tie in 3 to 4 acres of Conservation Collier land near the northwest corner of Naples Municipal Airport to the other 35 acres of conservation park property between the Golden Gate Canal and Gordon River.

Mr. Davis asked about the area that is currently under construction just south of Golden Gate Parkway. Ms. Krier stated that the area under construction across from Freedom Park is a canoe/kayak launch which will be complete in September 2014. Ms. Krier explained that the pathway will be 12-foot and 8-foot wide elevated boardwalks which will be ideal for walkers, runners and cyclists.

**Action Items**

**Agenda Item 5A – Amendment of the Collier-Lee Bi-County Regional Transportation Network-Pathways Component**

Mr. Gogoi introduced the item and stated that staff from Lee and Collier MPOs have made some changes to the pathway component of the Collier-Lee Bi-County Regional Network which include changing the color coding of those pathways on the map where the status of the proposed pathways have changed from “Programmed” to “Existing” with the completion of construction, and from “Planned” to “Programmed” for those facilities where funds have now been committed for construction.

Mr. Bonness stated that he would like to see modifications in the Collier-Lee Bi-County Regional Network which include Oil Well Road, just west of Oil Well Grade Road to just east of Ave Maria Boulevard and existing Immokalee Road from Northbrook Drive one-hundred feet west of Collier Boulevard.

**MOTION BY MR. MOSER TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF THE COLLIER-LEE BI-COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK-PATHWAYS COMPONENT AS AMENDED WITH THE CHANGES. SECONDED BY MR. OVERMYER. APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS**

**Agenda Item 5B – MPO Recommendation of Joint Regional Pathway Priorities**

Mr. Gogoi introduced the item and stated that FDOT District 1 has informed Collier and Lee MPO that it will program regional pathways priorities from the District's allocation of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds during the development of this year's Tentative Work Program. He noted that there are two candidate projects from the Lee and Collier Bi-County area which are:

- 10-foot shared use path on the west side of Old US 41 from US 41 to Bonita Beach Road in Lee County – approximate cost for design and construction is \$1,694,310
- PD&E Study for a pathway on Pine Island Road from Veterans Parkway to Stringfellow Road – Approximate cost is \$520,000

Mr. Gogoi explained that both projects are identified in the Lee-Collier Joint Regional Pathway Network which is a requirement of the two MPOs before regional projects can be considered for discretionary funding.

Mr. Gogoi stated that the right-of-way on the west side of Old US 41 by US 41 in Collier County is constrained. He stated that that the ROW constraints may require designing a 8' sidewalk at this location instead, or terminating the proposed shared use path at the northern end of the Landmark Naples Residential Resort and connecting it to the existing sidewalk on the east side of the roadway via a midblock crossing with enhanced safety features.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Ayer stated that Collier MPO supports the proposed 10-foot shared use pathway on Old US 41 from US 41 to Bonita Beach Road and suggested that the Committee not debate about the design solution for the project but to focus on the recommendations of the joint priorities.

Ms. Letourneau stated that both regional projects are excellent however there are safety issues with Old US 41 from US 41 to Bonita Beach Road that makes this project a higher priority, and that the project will extend the TIGER grant improvements further south on Old 41 and into Collier. She explained that the Pine Island Road PD&E Study has potential for connectivity.

**MOTION BY MR. OVERMYER TO APPROVE THE JOINT REGIONAL PATHWAY PRIORITIES AS SUGGESTED BY STAFF. SECONDED BY MR. MUSICO. APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.**

**Reports and Presentations**

**Agenda Item 6D – Update on Vanderbilt Drive Greenway**

Ms. Revay introduced the item and gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Update on the Vanderbilt Drive Greenway. Ms. Revay discussed the history of the Vanderbilt Drive Greenway and stated that in 2008, there was a settlement agreement for the Cocohatchee Bay PUD for \$3 million for corridor improvements and bridge enhancements. She explained that approximately \$1.5 million has been spent on bridge improvements along Vanderbilt Drive and there is approximately \$1.5 million left to utilize for pathway and safety enhancements along the corridor. Ms. Revay noted that in 2009, the contractor PBS&J was awarded the design contract for the 4 miles from 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to Bonita Beach Road and in 2011, the pathway was designed by PBS&J to be a 12-foot wide multi-use pathway.



Ms. Revay discussed the various recommendations that would be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in March 2014 which include:

1. To construct an 8-foot asphalt pathway on the west side of Vanderbilt Drive from north of the existing overpass northward to the existing sidewalks in the Bonita Shores area and construct a 10-foot asphalt pathway on the west side of Vanderbilt Drive from 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to the north of the existing overpass.
2. To construct 5-foot shoulders on both sides of Vanderbilt Drive from 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to the Cocohatchee River Bridge.
3. Enhanced warning signs, pavement markings or other acceptable treatments to create visibility and promote safety for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists at the pathway's crossings of the various driveways along the pathway on the west side of Vanderbilt Drive.
4. To construct safety improvements along Vanderbilt Drive in order to provide pedestrian access across Vanderbilt Drive, if warranted. These features include but are not limited to; up to three crosswalk locations with safety islands or medians. Crosswalks can also be important for traffic calming measures. Staff recommends the use of "flashing beacons" or something similar with medians for pedestrian refuge as a safety enhancement. Crosswalk placement needs to be determined by a warrant study however; preliminary locations recommended are at Woods Edge Drive, The Dunes development and another crosswalk north of the overpass.
5. To construct low level lighting along the Vanderbilt Drive pathway. Staff would not recommend operation and maintenance of lighting for the pathway along Vanderbilt Drive due to cost to the County. Staff recommends the residents of Vanderbilt Drive create a Municipal State Taxing Unit (MSTU) or some similar taxing district for operations and maintenance of any lighting installed.

#### **Agenda Item 7 - Florida Department of Transportation**

Ms. Providence Nagy, FDOT Bike-Ped Coordinator, reported on the FDOT "Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow" initiative. Ms. Nagy stated that the Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow resource center at the Florida Pedestrian and Bicycling Resource Center at the University of Florida provides educational materials and information to advocate groups within the state.

Ms. Nagy stated that the purpose of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Safety Plan is to focus funding and resources on vital areas that have the greatest opportunity to reduce pedestrian and bicycle crashes, injuries and fatalities.

#### **Agenda Item 8 - Transit Update**

Mr. Gaither with LeeTran reported that for the first time since July 2010, LeeTran had an 8 ½% reduction in ridership in January 2014.

Mr. Gaither reported on the LinC 600 Route which connects Lee and Collier County transit systems. He stated that LeeTran and CAT staff have been working together and LeeTran is working to seek funding to allow the route to continue in FY 2015 and beyond. Mr. Gaither noted that LeeTran would be making a presentation on this topic to the Joint MPO Board on March 21, 2014.

**Agenda Item 9 - Members Comments**

Mr. Bonness announced that in an effort to raise awareness, there would be a Share the Road Event on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Cambier Park in Naples from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This event is to promote safe passage for all those who travel Naples and Collier County roads.

**Agenda Item 10 - Information Items**

None.

**Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment of Meeting**

Having no further business, the Joint BPC/PAC meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

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

**Held on January 28, 2014**

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on January 28, 2014 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

Andy Getch	LCDOT
David Wagley	LCDOT
Anna Bielawska	LeeTran
Dawn Huff	Lee County School District
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial Trauma
Jason Lamey	LC Parks and Rec
Pat Young	At-Large
Dru Doyle	Member-At-Large
Jay Anderson	CTST
Steve Jansen	CTST
Gary Gasperini	City of Cape Coral
Jeff Davis	City of Bonita Springs
Linda Carter	CAC
Simone Behr	Visitors Convention Bureau
Stacy Revay	Collier County Growth Management Division

Others in attendance included Don Scott and Ron Gogoi with the Lee County MPO, Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee, Providence Nagy with FDOT, Ned Baier with Jacobs, and Brad Davis with Alta.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Gogoi called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and reported that the Chair had a scheduling conflict while the Vice Chair was running late. He announced that a quorum was present and asked the attendees to introduce themselves. He asked that the committee hold off the approval of the minutes until after the election of officers for the new calendar year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM #2 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2014 MEETINGS**

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. He reported that the Vice Chair Jansen had expressed his willingness to be the new Chair, and called for nominations for the Chair

**MOTION BY MR. DAVIS TO NOMINATE STEVE JANSEN AS THE CHAIRMAN. SECONDED BY MS. YOUNG. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Gogoi asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Ms. Carter nominated herself.

**MOTION BY MR. ANDERSON TO NOMINATE LINDA CARTER AS THE VICE CHAIRMAN. SECONDED BY MS. YOUNG. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vice Chair Carter was asked by staff to chair the meeting until the Chair arrived.

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 26, 2013 BPCC MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION BY MR. TESORO TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 26, 2013 BPCC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AGENDA ITEM #3 – BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE SHOVEL READY PROJECT GUIDE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Baier of Jacobs and Mr. Davis of Alta Planning & Design provided an overview of the tasks that were completed last year as part of the ongoing bike ped contact including overhauling the project selection and evaluation process. The consultants went on to discuss two other tasks that they subsequently completed including bicycle performance measures as a bench mark to evaluate the effectiveness of completed bike ped facilities, and a funding toolkit for federally funded bicycle and pedestrian projects. Ms. Letourneau commented that the two documents do not address the issue of federal funding of projects of those local government jurisdictions that are not LAP certified, and that she would like to see applications submitted by all 5 local governments. Mr. Scott stated that those local governments could still have projects funded and managed by FDOT but the downside is that the projects would cost higher. Mr. Getch stated that Lee County DOT is LAP certified and it submits projects but prefers to have them managed and built by FDOT instead of through a LAP contract. Mr. Scott would like to see more projects submitted by the local governments so that all MPO allocated funds for bike ped projects is spent.

**MOTION BY MR. ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE FUNDING TOOLKIT WITH MODIFICATIONS AS MAYBE NEEDED, AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL LEE COUNTY JURISDICTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR TAP AND MULTIMODAL BOX FUNDS. SECONDED BY MS. YOUNG. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discussion ensued on performance measures and targets in state and MPO plans for implementation of bicycle pedestrian facilities.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 – DISCUSSION ON THE EXISTING DISTRICT ONE POLICY FOR FUNDING BICYCL PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS REQUIRING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Gogoi asked that the item be deferred to the next regular BPCC meeting as the item's presenter Mr. Moser could not attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. The committee deferred the item to the March 25<sup>th</sup> BPCC meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 – INPUT ON THE METRO PARKWAY SHARED USE PATH CONNECTION TO ALICO ROAD ALTERNATIVES**

Mr. Getch presented the item and stated that the County was exploring alternatives that would allow less experienced bicyclists and pedestrians using the shared use path on Michael G. Rippe Parkway to safely cross Alico Road and head eastbound. This is not a problem for experienced cyclists who use the bike lanes on the overpass and off ramp to head eastbound on Alico. The path connects to a sidewalk on the north side of Alico Road that terminates at US 41. There is no sidewalk east of where the path connects to the sidewalk.

Bicyclists on the path have three options to get to eastbound Alico – get over to westbound bike lanes and weave over to a directional median to take a U turn, or use the US 41 intersection, or walk the bike across the railroad. Some of the interim solutions could be to continue the shared use path along Alico Road east while keeping outside the railroad right of way to Indy Drive, or continue even further east to Quaker Lane and use the traffic signal there to cross Alico Road. Ms. Letourneau called for wayfinding signs on Six Mile Cypress east of US 41 to inform pedestrians and cyclists about the shared use path on Michael Rippe Parkway.

Mr. Jansen arrived at 10:45 am and the Vice Chair asked Mr. Jansen to chair the remainder of the meeting after discussion of agenda item 5 ended.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 – INPUT ON THE LIST OF ROUNDABOUT FEASIBILITY STUDY LOCATIONS TO BEGIN PROJECT SCOPING**

Mr. Scott reported that staff had developed a list of existing, planned and proposed roundabouts in 2012 that was part of a roundabout presentation to the MPO Board. Subsequently, the MPO received \$400,000 in planning funds to study the feasibility of implementing roundabouts that were identified as planned in the list. Staff was now finalizing the list of planned roundabouts before developing the scope of work for the project and having it approved by the MPO Board. The list was revised following TAC and CAC input from their January 9, 2014 meetings and staff was now seeking input on the revised list from the BPCC.

## **AGENDA ITEM #7 – COMPLETE STREETS IMPLEMENTATION REPORT PRESENTATION**

Mr. Getch presented Lee County's Complete Streets Implementation report. He explained the various components of a complete street, emphasized the safety aspect of a complete street that encourage walking and biking that leads to a healthy lifestyle, reported on stakeholders, advocacy groups and advisory committees involved with complete street implementation in Lee County, and cited examples (canals, cul de sac, gated communities etc.) that leads to a disconnected transportation network.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## **AGENDA ITEM #8 – REVIEW OF THE UPDATED BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN CRASH STATISTICS**

Mr. Scott presented updated bicycle pedestrian crash statistics and graphs. He stated that Commissioner Pendergrass had taken the initiative to host meetings with law enforcement agencies to address bicycle pedestrian safety and that the first meeting was held in December of last year. The next meeting would be in February and would look at specific crash data. Mr. Scott shared random Florida traffic crash reports with the committee, and asked for input regarding crash locations that should be discussed at that meeting. The committee suggested that crashes should be confined to US 41, SR 80 and Del Prado Boulevard, and that law enforcement agencies from Fort Myers and Cape Coral, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and FHP should be invited.

## **AGENDA ITEM #9 – STAFF UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS AND BPCC INPUT**

Mr. Gogoi provided an update on the candidate list of projects for TAP and Multimodal Enhancement Box funds. He also reported that staff had submitted an application to FDOT for funding a shared use pathway on Old 41 from US 41 in Collier County to Bonita Beach Boulevard using regional TAP funds. Staff was seeking a staff endorsement from Collier County in support of a joint application and Mr. Gogoi requested Ms. Revay to coordinate with appropriate staff in Collier County in getting the endorsement and a detailed cost estimate for the project that took into consideration the Collier portion of the project.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

There was a discussion on the existing bicycle rack at the new Fort Myers Regional Library and the difficulty in using it. The library is addressing it.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT**

None

**AGENDA ITEM #11 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Scott reported that the next meeting would be a joint meeting with Collier MPO's Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM #12 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

None.

**MOTION BY MS. CARTER TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

## RECOMMENDATION OF PRELIMINARY BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN PROJECT PRIORITIES

**RECOMMENDED ITEM:** Review the evaluation results of this year's bicycle pedestrian projects in **Attachment A**, and recommend preliminary project priorities.

Staff evaluated all 18 candidate projects for TAP and Multi-modal Enhancement Box funds using the revised Bicycle Pedestrian Evaluation Criteria that was approved by the BPCC last year. While approving the criteria, the BPCC had given staff the flexibility to refine the methodology associated with a specific criterion, if needed, when evaluating the projects this year. Accordingly, staff revised the methodologies for the *Residential Access and Employment Access* criteria on the basis of practicality and ease of preparing the data sets. All changes to the evaluation criteria are shown in red in **Attachment B**.

**Attachment A** includes the evaluation results by descending order of total project scores broken down by criteria while **Attachment C** includes the raw data that was needed to do the evaluations for the analysis of some of the criteria.



EVALUATION RESULTS BY DESCENDING ORDER OF TOTAL PROJECT SCORES

	Roadway	Road Classification	From	To	Length	Proposed Improvements	Intermodal Connectivity	Connection to Similar Facility	Alternatives to driving alone	Regional Connections	Bike Crash	Ped Crash	Bike/Ped Fatality	AADT	Posted Speed Limit	Residential Access	Employment Access	School Access	Parks Access	Household Units w/out Access	Total Score	
1	San Carlos Blvd	Minor Arterial	Kelly Rd	South of Gulf Point St	0.34 Mile	Sidewalk (East Side)	1	2.00	2	1	2	1	1.00	3	3	1	1.08	0	0	2	20.08	
2	US 41	Principal Arterial	.09 Miles N of SR 78	Littleton Rd	0.90 Mile	Add 8' wide sidewalk (east side) and provide connection to existing bus stops	1	2.00	2	2	2	1	0.00	3	3	1	0.87	0	0	1.5	19.37	
3	Pine Island Rd	Minor Arterial	Stringfellow Rd	Veterans Pkwy	5.44 Mile	PD&E Study for Pathway	2	2.00	3	2	0	0	0.00	2	3	0.5	0.88	2	0	1.5	18.88	
4	Old 41	Major Collector	US 41 (Collier Cty)	Bonita Beach Rd	2.72 Mile	Add 8' wide shared use path (west side)	2	2.00	3	2	0	0	0.00	3	3	0.5	0.54	0	0	2	18.04	
5	US 41	Principal Arterial	Littleton Rd	N Fork Rd	1.09 Mile	Add 8' wide sidewalk (east side) and provide connection to existing bus stops	1	2.00	2	2	1	0	0.00	3	3	1	0.45	0	0	1.5	16.95	
6	South St	Local Rd	Fowler St	US 41	0.64 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	0	2.00	2	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	7.64	2	0	0	16.64	
7	Hanson St	Major Collector	US 41	Montclair Ave	0.32 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	1	2.00	2	0	0	1	0.00	1	2	2	0.412	2	0	2	15.41	
8	Mariner Middle							0	2.00	1	1	0	0	0.00	2	3	1	0.01	2	0	1	13.01
8a	Chiquita Blvd N	Minor Arterial	Tropicana Pkwy W	NW 11th Terrace	0.46 Mile	Sidewalk (East Side)	0	2.00	1	1	0	0	0.00	2	3	0.5	0.01	2	0	1		
8b	NW 11th St	Local Rd	Chiquita Blvd	NW 16th Place	0.06 Mile	Sidewalk (South Side)	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0	2	0	1		
9	Tice Elementary							1	2.00	2	0	1	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.33	2	0	1.5	12.83
9a	New York Dr	Local Rd	SR 80	Walter St/Railroad Ave	0.13 Mile	Sidewalk (East Side)	1	2.00	2	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.32	2	0	1.5		
9b	Lynneda Ave	Local Rd	School Entance	Tice St	415'	Sidewalk (West Side)	0	2.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.3	2	0	1.5		
9c	Mississippi Ave	Local Rd	Tice St	SR 80	0.17 Mile	Sidewalk (West Side)	1	2.00	2	0	1	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.3	2	0	1.5		
9d	Palm Beach Blvd	Principal Arterial	@ New York Dr			Build crosswalk across Palm Bch Blvd	N/A	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	NA	NA	1	0.33	NA	NA	NA		
10	Santa Barbara/SW 20th St							1	2.00	2	0	1	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.57	1	0	1	11.57
10a	SW Santa Barbara Place	Local Rd	Nicholas Pkwy	SW 20th St	1.19 Mile	Sidewalk (West Side)	0	2.00	1	0	1	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.57	1	0	1		
10b	SW 20th St	Local Rd	SW Santa Barbara Place	Santa Barbara Blvd	0.06 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	1	2.00	2	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.1	1	0	1		
11	Coronado Rd	Local Rd	Cortez Blvd	US 41	0.5 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	1	2.00	2	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.32	2	1	0	11.32	
12	G Weaver Hipps Elementary							0	2.00	1	0	0	1	0.00	1	2	1	0.3	2	0	1	11.3
12a	Archdale St	Local Rd	Williams Ave	Delaware Rd	0.10 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	0	2.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.25	2	0	1		
12b	Delaware Rd	Local Rd	Archdale St	Taylor Lane	0.39 Mile	Sidewalk (East Side)	0	0.00	1	0	0	1	0.00	1	2	1	0.3	2	0	1		
12c	Taylor Lane	Local Rd	Delaware Rd	Lee Blvd	0.29 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	0	2.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.23	2	0	1		
13	Tanglewood Pkwy/Manchester Blvd	Local Rd	McGregor Blvd	Selby Dr	0.73 Mile	Sidewalk (South Side)	0	2.00	1	0	0	1	0.00	1	1	1	0.104	2	0	1	10.10	
14	SW 10th St	Local Rd	Chiquita Blvd	Skyline Blvd	0.96 Mile	Sidewalk (North Sde)	0	2.00	2	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.14	0	0	1	8.14	
15	Averill Blvd/Gator Circle							0	2.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	0.5	0.013	2	0	0	7.51
15a	Averill Blvd	Local Rd	N of Del Prado Blvd	Gator Circle	0.38 Mile	Sidewalk (Both Side)	0	2.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	0.5	0.013	0	0	0		
15b	Gator Circle	Local Rd	Averill Blvd	Ramsey	1.84 Mile	Sidewalk (East side)	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	0.5	0.013	2	0	0		
16	Grace Ave	Local Rd	Cortez Blvd	Canelo Dr	0.17 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.15	2	0	1	7.15	
17	Passaic Ave	Local Rd	Cortez Blvd	Canelo Dr	0.17 Mile	Sidewalk (North Side)	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	1	0.14	2	0	0	6.14	
18	Gator Circle	Local Rd	Averill Blvd	Ramsey	1.84 Mile	Sidewalk (North/West Side)	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	0.5	0.013	2	0	0	5.51	

Notes:

## PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

		Criterion	Methodology	Max Score
A	Intermodal Connectivity			9
1	Intermodal Connectivity <sup>1</sup>	Project connects two or more alternative modes	1 point for two different modes; 2 points for connecting three different modes (i.e. walking, biking and transit)	2
2	Connections to similar facility/Closing the gaps <sup>2</sup>	Project connects walking and biking facilities	1 point for connecting two dissimilar facilities (e.g. a sidewalk to a bikeway) 2 points for connecting two facilities that serve the same mode (e.g. bikeway to bikeway or sidewalk to sidewalk)	2
3	Alternatives to driving alone <sup>1</sup>	Project expands travel options including walking, biking and public transportation	1 point for each mode (walking, biking, transit) that is addressed by project	3
4	Making regional connections	Project is identified in the Lee-Collier Regional Transportation Network or the Lee County Bicycle MPO and Pedestrian Master Plan	1 point for a project along the Lee-Collier Regional Transportation Network; 1 point for a project identified as a gap in the Lee County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan	2
B	Public, Personal and Traffic Safety			9
5	Safety/Crash History	Project addresses a bicycle or pedestrian safety issue along the project corridor.	1 point if there has been a bicycle crash along the corridor in the last 3 years; 1 point if there has been a pedestrian crash along the corridor in the last 3 years; 1 point if there has been a pedestrian or bicycle fatality along the corridor in the last 3 years	3
6	Traffic Volume	Project provides a needed facility along corridor with higher motor vehicle volumes	< 10,000 AADT: 1 point; 10,000 - 20,000 AADT: 2 points; > 20,000 AADT: 3 points	3
7	Posted Traffic Speed	Project provides a needed facility along corridor with higher motor vehicle speeds	25 mph: 1 point; 26-35 mph: 2 points; 35 + mph: 3 points	3

		Criterion	Methodology	Max Score
C	Environmental, Social and Economic Sustainability			12
8	Residential access (Methodology revised on basis of practicality and ease in preparing data set)	Project serves more densely developed residential areas that are more walkable, bikeable and more transit supportive.	<del>≤ 10 units per acre: 1 point;</del> <del>≥ 10 units per acre: 2 points;</del> < 0.71 (Mean Dwelling Unit/Acre for LC) = 0.5 points 0.71 - 2.99 = 1.0 point 3 - 3.99 = 2.0 points ≥ 4 (Min. Transit Supportive Threshold) = 3 points	3
9	Employment access (Methodology revised on basis of practicality and ease in preparing data set)	Project serves more densely development employment centers that are more walkable, bikeable and more transit supportive	<del>≤ mean employees per acre in Lee County: 1 point; ¼ point for every 300 employees for a maximum of 2 points</del> <del>≥ mean employees per acre in Lee County: 2 point</del>	2
10	School Access	Project is within close proximity to a school	Within 1/4 mile: 2 points Within 1/2 mile: 1 point	2
11	Parks access	Project is within close proximity to a regional or community park	Within 1/4 mile: 2 points Within 1/2 mile: 1 point	2
	<del>Transit Access</del>	<del>Project is within close proximity to a bus stop</del>	<del>Within 1/4 mile: 2 points</del> <del>Within 1/2 mile: 1 point</del>	<del>2</del>
12	Household Units without vehicles	Projects meet needs of communities that rely on walking, biking and transit out of need.	<del>0-25% households without vehicles: 1 point;</del> <del>25-50% households without vehicles: 2 points;</del> <del>≥ 50% households without vehicles: 3 points</del> <5 % households without vehicles: 1 point 5-14.9% households without vehicles: 1.5 points 15-24.9% households without vehicles: 2 points 25-39.9% households without vehicles: 2.5 points ≥40% households without vehicles: 3 points	3

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Transit mode would be credited if there is a bus stop on an intersecting street within ¼ mile from where the project terminates

<sup>2</sup>The project must connect to a similar facility on the same side of the street or a similar facility on an intersecting street



RAW DATA FOR PROJECT EVALUATION

	Roadway	Road Classification	Acreage	Units	Units per acre (Units div. by acre)	Number of employees (totald SIC)	Posted Speed Limit	Bike Crash	Ped Crash	Bike Ped Fatality
<b>Applicant: LC School District; Sponsor: Lee County BOCC; School - Tice Elementary -</b>										
12a	New York Dr	Local Rd	168.8	281	1.66	388	25	0	0	0
12b	Lynneda Ave	Local Rd	153.97	273	1.77	358	25	0	0	0
12c	Mississippi Ave	Local Rd	167.25	319	1.91	351	25	0	0	0
12d	Palm Beach Blvd	Principal Arterial	127.86	202	1.58	400	45	0	0	0
12	<i>Tice Elementary Didewalks</i>									
<b>Applicant: City of Bonita Springs</b>										
13	Old 41	Major Collector	505.4	256	0.51	642	45	0	0	0
<b>Applicant: Lee MPO</b>										
14	US 41	Principal Arterial	410.68	330	0.80	1038	55	2	1	0
15	US 41	Principal Arterial	478.28	451	0.94	544	55	1	0	0
16	San Carlos Blvd	Minor Arterial	450.91	1473	3.27	1221	45	4	0	0
<b>Applicant: Lee County BOCC</b>										
17	Pine Island Rd	Minor Arterial	1873.54	664	0.35	1061	30-55	0	0	0
18	SW 10th St	Local Rd	434.14	631	1.45	169	25	0	0	0

**Notes:**  
\* Projects are **NOT** in any priority order

## **FHP BICYCLE DETAIL OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS**

**RECOMMENDED ITEM:** This is not an action item. FHP will provide observations and analysis from their bicycle details.

FHP has been conducting bicycle details and they have made some observations regarding cyclist behavior on the roadway. They have also noticed some behavior patterns and trends in crashes involving bicyclists. Lt. Greg Bueno will be sharing FHP Trooper experiences at the March 25<sup>th</sup> BPCC meeting.

## **COMMITTEE INPUT ON LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS**

**RECOMMENDED ITEM:** This is not an action item. Lee County Parks & Recreation will provide an update on recently completed and ongoing projects and will be seeking input on the ongoing projects.

Committee member Jason Lamey will provide an update on the recently completed Parks projects including the Lehigh Acres Trailhead Park. He will be also providing updates on three ongoing projects including the proposed Pine Island Park, proposed Daniels Parkway South Trailhead along J.Y. Linear Park and the proposed landscaping project that is along the J.Y. Linear Park from Crystal Drive to Danley Park. The drawings related to the three ongoing projects are attached.



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# Daniels Parkway South Trailhead Concept Plan (J.Y. Linear Park)

December 2013



Daniels Parkway

Approximate Property  
Line (typ.)

Railroad  
Property

Asphalt

Bed Line  
(typ.)

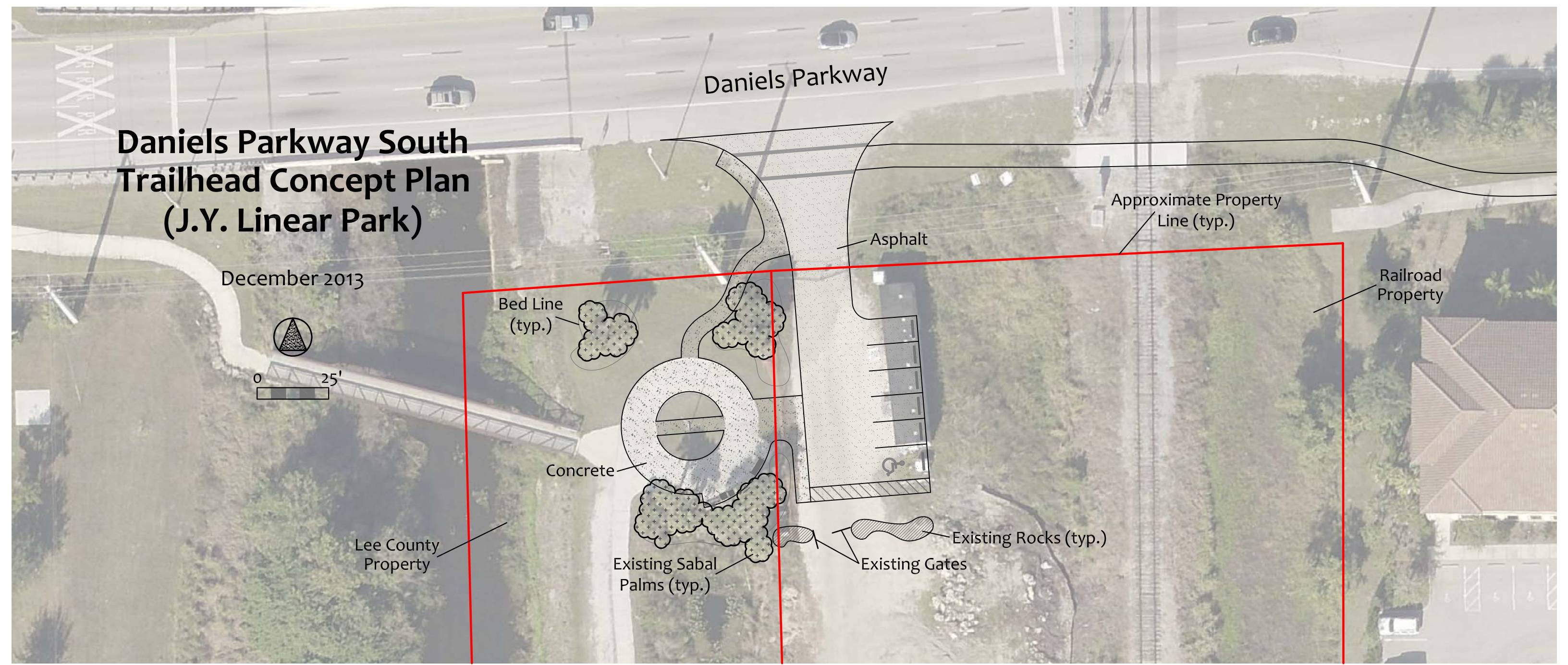
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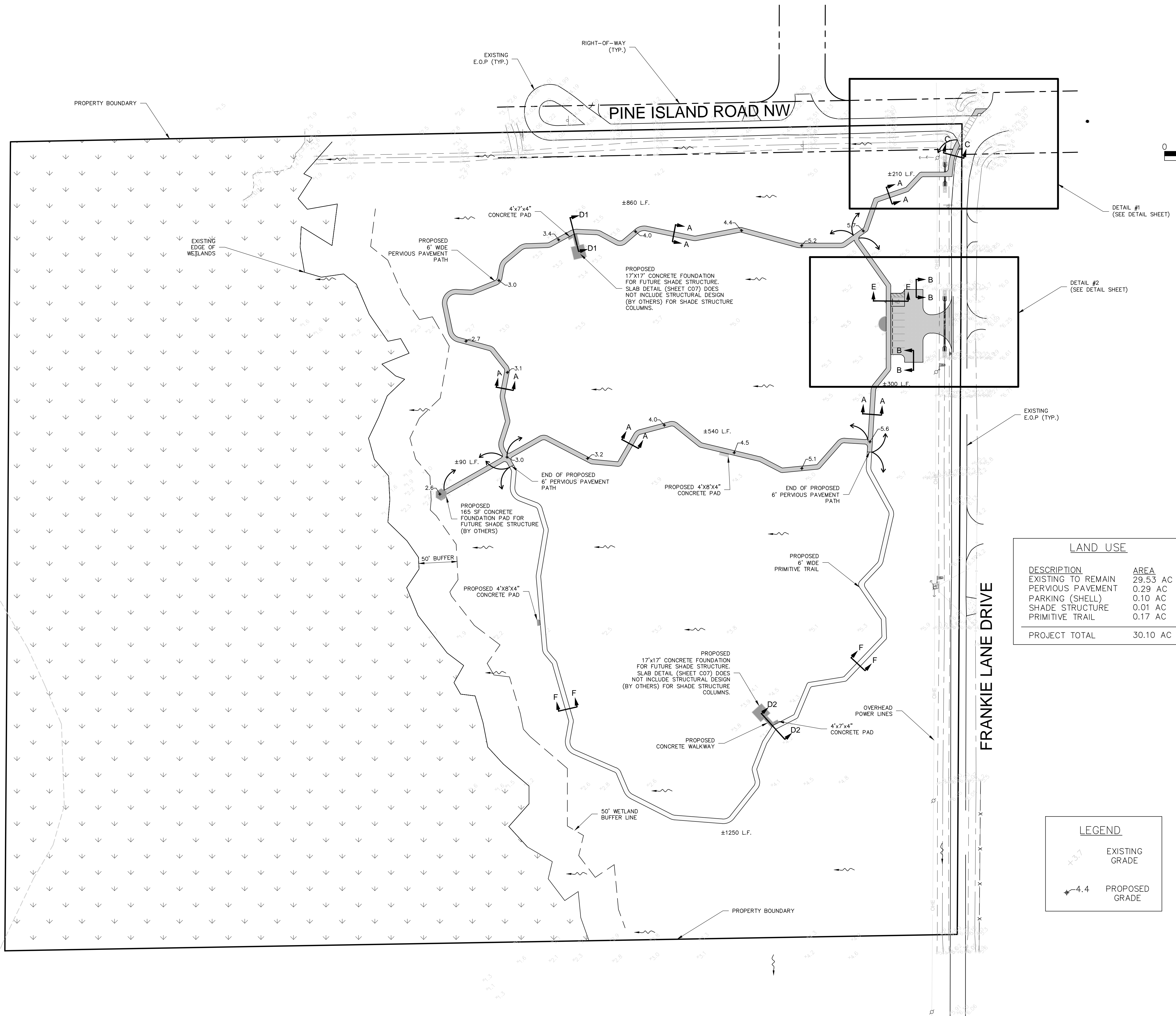
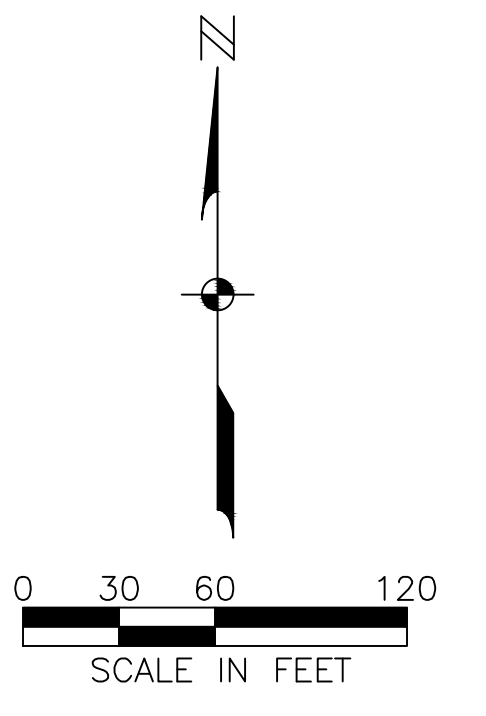
Lee County  
Property

Existing Sabal  
Palms (typ.)

Existing Rocks (typ.)

Existing Gates





LAND USE	
DESCRIPTION	AREA
EXISTING TO REMAIN	29.53 AC
PERVIOUS PAVEMENT	0.29 AC
PARKING (SHELL)	0.10 AC
SHADE STRUCTURE	0.01 AC
PRIMITIVE TRAIL	0.17 AC
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>30.10 AC</b>

LEGEND	
	EXISTING GRADE
	PROPOSED GRADE

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION

DATE: JANUARY 2014  
PROJECT NO. 20108504-002  
FILE NO. 28-44-22  
SCALE: 1"=50'

SITE & GRADING PLAN

SHEET NUMBER  
**C05**

## **LINC USER SURVEY AND FUNDING PROPOSAL PRESENTATION**

**RECOMMENDED ITEM:** This is not an action item. LeeTran staff will present the results of a LinC User Survey and an annual funding proposal for continuing the service.

Lee County Transit (LeeTran) secured a three year Service Development Grant from FDOT to operate the LinC Route which connects Lee and Collier County transit systems. A combination of agencies, including FDOT, the City of Bonita Springs, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Lee County have provided the funding to provide the route through FY 2014, using a bus which is provided by Collier County. The FDOT service development Grant will expire at the end of FY 2014, leaving a funding gap of approximately \$237,000. In addition, the City of Bonita Springs has notified Lee County that the City's contribution may be eliminated or diminished over time.

LeeTran, Collier Area Transit (CAT), the City of Bonita Springs, and the Lee MPO have been meeting to discuss the route's performance, and seek funding solutions to allow the route to continue in FY 2015 and beyond.

Three alternatives have been discussed, 1) discontinue service, 2) Collier County operate the service, and 3) Lee County continue to operate the service. Ultimately, the group concluded that it was most advantageous to current users of the route if LeeTran continues to operate it. A funding proposal has been developed that will allow the route to continue in operation.

In addition, a survey was developed to obtain information on the current users of the system and their travel patterns.

LeeTran and CAT staff will provide an update on the LinC Route, including performance statistics, the results of the rider survey and the funding proposal.

**DISCUSSION ON THE DISTRICT ONE FUNDING POLICY  
FOR BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS WITH SIGNIFICANT  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Discuss FDOT's current policy on funding bicycle pedestrian projects with significant drainage improvements.

The current FDOT District One policy does not allow funding of bicycle pedestrian retrofit projects that involve significant drainage/utility improvements costing more than 50% of the total project cost. The policy is aimed towards optimizing the expenditure of funds on bicycle pedestrian improvements, while leaving the onus on local government agencies to undertake those bicycle pedestrian projects which require significant drainage overhauls and utility relocation.

The thought is that the current policy negatively impacts older neighborhoods within the City of Fort Myers where bicycle pedestrian improvements will necessitate costly drainage upgrades, and thereby preclude the undertaking of these projects with MPO allocated federal funds.

The agenda has been included at the request of committee member Dan Moser who will initiate the discussion of this item and seek input from the committee.

## **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Updated BPCC Roster
2. Rails to Trails Article on Supreme Court Decision

**LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

20 SEATS    CURRENT VOTING MEMBERS: 17    QUORUM: 6

\*CHAIRPERSON            \*\*VICE-CHAIRPERSON

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## Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Official Statement on March 2014 Supreme Court Ruling

Today's Supreme Court ruling is disappointing news for Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, rail-trail advocates and trail users around the country. The full opinion, which reverses and remands a lower court ruling, can be read at [http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/13pdf/12-1173\\_nlio.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/13pdf/12-1173_nlio.pdf).

At issue in *Marvin M. Brandt Revocable Trust et al. v. United States* was whether the federal government retains a reversionary interest in railroad rights-of-way that were created by the General Railroad Right-of-Way Act of 1875, after the cessation of railroad activity on the corridor. In today's 8-to-1 decision, the justices ruled in favor of Marvin Brandt, the Wyoming landowner whose property is crossed by one of these former rail corridors that is part of the Medicine Bow Rail Trail.

It is our belief that the original intent of the 1875 legislation was that these linear public spaces should remain of, and for, the people. Just like our national parks, these former rail corridors are public assets in which we all share and benefit. These federally-granted rights-of-way have played a key role in the nation's rail-trail movement, which has built thousands of miles of hiking, biking, equestrian, skiing and snowmobile pathways across America over the past 25 years.

There are hundreds of federally granted rights-of-way corridors across the country, many of which have been converted into publicly accessible trails. This erosion of protections for these public lands in the Supreme Court not only may block the completion of the Medicine Bow Rail Trail

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through the former rail corridor, but also threatens existing rail-trails, mainly in the West, that utilize federally-granted rights-of-way and are not railbanked.

Our legal team is taking a closer look at the decision—and its implications for other rail-trails—to determine next steps. This decision is likely to result in more litigation over rail-trails in federally granted rights of way. Those rail-trails that have been built on railbanked corridors or fee simple land purchases will remain safe. Railbanked corridors are preserved for future rail use by being converted to a trail in the interim.

The fight for these rail corridors is not over yet. The case of *Marvin M. Brandt Revocable Trust et al. v. United States* will be sent back to a lower court where we hope to have another opportunity to clarify and limit the scope of this Supreme Court ruling. More information in the coming days can be found on our website at <http://www.railstotrails.org/SupremeCourt>.

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