

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2015
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 March 24, 2015 BPCC Meeting Minutes

New Business

- 2) Review and Approval of the Scope of the Lee MPO Bike Ped Master Plan Update (Don Scott)
- 3) Discussion on FDOT Guidance for Trail Developments (Don Scott and Ron Gogoi)
- 4) Review and Discussion on Trail Segment Status on OGT Map (Ron Gogoi)
- 5) Discussion on Community Challenges for Undertaking Mayor's Challenge Framework (Darla Letourneau)
- 6) Discussion on the 4th Edition MPO Bike Map (Brian Raimondo)

Old Business

- 7) Staff Update on the TIGER Grant Project and other ongoing MPO Projects (Don Scott and Ron Gogoi)

Other Business

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

Adjournment

Next BPCC Meeting  May 26, 2015

* Action Items * May Require Action

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**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 BPCCT MEETING MINUTES

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

AGENDA ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2015 BPCCT 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.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE SCOPE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and approve the scope of services for the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan.

The attached scope of services is for the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan that was adopted back in 2011. The tasks include updating the implementation strategies and recommendations, analyzing the Needs plan projects and updating the documentation for adoption. This task also includes participation in public, committee and Board meetings as well as a workshop with the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee. In addition, staff has added a task for the Consultant to provide engineering and operational expertise in the review of various project proposals that have been raised recently (such as providing wider bike lanes by reducing lane widths on certain facilities).

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Scope of Services

MINOR UPDATE TO THE MPO BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

Background

The Lee County MPO adopted a Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan in June 2011. The Lee MPO is seeking Consultant assistance with tasks associated with the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan as part of the update of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. The tasks included the update of the implementation strategies, the update of the recommendations for the implementation of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and the development of an updated prioritized Needs list for the primary network. The primary network was developed using key criteria including continuity to neighborhoods and points of interest, facilities which create major mobility corridors, facilities with high crash areas, improves mobility for transit dependent population.

Work Scope

Task1 Update of the Implementation Strategies

The implementation strategies section includes the identification of funding strategies that, due to changes in federal legislation and state requirements, needs to be updated to current conditions. This update will also include any other relevant changes to funding opportunities that the MPO or the local jurisdictions might be able to take advantage of to help complete a safe, interconnected system of facilities.

Task2 Update the Recommendations List for Implementation

The current adopted Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan includes list of sixty five recommendations to help implement the Plan. Staff has identified the recommendations that have been implemented to date along with other items that have been done towards a few of the others and that information will be provided to the Consultant. The Consultant will use this information, as well as the items that have not been addressed, to develop a new list of tasks to move this Plan forward.

Task3 Analysis of Needs Plan Project List

The Consultant will analyze the proposed projects on the Prioritized Needs list and will conduct a site analysis and BPCC project workshop review of the projects to determine the viability of proceeding forward with implementing these projects. This task will also include the review of these projects to determine if an alternative facility may be developed that is more feasible. The review of these projects may include the review of relevant drawings, available surveys, right of way maps, plat maps, utility and as-built drawings, etc. The Consultant will assess the projects to determine what projects can be done through the MPO's multi-modal enhancement box funding versus projects that need to be prioritized for Project Development and Right-of-Way phases (or projects that should avoid the use of federal funding altogether). This effort may be broken down into a smaller set of projects (due to budget and timing issues) to better match with the available funding over a five year time frame and to also fit within the MPO's budget. The intent is to provide information to the MPO staff and BPCC on how we should proceed with implementing these projects (next phase, funding priority list etc).

Task 4 – Documenting the Bicycle Pedestrian Report Updates

The Consultant will assist the MPO staff in producing the report updates which will also include reviewing the staff generated bicycle and pedestrian maps, tables and existing conditions data for suggested improvements on how we are reporting and conveying the data. The final report will include an update of the Master Plan that will be included within the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Task 5 – Assisting Staff in Providing Proposed Project Reviews

The Consultant will provide engineering and operational expertise to assist staff in the review of proposed bicycle and pedestrian project proposals on an as needed basis. The reviews will provide the necessary documentation as to the feasibility of implementing the project proposals. These reviews may include coming up with acceptable alternatives due to project development issues that may include environmental constraints, right-of-way restrictions, drainage issues or cost limitations.

Task 6 – Meetings

The Consultant will participate in eight meetings as part of this work order that will include a workshop, public meeting, four Committee meetings and two Board meetings.

Schedule

The project will be completed within nine months of the Notice to Proceed. The consultant will be required to submit monthly invoices along with supporting progress reports.

DISCUSSION ON FDOT GUIDANCE FOR TRAIL DEVELOPMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is not an action item but a discussion item on the challenges and impacts owing to the new FDOT Guidelines (**attached**) regarding Multi-use Trail Maintenance requirements within FDOT Right of Way

There have been uncertainties and confusion for a while regarding a proposed FDOT policy on Multi-Use Trail maintenance and its impact in the construction of future trails/pathways within FDOT Right of Way. FDOT has now formalized the policy and have shared the attached guidelines developed by the Office of Policy Planning with MPO staff.

A Multi-Use trail under this guidance covers a paved, shared use path which is typically 12' wide but can vary anywhere between 8' (under extreme constraints) to 14' wide. The guidelines require a trail constructed within FDOT ROW to be maintained by a local agency following completion of construction. FDOT's trail maintenance responsibility ends with the maintenance of the pavement and any bridge structure only, while the local agency will be responsible for litter control, sweeping, vegetation management, and any trail related features including benches, restrooms, etc. A maintenance agreement detailing the full maintenance requirements of that entity must be executed prior to letting for construction.

Correspondence between FDOT and MPO staff regarding the policy have been confined largely to the SR 82 pathway proposed in Lee, Collier and Hendry, but is expected to impact other pathways on state roadways in Lee County where funds have already been committed for construction including those along SR 80 and Colonial Boulevard. LCDOT has already stated they would not sign maintenance agreements for proposed projects on state highways within unincorporated Lee County.

Staff has reviewed the guidelines, and has come up with the following list of questions that requires clarification/interpretation from FDOT, and may also allow us to get around the maintenance requirements for local agencies:

- Since the guidance holds the local agencies to maintenance agreements for only Multi-use Trails, can the MPO/local agencies get around these requirements by calling them out as "Sidewalks" instead of Multi-use Trails?
- Since FDOT does not define/distinguish the pavement surface between Multi-Use Trails and Sidewalks in this Guidance, can we ask them to build asphalt "Sidewalks" and get around the trail maintenance requirements?

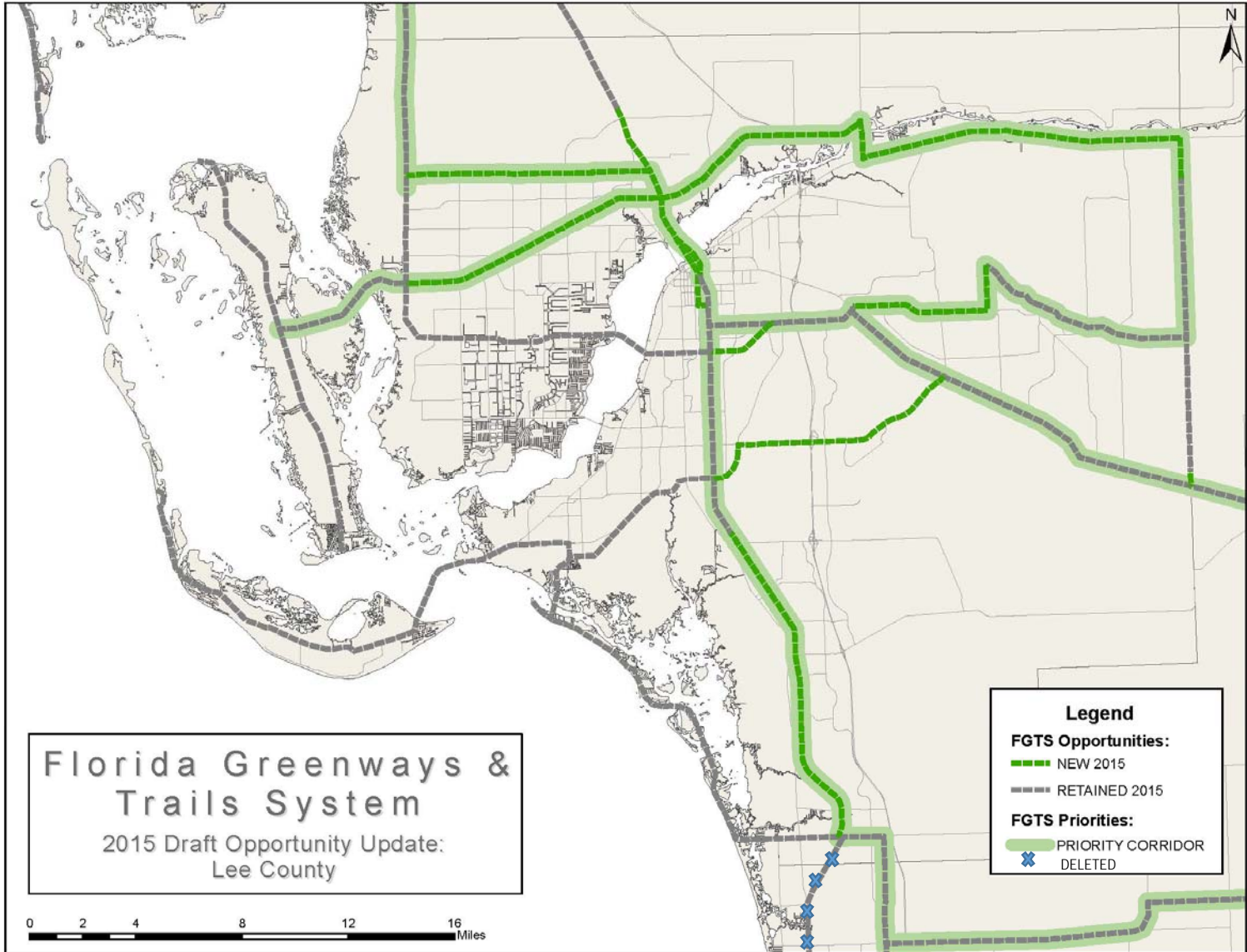
- Since the minimum width of a Multi-use Trail covered under the guidance for trail maintenance by the local agency is 8' will FDOT take full responsibility of maintenance of designated trails built at less than 8' wide (Say a 7.5 feet wide Multi-Use trail)?
- Will FDOT allow construction of two 5' wide bi-directional Concrete or Asphalt Sidewalks (or two 6' wide bi-directional Concrete or Asphalt Sidewalks) (in case FDOT refuses to recognize anything less than 8' wide as a Multi-use Facility), lying side by side, and separated by a minimum buffer distance of 1 feet, and let us get around the maintenance agreement requirements by local agencies?

BPCC will be asked to provide input at the April 21st BPCC meeting and provide suggestions of other ways that they think we could get around the FDOT guidelines/restrictions. Staff will subsequently communicate with FDOT and provide our questions to them and request their feedback.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON TRAIL SEGMENT STATUS ON OGT MAP

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is not an action item but a discussion item on how gaps should be addressed in the proposed trails of the Draft 2015 Land Trails Opportunity Map

As part of the Florida Greenways and Trails Master Plan Update, staff has been coordinating with the Office and Greenways and Trails on updating the Lee portion of the Land Opportunity Trails Map. OGT staff has now developed a 2015 Draft Land Trails Opportunity Map (**attached**) with our input, and have now asked MPO staff to call out the status of each of the trails as *Existing*, *Programmed*, *ROW No acquisition*, or *ROW Requiring Acquisition*. Staff will be presenting an item in the County BPAC meeting on April 15th to get some input on how they want to address existing gaps within the proposed trails along the right of ways of county owned roadways. For example, if it suffices to have bike ped facilities on only one side of the road and call it a complete trail (Stringfellow Trail Corridor), or whether they are ok with continuing to bridge certain gaps with existing shoulders/bike lanes, or whether we should continue to accept existing conditions on our bridges (Sanibel Causeway and Mid-Point Memorial Bridge which do not currently have pedestrian access). Staff will share the BPAC input, and also ask the same from the BPCC on these and other roadways identified in the Draft Map.



**DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY CHALLENGES FOR UNDERTAKING MAYORS'
CHALLENGE FRAMEWORK**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is not an action item but a discussion item on the challenges facing the communities in Lee County in undertaking the Mayors' Challenge Framework

The U.S Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx launched the "Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets" this year, which calls for Mayors and local elected officials to take significant action over the next year to improve pedestrian and bicycle transportation safety. A Summit was held on March 12th at Washington D.C. to discuss current non-motorized activities within their communities and share ideas on how to improve upon pedestrian and bicycle safety over the Challenge year and beyond. Ms. Darla Letourneau of BikeWalkLee will provide an overview of the Program, and the challenges that will be faced by the communities across Lee County in undertaking this program.

DISCUSSION ON THE 4TH EDITION MPO BICYCLE MAP

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is not an action item but a discussion item for committee input on the update of the Lee MPO Bicycle Map.

The Lee MPO has approximately 2,400 copies left of the 3rd Edition Bike Facilities Map which we expect to be significantly less than that in the next few months. Therefore, we propose to develop the 4th Edition map. Staff has already started updating the GIS layers to incorporate each jurisdictions updated bike facilities (bike lanes, shared use paths, trails, paved shoulders and wide curb lanes).

Staff proposes to remove the Caloosahatchee Regional Park mountain bike trail and replace it with something that is more related to on-road biking, or more safety information. Staff would like the BPCC to provide input at the April 21st meeting.

Staff would be printing the 4th Edition maps at the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 2015) and will be working once again with PRIDE for the lowest price per copy.

STAFF UPDATE ON THE TIGER GRANT PROJECT AND OTHER ONGOING MPO PROJECTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is not an action item. Staff will report on ongoing MPO projects.

At the April 21st BPCC meeting, staff will provide updates on the TIGER funded Lee County Complete Streets Initiative project and other project updates on state highways. The latest bicycle pedestrian crash statistics will be also provided.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Updated BPC Roster
2. Lee County BPC Letter to BPC for Increasing the Budget for Bike/Ped Retrofits

LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

19 SEATS CURRENT VOTING MEMBERS: 18 QUORUM: 6

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April 13, 2015



**Lee County
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



February 12, 2015

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2120 Main Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

RE: The BPAC requests additional funding for facility retrofits

Honorable Commissioners;

As you are aware, 2014 has been a deadly year for cyclists and pedestrians in Lee County with 19 deaths within incorporated and unincorporated areas in Lee County, making us one of the highest counties in Florida for fatalities.


One of the BPAC responsibilities is to prioritize and recommend retrofit projects to the BoCC. Currently, we have 85 projects at an estimated cost of about 65 million dollars on our waiting list. Most of these projects were initiated by citizen's requests or by BPAC members to fill gaps in our system. We typically receive about six new requests per year. Currently, we have good projects that have been on our list for over 20 years that have not been scheduled for construction.

With the rate of new requests and our current backlog, it would take well over 50 years to complete the project list. It is disconcerting to citizens who take the time to speak at committee meetings, to find out that by the time the sidewalk they are requesting for their children to walk to school is completed, their children will have already graduated from high school. Bicycle and pedestrian retrofit facilities are funded through gas tax, impact fees and grants.

With recent changes in the LDC and adoption of Complete Streets by the BoCC in 2009, new development and roads are designed and built to include the appropriate bicycle and pedestrian facilities. We have many years of legacy development which were originally built to the standard of the day, but do not meet current construction standards.

Our goal is to be the best bicycle-pedestrian-friendly county in Florida. We respectfully request the BoCC to increase the budget for bicycle and pedestrian retrofits to \$2,000,000 per year. Please consider increasing existing sources and/or research alternative funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities retrofits.

Sincerely,


Don Mayne, Chair
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

cc: Roger Desjarlais, David Loveland