

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

Held on April 22, 2014

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on April 22, 2014 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

Andy Getch	LCDOT
Dawn Huff	Lee County School District
Elisa Yanes	Lee County School District
Diane Holm	Injury Prevention Council
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council
Jason Lamey	LC Parks and Recreation
Lee Waller	LC Parks and Recreation
Steve Jansen	CTST
Jay Anderson	CTST
Patricia Young	Member-At-Large
Gary Gasperini	City of Cape Coral
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Anna Bielawska	LeeTran
Linda Carter	CAC
Simone Behr	Visitors Convention Bureau
Stacy Revay	Collier County Growth Management Division

Others in attendance included Brian Raimondo and Ron Gogoi with the Lee County MPO, Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee, Providence Nagy with FDOT, Masood Mirza with the City of Cape Coral, Jim Molnar with TY Lin, Sarah Clark and Rob Phelan with LCDOT, Bruce Butcher with Town of Fort Myers Beach, Alexandria Whalen with Lee County School District, and Lisa Indovino with All Childrens Hospital.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jansen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and asked the attendees to introduce themselves. Mr. Gogoi reported that a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE March 25, 2014 BPCC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO APPROVE THE MARCH 25, 2014 BPCC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MS. BEHR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #2 – WEB PRESENTATION OF OHIO DOT GIS CRASH ANALYSIS TOOL

Mr. Gogoi introduced Michael McNeill with the Ohio Department of Transportation. Mr. McNeill stated that the Department of Transportation designed the GIS Crash Analysis Tool internally in 2008 through a collaborative effort between the IT and Safety departments. In 2012, the Tool was revamped and it coincided with the introduction of Ohio's new crash reporting form. It is a web based application that was developed primarily for planners and traffic engineers from the local governments to query and analyze the crash reports, and it is now also being accessed by safety consultants. Mr. McNeill gave a demonstration on how this tool and the CAM - Crash Analysis Module - worked. A CAM user could pick counter measures from a drop down list to address a high crash location and conduct a benefit cost analysis. Discussion ensued on how Signal Four is just a data based query tool and does not have real GIS analysis capabilities. It does not generate collision diagrams like the GCAT tool. Mr. Moser asked if Ohio has a system in place to evaluate the effectiveness of a countermeasure once it was implemented. The answer was yes, as the GCAT tool could do a before and after comparison based on the crashes in a location.

Ms. Letourneau felt that the Ohio Tool is a far superior tool given its analytic capabilities and asked if the state of Florida could switch to the Ohio model, or if it had plans to develop a similar tool. Ms. Nagy said she would look into it while Mr. Gogoi stated the Geoplan Center from the University of Florida could update its current version of Signal 4 Analytics. Mr. Raimondo stated that the Florida tool was not used by very many users, and the program is funded by FDOT. He reported that he had contacted the Center by electronic mail about their plans to upgrade System Four Analytics and if the upgrades included GIS analysis capabilities but he never heard back from them.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – PRESENTATION ON ESTERO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Rob Phelan of LCDOT provided a background of the Estero Boulevard improvement project. In 2008, the design of the first 1 mile segment from Andre Mar Drive to Lani Kai was suspended with the remaining funds used for a survey to determine the road right of way for the entire corridor. The survey was completed in 2010. The County recently completed the 30% design plans for the entire 6 mile segment from Crescent Drive to Big Carlos Pass where consistent with Town's direction they accommodated sidewalks along the entire length of the project, bike lanes (except in the core area where right of way constrains allowed them to put sharrows only, center turn lanes for the entire length except where chicanes are being designed to accommodate trolley stops and a portion in the Quiet Center, and an innovative drainage system where there would be no gutters at the curb side and instead the road would slope towards the middle carrying runoffs to a gutter running below the center turn lane, and the 3' saved in the process will be used to build 9 ½' sidewalks. There is funding in the CIP for doing the final design and construction for the first mile segment from Crescent Drive to Red Coconut RV Park with construction estimated to commence in early 2015.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – PRESENTATION ON LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT’S EXISTING AND PLANNED BIKE PED SAFETY/EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ms. Alexandria Whalen from the Lee County School District provided a background on the SRTS Program, and explained the Lee County Public School Bike/Ped Curriculum and what was offered under that curriculum. She also reported the School District’s Bike Ped Education goals.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – COMMITTEE REPORT FROM APRIL 18TH SAFETY WORKING GROUP MEETING

Mr. Moser reported that the Safety Working Group met last week for 90 minutes and exchanged ideas on a way to make the crash data more manageable to review and analyze. The two corridors that were being reviewed for crashes were Del Prado Boulevard and US 41.

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #6 – STAFF UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS AND BPCP INPUT

Mr. Raimondo provided updates on the TIGER project, and the Bus Pullout and Bus Queue Jump RFPs. He also provided the latest crash statistics.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Mr. Moser reported that the new shared use paths on SR 80 had regulatory one way signs for bicyclists on both sides of the road at Lexington Avenue, and that he was concerned that bicyclists may get citations when they are involved crossing the ramps for riding the wrong way. Chairman Jansen asked Ms. Nagy to look into the concern and report back to the committee.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT

Ms. Bielawksa reported that the March ridership numbers declined by 4 1/2% as compared to last year. There were 386,526 passenger trips in March 2014 compared to 404,230 from March 2013.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT

Ms. Nagy provided new FDOT contact numbers for the Southwest Area Office. She announced that a Florida Crossing Guard Training Event will be held in Fort Myers on May 14th and 15th.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Huff reported that Elisa Yanes would be replacing her as the school district representative at the BPCC. Mr. Moser announced a Show and Tell Bike Ride on Wednesday, April 9th in Fort Myers. Mayor Henderson would be attending with City staff.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.