

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

**Held on April 23, 2013**

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on April 23, 2013 at the City of Cape Coral Annex, Room A200, 815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral.

Those in attendance included:

Dru Doyle	At-Large Member
Patricia Young	At-Large Member
Karen Solgard	At-Large Member
Linda Carter	CAC
Stephanie Smith	City of Cape Coral
Jeff Davis	City of Bonita Springs
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
Mike Tisch	Lee County DOT
Jason Lamey	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Steve Jansen	Lee County CTST
Jay Anderson	Lee County CTST
Mike Tisch	Lee County DOT
Wayne Gaither	LeeTran
Josh Overmyer	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Simone Behr	Visitors Convention Bureau
Stacey Ravey	Collier Transportation Planning

Others in attendance included Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Russ Muller with FDOT; Darla Letourneau of BikeWalkLee; Carolyn Conant, Kathy Bernando and Steve Chupack of Cape Coral Bike Ped; Sarah Layman of Collier MPO; Persides Zambrano of City of Cape Coral; Cyndi Bultman of Lee Memorial Trauma Center.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Moser called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Gogoi announced that a quorum was present.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### **AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 29, 2013 BPCC MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION BY MS. KAREN SOLGARD TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 29, 2013 BPCC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MS. CARTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #2 - PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **AGENDA ITEM #3 – PRESENTATION BY THE CAPE CORAL BIKE-PED GROUP**

Ms. Carolyn Conant stated there were bike lanes and sidewalks in Cape Coral but they were not connected. The goal of her group was to develop an interconnected system of bicycle facilities and routes in Cape Coral. She indicated this would be a complementary coordinated effort to the MPO Bike Ped Master Plan. They have identified 6 routes to get started and they also propose to market the routes. Marketing the routes would be through sponsoring distinctive signs along the routes. Improvements along these routes to facilitate walking and biking would be the next step. She mentioned that VCB will promote these routes once they are operational, and that they are partnering with the City to develop these routes to work around overhead costs.

### **AGENDA ITEM #4 – UPDATE ON THE DRAFT BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

Mr. William Roll of TOA asked for feedback on the action items that were identified through this exercise. He explained the difference between a safety plan and a capital intensive bicycle or a pedestrian plan, or even a Compliance Plan that addresses compliance with ADA. The focus is on safety which is succinct and focused on undertaking actions that would reduce bike ped fatalities and incapacitating crashes.

He went through each of the actions and addressed comments received at the public workshop. Discussion ensued on each of these actions. Mr. Roll recommended that the action item on making changes to the Florida State Drivers Handbook be removed in response to comments received at the public workshop.

**MOTION BY MR. DAVIS TO ENDORSE THE ACTION ITEMS WITH THE CHANGES BROUGHT UP AT THE APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> BPCC MEETING AND THE APRIL PUBLIC WORKSHOP. SECONDED BY MR. TISCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #5 – UPDATE ON THE US 41 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

It was reported that the District Secretary met with City officials after the MPO Board meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the project issues and come up with an agreeable solution. Discussion ensued on FDOT's plans to combine the 3 independently programmed projects on 41 including the proposed resurfacing, pedestrian improvements, and Edison/Cortez alignment into a single project. The potential benefits of doing this could be a reduction of mobilization costs. The pedestrian project could possibly be deferred by a year, while the resurfacing project could be possibly advanced by a year so that all the programmed improvements and the accommodation of landscaped medians could be undertaken under a single contract.

### **AGENDA ITEM #6 – LEE COUNTY BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARENESS AND ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Mr. Moser and Ms. Letourneau provided an update on the Project for Public Spaces event to be held in the Tice and East Fort Myers neighborhoods. It will be a two day charrette on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> involving walking audits and stakeholder meetings with the intent of getting the community involved. In conjunction with this event FDOT will kick off the Alert Today Alive Tomorrow Campaign in Lee County as it is one of the 10 counties in Florida with the highest bike ped fatalities. A press conference will be also held in the second day. The FDOT event will address public outreach, education, and enforcement. There may be state safety funds that may come to this area to implement safety projects identified in the charrettes. It was pointed out that the audits present an opportunity for people to get trained by national trainers and then subsequently they can conduct audits at their own neighborhoods.

### **AGENDA ITEM #7 – REVIEW OPTIONS FOR ACQUIRING AND ANALYZING TRAFFIC CRASH DATA IN A TIMELY MANNER**

Mr. Raimondo explained in length the various sources for crash data and that there is a lag time of almost 9 months before the data is locked in for a calendar year, and reports available through FDOT or NHTSA. Mr. Roll suggested that the emphasis should be on fatal crashes which are more easily available that could be used towards targeting safety measures and reducing fatalities. Mr. Raimondo responded that Lee County goes beyond just the fatality numbers, and that they need the rest of the crash data as well. Mr. Scott said staff would review and pick the most suitable methodology for gathering data. The committee decided against making a recommendation for any specific methodology of crash data collection, and left it to MPO staff's discretion.

### **AGENDA ITEM #8 – DISCUSS A POTENTIAL TIGER V GRANT PROPOSAL**

Mr. Scott stated that he learnt the day before that completed TIGER VI applications are due by June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and that he had reviewed the various CIPs and identified a few bike ped projects in the Lee County CIP that could possibly be used towards the local match. The local match has to be non-federal funds. The proposal for the grant would be the same from the last round with maybe a little expansion.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **AGENDA ITEM #9 – PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

### **AGENDA ITEM #10 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN RELATED PROJECTS**

None.

### **AGENDA ITEM #11 – LEETRAN REPORT**

None.

### **AGENDA ITEM #12 – FDOT REPORT**

None.

### **AGENDA ITEM #13 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Doyle announced there was going to be a rally at the Fort Myers Downtown Harborside Event Center from 4 PM to 6PM on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **AGENDA ITEM #14 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.