

**BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING
COMMITTEE**

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2016
Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A
1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
239-244-2220



AGENDA

Wayfinding Working Group Meeting – 9:00 AM to 9:55 AM

Call to Order and Roll Call of BPCC Meeting – 10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1) *Approval of the March 22, 2016 BPCC Meeting Minutes

New Business

- 2) New Member Self-Introduction and Private Citizen Member Priorities (Dan Moser)
- 3) Presentation of Hanson Street Extension Roundabouts (Carl Karakos and Mike Tisch)
- 4) Cape PD Updates on Bike Ped Education and Enforcement (John Kulko)
- 5) Presentation on Bicycling and Walking Audits (Dr. Margaret Banyan and Ann Pierce)

Old Business

- 6) Updates on the MPO Roundabout Study and Cape Coral Bike Ped Master Plan (Ron Gogoi)
- 7) TIGER And Other MPO Project Updates/Developments (Don Scott)
- 8) Local Government Reports on Bicycle Pedestrian Related Projects
- 9) LeeTran Report
- 10) FDOT Report
- 11) Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda
- 12) Announcements
- 13) Information and Distribution Items

Adjournment

Next BPCC Meeting  May 24, 2016

* Action Items + May Require Action

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Minutes of the 3/22/2016 BPCC-PAC meeting will be emailed out by Monday, April 25th.

NEW MEMBER SELF INTRODUCTION AND PRIVATE CITIZEN MEMBER PRIORITIES

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. This will be a discussion on Private Citizen Member expectations and priorities in the BPCC.

The intent of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity to all At-Large and Local Government Private Citizen members to talk about their (bike/ped) priorities, presentations they would like to see at upcoming BPCC meetings, whether the committee is serving their expectations, etc. This will help staff to try and prepare agendas that accommodate the interests of all our private citizen members serving on this committee, and thereby helping them to keep them engaged, motivated, and active.

After April 22nd (with the MPO Board approval of the nomination of a new At-Large Member) the BPCC membership will have three (3) At-Large and two (2) Local Government (City of Sanibel and the Village of Estero) Private Citizen Members.

PRESENTATION OF THE HANSON STREET EXTENSION ROUNDABOUTS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. The City of Fort Myers will provide a presentation on the roundabouts that are being considered as part of the Hanson Street Extension project.

The construction of the new 4-lane Hanson Street Extension from Veronica Shoemaker Boulevard to Ortiz Avenue has been let by the City of Fort Myers. Construction is expected to commence in June of this year. The road has been designed as a complete street with buffered bike lanes and sidewalks.

Independently, City Engineering just recently completed a feasibility study that considers a roundabout in lieu of a traffic signal at the intersection of Hanson Street and Ortiz Road.

Since Ortiz is a county road, the results of the study are currently being reviewed by the Lee County Department of Transportation (LCDOT). If LCDOT concurs with the results of the study and the City Council approves a roundabout at that location, the roundabout will be built as a two-lane roundabout, but operated as a one-lane roundabout.

A roundabout is also being considered at the intersection of Hanson Street and Veronica Shoemaker Boulevard but no formal design has been developed yet. If the Hanson Street/Ortiz Avenue roundabout design gets approved due to its significant advantages over a traffic signal, logic follows that similar cost savings and operational benefits would be realized at the Hanson Street/Veronica Shoemaker Boulevard intersection making the case for a roundabout at that location.

At the April 26th BPC meeting, Carl Karakos with City of Fort Myers Engineering and Mike Tisch with Atkins will present the conceptual design of the proposed roundabout at the Hanson Street/Ortiz Road intersection, and the results of the feasibility study. Notable bicycle pedestrian design features of the Hanson Street extension project will be also presented.

CAPE PD UPDATES ON BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. An update will be provided on the bicycle and pedestrian education and enforcement activities being undertaken by Cape PD.

Sergeant John Kulko with the Cape PD will provide an update on activities being undertaken by the agency on bicycle and pedestrian education and enforcement. This agenda item may be used by other law enforcement agencies if they have any updates of their own.

BICYCLING AND WALKING AUDITS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. A presentation will be provided on the Rauschenberg Foundation Grant funded Bicycling and Walking Audits.

In April 2015, the Rauschenberg Foundation Fund awarded a grant of \$46,325 to Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. for its Community Based Bicycling and Walking Audit Program. In partnership with FGCU, Goodwill Industries have been conducting audits in several neighborhoods in East Fort Myers and unincorporated Lee County since October of last year.

At the March 22nd BPCC meeting, CAC members Ann Pierce and Margaret Banyan provided the results of one such bicycling and walking audit conducted in a neighborhood in East Fort Myers. They will continue to make similar presentations at the April 26th, and other BPCC meetings until presentations covering all the bicycling and walking audits for all neighborhoods under this grant are completed.

UPDATES ON THE MPO ROUNDABOUT STUDY AND CAPE CORAL BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: This is not an action item. Brief updates will be provided on the MPO Roundabout Study and Cape Coral Bike Ped Master Plan.

The MPO staff will report on the MPO Board action on the roundabout study from its April 22nd meeting including their priority order of the viable roundabouts at the 5 intersections, and the two (2) projects that are chosen for the development of 30% design plans. Staff will also report on the next steps of the study.

Staff will also report on the April 20th public workshop and April 21st Project Advisory Committee meeting pertaining to the Cape Coral Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. Staff will also report on the next steps.

TIGER AND OTHER MPO PROJECT UPDATES/DEVELOPMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is not an action item. Staff will provide brief updates on the TIGER funded LCCSI, Tice Elementary School projects, Transportation Leadership Academy, and other developments.

At the April 26th BPC meeting, staff will provide brief status updates on the following:

- TIGER funded Lee County Complete Streets Initiative (LCCSI);
- TA funded Tice Elementary Sidewalk on Richmond and Queens and the drainage; issues impacting this and other sidewalk projects benefitting Tice Elementary;
- Transportation Leadership Academy;
- North Fort Myers Sidewalk Project Cost Increases