

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

Held on May 24, 2016

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on May 24, 2016 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

From the BPCC

Andy Getch	LCDOT
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council
David Wagley	LCDOT
David Wheaton	Member-At-Large
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
Ian McKay	Lee County Port Authority
Isobel Hitchcock	Member-At-Large
Jennifer Hagen	Member-At-Large
Jon Kulko	CCPD
Lee Waller	LC Parks
Levi McCollum	LeeTran
Randy Krise	CAC member
Salli Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
Simone Behr	VCB
Stephen Jansen	Lee County CTST

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Providence Nagy with FDOT; Patti Sousa and Tom Sharbaugh with Sanibel Bicycle Club; and Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF BPCC MEETING

Mr. Moser, BPCC Chair, called the joint meeting to order at 10:05 am. The members introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 26, 2016 JOINT BPC-PAC MEETING MINUTES

There were no minutes to take action.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – NEW MEMBER AND PRIVATE CITIZEN MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

New BPC-PAC members including Randy Krise who replaced Linda Carter as the CAC representative, and Jennifer Hagen who was now a BPC-PAC Member At-Large member introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LEE MPO TA FUND PRIORITIES

Mr. Gogoi provided an overview of the staff recommended priorities for the TA fund priorities, and stated that staff would be asking FDOT to delete the Old Burnt Store Road Bike Path project from the Work Program, and make the committed funds available for advancing the design phases of the proposed sidewalks on SW 29th Street, Coronado and South Street. He also stated that staff would ask FDOT to remove the FY 2021 design phase of the Tice Elementary Sidewalk, and make the committed funds available for the unfunded projects in the priority list.

MOTION BY MR. CANCEL TO APPROVE THE TA PRIORITIES AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. SECONDED BY MS. HAGEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE LEE MPO MULTI-MODAL BOX FUND PRIORITIES

Mr. Gogoi provided an overview of the staff recommended priorities for the multimodal box fund priorities, and stated that staff would ask FDOT to delete the BlueTOAD Sensor project from the Work Program, and make the committed funds available for the unfunded SU priorities. He also informed that staff would be asking FDOT to advance the design phases of the Summerlin Shared Use Path and the Andalusia Sidewalks so that their construction could be funded by FY 2022. Ms. Letourneau asked why the regional pathway priority including the Old 41 Shared Use Path was not among the priorities that were being recommended for MPO approval. Mr. Gogoi replied that the joint BPC-PAC and the Collier MPO Pedestrian Advisory Committee had already recommended that both MPOs approve the submittal of the request for District One 'Any Area' TA funds, and that it was going to go before the Lee MPO Board for approval at its June meeting.

MOTION BY MS. KIRKLAND TO APPROVE THE SU PRIORITIES AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. SECONDED BY MR. DOUG SAXTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #5– SANIBEL BICYCLE CLUB PRESENTATION

Sanibel Bicycle Club members Patti Sousa and Tom Sharbaugh provided a presentation on the City of Sanibel's innovative safety education campaign. They also played the professional safety video that earned the organization FBA's 2015 Bike Club of the Year award. In response to questions on available bicycle parking in Sanibel, they reported that there are only 4 or 5 designated parking spaces in the Chamber of Commerce Parking lot, and bicyclists are encouraged to park in the roadside city parking lots on Periwinkle Way ½ to ¼ mile from the Chamber of Commerce. Some of the shopping centers allow bicycle parking. The widths of the shared use paths are anywhere from 6' to 12' wide. The earliest paths were built in the 60's.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – LEE MPO BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN STATUS REPORT

Mr. Scott gave an overview of the 2013 Lee County Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, and provided a status of the recommendations in the Plan, and what had been completed, ongoing, and what still needed to be done.

AGENDA ITEM #7–TIGER AND OTHER MPO PROJECT UPDATES/DEVELOPMENTS

Mr. Scott reported that for the TIGER funded project, all the sidewalks in San Carlos Park were completed, the Colonial multi-use path was complete except for the lighting, handrails and some grade improvements, eight (8) bus shelters were completed and three (3) were under construction, Daniels Parkway Shared Use Path east of I 75 was under construction, and they were waiting on an additional permit for the construction of the work proposed in FGCU. 68% of the contract time had been used, and 58% of the grant money had been spent. The MPO will be working on the schedule for the implementation of the wayfinding signs. At the June 1st TIGER Stakeholder meeting there will be a discussion on a wrap up event for the TIGER Grant project.

Mr. Scott reported that staff met with FDOT to discuss about project phases and funding for projects under the MPO Roundabout Feasibility Study. Doing 30% design for the Colonial/McGregor roundabout does not help get you federal funding without first doing environmental phases. MPO would be submitting FDOT with benefit cost analysis for all 5 projects for consideration of Highway Safety Program funds. FDOT would pick projects for funding in August.

A public workshop would be conducted in summer for the Cape Coral Bike Ped Master Plan, and the consultant was currently working on the design criteria for bike ped facilities.

Mr. Gogoi and Ms. Nagy provided an update of the SUN Trail Program. FDOT was officially calling for project proposals, and the applications had to be turned in by June 20th. Awards would be announced in August. The districts would be reviewing the applications and recommending projects for funding to Central Office. Funds were available for all 5 years in the Work Program with 1/3rd of those funds available for Individual Trails for which category the Lee County projects would be requesting funds. There was a discussion on whether Southwest Coastal Regional Trail's Priority Status of #3 would bring in funds under the Regional Trail System funding category. It was reported that Coast to Coast Connector had \$50 million of unfunded needs, and once those and

the needs of the St. John's Loop were addressed, the Southwest Coastal Regional Trail System would have a shot for those funds.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN RELATED PROJECTS

Sergeant Kulko reported that Cape PD would be doing enforcement shortly with the DUI enforcement grant. They had some success but were getting some pushbacks from kids regarding wearing bike helmets. School kids were now getting tickets. Mr. Saxton announced that there was a public workshop on the Village of Estero's first CIP on the night of May 24th.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT

Mr. Scott reported that LeeTran ridership numbers for April 2016 dropped by 9.8% compared to April 2015.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT

Ms. Nagy reported that the FDOT website had information regarding the SUN Trail Program, criteria, application form, and a Q&A Page.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.