BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 23, 2016 Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901 239-244-2220



AGENDA

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

1) *Approval of the June 28, 2016 BPCC Meeting Minutes

New Business

- 2) Presentation of the SR 82 Widening Projects in Lee County (Ray Lee and Jay Porter)
- 3) MPO Staff Proposed Bicycle Treatments at Continuous Flow Intersections (Ron Gogoi)
- 4) Presentation on LeeTran's Transit Development Plan (LaChant Barnett, TOA)
- 5) SUN Trail Update (Providance Nagy)

Old Business

- 6. TIGER and Other MPO Project Updates/Developments (Don Scott)
- 7. Local Government Reports on Bicycle Pedestrian Related Projects
- 8. LeeTran Report
- 9. FDOT Report
- 10. Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda
- Discussion of a Joint Meeting Date with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- 12. Announcements
- 13. Information and Distribution Items

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Ne	xt BPCC Mee	ting -

September 27, 2016

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^{*} Action Items * May Require Action

THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE EMAILED BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 1	

PRESENTATION ON THE SR 82 PROJECTS IN LEE COUNTY

DISCUSSION ITEM:

The FDOT lead project manager for the SR 82 widening projects will provide a presentation on the four project segments in Lee County. The current schedule for the four segments is listed below:

- SR 82 from Lee Boulevard to Shawnee Road (just east of Daniels/Gunnery) –
 Construction is programmed for this fiscal year (widening from 2 to 6 lanes).
 Project also includes a Continuous Flow Intersection at Gunnery and Daniels, the first of its kind in Florida
- SR 82 from Shawnee Road to Alabama Road Construction is not programmed in the five year work program but is planned for FY 2021/2022 in the SIS Cost Feasible Plan (widening from 2 to 6 lanes)
- SR 82 from Alabama Road to Homestead Road Right-of-way is programmed for this fiscal year and construction is programmed for FY 2017/2018 (widening from 2 to 4 lanes)
- SR 82 from Homestead Road to the Hendry County line Construction is programmed for FY 2017/2018 (widening from 2 to 4 lanes)

MPO STAFF PROPOSED BICYCLE TREATMENTS AT CONTINUOUS FLOW INTERSECTIONS

INFORMATION ITEM:

FDOT asked MPO staff to review a conceptual sketch of a Continuous Flow Intersection at Colonial Boulevard and Six Mile Cypress Parkway for bicycle pedestrian accessibility. Staff researched treatments recommended in NACTO's Urban Bicycle Guide and those implemented in CFIs in other parts of the country and submitted the **attached** list of treatments to FDOT to consider. The Gunnery/SR 82 CFI will be built as part of the 6-lane widening of SR 82 from Colonial to Shawnee, which will commence early next year, while the construction of the Colonial/Six Mile CFI may take place in 2023.

FDOT design teams for both projects are currently reviewing the MPO proposals, and they are also evaluating the applicability of green bicycle lanes at these intersections.

BIKE PED ACCESIBILITY COMMENTS

I have reviewed the conceptual drawings regarding bicycle and pedestrian accessibility along the Colonial and Six Mile Cypress/Ortiz Road corridors and through the proposed CFI and DDI within the project limits, and have the following comments:

- Pedestrian and bicycle accessibility should not be an issue with the DDI if 85-90% of users surveyed around the country have stated that a DDI improves bicycle and pedestrian safety (the survey was mentioned in the FDOT presentation of the I 75 and University Interchange DDI). The VISSIM simulation of the I 75 and University Interchange DDI seems to confirm that observation. Assuming the design of the DDI at the University interchange will be replicated at the Colonial interchange, the DDI at Colonial should be easy and comfortable for cyclists and pedestrians to navigate.
- Pedestrians Assuming that the pedestrian treatment of the SR 82/Gunnery CFI is replicated at the Colonial/Ortiz intersection, the proposed CFI should be an improvement to pedestrian accessibility vs. the status quo at this intersection. The inclusion of pedestrian islands and pedestrian signals as shown in the conceptual design should address pedestrian safety. However, as the design plans are developed, please consider inclusion of the following:
 - Accessible Pedestrian Signals or Audible Pedestrian Traffic Signals so that these signals are inclusive and address the needs of blind pedestrians
 - Considering that the intersection is located within a high activity and growing area that will continue to generate considerable pedestrian volumes, ensure there is generous surface area and <u>storage space</u> in each of the pedestrian islands to comfortably hold pedestrians, recreational cyclists, and wheelchair users.
- Cyclists Note that the proposed CFI is located within the premier Lee County Tour De Parks Bicycle Route and that both Colonial Boulevard and Six Mile Cypress Parkway/Ortiz are complete street corridors with increasing number of individual and group bicyclists using these roadways. A bike friendly design will go a long way for a buy in of the CFI from our robust group of bicycle advocates in Lee County. Recreational cyclists is expected to use the shared use paths, the crosswalks and pedestrian islands to cross the intersection. If the pedestrian islands have adequate storage as explained above, recreational cyclists should not have problems in navigating the CFI.

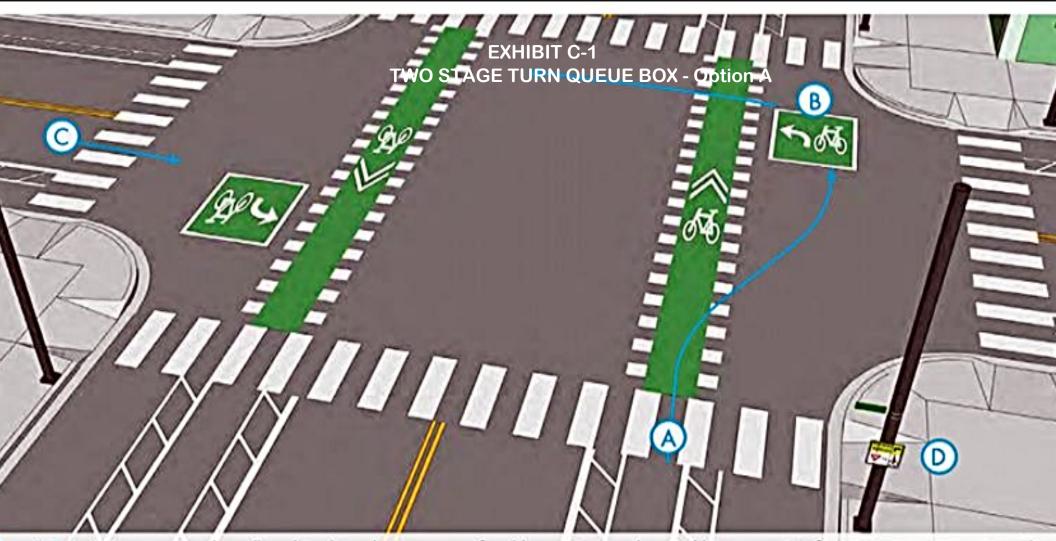
However, for our <u>experienced</u> group of bicyclists who ride on the roadway on bike lanes/shoulders alone or in groups, consider providing visible bicycle treatments highlighted in NACTO'S *Urban Bikeway Design Guide* and the *PPM* that addresses comfort level and bike safety. Also, provide options that eliminate taking unnecessary risks. For example, left turning cyclists should be given an alternative option other than being forced into walking their bikes through the crosswalks and the pedestrian islands. Having to share the crosswalks and pedestrian islands increases delay to this group of cyclists and also pose conflicts with pedestrians and wheelchair users. Without an alternative option and adequate bicycle treatments, some of them may take unnecessary risks like cutting through three (3) lanes of traffic to get into the left turn lanes. The following treatments should be considered to address this group of cyclists, and **no place is ideal to have them than a CFI which is new to Floridians:**

- Buffered Bike Lanes: Provide buffered bike lanes consistent with the FDOT PPM along Six Mile Cypress Parkway/Ortiz and Colonial Boulevard.
- o *Bicycle Pavement Markings:* On all approaches (EB/WB/NB/SB) provide bicycle pavement markings that indicate the intended path of cyclists through the intersection that will

- guide cyclists on a safe and direct path through the intersection (See Exhibits A-1 and A-2 for treatments).
- o Two Stage Turn Queue Boxes: On the NB (Six Mile Cypress Parkway) and SB (Ortiz) approaches of the intersection, provide Two-Stage Turn Queue Boxes to facilitate left turn movements for cyclists riding on Colonial Boulevard to Six Mile and Ortiz respectively (See Exhibits B-1, B-2, B-3). This will increase bicyclist ability to safely and comfortably make left turns, provide a formal queuing space for bicyclists making a two stage turn, separate turning bicyclists from through bicyclists, and prevent conflicts arising from bicyclists queuing in a bike lane or cross walk. Use NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide to design these queue boxes. The pedestrian islands and crosswalks in the conceptual plan of this CFI, or those shown in the design plans of the SR 82/Gunnery if replicated at this intersection will have to be redesigned (Exhibits C-1, C-2A and C-2B show where these treatments will have to be installed) to accommodate the Two Stage Turn Queue Boxes.
- O Additionally provide Two-Stage Turn Queue Boxes on the EB and WB Colonial approaches of the intersection to facilitate left turn movements for cyclists riding on Ortiz and Six Mile Cypress to Colonial. Alternatively, provide green and marked bike boxes on NB Six Mile and SB Ortiz approaches that will allow cyclists priority lefts to Colonial (See Exhibit D). Keep in mind that even w/out these boxes there will be some cyclists who will still attempt a two stage left turn at the intersection but having the boxes out there will provide visibility and reduce bicycle and motor vehicle conflicts.
- o *Green Color Bike Lanes* Where dashed lines in the bike lanes are shown at the beginning of all right turn lanes, provide green bike lanes in combination with the dashed lines if possible (See Exhibits C-2A and 2B for an illustration). This is consistent with Section 8.4.2.2 (pages 8-12) in the PPM, and what is recommended in the NACTO *Urban Bikeway Design Guide*.
- Consider Green Color Bike Lanes in combination with the dashed lines also where the WB bike lanes will cross merging right turn right turn lane from SB Ortiz and the entry to the EB left turn lane, and where EB bike lanes will cross the merging right turn lane from NB Six Mile Cypress and the entry to the WB left turn lane (See Exhibits C-2A and 2B for an illustration).
- o Among the existing CFIs, the one at the US 550/US 160 intersection in Durango, CO have used a Two Stage Queue Box and exclusive bicycle phase but theirs is a T intersection. Other existing CFIs may not be using bicycle treatments as they are not on "complete street" roadways with bike routes.
- While this is input on bicycle accessibility at the Colonial/Six Mile Cypress Pkwy CFI, this is also applicable to the Daniels/82 CFI, and if there is still time before the final design plans are completed, the above suggestions should be taken into consideration in that CFI as well.







description: A two-stage turn box allows bicyclists who are not comfortable merging into the travel lane to position for a turn at an intersection. They rovide a visible storage space away from motorists and other bicyclists allowing easier left turns from a right side bike lane, or right turns from a left ide bike lane.

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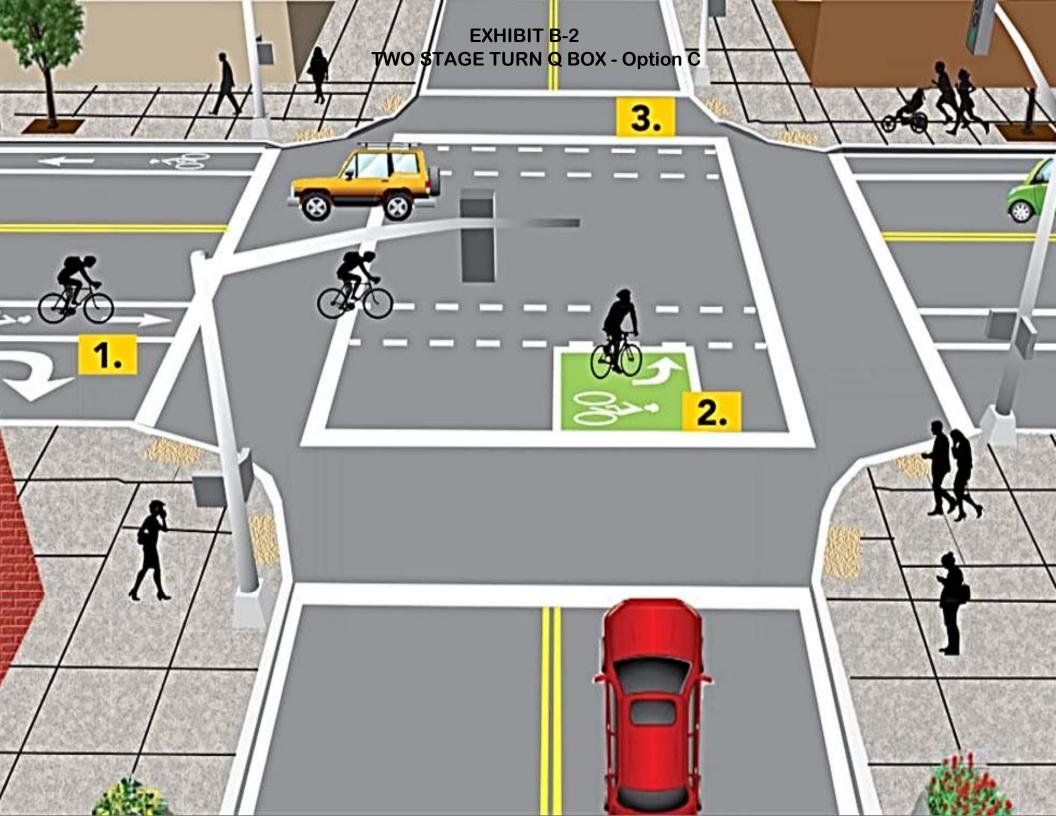
Proceed through the intersection and into the marked turn box. Turn your bicycle in the direction you want to travel and wait for a green light, or for when it is clear to cross if at a non-signalized intersection, and proceed straight through the intersection.

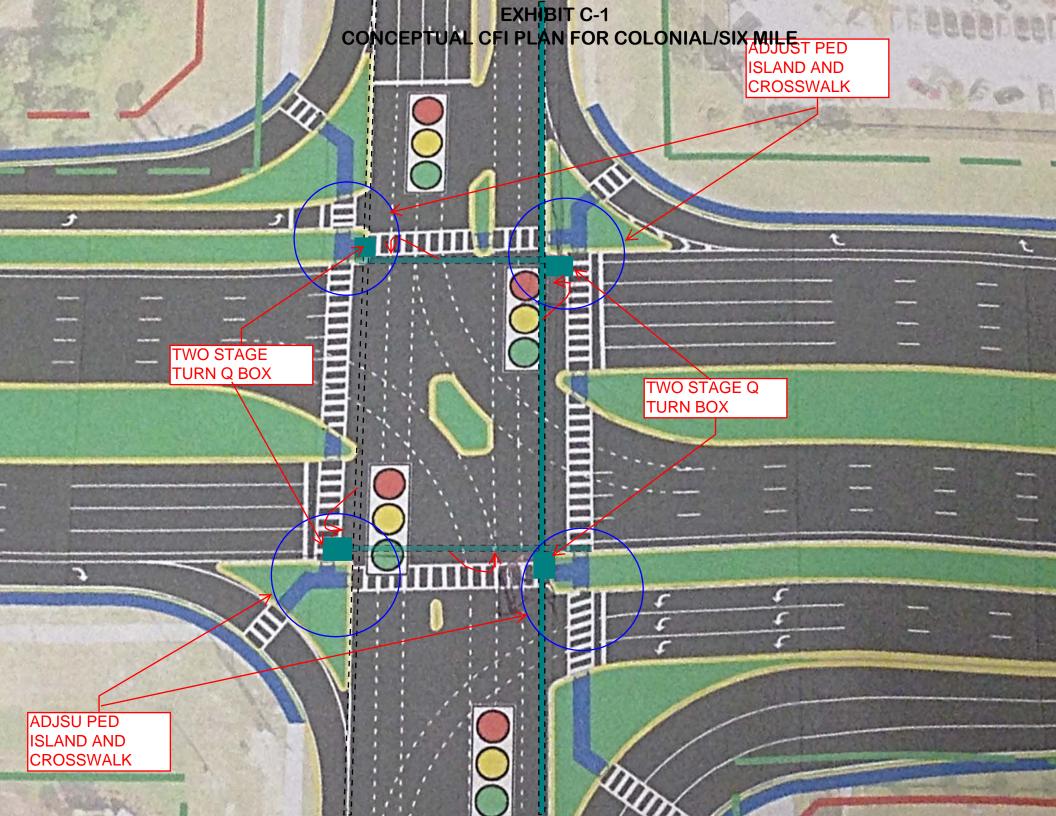
Make sure to position yourself out of the path of through moving bicyclists when in the two-stage turn box.

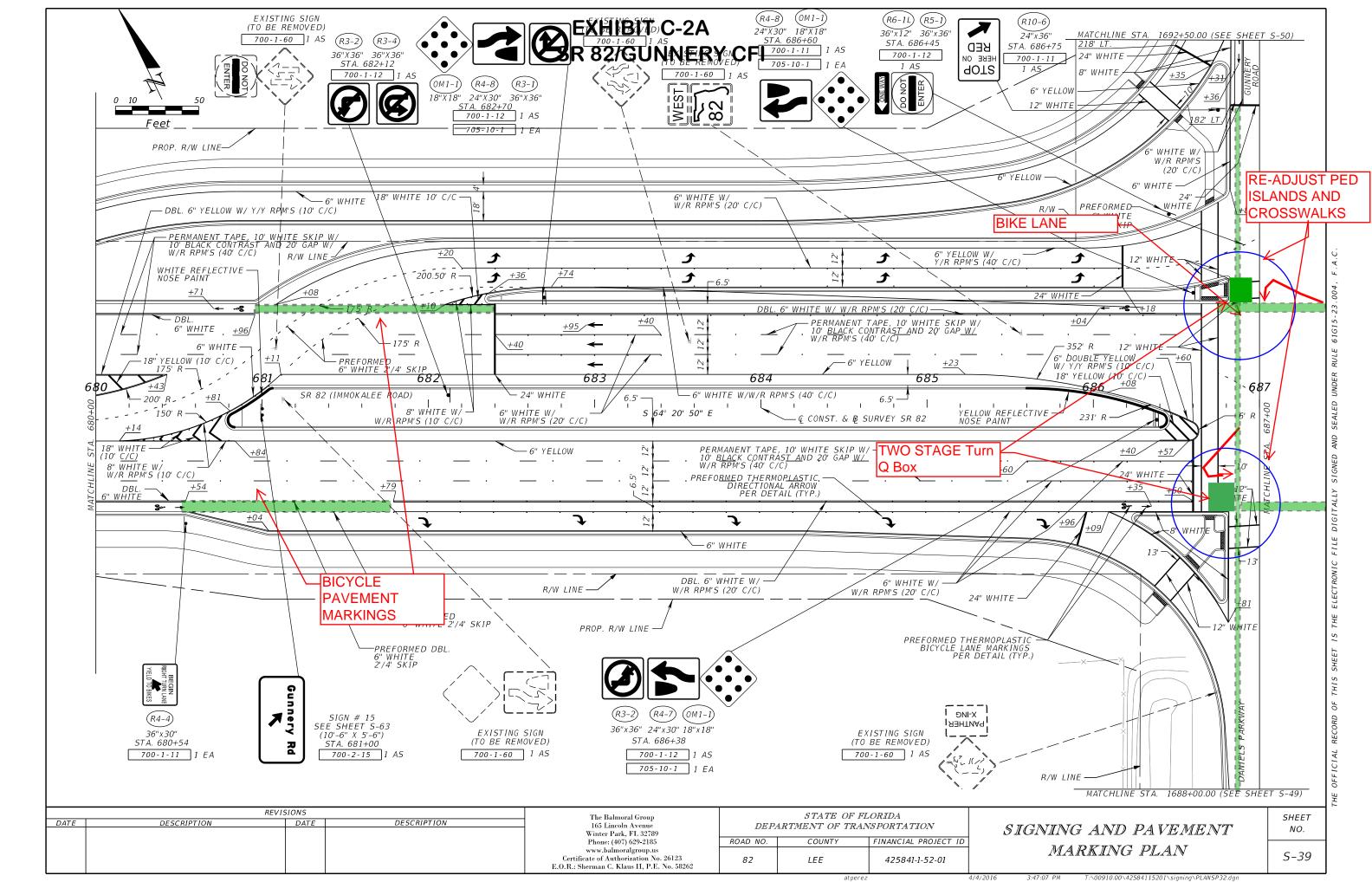
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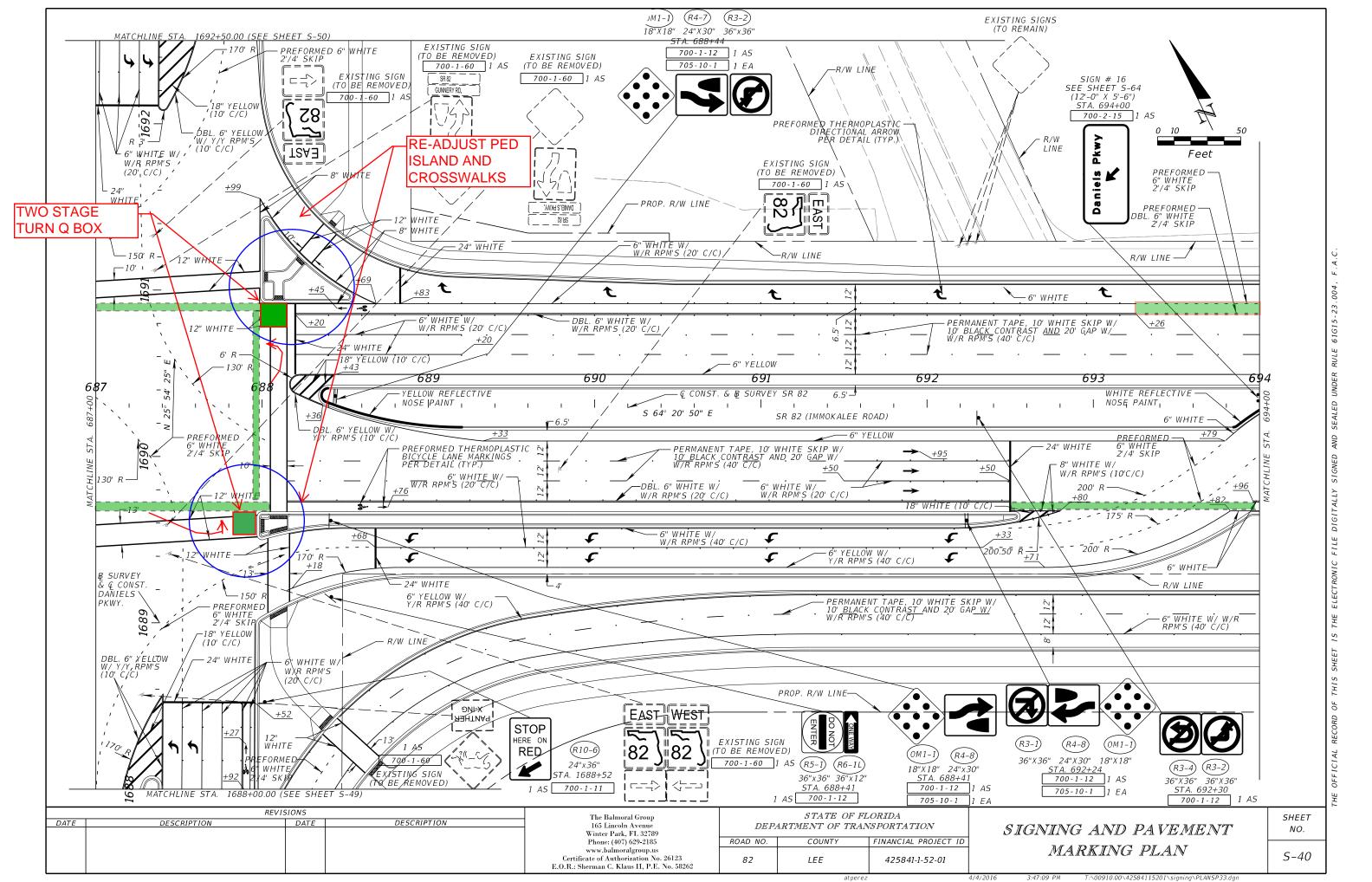
- Whether on the same street or the cross street, make sure to keep clear of bicyclists waiting in the two-stage turn box.
- When approaching an intersection with turn boxes, check for signage prohibiting right turns on red.

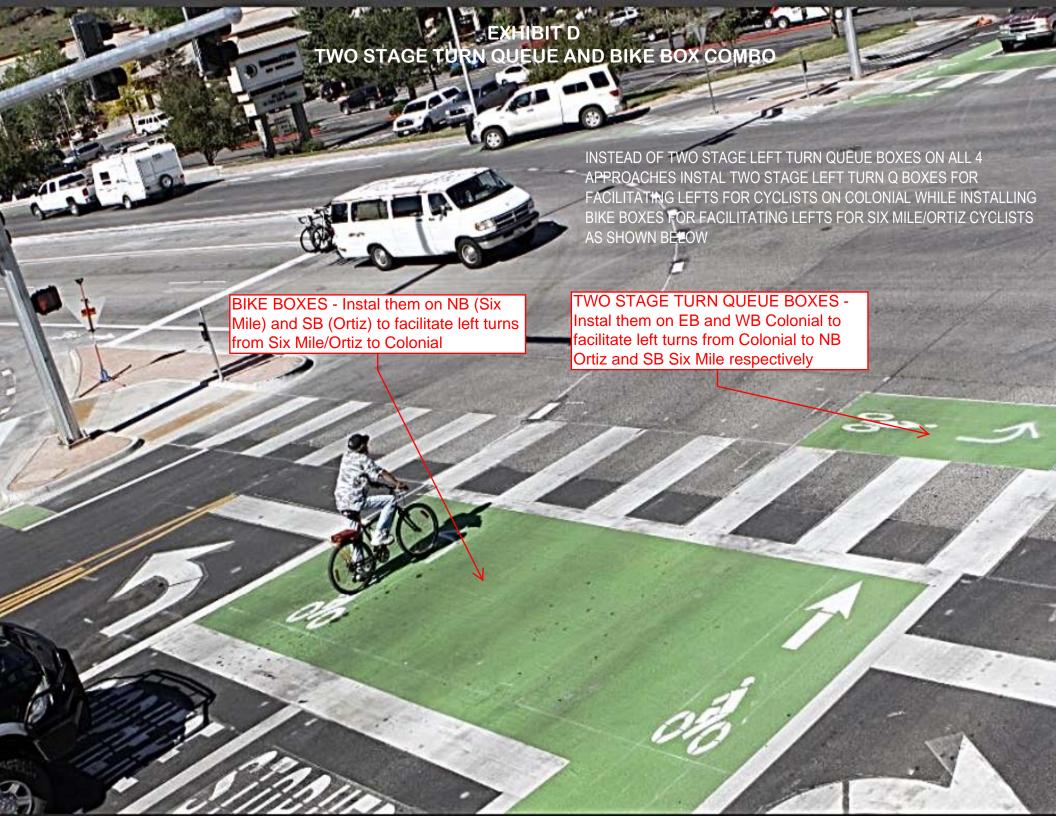












PRESENTATION ON LEETRAN'S TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

DISCUSSION ITEM

A presentation will be given on the draft LeeTran Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update at the August 23rd BPCC meeting. The TDP document is available on the LeeTran website for review at http://www.leegov.com/leetran/Documents/Schedules/LeeTran%20Draft%20TDP%208-1-16.pdf

The State of Florida Public Transit Block Grant Program requires public transit service providers to develop and adopt a 10-year comprehensive planning document in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-73, Florida Administrative Code.

Major updates are required every 5 years with annual progress reports during the interim years. LeeTran has drafted the 2016 Major Update to its Transit Development Plan for 2017 – 2026. This plan sets forth an improvement plan for transit service in Lee County, which is consistent with local plans and the Lee County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long Range Transportation Plan and will serve as the guiding document for the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program as well as the FDOT's Five-Year Work Program covering public transit projects in Lee County.

The Transit Development Plan was developed with input from various stakeholders and interviews with elected officials representing the County and all municipalities. Public participation workshops were conducted and public comment was solicited through various means. The plan was vetted through the Review Committee, which was comprised of representatives from County Departments as well as local stakeholders.

The TDP document contains ten primary sections reviewing existing services, the operating environment, future conditions, transit needs, and proposed improvements to meet those needs. A financial plan is also included in the TDP, identifying the costs of existing and proposed services and resources necessary to fund the transit ten-year plan. All identified plan improvements beyond those currently funded with existing federal, state, and/or local sources are proposed to move forward only if and when an adequate funding mechanism can be secured.

SUN TRAIL UPDATE

INFORMATION ITEM

BPCC Member and District 1 SUN Trail Coordinator Providance Nagy will provide an overview and update on projects submitted statewide for SUN Trail Program funds for "Individual Trails" this year. This will include the status of projects submitted in District 1, the amount of funds requested statewide, the dates when awards will be announced, ongoing coordination with project applicants and next steps etc. **Attachment A** includes the list of submitted projects in District 1, and their District Priorities which were handed over to FDOT Central Office. **Attachment B** includes the two applications from the City of Fort Myers and the City of Cape Coral.

District Priority (strengths based on criteria)	Counties	Trail Name	Segment	Mileage	Description
1	Sarasota	SCRT: Legacy Trail Extension	Downtown Sarasota Gap: Culverhouse Nature Park, North of Palmer Ranch (South of SR 72) to Payne Park School, School Ave. and Shopping Lane	7.5	Design, acquisition and construction 12' wide trail
2	Polk	Fort Fraser Trail Extension	SR 540/Winter Lake Road to SR 659/Combee Road	0.95	Construction of ped/trail bridge to cross SR 570
3	Lee	SCRT: Van Buren/El Dorado/Kismet Parkway Multi- use Trail	Cape Coral Gap: Del Prado Blvd. to Burnt Store Road at Van Buren Parkway	6.5	Design and construction of 12' wide trail
4	Charlotte	SCRT: Harbor Walk Phase 1B	SR 45 Gap	.27	Construction of 12' wide boardwalk
5	Polk	Tenoroc Trail Segment 1	East of SR 33 from Lake Crago Park to Old Combee Road/Deeson Pointe Blvd.	2.2	PD&E and construction of 10'- 12' wide trail
6	Lee	SCRT: John Yarborough Linear Park Trail (extension) ("JYLP Ph IV")	Ft. Myers Gap: Colonial Blvd to Hanson Street	1.8	To develop design plans for the remaining segment of trail along Ten- Mile Canal.
7	Manatee	SW Trail (formerly Manatee/Sarasot a County Bayshore Treewalk) to Sarasota Bay Trail Corridor	Manatee Gap	6.6	Design and construction of 12' wide trail
8	Charlotte	SCRT: US41 NB MURT Bridge North Fork Alligator Creek	Bridge: North Fork Alligator Creek, Punta Gorda	.25	Design and construction of 12' wide trail
9	Polk	Van Fleet State Trail: Pedestrian Bridge Replacement	Polk City		PD&E, design and reconstruction/repl acement of 12' bridge
10	Manatee	Willow-Ellenton Greenway	US 301 from Elleton to Parrish	9	Acquisition, design and construction of 12' wide trail

INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

1. Updated BPCC Roster

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