

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

Held on September 24, 2013

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on September 24, 2013 at the City of Cape Coral Annex, Room A200, 815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral.

Those in attendance included:

Linda Carter	CAC
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
Mike Tisch	Lee County DOT
Andy Getch	Lee County DOT
Steve Jansen	Lee County CTST
Anna Bielawska	LeeTran
Jason Lamey	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Dawn Huff	Lee County School District
Josh Overmyer	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Jeff Davis	City of Bonita Springs
Simone Behr	Visitors Convention Bureau
Stacey Ravey	Collier Transportation Planning
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial Health System
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Karen Solgard	Member-At-Large

Others in attendance included Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Providance Nagy with FDOT; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Laks Gurrarn and Gary Harrell with Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO

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 AUGUST 27, 2013 BPCC MEETING
MINUTES**

**MOTION BY MR. OVERMYER TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 27, 2013
BPCC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. JANSEN. MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #2 – NEXT STEPS ON TIGER GRANT FUNDS

Mr. Scott stated that the Lee MPO received a TIGER V grant of \$10.5 million from US DOT to implement the Lee County Complete Streets Initiative project. The project scope includes the construction of shared use paths, bike lanes, sidewalks, sidewalk connections, way-finding signs, bicycle parking, bus shelters and ADA compliant infrastructure. These improvements and enhancements are proposed along the Lee Tour De Parks Loop and the University Loop identified in the MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan, and along LeeTran's LINC and 60 bus routes while referring to a map from the application.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAIL PRESENTATION

Mr. Gogoi introduced Ms. Marsha Rickman of the Office of Greenways and Trail (OGT) and stated her office updated the State of Florida's Land Trails and Paddling Trails Opportunity Maps, and subsequently developed a Priority Trails Map. Ms. Rickman proceeded to give a power point presentation and showed the map of Land Trail Opportunity Map and highlighted the Lee County portion. There was a discussion on building trails with an eye for promoting eco-tourism and highlighting the economic returns of trails. Ms. Carter mentioned that transportation disadvantaged people have money to spend and so ADA accessible trails should be built. Maps showing existing and planned trails in OGT website should show handicap access. It was clarified that the maps that were developed were consistent with Lee County Greenways Map and the MPO Bike Ped Master Plan. In reference to the Priority Trails Map, Ms. Rickman stated that only priority trails connecting counties were identified and that the planned JYLP extension north of Colonial Boulevard could be added when the Map is updated next year. There is no funding currently tied to trail implementation at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REPORT ON MPO BOARD FEEDBACK ON BIKE PED SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Mr. Scott gave a summary on the next steps with the Bike Ped Master Plan. 11 locations for road safety audits were identified and that there will be some training opportunities. The consultants and FDOT both felt that more bike ped specific training should be provided to CTST and other stakeholders during a safety audit at one of these locations. Signal IV Analytics database will be used for crash analysis, and staff will provide an update on the implementation of the Bike Ped Safety Action Plan quarterly to the BPCC, and periodically to the MPO Board.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – SRTS PROJECT SELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Gogoi stated that the Lee County School District representative normally contacts the various local governments separately at the beginning of fall to discuss potential SRTS projects for applying for TAP and other funding that may be available through the MPO priority process. However, Florida Sunshine Law does not allow two or more members serving in the same committee to meet and discuss an issue which may come

up for action later in a committee meeting without a public notice. Since this will be the case when Ms. Huff meets local government representatives, MPO staff will schedule and advertise a meeting of BPCC members representing local government agencies and the School District to identify a short list of SRTS projects. Discussion ensued whether it was necessary to go through the SRTS requirements when these projects will be competing for TA funds. With FDOT making Highway Safety Program dollars available for funding SRTS projects, it was agreed by the committee to continue pursuing such dollars in addition to TA funds, and that Ms. Huff would continue to carry out the requirements called out by this program in addition to the preparation of applications.

MOTION BY MS. HUFF TO CREATE A SUBCOMMITTEE MADE UP OF BPCC REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE LOCAL GOVT JURISDICTIONS. SECONDED BY MR. OVERMYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN RELATED PROJECTS

None.

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Mr. Getch reported that a Lee County resurfacing of an asphalt shared use path was under way while Mr. Cancel reported that the City of Fort Myers was wrapping up ADA improvements. Mr. Lamey reported on status of Lee County Park Trails under construction. Ms. Letourneau reported that on Oct 1st Ding Darling Wildlife Drive will open at 9 am. It is an asphalt paved trail.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – LEETRAN REPORT

Ms. Bielawska reported on budget changes. Routes 60 and 160 will stay. After 6 pm the headways will increase resulting in fewer buses in the routes for Routes 20, 30, 50, 70, 140, 100, 110, 130, 400, 410 and 490. ADA services will not be affected along these routes. Route 140 will be split into a northern route and a southern route at Bell Tower. The headway on the 410 will change from 30 to 75 minutes, 490 will change from 20 to 35 minutes, and Route 110 will change from 100 to 100 minutes.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – FDOT REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Moser announced that there will be a helmet training September 30th at 4 pm for a couple of hours. The venue has not been determined but will be most likely at Bonita Springs City Hall. Anyone eligible for a helmet from FDOT should get one and receive their training.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.