

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

Held on November 24, 2015

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on November 24, 2015 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Downtown Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

Andy Getch	LCDOT
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Jason Lamey	LC Parks
Jennifer Hagen	City of Bonita Springs
Linda Carter	MPO Citizen Advisory Committee
Megan Will	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial
Nena Garrett	LCSD
Simone Behr	VCB
Steve Jansen	Lee County CTST

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Providance Nagy with FDOT; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Officer Joseph Bowen with FHP; Sergeant Jon Kulko with the Cape PD; Jerl McCollum with LeeTran; Ned Baier with Jacobs; Mike Tisch with Atkins; and Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The members introduced themselves after pledging allegiance to the US flag.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2015 BPCC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY MS. HAGEN TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 27, 2015 BPCC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MS. BEHR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #2–REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2040 LRTP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR MPO ADOPTION IN DECEMBER

Mr. Scott gave an overview on the Executive Summary of the 2040 LRTP Executive Summary and reported that that the document was out for public comment. He reported on changes to the draft Cost Feasible Highway Plan including moving up the IJR for the Del Prado Extension and the construction of the Three Oaks Extension to the first five year (20121-2025), and adding a Cape Coral Evacuation Study in the first five year. He noted what can be done to address the planning study for the Del Prado Extension with the intersection operational funds that could go to that project phase. He addressed the transit funding changes and how that is affecting the future transit operations. The Bike Ped Cost Feasible Plan includes \$40 million in projects while the Needs Plan include \$208 million in projects. He touched on some of the traffic modeling issues in the future that include the growth in Lehigh Acres, adding bridges on parallel roads to improve circulation and roadway capacity, the addition of sector plan growth in Hendry County that will affect the SR 82 corridor, addressing future transportation funding and the projected impact of autonomous vehicles. He also discussed funding issues and fair share analysis.

He also reported that the CR 951 Extension was removed from the Needs Plan list following public comments at the November 20th MPO Board meeting.

MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO APPROVE THE 2040 LRTP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. SECONDED BY MR. CANCEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #3 –REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH BIKE PED MASTER PLAN SCOPE

Mr. Gogoi provided an overview of the final draft scope of services for the Town of Fort Myers Beach Bike Ped Master Plan. He reported that scope was finalized following discussions with the Town and County staff, and taking input from the TAC and the CAC at their November 5th meetings. He also presented slides on the Grand Resort Development with its proposed roundabout, pedestrian plaza and boardwalk that would have to be taken into consideration in the development of the bike ped master plan. He asked for input and approval of the scope.

MOTION BY MS. WILL TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH BIKE PED MASTER PLAN. SECONDED BY MS. HAGEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH LIGHTING STUDY SCOPE

Mr. Gogoi provided an overview of the final draft scope of services for the Town of Fort Myers Beach Lighting Study. He reported that the scope was finalized following discussions with the Town and County staff, and taking input from the TAC and the CAC at their November 5th meetings. He asked for input and approval of the scope. Ms. Hagen asked that the scope be revised to add language that called for consideration of dark sky provisions while developing the lighting plan. She stated that the City of Sanibel has a dark sky ordinance. Mr. Gogoi stated that he would add necessary language to the scope.

MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH LIGHTING STUDY SCOPE OF SERVICES. SECONDED BY MS. HAGEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – UPDATE ON SUN TRAIL PROGRAM

Ms. Nagy and Mr. Gogoi provided an update of the Shared Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Program. They reported that FDOT Central Office had provided a presentation on the SUN Trail Program at a Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Meeting on October 29th and held a video conference with the MPOs and the FDOT Districts on November 5th. MPO and District 1 staff also spoke separately to the Manager of the Sun Trail Program.

The funds can be used to undertake corridor and feasibility studies, PD&E, design, right of way, construction and reconstruction for multi-use trails that are identified as Priority Trails in the Florida Greenways and Trails Master Plan. FDOT is working on selection criteria and will hold open houses in February to discuss the criteria and gather public input. Application forms will be developed in April followed by a call for project proposals.

Mr. Gogoi stated that it behooves to be proactive by picking projects using the statutory criteria and completing the District 1 pre-applications for project viability and submitting them by the February 1st deadline. The City of Cape Coral will be identifying implementation projects on Kismet Parkway and the City of Fort Myers will be submitting a PD&E Study for the JYLP Extension.

WALK ON ITEM – STATUS ON SRTS PROGRAM

Mr. Gogoi reported that FDOT is soliciting applications for SRTS funds and that the Lee County School District will be submitting all unfunded school related sidewalk projects from last year for this application cycle. This includes proposed sidewalks that will benefit Tice Elementary School, Edison Park Elementary, Harnes Marsh Elementary, and Trafalgar Elementary and Middle. He also discussed the Lee MPO priority process for SRTS projects and that the school district will be prioritizing the proposals.

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #6 – MPO PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Scott provided an update of the TIGER Grant funded project and reported that Corkscrew Road bike lane construction would commence in the next two weeks, and that most of the sidewalks in San Carlos Park were complete, and design plans for the rest of the projects were close to 100% complete.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #7 – PUBLIC AND MEMBER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

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

Ms. Hagen reported that the City of Bonita Springs will be meeting Dan Burden of Blue Zones on December 8th to discuss about regional coordination on bicycle friendliness and transit, and expanding Blue Zones north.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT

Mr. McCollum reported that for FY 2015 Leetran surpassed 3.7 million passenger trips which is the 4th highest total in LeeTran history. The River District Trolley (Route 500) service commenced on November 19th and it will end on April 27, 2016. It is a free service that is fully funded by the City of Fort Myers. Service is from 12 noon to 8 pm Monday through Wednesday, and 11 am to 11 pm Thursday through Saturday.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM #11 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – DISCUSSION ON HOLDING DECEMBER 29, 2015 BPCC MEETING

MOTION BY MS. HAGEN TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 29, 2015 BPCC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. JANSEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.