

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

**Held on June 23, 2015**

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on June 23, 2015 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

Anna Bielawska	LeeTran
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council
David Wagley	LCDOT
Isobel Hitchcock	Member - At – Large
Jason Lamey	LC Parks
Linda Carter	CAC
Nina Garrett	Lee County School District
Ryan Shute	Member At-Large
Sally Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Simone Behr	VCB
Steve Chupack	Member At-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; D’Juan Harris with FDOT; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Sergeant John Kulko with CCPD; Dennis Petracca, Roman Serrano, April Bodemann, and Tiffany Salters with LCSO; Scott Musheff and Joseph Wilder with the City of Fort Myers; Kris Cella with Cella, Molnar & Associates; Rob Seibert with Lee County Critical Mass; and Doug Saxton

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE MAY 26, 2015 BPCC MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Gogoi called out changes to the minutes including the deletion of Jason Lamey from the list of attendees, and the correction of the spelling of Lee Waller.

**MOTION BY MR. CANCEL TO APPROVE THE MAY 26, 2015 BPCC  
MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. MOSER. MOTION CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AGENDA ITEM #2– DISCUSSION ON COST INCREASES OF US 41 BIKE LANE PROJECT**

Mr. Gogoi shared a table of revised costs of funded Lee County projects from the FDOT Work Program. The cost of the US 41 Bike Lane project in south Lee County from San Carlos Boulevard to SR 739 (Michael G. Rippe Parkway) increased from \$1.14 Million to approximately \$4 million. The cost increase is due to accommodation of 7' wide buffered bike lanes which would require 3' pavement widening on both sides of the roadway to accommodate bike lanes and keyholes, concrete bus pads, and sidewalks.

This scope of work mimics a typical scope of work for a 3R (Resurfacing, Restoration, Rehabilitation) project which FDOT typically implements with District Dedicated Revenues as part of road maintenance project.

The committee concurred with staff's suggestion to ask FDOT to pull the project from the Work Program, and to implement it as a 3R project with District Dedicated Revenues.

### **AGENDA ITEM #3– ADA AND PROWAG OVERVIEW**

Mr. Gogoi provided a quick overview of Public Right of Way Guidelines which were developed and has yet to be adopted by the US Department of Justice. The MPO conducts corridor and intersection reviews for ADA accessibility prior to the implementation of some resurfacing and bike ped projects. The MPO has also partnered with FDOT in conducting bike ped safety audits which also evaluates ADA accessibility. The Lee County CTST also conducts such reviews which local government jurisdictions participate. Mr. Cancel and Mr. Wagley provided overview and updates of the ADA transition Plans of the City of Fort Myers and the Lee County BOCC respectively. The City has a person which rides the City streets every day for 3 hours in the afternoon identifying ADA problems and mapping them out in GIS. The City spent \$650,000 in addressing ADA deficiencies resulting from a DOJ Audit in 2010.

### **AGENDA ITEM #4 – LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Scott gave an update on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Preferred land use scenario was implemented in the travel demand model and revenue estimates completed. Lehigh Acres has a lot of transportation needs as shown by the various model runs that were undertaken. Website and project evaluation criteria that would score all the projects have been developed. While priorities would be developed based on this process the MPO Board would have the final say regarding which projects would make it into the Cost Feasible Plan.

### **AGENDA ITEM #5 – LEE COUNTY TOUR DE PARKS ROUTE ISSUES**

Darla Letourneau of BikeWalkLee used pictures from a recent bike ride along the Tour de Parks Route to highlight several problems that affected the safety of bicyclists. There are accessibility problems on the pathway system from around the SWIFT center, under

the overpass and on out to Red Sox stadium, and also at the FDOT Metro extension project as one exits the 10 Mile Linear Park to connect to the North Colonial Linear Trail. There are also problems created by the ongoing construction at Gladiolus by the Home Depot.

Mr. Harris with FDOT stated both were FDOT projects and he would look into the issues.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **AGENDA ITEM #6 – STAFF UPDATE ON THE TIGER GRANT PROJECT AND OTHER ONGOING MPO PROJECTS**

Mr. Scott provided an update on the TIGER grant project. Construction on two sidewalk facilities will be under way after July 4th in the San Carlos community. Project bids came out lower than projected so there are funds available to implement additional projects. Improvements in FGCU are still being evaluated. Alta is vetting some alternatives before a final decision is taken and design build conducted. A preconstruction meeting with the community was held.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Ms. Huff reported that Nina Garret will be taking over the representation of the Lee County School District in the BPCC. She also stated that regarding the issue of not wearing bicycle helmets by students the LCSO will be working with the students, informing them of state requirements and even having meetings with parents if necessary in the future.

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

Officer Serrano of LCSO informed the committee that the agency would be holding summer camps at different schools where the focus will be bicycle pedestrian safety. He also provided an update on the HVE grant related work.

Mr. Lamey reported that there would be an open House on a new park facility in eastern Lee County off Joel Boulevard. The Open House would be at the Alva Community Hall from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

### **AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT**

Ms Bielawska reported that the May ridership numbers dropped by 8% from last year.

### **AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT**

Mr. Harris announced the upcoming FTP/SIS workshop at the LeeTran Office Building, and a Complete Streets Planning and Implementation Workshop in Port Charlotte on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**AGENDA ITEM #11 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM #12 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS**

Mr. Gogoi explained the OGT spreadsheets that provides the status of trail segments in Lee County which are identified in the Land Trails Opportunity Maps.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.