

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

Held on August 25, 2015

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on August 25, 2015 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, Room A, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers.

Those in attendance included:

Andy Getch	LCDOT
Avelino Cancel	City of Fort Myers
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council
Diane Holm	Injury Prevention Council
Dru Doyle	Member-At-Large
Isobel Hitchcock	Member-At-Large
Jennifer Hagen	City of Bonita Springs
Lee Waller	LC Parks
Linda Carter	CAC
Mark Tesoro	Lee Memorial
Ryan Shute	Member At-Large
Sally Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Syndi Bultman	Lee Memorial
Steve Chupack	Member At-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; D’Juan Harris with FDOT; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Dennis Petracca and Roman Serrano with LCSO; Joseph Bowers with the FHP; Ann Pierce with the City of Fort Myers; Lisa Indovino with All Childrens Hospital; Doug Saxton with the Village of Estero; Michael Tisch with Atkins; Ned Baier with Jacobs; and Rick Hartman with CUTR.

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 23, 2015 BPCC MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION BY MR. TESORO TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2013 2015 BPCC
MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MS. HAGEN. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #2–STATUS REPORTS ON MAYORS CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Ms. Zambrano, Ms. Pierce and Ms. Hagan presented updates on the Mayors Challenge Program respectively for the Cities of Cape Coral, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers. The City of Cape Coral signed up for six out of the seven challenges. The challenge that was left out was *Improve Laws*. Complete Streets was Challenge #1 and the City Council passed a complete streets resolution initiated by the Public Works Department on August 17th. To a question on the need for pedestrian signals for crossing Del Prado Boulevard in front of the hospital, Mr. Getch stated that he would pass on the request to Lee County Traffic Division. Ms. Pierce stated that the first meeting of the Mayors Challenge Action Team took place on July 13th and that there were 25 members in the Action Team. Some of the members would be active only after October as they were snowbirds. The City was striving to get the greatest possible representatives from all six wards. The City of Jacksonville and the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, models were being pursued to build the Action team. Under Challenge 3 – *Gather Data*, a subcommittee was tasked to conduct neighborhood based bike ped counts through participation of residents. Ground truthing of existing bike ped facilities was going to be conducted by the same subcommittee using the City's bicycle facility vision map. Another subcommittee was tasked to undertake challenges 1 and 6. It was reported that the action team endorsed a pilot project to provide sharrows on West First Street but City staff suggested taking any action until such time as the construction work on McGregor from Colonial to US 41 was completed. The McGregor construction work would take place relatively soon and vehicular traffic would be detoured through West First Street.

Mr. Moser asked that the rankings in the self-assessment form be modified to reflect reality. Ms. Pierce stated that the form was completed by City staff. She suggested that the progress level ranking should be moved down to *Needs Action* for Challenge 1. There was also general consensus that Challenge 2 ranking should be moved down to *Needs Action* as well especially as it relates to ADA compliance and provision of bicycle pedestrian facilities.

Mr. Karakos stated that for the most part downtown Fort Myers was ADA compliant, and that the City was moving forward with other projects that would accommodate bike ped facilities. He also stated that the City would resurface West First Street after the McGregor construction work was completed, and provide restriping and sharrows.

Under Challenge 7 on Educate and Enforce, Bonita was actually doing more than what the progress ranking reflected. Ms. Hagan agreed that the progress level should be moved up from *Needs to Begin* to *Needs Significant Action* or *Needs Action*.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Scott gave an update on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. He presented transit revenues available to LeeTran through 2040 and the premium transit needs that were identified. He also presented the local, state and federal capital revenues through 2040 that are available for highway and transit projects, the list of highway needs and their cost estimates.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – SRTS NON INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Indovino with All Children's Hospital, St. Pete, provided a presentation on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) non-infrastructure program in Lee County. The program supports walking and bicycling to school and provide safe, convenient ways to do so including walking school buses, bicycle trains, enforcement of speed laws, traffic safety education. She reported that for Fiscal Year 2015, 42 schools and 17,453 students received curriculum/rodeos, 773 helmets were distributed to students, and a total of 81 bike rodeos were conducted. Mr. Moser stated the heard that the money for SRTS education would be pulled at the National level and called for a MPO resolution addressed to FDOT to preserve the funding.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – LANE MILEAGE UPDATES BY JURISDICTIONS FOR 2013 AND 2014

Mr. Gogoi reported that MPO staff has been working with the local governments to track the lane miles of new facilities that were built in 2013 and 2014. The MPO was only tracking facilities on state designated federal aid roadways which are essentially the Lee countywide arterials and collectors identified in the state database. He presented a summary table of total lane miles of bike ped facilities on federal aid roadways from 2010 through 2014 for each local government in Lee County. He also presented two other tables including one that broke down lane miles of bike ped facilities for each local government by type and the year they were added, and the other which actually identified the new bike ped projects that were implemented within each local government jurisdictions. To a question by Mr. Saxton,

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Scott stated that sidewalk construction was underway on the San Carlos Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Officer Serrano of LCSO informed that they closed the summer program and they were waiting on award announcements on HVE grant. Ms. Kirkland reported that the City of Sanibel hired a consultant to conduct a shared use path intersection improvement study.

Officer Kulko reported that the Cape PD had applied for the next round of HVE grant. Mr. Hartman stated that CUTR would be doing a Walkwise Florida in Lee County next year as well.

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

Reported under Agenda Item #7

AGENDA ITEM #9 – LEETRAN REPORT

None.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – FDOT REPORT

None.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Baier announced that a public workshop on the Lee MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan was scheduled for the evening of August 25th at the Estero Recreation Center.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.