

# BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

10:00 AM, June 27, 2017  
Lee County Administration East Building  
2201 Second Street, Room 130  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239-244-2220



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 130 of the Lee County Administration East Building, 2201 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Hagen at 10:00 a.m.**

**The members introduced themselves. A quorum was present.**

Those in attendance included:

### From the BPCC

Andy Getch	Lee County Department of Community Development
Carie Call	Lee County MPO's CAC
Dave Wheaton	Member-At-Large
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
Hunter Abel	LeeTran
Isobel Hitchcock	Member-At-Large
Jennifer Hagen	Member-At-Large, Chair
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Mark Tesoro	Lee Health Trauma
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
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Tina Sujana	Member-at-Large

Others in attendance included Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; David Agacinski with FDOT; Cassandra Gomez an intern with the Lee County Department of Community Development; Sara Clark; and Christopher Pierce.

### **Agenda Item #1 - \*Approval of the May 23, 2017 BPCC Meeting Minutes**

**David Wagley made the motion to approve the May 23, 2017 SRTS Meeting Minutes. Isobel Hitchcock seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**David Wagley made the motion to approve the May 23, 2017 BPCC Meeting Minutes. Doug Saxton seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion was approved unanimously.**

### **New Business**

### **Agenda Item #2 - \*Review and Approval of the Scope for the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (BPSAP)**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the approval of the revised scope for updating the Lee MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (BPSAP), attached to the agenda packet. He reviewed the changes made since the last meeting. The changes included taking the analysis of the crash data back through the committees and the Board for input before the stakeholder meeting, increased leadership involvement, and added policy review of the update implementation of complete streets policies. Mr. Scott opened the floor for comments and questions. A public comment was made by Christopher Pierce about increasing enforcement and including the law enforcement departments in the policy process. Chair Hagen noted that the law

enforcement departments usually have representatives at the meetings. A discussion followed about the law enforcement issue.

**Carie Call made the motion to approve the scope for the update of the BSAP. Mark Tesoro seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion was approved unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #3 - Discussion on the Maintenance Agreements for Shared Use Pathways within FDOT Road Right-of-Way**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for discussion on maintenance agreements for shared use pathways within FDOT road right-of-way. He explained that FDOT staff has had numerous conversations with the County and the MPO over the last three years about the maintenance of multi-use pathways within State owned right-of-way. He explained the discussions have included different interpretations that are now being made clearer based on statewide guidance that is being provided in Attachment A of the agenda packet. Mr. Scott said it was our understanding previous to this, that the surface would be maintained by FDOT but other amenities such as wayfinding signs, benches, landscaping etc. would require a maintenance agreement. He added FDOT will now require the signing of a maintenance agreement for pathway/trail related design standard features included within the construction of a project. He noted these features that will require maintenance agreements may include railings, slopes, boardwalks, gravity walls, traffic barriers guardrail, signing, pavement markings, pedestrian/bicycle signals, lighting etc. He said the requirements will not affect projects that were completed in the past but are going to affect projects like SR 82 that will soon be constructed. He also discussed other new projects that might be impacted including what gets built on the State road corridors of SR 80, SR 78, and SR 31. Mr. Andy Getch suggested there might be a fundamental non-recognition of multi-use trails as a valid part of the transportation facility. Mr. Getch also expressed his concern with the new agreements. Mr. Scott pointed out that most of the injuries and fatalities occur on the state system. A committee member brought up the area around Six Mile Cypress/Daniels and runoff into cypress as well as pavement disintegration. Mr. David Agacinski explained the new directives are being passed down from Tallahassee. He said there is an upcoming FDOT meeting where this will be discussed.

### **Agenda Item #4 - Update on the Regional Bicycle Pedestrian Pathway Network**

Mr. Scott provided an update on the proposed cumulative changes to the regional pathway/trail network, the most recent change to the Land Opportunity Trail Network was attached to the agenda packet. In addition, he provided an outline of the future activities in our area to keep the development of the network moving forward. He noted the Office of Greenways and Trails has public meetings coming up and their determination on the final network will be in December. He listed the meetings and asked for attendance at the public meetings in order to support our additions. He discussed the regional pathways map, mentioned a joint meeting with Collier, and said hopefully the map will be updated accordingly. He commented on the development of a video for the Gulf Coast Trail by TBARTA and the MPO contribution of \$3,000.00 towards the video. He said the SUN Trail projects are moving forward in the Cities of Fort Myers and Cape Coral. He noted the scope for the rail corridor involved Bonita and Estero seeking funding for Rails to Trails. He mentioned hiring an attorney to examine the issues with underlying property ownership along the railways will be scoped out. Mr. Scott said he will present the scope when it is completed.

### **Agenda Item #5 - Provide Input on Drafting Amendments to the Bicycle Pedestrian LRTP Element**

Mr. Scott presented this item for input on drafting amendments to the Bicycle Pedestrian LRTP Element. He mentioned that at a previous BPCC meeting, there was a comment raised about the need for amending the Bicycle Pedestrian element of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to match what is happening with SUN Trail projects, programmed widening projects, and changed priorities. He referred to the cost feasible map and table from the LRTP element that were attached to the agenda packet for review and input. He listed projects that should be included in the update, discussed reworking of the cost feasible plan, and updating the existing maps. A committee member asked about Corkscrew Road and adding bicycle/pedestrian facilities. A brief discussion followed about this topic. Mr. Scott said he would look at the area as part of the update. Mr. Getch commented on the history of the ten year list of projects. He related this to the Corkscrew project and adding bike facilities. Another committee member commented that the title and the table should reflect the same language in the update. Mr. Scott suggested calling it Bike/Ped facilities due to the maintenance issue. Mr. Getch brought up the idea proposed by Mr. Ron Gogoi for the County to submit the Daniels project as one of the RTAP

applications. A committee member asked what the future was for the projects on the list. Mr. Scott said a number of them are getting funded.

## **Old Business**

### **Agenda Item #6 - MPO Project Updates and other Developments**

Mr. Scott gave a quick update on MPO projects. He said the MPO was still addressing some punch list items with the TIGER project. He noted the change order and agreement for adding the Wayfinding signs have been approved through FHWA. He added they are currently working on design plans for the Wayfinding signs. He commented that the draft reports have been reviewed with comments provided for Fort Myers Beach. He added the presentation is scheduled for August. He said they are working on the Fort Myers Beach Lighting study task work order with RS&H and CPWG to begin after July 1, 2017. He added they are also starting to scope the rail corridor project.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Local Government Updates on Bicycle Pedestrian Related Projects**

Mr. Doug Saxton, with the Village of Estero, said Estero Parkway was deemed the top priority project for the Village of Estero. He briefly discussed this project.

Lee County had no further comments.

Mr. Sean Gibbons, with the City of Bonita Springs, mentioned the City Council meeting to select the planning engineer for the Terry Street project. He also discussed the Comp Plan for the railroad corridor to encourage multi-use paths as an option.

A representative was not present from the City of Cape Coral.

A representative was not present from the City of Fort Myers. Mr. Scott said the selection for the feasibility study would be the following week.

A representative was not present from the City of Sanibel.

A representative was not present from the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

### **Agenda Item #8 - LeeTran Report**

Hunter Abel with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He announced LeeTran was down 1% for ridership in May. He said there will not be regular service for Fort Myers Beach and Downtown Fort Myers on July 4 but there will be trolley service in those areas. He added that July 10 starts the Summer Bus Bash Scavenger Hunt for those riders under 18. He further explained the promotional event that runs through August 6, 2017.

### **Agenda Item #9 - FDOT Report**

Mr. David Agacinski with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He announced that Florida had a new statewide Transportation Secretary, Mike Dew. He also said the Draft Version of the Florida Design Manual is up on the website with comments being taken through July 31, 2017.

### **Agenda Item #10 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

There were no further member comments.

Mr. Pierce spoke on the intersection at North Tamiami Trail and Bayshore Road. He mentioned the new east and west bound turn lanes that did not get traffic lights. He commented this was a dangerous situation for motorists and pedestrians/cyclists due to the walk signals and main signal lights turning green at the same time. He said there is no signage either. He requested this issue be fixed.

Mr. Scott said it was an FDOT project, and it might not be completed yet. Mr. Pierce acknowledged that they may not be finished and they should fix this. Mr. Agacinski with FDOT said he would bring it up. Mr. Scott said he would find out more information and bring it back at the next meeting. A committee member commented that

the corridor is extremely busy. Mr. Pierce referenced and commented on a map he handed out. Chair Hagen asked for Mr. Pierce to make sure Mr. Scott has his contact information to follow-up. Mr. Pierce said he would. She also asked Mr. Agacinski if he would check with FDOT on this issue. He said he would.

There were no further public comments on items not on the agenda.

### **Agenda Item #11 – Announcements**

Chair Hagen said she had a prior engagement and needed to leave shortly. She asked if there were any other announcements.

Mr. Scott announced the July BPCC meeting will be cancelled. There were no objections. Chair Hagen announced the next BPCC Meeting is August 22, 2017. A committee member asked if the August meeting would be back at the library. Chair Hagen replied yes. A committee member asked if it was a joint meeting. Mr. Scott said he wasn't certain. Chair Hagen said to look at the agenda when it is sent out.

### **Agenda Item #12 - Information and Distribution Items**

There were no information and distribution items

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.**

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#### **\* Action Items + May Require Action**

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