

**BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING
COMMITTEE**

10:00 a.m., October 23, 2018
Lee County Public Works Building
1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
239-244-2220



Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

The meeting was moved to the Lee County Public Works Building at 1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901 due to early voting in the originally scheduled meeting room. The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Moser at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

Those present introduced themselves. There was a quorum. Those in attendance included:

From the BPCC

Andy Getch	Lee County Department of Community Development
Allen Makau	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jason Green	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Jennifer Hagen	Member-at-Large
Mark Tesoro	Lee Health Trauma
Pim Tan	City of Cape Coral
Randy Krise	Lee County MPO CAC
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
Simone Behr	Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau
Tina Sujana	Member-at-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Dave Murphy with Lee County; D’Juan Harris with FDOT; Eric Ortman with Collier MPO; and John Majka.

Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

Mr. John Majka addressed the committee regarding his concerns for the construction of a pathway on the north side of SR 80. There was a brief discussion on alternative placements of the pathway.

Agenda Item #4 - *Approval of the September 25, 2018 Minutes

Mr. David Wagley made the motion to approve the September 25, 2018 BPCC Meeting Minutes. Ms. Simone Behr seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - Review and Discuss Preliminary Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Analysis

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and discuss the preliminary bicycle and pedestrian safety analysis. He said the MPO staff has been working on the analysis of the Bicycle Pedestrian crashes as part of the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. They have been looking at crash trends to help identify proposed countermeasures. He noted there were discrepancies with the crash data due to sources used. He referenced the Dangerous By Design report and expressed his uncertainty as to their data source as the numbers do not match the sources he examined. He also said that the accuracy of the data is dependent on how much geocoding is done with the raw data. He said we have also begun to look at before and after analysis to quantify the bicycle and pedestrian crashes before and after the implementation of improvements. He continued his

presentation with slides on bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicular injuries and trends. He also showed a slide on distribution of crashes in Lee County. He mentioned the lack of good data for distracted driving and possibly conducting sampling studies in Lee County. He also discussed lighting as a factor in crashes. He then reviewed speed as a factor in crashes. Mr. Scott also mentioned crosswalks, side streets, and driveways as factors. There was a brief discussion on the accuracy of the crash data. Mr. Scott noted there were counts being done for the TIGER project, and he hoped to have good data for the impacts from the improvements. Mr. Eric Ortman asked if there were any comparisons that were completed. Mr. Scott said Old 41 was done, and it seems to be worse after. There was a brief discussion on the differences between Lee and Collier counties with respect to crashes. Mr. Randy Krise asked if there was a category for fault of the pedestrian or cyclists due to negligence. Mr. Scott said that data would be available in the report, but all of the crash reports would have to be read more thoroughly. A brief discussion followed on determining fault in the accidents. Mr. Scott also mentioned speed on local roads is generally higher than posted. He noted the MPO has been working with Lee Health to determine a more well-rounded approach. Chair Moser thanked Mr. Scott for his presentation.

Agenda Item #6 - MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Needs Reassessment

Mr. Scott presented this informational agenda item on the reassessment of the MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. He said with FDOT now requiring local governments to maintain Multi-Use Paths built on state highways, and the execution of maintenance agreements prior to their construction, the Lee MPO must rethink its strategy about proposing such facilities in its Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. He mentioned that staff has reassessed the needs on state highways from the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and is proposing that we replace the multi-use paths currently proposed on state highways with 8' concrete sidewalks. He reviewed the following roadways where these changes are being proposed:

- *Palm Beach Blvd from Buckingham Rd to Hendry County Line*
- *SW Pine Island Rd from Veterans Pkwy to Santa Barbara Blvd*
- *NE Pine Island Rd from Santa Barbara Blvd to Herron Rd*
- *Bayshore Rd from Park 78 Dr to SR 31 (currently in PD&E study)*
- *US 41 from Hickory Blvd to Broadway Avenue*

He said, in addition, there is one roadway segment, related to the development at Babcock Ranch, that needs some further discussion depending on current and future studies and this is:

- *SR 31 from Palm Beach Blvd to Bayshore Road*

Chair Moser asked if the intention to build pathways had been formally replaced with the eight foot concrete sidewalks. Mr. Scott replied yes due to inability to obtain a maintenance agreement. Chair Moser asked if the MPO Board took action on this yet. Mr. Scott replied not yet as these are the beginning stages of that process. He mentioned that local jurisdictions were also being asked to bring any proposed changes to the needs table for discussion at the meeting. Mr. Scott noted the MPO would be meeting with Office of Greenways and Trails to question the maintenance of Sun Trail. Mr. Gogoi said federal dollars can be used for maintenance but state DOTs have more restrictions. He said Mr. L. K. Nandam was looking into the matter further. A brief discussion followed about the maintenance issues statewide. A committee member asked about the difference in costs of maintaining a sidewalk versus a pathway. Mr. Scott said he could bring the figures back at the next meeting. Mr. Ortman asked about differentiating between recreational and transportation uses on the pathways/sidewalks. Mr. Scott said he had looked into that. Chair Moser said there are probably very few recreation only trails. Chair Moser thanked Mr. Scott for his presentation.

Agenda Item #7 - Collier MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Presentation

Mr. Eric Ortman with the Collier MPO presented this agenda item as an update on their Comprehensive Pathways Plan. He said the one in effect currently is the 2012 Comprehensive Pathways Plan. He noted that early on in the process, it was decided to create an entirely new plan instead of updating the old one. He said due to this, they changed the name to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Mr. Ortman then gave a Power Point presentation that included slides on the vision statement, public engagement, main themes, connections, draft concepts, current status, and contact information. The full presentation can be found here: http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/2018_1023_BPMP_Lee-BPPC.pptx Mr. Ortman concluded his presentation with a slide

on questions and/or comments. Chair Moser asked if starting from scratch would be a good idea for Lee County's plan as well. Mr. Scott replied it is possible, but he would look at the funding side. Mr. Scott mentioned that most of the MPO's current funding is being directed to the Long-Range Transportation Plan Update. Chair Moser thanked Mr. Ortman for his presentation.

Agenda Item #8 - FDOT/MPO/Local Agency Updates

Mr. D'Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He said the e-public hearing for the draft Work Program would be held December 3 – 7, 2018 on the swfroads.com website. He said he would also be available in person at the Lakes Regional Library on December 5 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. He would also bring the Work Program for review and discussion at the November 27th BPC meeting if it was available by then. Mr. Harris also announced the SUN Trail projects that were under consideration this funding cycle would also be revealed with the draft Tentative Work Program. Mr. Harris mentioned that FDOT's Mobility Week would be held the following week. He said there is one event planned for the Lee County area, in Lehigh Acres at the Veterans Park Fall Family Fun Day on October 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Gogoi mentioned that LeeTran is also planning an event for mobility week.

Agenda Item #9 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Ms. Pim Tan with Cape Coral announced that there would be a Kismet Parkway SUN Trail public meeting that evening starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Cape Coral Public Works Building. Mr. Doug Saxton with the Village of Estero announced there would be a Public Advisory Council meeting next month to kick off the Estero Bike Ped Master Plan. There was a brief discussion on the removal of traffic signals in downtown Fort Myers and their replacement with stop signs.

Mr. Scott announced the TIGER Wayfinding signs were almost complete. Chair Moser asked if there would be a formal event. Mr. Scott said possibly. Mr. Wheaton asked about a sign that was in the road and also about the yellow markings on some of the signs. Mr. Scott asked the committee member to send the information on the specific sign. Mr. Scott added that the yellow marking could be a branding mark. Chair Moser asked about the status of a new bike map. Mr. Gogoi said Mr. Raimondo would be getting in touch with all of the local jurisdictions for inventories and then he will review. Chair Moser asked to set a deadline. Mr. Gogoi noted that the old maps are still being provided. Chair Moser asked for an online version in the meantime.

A committee member mentioned a mobile cycling camp that Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive is assisting with. He said the City of Fort Myers had funding to connect areas that needed sidewalks. Mr. Allen Makua with the City of Fort Myers said he was not aware of that. He explained the process of connecting gaps in the City of Fort Myers. A brief discussion followed on the funding and need to fill the gaps. He also mentioned the Teen Driving Challenge that assists new drivers in learning fundamental driving skills. A brief discussion followed on teen driver programs in other areas and other programs for adults.

Agenda Item #10 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #11 - Topics for next meeting

Mr. Gogoi mentioned that he only had a tentative presentation of the draft Work Program and the Charlotte MPO Bike Ped Master Plan for the BPC meeting in November. Mr. Gogoi asked if anyone had additional items for the meeting. Chair Moser asked the BPC to contact Mr. Gogoi with any items for the next meeting. Mr. Gogoi said if the draft Work Program was not available for the November meeting, a special meeting may be called at the beginning of December instead of meeting in November.

Agenda Item #12 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the 2018 Commuting Trends Report.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.