

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., August 27, 2019
SW Florida Community Foundation Collaboratory
2031 Jackson Street, Suite 100, Fort Myers, FL 33901
239-244-2220



MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Dan Moser at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

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

From the BPCC

Alicia Dixon	Lee County Port Authority
Andy Getch	Lee County Community Development
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
David Wagley	Lee County Community Development
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Dawn Huff	LeeTran
Diane Holm	Injury Prevention Coalition
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jarriad McKinney	Lee County School District
Jason Lamey	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Jodi Walborn	Safe Routes to Schools
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Mike Fiigon	Lee County Port Authority
Mark Tesoro	Lee Health Trauma Center
Persides Zambrano	Cape Coral
Roger Lloyd	Lee County School District
Salli Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Sean Gibbons	Bonita Springs
Stephen Jansen	Lee County DOT

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee MPO; Ned Baier with Jacobs; Elly McKuen with Bonita Springs; Armand Regnaert with Lee County Parks and Recreation; David Murphy with Lee County DOT; Oisin Dolley with the City of Sanibel; Michael Tisch, Deborah Chesna, and David Agacinski with FDOT; and Nancy Crocker with Lee County School District.

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

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Agenda Item #4 - *Approval of the June 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. David Wagley made the motion to approve the June 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Doug Saxton seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Approval of Scope of the Fort Myers Bike Ped Master Plan Update

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item on the revised scope of the Fort Myers Bike Ped Plan update beginning with a summary of the changes made to the scope. Mr. Carl Karakos then discussed the plan and

the incorporation of the comments provided during the draft period. Mr. Gogoi then listed some of the specific changes made by Mr. Karakos. Vice-Chair Moser asked if there were any additional comments. There were none. He then asked for a motion.

Ms. Sally Kirkland made the motion to approve the Scope of the Fort Myers Bike Ped Plan Update. Mr. David Wheaton seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Lee County Port Authority Presentation

Ms. Alicia Dixon with the Lee County Port Authority presented this agenda item on the planned and ongoing activities at the SWFIA and the Page Field GA Airport. She gave a PowerPoint presentation that included slides on the two airports, LCPA funding, RSW economic benefit, Page Field improvements, RSW improvements, existing versus planned terminal at RSW, a Fly-Through video of the new terminal design for RSW, and the RSW improvements of the new tower and the future planned parallel runway. The full presentation is accessible here: http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/2019.06.12-TMOC_TAC_CAC-LCPA-Presentation.pdf The committee briefly discussed the new improvements. Ms. Dixon asked if there were any questions. There were none. Vice-Chair Moser thanked Ms. Dixon for her presentation.

Agenda Item #7 - Discussion on JYLP Trail Underpass at Daniels Parkway

Vice-Chair Dan Moser presented this information only agenda item to initiate a discussion on the feasibility of a trail underpass at Daniels Parkway to connect the northern and southern segments of John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail on both sides of Daniels Parkway. Mr. Moser mentioned possible issues with implementation and noted he hoped the underpass would be considered when the bridge is replaced. He also discussed other crossing options. Vice-Chair Moser asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Agenda Item #8 - Discussion of September 24th Joint Meeting Agenda of the BPC and the Collier MPO BPAC

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this information only agenda item to initiate a discussion on the September 24th BPC meeting that will be a joint meeting of the Lee MPO BPC and the Collier MPO BPAC. He showed a revised version of the Joint Meeting Agenda. He asked if there were any questions on the agenda items or if there were other items the committee would like proposed. Vice-Chair Moser mentioned a possible joint meeting with Charlotte due to the Burnt Store project. A committee member suggested a discussion at the Joint-Collier meeting on Old US 41. Mr. Gogoi said the consultants are not yet ready to present but the item will be brought back to the committee when there is updated information. Mr. Gogoi also mentioned the Lee Collier Bi-county Regional Pathway Network map and that this would be a discussion on the removal of this map and its substitution with the OGT Master Plan Land Trail Opportunity Map. Vice-Chair Moser noted the possible meeting time change and advised the committee members to refer to the agenda for correct time. Vice-Chair Moser referred to the remainder of the August 27th BPC meeting agenda items. Mr. Gogoi said that agenda Item 10 on SRTS proposals and hazardous walking condition locations was intentionally placed towards the end of the agenda as they are primarily the focus of discussion for local governments. Vice-Chair Moser added that due to this, those committee members not involved could leave if they wish after item 9.

Agenda Item #9 - FDOT/MPO/Local Agency Updates

Mr. James Lear with the Cape Coral Police Department mentioned they were dealing with an increased number of complaints, discussed the issues around schools during drop-off and pick-up. Mr. David Wagley mentioned a few recently completed sidewalk projects in Lee County. Ms. Dawn Huff commented on the design and construction of schools in Lee County with relation to traffic. She said there were no LeeTran updates, but she should have something to present at the October meeting. Mr. David Agacinski introduced Ms. Deborah Chesna, FDOT's new Bike Ped Coordinator. Mr. Agacinski said they are anticipating a SUN Trail call in October with online submittal. He said it will be similar to the way Safe Routes for Schools is submitted. He suggested filling out the paper application that is available on the SUN Trail website to prepare for the call. He also noted any updates to already submitted applications deemed eligible should be sent to him or Ms. Chesna. There was a brief discussion on possible projects. Ms. Jodi Walborn announced she was busy scheduling presentations and developing supplemental curriculums for use by teachers. Mr. Karakos discussed the JYLP project and clarified funding questions related to SUN Trail. Mr. Karakos then discussed other projects in the City of Fort Myers. A discussion

followed on the proposed Fowler Street interim and ultimate improvements. Ms. Persides Zambrano discussed the status of the Cape Coral SUN Trail project on Kismet. She also noted Cape Council approved funding for sidewalks. Vice-Chair Moser mentioned Cape Coral had successfully submitted the application for renewal of its bicycle friendly community status. Ms. Zambrano also noted the City of Cape Coral is now requiring bike racks for new developments. Mr. Sean Gibbons commented Bonita's Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee is working to have training in the area for certification from the League of American Cyclists. Mr. Mark Tesoro commented on safety related activities that are being sponsored by Lee Health. Mr. Doug Saxton mentioned Estero is still waiting for the Bike Ped Plan to come back before Council for adoption. Mr. Ned Baier further commented on this. Ms. Salli Kirkland noted the Sanibel Share Use Master Plan Update is also awaiting adoption. Lee County Parks and Recreation announced the JYLP Trailhead project is moving forward. Mr. Steve Jansen mentioned several locations where crossing improvements were being made.

Agenda Item #10 - FS 1006.23 Request for Review and SRTS Proposal Discussion

Mr. Gogoi started this discussion with an update on Safe Routes to Schools proposals from Lee County. He referred to the priority list of three projects that were transmitted to FDOT. Mr. Gogoi said it was unofficial, but he received news from FDOT that none of the Lee County proposals were awarded SRTS funds this funding cycle. He said the new call for proposals for FY 2019/20 is September 1, 2019. He noted that funds available are \$7 million statewide but this amount will be increased to \$10 million in 2023. Mr. Roger Lloyd with the Lee County School District then discussed hazardous walking locations. He noted the law changed two years ago and any hazardous condition identification and correction must be undertaken consistent with procedure laid out in Florida Statutes 1006.23 location criteria. He said every year they are audited. He noted the first step in the process is identifying the locations and compiling a list. He handed out a list of locations and criteria. He referred to the list and discussed the corrections of the hazards. There was a brief discussion on the bridges in Cape Coral that were on the list and the need to install guard rails. Additional brief discussions followed on training required to assess hazardous walking conditions, mobility accommodations and requirements, bus stop changes, student proximity to bus stops and schools, interpretation of wording in laws, consequences/remedies for lack of funding, distribution of complete location list, formulating a plan that is easy to follow, and incorporating this into bike ped master plans. Mr. Gogoi suggested that each local government should review the list and that will help clean up the list. The committee then discussed the process to address the locations on the list including separating the list into jurisdictions, placing the projects in the respective five year CIPs, school zones, avoiding penalties, and funding for crossing guards. Vice-Chair Moser asked if there were any additional comments. Mr. Lloyd said this was the beginning of the process, and he will get the lists to each jurisdiction of their locations. Mr. Gogoi went back to the topic of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS), reminded the committee again that the call for applications for the new funding cycle is September 1st, and asked the local governments to decide whether they wanted to resubmit the applications from last year, and/or submit new proposals. He also asked Mr. Lloyd who the school district has designated to coordinate with the local governments to identify SRTS proposals and doing the required tasks in the application process. Mr. Lloyd said local governments should contact him with proposals and that he would make sure the required tasks are completed. Mr. Gogoi expressed his concern about the lack of SRTS funds for Lee County projects in the last two funding cycles. Ms. Huff suggested finding out the reasoning why none of the projects were awarded funds. The committee continued to discuss hazardous conditions and criteria. Mr. Gogoi said the conversation can be continued at the next BPCC meeting.

Agenda Item #11 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public or member comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #12 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The information or distribution items included the list of locations handout from Mr. Lloyd.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

*Action Items *May Require Action

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