

## BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10 a.m., October 29, 2019  
SW Florida Community Foundation Collaboratory  
2031 Jackson Street, Suite 100, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239-244-2220



### Meeting Minutes

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#### **Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Hagen at 10:01 a.m.

#### **Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions**

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

##### **From the BPC**

Andy Getch	Lee County Community Development
Carie Call	Lee MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
David Wagley	Lee County Community Development
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jarriad McKinney	Lee County School District
Jennifer Hagen	Member-at-Large
Jodi Walborn	Safe Routes to School/Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
Jorge Puente	LeeTran
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Mark Tesoro	Lee Health Trauma Center
Pim Tan	Cape Coral
Randy Krise	Lee MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee
Salli Kirkland	City of Sanibel
Simone Behr	Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau
Tina Sujana	Member-at-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Marta Gibbons with the Matlacha Association; David Murphy with Lee County Department of Transportation; and Michael Tisch with FDOT.

#### **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 September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Mr. David Wagley seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Agenda Item #5 - +Presentation of the Draft Tentative Work Program for Lee County**

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT presented this agenda item on the FY 2021 – 2025 Draft Tentative Work Program for Lee County. He noted the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program for Lee County for FYs 2021 through 2025 was attached to the agenda packet for Committee review. He mentioned the summary of changes was also included. Mr. Tisch and Mr. Gogoi mentioned some of the projects listed below that are the highlights from the work program document:

- SUN Trail funds in the amount of \$6,195,959 in FY 2025 for the construction phase of the Kismet Parkway Trail from Nelson Boulevard to Del Prado Boulevard (Project FPN #440236-2) (*MPO Sun Trail Priority 1 from 2016*)
- Sun Trail funds in the amount of \$414,625 in FY 2022 for the design of the Kismet Parkway Trail from Del Prado Avenue to NE 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue (FPN #443603-1) (*MPO SUN Trail Priority 2 from 2017*)
- Sun Trail funds in the amount of \$400,000 in FY 2021 for the Bonita-Estero Rails to Trails Feasibility Study from Bonita Beach Road to Alico Road (FPN #443605-1) (*MPO SUN Trail Priority 1 from 2017*). This project also includes a local match from the City of Bonita Springs and the Village of Estero.
- Lee MPO 'TA' and 'SU' funds in the amount of \$872,971 in FY 2025 for the construction phase of SW Santa Barbara Place sidewalks from Nicholas Parkway to SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street (FPN #4418991) (*2019 MPO TA and SU Box Fund Priority 5*)
- Lee MPO 'SU' funds in the amount of \$1,014,210 in FY 2025 for the construction phase of Marsh Avenue sidewalks from Michigan Street to SR 80 (FPN #4419001) (*2019 MPO TA and SU Box Fund Priority 4*)
- Lee MPO 'SU' funds in the amount of \$1,785,914 in FY 2025 for the construction phase of the Bell Blvd Shared Use Paths from Sunrise Blvd to Joel Blvd (FPN #4419011) (*2019 MPO TA and SU Box Fund Priority 6*). The project also includes a Lee County local match of \$504,164

Mr. Gogoi mentioned that the Lee MPO has now access to additional funding of \$2.7 million in FY 2020. Some of the additional funds could be spent on LeeTran bus purchases and the Cape LIDAR scanner. Mr. Gogoi also discussed other projects in the Tentative Work Program including Corkscrew Road and Estero Boulevard improvements. The committee briefly discussed the Lee County Traffic Operations Center funding and the Richmond Pedestrian Bridge funding. Mr. Tisch added comments will be accepted by FDOT from all interested parties if they are received by Thursday, October 31, 2019. Mr. Gogoi said comments can be discussed at this meeting or sent to FDOT. Mr. Dan Moser suggested discussing the Littleton Road widening as a future agenda item.

Mr. Dan Moser made the motion to accept the Work Program. Mr. David Wheaton seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Agenda Item #6 - Discussion on the Corkscrew Road Expansion**

Mr. Doug Saxton, the Village of Estero's BPCC representative, presented this agenda item for discussion on the accommodation of bicycle pedestrian facilities in the proposed Corkscrew Road Expansion project east of Ben Hill Griffin Parkway. He explained the design of the

Corkscrew Road expansion from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to Alico Road is currently underway. He said the County is moving forward with a design that calls for six lanes from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to Fire House Lane and four lanes from Fire House Lane to Alico Road without a reduction in speed to accommodate Vision Zero goals. Mr. Saxton expressed concern that 4' bike lanes are inadequate and compromise safety as the existing posted speed limit varies from 45 to 50 mph. Mr. Saxton also commented on the design of the road. Mr. David Murphy gave a brief history of the road design and project phases. Mr. Murphy discussed Phase I design calls for 4' bike lanes, a 6' sidewalk on one side of the road, and a 10' wide shared use path on the other side of the road. Additional information on the project follows: Phase I covers the expansion of Corkscrew Road from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to Bella Terra Boulevard, and Phase II covers the expansion of the roadway from Bella Terra Boulevard to Alico Road. Phase I construction is anticipated to begin late 2020/early 2021. The committee discussed funding, cost benefit study, public impact, complete streets design, growth projections, development restrictions, speeding, round-a-bouts, bicycle lane guidelines, crash statistics, traffic safety, and lack of public education. Chair Hagen encouraged the committee to attend public meetings. Mr. Murphy commented on the Alico Road extension project.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Lee MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Update**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item on the Lee MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Update. He reviewed the list of projects developed by the consultant, Jacobs, that were also included in the agenda packet. He noted the risk factors were identified at intersections and then projects and countermeasures were developed for those intersections and corridor segments that were identified to have multiple risk factors for severe crashes. He listed the total costs of the projects identified. He also mentioned the suggestions for mid-block crossings and rapid flashing beacons (RFBs). The committee discussed mid-block crossings, crosswalk markings, RFBs, pedestrian refuges, and leading pedestrian intervals. Mr. Gogoi reviewed the list of road segment projects, the associated table, implementation, funding, changing policies, required documentation, and strategies moving forward. The committee then discussed informing local governments, public/stakeholder involvement, and types of safety projects proposed. Chair Hagen asked if there were any additional discussion items on this agenda item. There were none.

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

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT reminded the committee that the public comment period for the Work Program ends on Thursday, October 31, 2019 and all comments can be submitted online or in writing. Chair Hagen also mentioned mobility week. Ms. Pim Tan with Cape Coral commented on their SUN Trail projects. Mr. Gogoi thanked Mr. David Agacinski with FDOT for his work on the SUN Trail projects in Lee County. Mr. Karakos with the City of Fort Myers commented on the JYLP project and First/Second Street. The committee briefly discussed the bicycle turn boxes recently installed at Daniels. Mr. David Wagley with Lee County noted there would be a ribbon cutting for the Palomino bike path on November 13 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church. Ms. Marta Gibbons with the Matlacha Association commented on the Pine Island Road bike path/sidewalk. Mr. Dan Moser mentioned the upcoming bicycle training for community members being held the morning of November 9 at the Villas Clubhouse. Sergeant Lear with the Cape Coral Police Department commented that the City of Cape Coral has started

their pedestrian/bicycle education and enforcement campaign. He said Cape is also sending two officers to become LCSI certified.

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

Mr. Gogoi mentioned the new elementary and middle schools being constructed in a joint campus in Lehigh Acres. He showed the map of the school campus location and the canal that needs to be crossed to provide better access. Mr. Gogoi gave information on the timeline for the construction of the schools, need for the bridge, hazardous walking conditions in the area, discussion at the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), costs for the bridge project, and letter sent by the CAC. Mr. David Murphy gave a brief history of the area, projects suggested to the School District, and county involvement. The committee discussed the project, adding it to the Long Range Transportation Plan, cost of project, and writing a letter from the BPC in support of the Citizen Advisory Committee letter regarding construction of a bridge in Lehigh near the new schools. The committee suggested writing a letter or resolution that recommends coordination among interested parties to build a bridge now. They suggested this letter should include more detail with respect to engineering, public safety/welfare, environmental impact, law enforcement input, and short term/long term solutions. Mr. Gogoi said he would draft the language in the letter with assistance from Mr. Murphy on the engineering verbiage and cost estimate. He asked the committee who they would like it sent to. The committee suggested all of the same entities the CAC letter went to – Lee County Commission, Lee County School Board, and Lehigh Acres – Municipal Services Improvement District. The committee agreed, with the exception of one member, to write the resolution/letter. Mr. Gogoi also discussed the bicycle turn box, the upcoming instructional video, and digital ad.

### **Agenda Item #10 - Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Agenda Item #11 - Information and Distribution Items**

The information and distribution items included a handout on Corkscrew Road from Lee County DOT. Chair Hagen asked about adjusting the meeting date in November. Mr. Gogoi said the meeting could be rescheduled. The committee discussed scheduling the meeting for November 19 instead of November 26. Mr. Gogoi also mentioned the upcoming selection committee meeting for the consultant selection for the Fort Myers Bike Ped Plan.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:02 p.m. \*Action Items \*May Require Action**

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