

## BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., July 28, 2020

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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### Meeting Minutes

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

The recording of the virtual Zoom meeting started at approximately 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gogoi noted that there was a quorum. Shortly thereafter, the meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Moser.

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

**Mr. Gogoi called the roll. There was a quorum. Those in attendance included:**

##### From the BPC

Armand Regnaert	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Cindy Leal Brizuela	Lee County School District
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
David Murphy	Lee County DOT
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jorge Puente	LeeTran
Kalyani Bhutada	Fort Myers Beach
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Mark Tesoro	Lee Health
Nancy MacPhee	Visitors and Convention Bureau
Pim Tan	City of Cape Coral
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
Syndi Bultman	Lee Health
Tina Sujana	Member-at-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi, Don Scott, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Nancy Crocker with the Lee County School District; J. B. Schuetz with the City of Fort Myers; Natalia Lercari and Trent Ebersole with McMahon; Adrienne Wisdom with KCA; Ned Baier with Volkert; James Molnar with TY-LIN; Patrick Day with DRMP; Mary O'Toole with the City of Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board; Matthew Leger with the Leger Design Group; Marta Gibbons, a member of the public; Denise Diamond, a member of the public.

#### **Agenda Item #4 - \*Approval of the June 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to approve the June 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Doug Saxton seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

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

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

### **Agenda Item #5 - JYLP Trail Extension Design Update**

Ms. Adrienne Wisdom with KCA, the consultant for this project, presented this agenda item on the JYLP Trail Extension Design Update. Ms. Wisdom gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the project team, project background, existing trail, project limits, Colonial Boulevard bicycle pedestrian overpass, typical section, project schedule, project coordination, and contact information. The full presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/JYLP-Design-Update-July-2020rev.pdf>. Ms. Wisdom asked if there were any questions. The committee briefly discussed the cost for the pedestrian overpass, anticipated location for the crossing at Winkler, pathway, construction date, funding, phases, medians, crossing at Evans, interim solutions, other funding options, possible widening of sidewalk on north side, and coordinating with Lee County staff. Chair Moser thanked Ms. Wisdom for her presentation.

### **Agenda Item #6 - Review and Input of the Bonita Estero Rail Trail Feasibility Study Scope**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review of and input on the Bonita Estero Rail Trail Feasibility Study Scope. He gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on project details, funding, schedule, project limits, trail options, cost estimate, scope tasks, and comments and modifications to scope. Mr. Gogoi asked for the committee to send additional comments to him by August 4, 2020. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Rail-Trail-Scope.pdf>. Mr. Gogoi asked if there were any comments from those present. Mr. Doug Saxton suggested adding places of interest, like restaurants and small businesses, to the section that already included parks on page twelve. Mr. Sean Gibbons suggested adding information on connection to existing networks and planning out locations of land trails. Mr. Saxton also mentioned prior success with electronic comments. Mr. Gogoi noted this would be included under public involvement and elaborated on consultant requirements. Mr. Wagley mentioned the success of the public outreach for the Terry Street project prior to the pandemic and suggested reaching out to Mr. Gibbons for information. Mr. Gogoi explained the project team will include staff from the MPO and the local jurisdictions of the Village of Estero and the City of Bonita Springs. Mr. Gogoi also mentioned that there is significant information to cover and details that will be worked out at the first coordination meeting. Chair Moser asked if there were any additional comments. Mr. Gogoi said that Seminole Gulf will be coordinated with and the consultant will continue this coordination. The committee briefly discussed the current situation of the railway. Chair Moser asked if there were any other comments. There were none. Mr. Gibbons thanked Mr. Gogoi and Mr. Scott for their efforts.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Fort Myers Bike Ped Master Plan Update**

Ms. Natalia Lercari with McMahan, the consultant for the City of Fort Myers' Bike Ped Master Plan update, presented this agenda item. Ms. Lercari gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the project team, purpose of the master plan, master plan process, project time line, existing related plans, existing sidewalk facilities map, existing bicycle and multi-modal facilities map, existing transit routes, public engagement process, master plan vision, master plan goals, toolbox for potential future facilities, information on learning more about the plan update, public notice, public survey/questionnaire results, historical crash data map bike/ped, functional classification map, and questions/comments. The entire presentation can be accessed here: [https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/McMahon-Presentation\\_072820.pptx](https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/McMahon-Presentation_072820.pptx). Chair Moser asked if this has been vetted through the City's Bike Ped Committee. Mr. Karakos noted that there have been no City Bike Ped meetings due to COVID and that was why the members from that committee were specially invited to participate in the MPO's Bike Ped committee meeting today. Chair Moser asked if the City's Bike Ped Committee was included on development of the Master Plan update. Mr. Karakos replied yes, one member is on the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) but all members can comment. Brief discussions followed on the virtual Master Plan update meeting held the night before, incorporating electronic access for additional feedback, differences between the 2007 plan process and the update process,

ensuring regular updates to City Council, funding, nature of crashes on Palm Beach corridor, plans for lighting along SR 80 and SR 82, priority criteria and order for projects, process to establish priorities and needs assessment, including planned projects and those under construction, intersection improvements, road crossings, lack of funding to address all needs, safety improvements along Ortiz and Fowler, and an MPO project on Marsh/SR 80. Chair Moser asked if there was additional discussion/feedback. There was none.

### **Agenda Item #8 - Discussion on the Florida HB 971/SB 1148 Legislation**

Chair Moser introduced this agenda item and noted he was working on developing policy language to address this bill. Mr. Don Scott then presented this agenda item as a discussion on the Florida HB 971/SB 1148 Legislation. Mr. Scott said that although he has been reaching out, he has not received responses or recommendations. He briefly reviewed information on the explanation of the bill, impacts on Lee County, liability issues, design implications, and possible solutions. Chair Moser said he had been looking at models from other areas, specifically St. Petersburg. The committee briefly discussed situational remedies, local examples, county restrictions, non-motorized vehicles, establishing speed limits, signage, League of American cyclists website, including all micro-mobility devices, electric bicycles, current status of Fort Myers Beach with respect to regulations, ensuring policies are established and recorded, regulation responsibility for municipalities now that the classification system is established, clarification on law, pedal assist and group riding, and impact on pedestrians. Mr. Gogoi suggested the Walk-On item should be addressed next. Chair Moser agreed.

### **Agenda Item X – Walk-On Item - Hendry Street Pedestrian Mall Presentation**

Mr. Matthew Leger, with the Leger Design Group, presented this agenda item on the Hendry Street Pedestrian Mall concept. He gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on his personal background, urban growth, Midtown, pedestrian mall examples, Midtown connection, transport connection, destination connection, additional benefits, mixed-use residential district, low density residential district, vision plan priorities, credits, and questions/input. His entire presentation can be accessed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Updated-MIDTOWN-CONNECTION-PRESENTATION.pdf>. Chair Moser noted that it would be nice to have a pedestrian only area downtown. Mr. Gibbons commented on the height/density of the proposal, form based code, urbanized dense core area, greenway approach, and light cycle timing. Mr. Leger acknowledged there may be some hurdles and transition options to consider. Mr. Scott mentioned the proposed JYLP extension to Hanson Street and the Caloosahatchee Bridge bike accommodation retrofit. Chair Moser commented on the Canal Street connection alternative to Winkler Canal. Chair Moser asked if there was any public comment.

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

Mr. Scott called out the comments in the chat box from Ms. Cindy Leal Brizuela with Lee County Schools and Mr. Patrick Day with DRMP. Mr. Day also verbally commented on the Midtown rezoning for affordable housing and planning for a major pathway for cyclists.

Mr. Gogoi called out the LeeTran chat comment from Mr. Jorge Puente with LeeTran regarding their upcoming virtual public meetings for the Transit Development Plan update.

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

Ms. Marta Gibbons, a member of the public, commented on the pedestrian and bicycle traffic at the intersection of Marsh Avenue and Palm Beach Boulevard.

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

There were no announcements.

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

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:08 p.m.

**The entire meeting audio can be accessed here:** <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/07-28-2020-bpcc>

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

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