

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., November 24, 2020
City Council Chambers, 2200 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL
and Virtual Zoom Webinar
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Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

The meeting was officially called to order by Chair Dan Moser at approximately 10:00 a.m. Mr. Ron Gogoi asked that virtual attendees use the raise hand feature if they would like to comment. He also noted that Agenda Item #9 – Discussion of a Districtwide Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan will be moved to the next BPCC meeting.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

Those present at the in-person meeting introduced themselves. In addition, MPO staff recorded the roll. There was a quorum. Those in attendance included:

From the BPCC

Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers (in-person)
Cindy Leal Brizuela	Lee County School District (in-person)
Colleen Bennett	Lee County Department of Community Development (virtual)
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition (in-person)
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large (in-person)
David Rivera	LeeTran (virtual)
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large (in-person)
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department (in-person)
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation (virtual)
Pim Tan	City of Cape Coral (in-person)
Randy Krise	Lee County MPO Citizen Advisory Committee (in-person)

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi (in-person), Don Scott (in-person), and Calandra Barraco (virtual) with the Lee County MPO; David Murphy (in-person) with Lee County DOT; Christopher Speese (virtual) and Sean Pugh (virtual) with FDOT; Katie Habgood (virtual) and Robert Paquin (virtual) with Jacobs; Trent Ebersole (virtual) with McMahon Associates; Jhonny Foronda (in-person), Rich Culkins (in-person), and Jaimie Lloyd (in-person) with the City of Fort Myers; and Christopher Pierce (in-person) with the City of Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

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 October 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the October 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Cindy Leal Brizuela seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Recommendation of MPO Endorsement of SRTS Applications

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to recommend MPO Board Endorsement of Applications for FY 2021 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Funds. In response to FDOT's call for proposals for FY 2021 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure funds, two (2) applications are being submitted by local governments in Lee County. They include a joint application from the City of Fort Myers and the Lee County BOCC and an application from the City of Cape Coral. The Cape Coral application calls for sidewalks that will benefit Skyline Elementary, Challenger Middle, and Patriot Elementary. The proposal calls for sidewalks on the east side of Skyline Boulevard from SR 78 to Trafalgar Parkway and the north side of SW 10th Street from Skyline Boulevard to Chiquita Boulevard. The joint application calls for sidewalks that will benefit Fort Myers Middle Academy, Allen Park and Fort Myers High. Sidewalks are proposed on the south side of Hanson Street from Royal Palm Avenue to Cleveland Avenue, south side of Braman Avenue from Central to Fowler Street, south side of Braman Avenue from Broadway Avenue to Grande Avenue, north side of Moreno Avenue from Fowler Street to Broadway Avenue and the south side of Unity Avenue/Kennesaw Street from Fowler Street to Broadway Avenue.

Ms. Cindy Brizuela with the Lee County School District explained the student demographics in both applications and reported on data collection limitations due to time constraints, and scheduling of public meetings. The committee discussed the cost of the Fort Myers project its benefits for all walkers in area (general population not just students), and infrastructure delays caused by US 41 construction, and cost evaluation work. Mr. Gogoi thanked Ms. Cindy Leal Brizuela for a wonderful job in project coordination, developing the applications, and undertaking the related tasks associated with SRTS process. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-5-SRTS-Endorsement.pptx>.

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to recommend MPO Board endorsement of the two Safe Routes to School Applications. Mr. Carl Karokas seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Design Concepts of CFIs on Metro Parkway

Mr. Christopher Speese with FDOT presented the design concepts of the proposed continuous flow intersections (CFIs) at Metro Parkway and Daniels Parkway and Metro Parkway and Colonial Boulevard. The presentation covered the Metro Parkway 6-lane project description, existing conditions, proposed typical section, reasons for selection of CFI, explanation of a CFI, a video of CFI traffic flow, design status of project, and bike ped accommodation. Chair Moser noted there was a difference between the existing CFI at SR 82 and Daniels and the proposed CFIs with respect to the amount of development. A brief discussion followed on the bicycle movements through the intersection, displaced left turn, marking off a safe area/bicycle box for cyclists, signage to indicate no right turn, channelized median to prevent left turn of cars, and example of Daniels. Mr. Speese noted that the input and suggestions from the committee would be taken into consideration in the design. He asked any additional input be sent to him using the contact information provided in one of his slides. Mr. Speese's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-6-CFIs-on-Metro.pptx>

Agenda Item #7 - Review of the 2045 LRTP Adoption Summary Report

Mr. Scott presented the draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) adoption summary report for committee input. The LRTP is set to be adopted by the MPO Board on December 18, 2020. He stated that there may be possible amendments due to budget constraints, and he would know more information on that in January. The presentation covered the LRTP vision, base year and projected 2045 data, constrained roadways, public involvement, travel survey results, project needs, revenues,

and a cost feasible plan that covered highway, transit, and bike ped modes. Chair Moser asked about the City of Fort Myers Bike Ped Master Plan update and inclusion of projects from that Plan in the LRTP. Mr. Scott said the LRTP will be amended to include the Fort Myers plan once it is completed. A brief discussion followed on the Cape bridges, proposed improvements to the bridges, recent BOCC meeting discussion on the bridges, current plan for moving forward, conceptual drawings from BOCC meeting Power Point, and possible presentation of information at next TMOC meeting. Mr. Scott's presentation can be accessed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-7-2045-LRTP.pptx>

Agenda Item #8 - Prioritization of the Unfunded Bike Ped Needs Projects

Ms. Katie Habgood with Jacobs gave a presentation that covered the purpose of the Lee MPO bike ped Plan update, unfunded bike ped needs, and potential performance measures to evaluate project needs and prioritize projects. She asked for committee input on the performance measures. The committee discussed constructability, right-of-way, constrained roadways, connectivity, parallel streets, proximity to schools, roadway functional classification complete streets and context sensitive classifications as potential performance measures. A brief discussion followed on. evaluation of issues and opportunities, screening projects to produce list of top projects, road diets, sidewalks in industrial areas, limitations of parallel roads, complete streets concepts, SR 78 example with relation to parallel roads, providing safe facilities, and opportunities to separate people from high-risk facilities. Ms. Habgood concluded her presentation with what's next for the unfunded bike ped needs project prioritization. Mr. Christopher Pierce commented on the need to address the area near the Riverwalk Apartments in downtown Fort Myers as this area has facilities that are heavily used. Chair Moser asked if volume could also be used as a performance measure, including all users. Mr. Scott mentioned there is sometimes a lack of data for bike ped counts. The committee also discussed the potential Caloosahatchee project, Edison bridge facilities, improving access, possible restriping, uncertainty of funding for the accommodation of bicycle pedestrian facilities in the Caloosahatchee project, slowing traffic, and re-allocation of space on roadway with paint. Chair Moser thanked Ms. Habgood for her presentation. Ms. Habgood asked that if anyone had additional comments they could contact her. Ms. Habgood's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-8-BPCC-11.24.2020-v001.pptx>

Agenda Item #9 – Discussion of a Districtwide Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan

This agenda item was moved to the next BPCC meeting.

Agenda Item #10 - FDOT/MPO/Local Agency Updates

Sergeant James Lear with the Cape Coral Police Department commented on their High Visibility Enforcement Grant. He also informed the committee on the recent acquisition of e-bikes and they plan on using them for holiday patrols around shopping areas. Chair Moser asked if there were any other comments from local agencies. Ms. Pim Tan said she had nothing new to report for the City of Cape Coral. The committee discussed the scheduling of the next City of Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. David Murphy with LCDOT gave a brief update on their current bicycle pedestrian projects. A brief discussion followed on the Alico project specifications and schedule. Chair Moser asked if there were any additional updates. Mr. Pierce mentioned the downtown area around the bridges and inclusion of bike ped projects in the LRTP. Mr. Karakos said that can be addressed in the City of Fort Myers Bike Ped Master Plan Update as it is in city limits.

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

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

The entire meeting audio can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/11-24-2020-bpcc>

***Action Items +May Require Action**

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