

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., March 23, 2021

City Council Chambers, 2200 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL

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Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

The in-person meeting was officially called to order by Chair Randy Krise at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

MPO staff called and recorded the roll. There was a quorum. Those in attendance included:

From the BPC

Armand Regnaert	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Carie Call	Lee County MPO Citizen Advisory Committee
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jennifer Hagen	Member-at-Large
Jorge Puente	LeeTran
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Michael Cohn	City of Sanibel
Nancy McPhee	Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau
Pim Tan	City of Cape Coral
Randy Krise	Lee County MPO Citizen Advisory Committee

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi, Don Scott, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Tom Marquardt with Lee County DOT; Nancy Crocker with Lee County Schools; John Kubicki with FDOT; LaNina Dobson with Commute Connector; Rene Brito with the City of Fort Myers; Teresa Lewis with Planet Connected; and Jodi Walborn with the Blue Zones Project.

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 February 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Jennifer Hagen made the motion to approve the February 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Henry Burden seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - Discussion on the 2021 Dangerous by Design Report

Mr. Don Scott presented this discussion agenda item on the 2021 Dangerous by Design Report. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on an introduction to the Dangerous by Design Report, pedestrian fatalities data/map, Florida rankings, states with largest

increases, map of metropolitan area rankings, chart of largest increase areas, comparison to 2016 and 2019 report results, Lee County crash locations map, and further analysis of fatalities. Chair Krise asked about the countywide percentages. Mr. Scott explained the demographics in Lee County match the fatalities. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with a slide on safety performance measures. The committee briefly discussed taking in to account the increased population, including the influx of visitors/non-permanent residents, and the use of the nationally available data for percentage of people that walk to work. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with additional information on safety performance measures, Lee County motor vehicle serious injury and fatality data, pedestrian fatalities, bicycle fatalities, and recent data trends. Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions or comments. He commented that the report suggests redesigning the roads and that is a difficult task to accomplish. The committee then discussed focusing on high density pedestrian areas, providing medians and signal crossings, percentage of fatalities greater for high density pedestrian areas, media interviews and concerns with adding sidewalks in Lehigh, cost estimates for adding sidewalks to one side of every road in Cape Coral, sidewalks to schools, laws against walking to school if no sidewalks present, recent occurrences of children in Lee County being killed while waiting for the bus not walking to school, Florida roads design and speed, tourist contribution to dangerous roads in Florida, lowering the speed limit, decreasing lane widths, placing planters in the road, too many SUVs, taking too long to release final traffic data, longer blocks, planning for better bicycle/pedestrian separation, other areas with higher percentages of people walking to work, enforcement, outreach, Florida highest for uninsured drivers, and high percentage of hit and runs. Mr. Scott's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-5-2021-Dangerous-by-Design-Report.pdf>

Agenda Item #6 - FDOT D1 Safety 3E Actions

Mr. John Kubicki with FDOT presented this agenda item on the FDOT D1 Safety 3E Actions. He gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on introduction, objectives, mission/vision, FHWA 2015 Focus States, Florida statistics, District One advance safety tool, active transportation plan goals, advanced safety tool score, community input, Polk County case study ranking corridors, prioritizing projects, safety program goals, providing support, safety by design program/website, corridor education/focus locations, Community Traffic Safety Teams, Stay at the Scene brochure safety initiative, US 92 Lakeland example, contact information, and challenge question. There was a brief discussion of the prioritization tool and possible use by local governments, using the tool where projects overlap, prioritizing which projects can be coordinated with Safety, US 41 example, FHWA targets and improvements, using FDOT provided data, US 92 as first HAWK or PHB corridor, before and after crash data, correct use of installed equipment, education component, providing list of priorities and projects in areas with a history of accidents to FDOT, limited funding, challenges to using funding in best way possible, partnerships, and providing priority list for highway safety funds. Chair Krise asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none. He thanked Mr. Kubicki for his presentation. Mr. Kubicki's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-6-D1-and-D7-Safety-Summit-D1-Slides-Combined-3-3-21-Final.pdf>

Agenda Item #7 - Review of FDOT HSIP Implementation Plan

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review of the FDOT HSIP Implementation Plan. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the 2018 targets, 2015-2019 averages, state targets and results, HSIP summary table and allocations, Lee County project list, and new requirements for MPOs. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-7-HSIP.pdf>

Agenda Item #9 - Report on the MPO Board Discussion about the Caloosahatchee Bridge Pedestrian Infrastructure Options

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the MPO Board discussion about the Caloosahatchee Bridge. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on summary of the feasibility study, structural option A, structural option B, structural option C, funding, switchback ramp, context classification, lifespan of current structure, and considerations. Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions. He added that this item will be brought back at future meeting. There was a brief discussion on additional funding and allocations for the state and local areas. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-9-Caloosahatchee-Bridge-Pedestrian-Infrastructure-Feasibility-Review.pdf>

Agenda Item #8 - Review of Prioritized Bicycle Pedestrian Needs Projects

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the Prioritized Bicycle Pedestrian Needs Projects. He reviewed several of the priorities that can be viewed at the following link: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/BPCC08a.Prioritized-Bicycle-Pedestrian-Needs.xlsx> He noted the priority list includes projects from all of the local CIPs and the projects listed as pending are under construction. The committee discussed prioritizing projects based on Complete Streets implementation, using the FDOT tool to prioritize, need for land development regulations to back priorities, assisting staff at local jurisdictions to make changes at street level, context appropriate approach in field, and ensuring that coordination occurs. Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #10 - LeeTran Fixed Route Bus Service Changes

Mr. Jorge Puente with LeeTran presented this agenda item on the LeeTran Fixed Route Bus Service Changes. He gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the April service changes and maps of the route changes. The committee briefly discussed transfers, layovers, Lehigh routes with transfers, and separate routes sharing resources. Mr. Puente asked if there were any questions. There were none. His entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-10-LeeTran-Presentation.pdf>

Agenda Item #11 - FDOT/MPO/Local Agency Updates

Mr. David Wagley mentioned the Lee County BPAC would be reviewing the USBR 15 alignment in Lee County at their April meeting. A brief discussion followed on the options for the approval process for the alignment of USBR 15, the approval of the maintaining agency, and coordination between Lee County and MPO staff. Chair Krise asked if there were any other updates. There were none.

Agenda Item #12 - 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 #13 – Announcements

Ms. Nancy McPhee with the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau announced the Development Council Marketing Grant funding opportunities will open in April. She added that information could be found at www.LeeVCB.com Mr. Wagley asked if these were the same funds that could be used for beach park facilities maintenance. Ms. McPhee said that is the Beach and Shoreline Program and it is now closed for this cycle. She noted the grant funding she mentioned that opens in April is for marketing.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and/or distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here:
<https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/03-23-2021-bpccwma>

*Action Items +May Require Action

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