

## BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., August 24, 2021  
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building,  
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL  
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### Meeting Minutes

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The in-person meeting was officially called to order by Chair Randy Krise at 10:03 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 BPCC

Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Gordon Brown	Village of Estero
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large
Jennifer Hagen	Member-at-Large
Jorge Puente	LeeTran
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Nancy Crocker	Lee County School District
Pimolmas Tan	Cape Coral
Randy Krise	Lee County MPO Citizen Advisory Committee
Scott Stryker	Village of Estero
Tom Marquardt	Lee County DOT

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi, Brian Raimondo, Don Scott, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Jodi Walborn with Blue Zones; and Victoria Peters and Bessie Reina with FDOT.

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

There were no public comments on items on the agenda when this item was called at 10:06 a.m. A public comment was submitted by Mr. John Majka via email at 10:46 a.m. Mr. Majka's public comment was printed by Mr. Don Scott and handed out to the BPCC members present later in the meeting under Agenda Item #8. It can also be accessed at the following link: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/John-Majka-Public-Comment.pdf>

#### **Agenda Item #4 - \*Approval of the June 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to approve the June 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lee Waller seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #5 - Corridor Vision Plan Presentation**

Ms. Bessie Reina with FDOT presented this agenda item on the FDOT District 1 Corridor Vision Plan involving state highways based on a complete street context sensitive approach. She provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on purpose of the corridor vision plans (CVPs), complete streets visualization for context classification, SR 540 example in Polk County, existing section from SR 540, future section from SR 540, SR 540 long term alternative, typical steps, checklist for corridor plans, and discussion on starter ideas in Lee County. Her entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/BPCC05a.CVP-presentation.pdf> The committee briefly discussed the placement of facilities along SR 540 in Polk County, width of shared use paths and

buffers, Caloosahatchee bridge example, speed limits, bus traffic, target speeds, landscaping, maintenance responsibility, funding, existing facilities in need of improvement, placing projects in Work Program, working with MPOs to prioritize, additional funding possibilities for this program, time frame for project completion, example of Fowler in City of Fort Myers, bringing together several entities for project coordination, implementing ideas when maintenance projects occur, reauthorization of Fast Act and current funding legislation, other possible sources of funding, state highway requirement for corridor consideration, classification of Corkscrew Road, current construction on Corkscrew, minimum right-of-way requirements, constraints and feasibility, SR 80 corridor example, changing codes, parallel roads, drainage costs, examining land use, eminent domain, including developers in discussion, LeeTran ridership on US 41 corridor, premium transit, sidewalks next to road, road diet on US 41, example of buildings along US 41, consideration of Fowler corridor for Vision Plan, Bonita Springs projects, focus on moving people instead of vehicles, Fort Myers parking studies looking at parking garages, and including Cape Coral projects in the discussion. Chair Krise thanked Ms. Reina for her presentation.

### **Agenda Item #6 - After Study Analysis of Daniels and Treeline Avenue Intersection**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item on an After Study Analysis of Bike Ped Activity at the Daniels Parkway and Treeline Avenue intersection. He provided a presentation that included slides with information on comparison study of before and after implementation of bike boxes, bike ped crashes, and infraction monitoring. He also showed several videos from the study area. His entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/BPCC06-Presentation.pdf> The committee briefly discussed level of traffic and safety of cyclists at the intersection, multi-use path seasonally under water near intersection, explanation of intersection, illegal u-turns, size of boxes not conducive to group rides, positioning of boxes, length of light changes, possible different locations for future bike boxes, poor behavior of drivers and cyclists, statistics, education, and public service announcements.

### **Agenda Item #7 - City of Fort Myers Projects for the MPO Transportation Plan**

Mr. Carl Karakos, with the City of Fort Myers, presented this agenda item on the City of Fort Myers projects for the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Karakos reviewed the five projects that are listed at the following link: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/FM-Priorities.pdf> He also explained the costs of the projects were adjusted due to COVID pricing escalations. The committee discussed the types of facilities that are preferred, local example of west bound Daniels from Treeline, SR 82 example, Colonial example, Six Mile Cypress example, connecting to Hanson Street extension, Fort Myers Bike Ped Master Plan, determination of type of facility to use and what to design for, placement of bike lanes and speed limit restrictions, funding, working with developers, providing guidelines, picking architectural controls, preferences of different types of cyclists, maintenance of bike lanes, designing for large trucks, heavy truck traffic and damage to road, McGregor example, and support for the Challenger/Winkler projects. Mr. Karakos also reviewed a list of ten projects that are under \$400,000. Those projects can be viewed on the second page of the link above. He noted that attendance at the City of Fort Myer's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board meetings has increased, and a member of City Council and the City Attorney regularly attend.

### **Agenda Item #8 - 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Countywide Bicycle Facility Map**

Mr. Brian Raimondo presented this agenda item for discussion and feedback on the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Countywide Bicycle Facility Map following the changes recommended at the June meeting. He explained the direction previously given and discussed the color scheme. He noted the colors may have to be adjusted after the draft map is in print form. Mr. Gogoi noted the hierarchy of the bicycle facilities has already been vetted by the BPCC at the June meeting and the colors were based on that direction. Mr. Raimondo then read the list of updates to be made to the map including changes to Colonial from the Forum to SR 82, Ortiz from Colonial to SR 82, and bike lane designations to Sanibel causeway with the addition of paved shoulders. Mr. Henry Burden noted there are no bike lanes on SR

80 east of I-75. Mr. Gogoi said that would be corrected. Mr. Scott handed out printed copies of the comment that was emailed by Mr. John Majka at 10:46 a.m. Mr. Raimondo asked for comments to be sent in within the next two weeks as MPO staff would like to have this printed soon. The committee briefly discussed classification of segment designations, widths, how measurements are taken, use of map by those not familiar with area, purpose of previous map, too many sidewalks to include in print version, inclusion of major roadways only, hierarchy of map designations, many facilities not shown, some facilities overlapping with hierarchy, updated map purpose to be paper printed map with bike lanes on major roads, future goal to provide online map with enhanced features, use of Google Earth in meantime, including note on paper map that only bike facilities are shown, expense of GIS software, availability of files, hierarchy of data/needs/users, agenda item only covering paper map and format, covering Estero, and public comment. MPO staff noted the draft bike map was emailed to the committee and all BPCC email blast recipients and posted to the MPO website prior to the meeting. It can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/4th-Edition-Layout.pdf> Mr. Raimondo said comments are still being accepted. He then referred to the reverse side of the map and the request from the Visitor and Convention Bureau to include a list of bike store and repair shops. He said he was trying to collect all information for the reverse side of the map and what is currently shown is the information that was used for the third edition. Chair Krise asked the committee to provide any changes to Mr. Raimondo. Mr. Raimondo said if there are corrections, to let him know. Mr. Gogoi noted the goal was to publish the map in the fall and asked the committee to email comments by the end of the week. Mr. Burden said he would provide additional comments to staff. Chair Krise noted the public comment from Mr. Majka.

#### **Agenda Item #11 - Discussion of Agenda Items for October 26<sup>th</sup> Joint Lee and Collier MPO Bike Ped Committee Meeting**

Mr. Gogoi mentioned the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting would be a joint meeting with the Collier MPO Bike Ped Committee. He said he would like to cancel the September meeting. Chair Krise asked if there were any objections to cancelling the September BPCC meeting. There were none. Mr. Karakos noted Agenda Item #9 was skipped.

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

Chair Krise asked if there were any agency updates. There were no agency updates.

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

There were no public 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 12:01 p.m.**

A recoding of the meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/08-24-2021-bpccwma>

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\*Action Items    \*May Require Action

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