

# BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Fort Myers Collaboratory

2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901



**10:00 a.m.**

## **AGENDA**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call/Introductions**
- 3. Public Comments on Items on the Agenda**
4. \*Approval of the November 23, 2021, Meeting Minutes
5. \*Election of New Officers (Ron Gogoi)
6. Update on the SR 865 (San Carlos Boulevard) PD&E Study (FDOT)
7. Caloosahatchee Bridge Sidewalk Update (Don Scott)
8. Overview of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Don Scott)
9. Florida Greenways and Trails Update (Ron Gogoi)
10. Update on Candidate Projects for the 2022 Multimodal Box Fund Priority List (Ron Gogoi)
11. FDOT/MPO/Local Agency Updates
12. Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda
13. Announcements
14. Information and Distribution Items

## **Adjournment**

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## Meeting Minutes

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The in-person meeting was officially called to order by Ms. Jennifer Hagen 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

Colleen Bennett	Lee County Department of Community Development
David Rivera	Lee County School District
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Gordon Brown	Village of Estero
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jennifer Hagen	Member-at-Large
Jorge Puente	LeeTran
Nancy Macphee	Lee County Visitors and Convention Bureau
Pimolmas Tan	Cape Coral
Randy Paniagua	Fort Myers Beach
Simone Behr	Lee County Visitors and Convention Bureau
Teresa Lewis	Member-at-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Jodi Walborn with Blue Zones; Bonita Springs resident Deb Orton; and Victoria Peters and 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 August 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Ms. Teresa Lewis made the motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Henry Burden seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### Agenda Item #5 - \*Approval of the October 26, 2021 Joint Lee and Collier MPO Bike Ped Meeting Minutes

**Mr. Gordon Brown made the motion to approve the October 26, 2021 Joint Lee and Collier MPO Bike Ped Meeting Minutes. Ms. Jennifer Hagen seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Gogoi asked to delay Agenda Item #6 due to the presenter, Mr. Brian Raimondo, running late for the meeting.

## **Agenda Item #9 - Visitor Convention Bureau Presentation**

Ms. Simone Behr with the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) presented this agenda item to highlight the agency's bicycle and pedestrian activities and milestones for the year. Her presentation included information on social media activity, international coverage, website updates, monthly newsletter, influencers used, airport booths, mobile booths, awards, news articles, song writer festival, professional photographer, upcoming events, funding, marketing, and visitor guide update. Her presentation can be viewed here: [VCB Presentation](#) The committee discussed using VCB photos for the bike map update, target market, statistical data, marketing during local basketball games, and international staffing.

## **Agenda Item #6 - \*Review and Approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Countywide Bicycle Facility Map**

Mr. Brian Raimondo presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the final version of the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Countywide Bicycle Facility Map. The map was attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as slides at the meeting. The bike map can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-6a.4thEdition-Map.pdf> Mr. Raimondo discussed the changes and updates that were made to the facilities portion of the map. He also referred to the bike map layout and commented on the format, items that will be included, and clean up that will be done. The bike map layout can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-6b.4th-Edition-Map-Layout.pdf> Mr. Raimondo asked for approval for the map, commented on printing quotes, possible addition of updated corrections, and discussed format adjustments to grid lines made during the printing process. Mr. Gogoi commented on the bike facilities under construction on the map. Mr. Raimondo provided additional information on the bike shops that will be included and mentioned transition errors due to laptop conversions. The committee discussed the approval needed, map legend, SR 80 adjustments, previous versions, possible changes to text on layout, state standards for paved shoulders, removing the small shoulder strips on Buckingham, electric bike restrictions, other types of electric mobility devices, next meeting in January due to no meetings in December, digital map availability, Mound Key and Mound House changes, interactive data experience link or contact information, removal of commuter services, regulations regarding earbuds during cycling, format changes, grid lines, publishing, making changes that were listed again by Mr. Raimondo, adding parks to map, adding Estero Bay Preserve, adding bus transfer stations, possibly adding rider requirements for public transportation use, updating LeeTran logos, updating digital version regularly, having separate map layers for sidewalks, QR codes on map to link to website, JRA bike shop relocation, Estero ordinance on electric bicycles, adding notice to check local ordinances, and possibly adding bike ped committees for each of the municipalities.

**Mr. Gordon Brown made the motion to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Bicycle Pedestrian Map/Flyer. Mr. Henry Burden seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Agenda Item #7 - Review and Comment on the Candidate Projects for the 2022 Multimodal TA and SU Fund Priority List**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review of and discussion on candidate projects for the 2022 TA and SU funds multimodal priority list. Mr. Gogoi presented slides on the relationship between MPO priorities and FDOT Work Program, new funding cycle, available funding, funding requests from local jurisdictions, and candidate projects for 2022 priorities. The committee discussed proposed sidewalk on US 41 in Bonita Springs, configuration changes and safety concerns at Daniels and Treeline intersection, project process for inclusion in priorities, funding restrictions and requirements, federal process, local agency participation (LAP) certification, criteria/rules, and length of approval for projects. The presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-7.-Multimodal.pdf>

### **Agenda Item #8 - Review and Provide Input on the Safety Scopes**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review of and to provide input on the two safety scopes. The scopes were attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as slides at the meeting. The staff report and scopes can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/BPCC08-3.pdf> Mr. Scott presented slides with information on safety performance measures, crash dashboard data, MPO budget task for scoping, partner discussions for outreach, and FDOT emphasis areas. The presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-8.-Safety-outreach1-Scopes.pdf> The committee discussed safety trends, classification of data, vehicle miles travelled, sources of data, increased fatality and crashes during period of decreased traffic volumes, car safety features and impact, excessive speeds, increased drug use, driver behavior, Lee Health involvement, time line and funding, radio sponsorship, geofencing, demographics, correlation between crashes and driver home address, daily data updates, restriction on data access, and local examples.

### **Agenda Item #10 - Bicycling in Carqueiranne, France**

Ms. Terri Lewis, BPCC Member, presented this agenda item on bicycling in Carqueiranne, France. Ms. Lewis was in Carqueiranne, France, this summer, and penned her observations of the City's cycling culture in a report for the benefit of the committee. The report was attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as slides at the meeting. Ms. Lewis' report can also be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/BPCC10-2.pdf> Based on her report, Ms. Lewis provided a Power Point presentation to the BPCC that included slides with information on the city of Carqueiranne, France, background, enforcement, education, infrastructure, and summary. Ms. Lewis also played several French videos of safety related public service announcements. Ms. Hagen thanked Ms. Lewis for her presentation. Ms. Lewis' presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/SWFrance BikePed presentation.pdf>

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

Mr. Jorge Puente mentioned LeeTran service changes. Mr. Randy Paniagua mentioned the start of the Bayside project in Fort Myers Beach.

### **Agenda Item #12 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

### **Agenda Item #13 – Announcements**

Mr. Gogoi announced there would be no meeting in December.

### **Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items**

There were no information and distribution items.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:11 p.m.**

A recoding of the meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/11-23-2021-bpccmp3?si=de4cf45900054b278f6ba3b80733097d>

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** Call for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022.

The BPC bylaws do not allow officers to serve consecutive terms in the same office and call for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year. However, the bylaws allow the current Vice-Chair to automatically become the new Chair for the new calendar year if he or she accepts the position. Accordingly, if Mr. Dan Moser accepts the Chair for 2022, then the committee should call for nominations for a new Vice-Chair from among its membership and hold elections. Any voting member or his/her alternate may nominate another voting member to be an officer. Nominees must be primary members who attend meetings on a regular basis and could be anyone from the following:

Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Brandon Kaczmarek	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Council
David Wagley	Lee County DCD
David Wheaton	Member At Large
Dawn Huff	LeeTran
Gordon Brown	Village of Estero
Henry Burden	Member-At-Large
Jarriad McKinney	Lee County School District
Randy Paniagua	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Jay Anderson	Community Traffic Safety Team
Jennifer Hagen	Member-At-Large
Syndi Bultman	Lee Health
Pimolmas Tan	City of Cape Coral
Randy Krise	CAC Representative ( <i>Eligible only for Vice Chair</i> )
Michael Cohn	City of Sanibel
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
Simone Behr	VCB
Teresa Lewis	Member-At-Large
Alicia Dixon	Lee County Port Authority

Any member who would be unable to fulfill the duties of an officer should state so before nominations are taken or notify the staff before the meeting if he or she is unable to attend. Any alternate member who attends meetings regularly who would be willing to serve as an officer may bring a letter to the meeting from his or her agency's director, appointing him or her as the agency's primary BPC representative (in which case a new alternate should also be appointed at the same time).

**UPDATE ON THE SR 865 (SAN CARLOS BOULEVARD)  
PD&E STUDY**

**PRESENTATION ITEM:**

FDOT will provide an update on the San Carlos Project Development & Environment Study (PD&E) from south of Estero Boulevard to Summerlin Road project, ahead of a public meeting scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The PD&E Study is anticipated to be completed by Spring of 2022 and Design in Fall of 2022.

## **US 41 CALOOSAHATCHEE BRIDGE SIDEWALK UPDATE**

### **INFORMATION ITEM:**

The MPO's current FY 2022 through FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being amended to add the design phase for adding a sidewalk on the US 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the current year. The amendment was previously not approved by the MPO Board at its November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting but is now being brought back before the MPO Board, per their direction to staff at the November meeting. The MPO Executive Committee which met on January 12, 2022, approved the amendment. MPO staff will report on the Board action at the January 25<sup>th</sup> BPCC meeting. Staff will also share a presentation developed by FDOT that covers the benefits of having a sidewalk and latent demand.



## **OVERVIEW OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT**

### **INFORMATION ITEM:**

On November 15, 2021, the president signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) also known as Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This Act also reauthorizes the Federal Transportation Act for five additional years from FY 2022 to FY 2026. Most of this funding is apportioned (distributed) to States based on formulas specified in Federal law. However, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also provides funding through a wide range of competitive grant programs. For more information on the bill go to [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - FHWA | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#).

Staff will provide a presentation at the January 25<sup>th</sup> BPCC meeting highlighting the bill and anticipated allocations to the state of Florida.

## **FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS UPDATE**

### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

The Office of Florida Greenways and Trails (OGT) is updating the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Plan and the Land Trails Opportunity and Priority Maps that accompany this Plan. The Plan is updated every 5 years and the ongoing update will result in a five year plan that will cover the period from FY 2022 through FY 2027.

MPO staff and the BPCC have participated in the two previous updates and our efforts have resulted in identifying the existing Land Trail Opportunity and Priority Trails in Lee County. Paved priority trails in the Plan become part of the FDOT's SUN Trail Network, which then makes them eligible for state SUN Trail funds. The SUN Trail Program has so far brought in \$12.5 million to Lee County.

At the January 25<sup>th</sup> BPCC meeting, staff will provide an overview of the existing Land Trail Opportunity and Priority Trails in Lee County and initiate a discussion on any changes to existing alignments during the update process. The link to the Land Trails (Opportunity and Priority Maps) is below:

<https://fdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=2531c4f10b31420692a77b94e35d917b>

## UPDATE ON CANDIDATE PROJECTS FOR THE 2022 MULTIMODAL BOX FUND PRIORITY LIST

### DISCUSSION ITEM:

Staff has been coordinating with local governments to identify and submit transit, intersection improvement and bicycle pedestrian projects for the 2022 Multimodal Box Fund Priority List. Staff will present the attached final list of projects at the January 25<sup>th</sup> BPCC meeting and will be asking the local governments in the membership for an update on the submission process if they have missed the January 24<sup>th</sup> deadline and will address any issues. Below is a schedule for the project submission process that staff had transmitted electronically to the local governments:

*Applications for Lee MPO allocated federal funds are due to MPO staff by **January 24<sup>th</sup>** (1/24/22). The application development and submission process will follow the following steps:*

- MPO staff will review every application for completeness before signing the applications and submitting them electronically to the FDOT MPO liaison. During the review period MPO staff will coordinate with local governments and/or FDOT liaison to resolve any issues identified in the applications.
- MPO staff will submit all applications electronically to FDOT MPO liaison by **2/1/22**.
- Changes to applications by project sponsors after February 1<sup>st</sup> will have to be submitted for MPO staff review and will be accepted until **3/9/22**.
- Local governments will be responsible for uploading their sponsored applications in FDOT's Grant Application Process (GAP) after applications have been reviewed and signed by MPO staff by no later than **3/16/22**. Documents uploaded in GAP cannot be different from the applications that the MPO staff have signed. They will need to be consistent.
- MPO staff will upload applications for those local governments who do not have a GAP account at the local government request. These applications will be uploaded through MPO's GAP account.

## LOCAL GOVT FUNDING REQUESTS

PROJECT SPONSOR	PROJECT	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS	FUNDING REQUEST	LOCAL MATCH	LAP	Application Status
BS	East Terry St Shared Use Path	Shared Use Path (North Side) and Bike lanes on East Terry St from Palm Bay Ct to I 75	CST	Design	X	
CC	Garden Blvd Sidewalk	Sidewalk on Garden (North Side) from DeNavarra to Del Prado Blvd	CST	Design	X	
CC	Andalusia Blvd Sidewalk	Sidewalk on Andalusia (Both Sides) from Diplomat to Kismet	CST	Design	X	
CC	SE 24th Ave Sidewalk	Sidewalk on SE 24th (East Side) from Viscaya to SE 15th Terrace	CST	Design	X	
FMB	Bus Shelters	Fabrication and installation of bus shelters and shelter amenities	Bus Shelter Procurement	NA	X	<b>Reviewed and Submitted to FDOT</b>
FM	McGregor Bike Lanes	Feasibility Study	PL	NA	X	
FM	Challenger Pkwy Bike Lanes	Bike Lanes on Challenger from Colonial to Six Mile	CST	NA	X	
FM	Winkler Ave Bike Lanes	Bike Lanes on Winkler from Colonial to Six Mile	CST	NA	X	
FM	Carrell Canal Shared Use Path	Box culvert and shared use path on Carrell Canal and Carrell Ave from US 41 to Ten Mile Canal	CST	NA	X	
FM	Colonial/DeLeon Intersection Improvements	Add NB and SB Left Turn Lanes	CST	NA	X	
FM	Winkler/Glenford Intersection Improvements	Add NB Right Turn Lane	CST	NA	X	
Estero	Coconut Rd Sidewalk	8' wide Sidewalk on Coconut Rd (North Side) from Via Coconut to US 41	PE + CST	NA	X	<b>Undergoing MPO Review</b>
Estero	Corkscrew Rd Shared Use Path	US 41 to Park Entrance	PE + CST	NA	X	
LCBOCC	Daniels/Treeline intersection Improvements	Reconfigure SB approach to dual NB lefts, dual NB thru, and dual NB right turn lanes	PE + CST	NA	X	
LCBOCC	Summerlin Rd Shared Use Path	New shared use path (south side) from Winkler Ave to Pine Ridge Rd	PE + CST	NA	X	