

Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee
Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Fort Myers Collaboratory
2031 Jackson Street,
Fort Myers, FL 33901



10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

The in-person meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by BPC Chair Teresa Lewis.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

MPO staff recorded the roll as those in attendance introduced themselves. There was a quorum. Those in attendance included:

From the BPC

Clarissa Marino Diaz	LeeTran
David Fender	Injury Prevention Coalition
David Rivera	Lee County Schools Transportation
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Dominic Konieczki	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large/Vice-Chair
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jodi Walborn	Blue Zones
Laura Dodd	City of Cape Coral
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Rachel Pierce	City of Sanibel
Randy Krise	Citizen Advisory Committee
Teresa Lewis	Member-at-Large/Chair
Tom Marquardt	Lee County Department of Transportation

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Zachary Tapp with Atkins; and Tanya Merkle 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 November 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the November 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lee Waller seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Election of New Officers

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the Election of New Officers for 2023.

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to elect Mr. Henry Burden as Chair. Mr. Lee Waller seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Henry Burden made the motion to elect Ms. Teresa Lewis as Vice-Chair. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

After brief comments on his background and Robert's Rules of Order, newly elected Chair, Mr. Henry Burden, presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Agenda Item #6 - Draft Tentative Work Program

Mr. Gogoi provided highlights in the Lee County portion of the FY 2024 – FY 2028 Draft Tentative Work Program (DTWP). He showed slides identifying the projects from the Federal and State Funded Priority list, TA and SU Multimodal Priority list and Carbon Reduction Priority list that were funded in the DTWP. He also showed a comprehensive table of the projects in the DTWP that received Carbon Reduction funds and the balance of these funds left in each FY. He also shared the memo on a call for proposals for the new funding cycle that he had transmitted to all the local governments and explained the types of applications to be used for each type of funding request, and the applications that have to be uploaded in FDOT's Grant Application Program, and to MPO staff. The presentation can be viewed here: [Draft Tentative Work Program](#) The committee discussed the Pine Island project, Cape Coral Safe Routes to School project, John Yarbrough Linear Park extension project, different types of projects for funding, FDOT grant application portal, separation of intersection project, process for applications, application deadline, funding allocations, and project cost increases.

Agenda Item #7 - Call for Multimodal Fund Proposals and Discussion of Bicycle Pedestrian Facility Gaps on State Roadways

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item on the call for Multimodal Fund Proposals and Discussion on Bicycle Pedestrian Facility Gaps on State Roadways. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the project proposals on state highways list, San Carlos Boulevard projects, SR 82 projects, North Tamiami Trail project, and SR 80 project. His presentation can be accessed here: [Multimodal Proposals](#) The committee discussed existing facilities, proposed facilities, FDOT safety study, areas of need in Lee County, possible gap east of Lee/Hendry line on SR 80, SR 78 project, and possible low income programs for SR 80 community.

Agenda Item #8 - Crash Statistics Update

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item as an update on crash statistics. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on crash dashboard data, safety performance measures, and review of fatal crash reports for 2022. He asked if there were any questions. His presentation can be viewed here: [Crash Statistics](#) The committee discussed year of data being reported, rates used, vehicles miles travelled, population growth, speeding, witness reports, safety presentation at MPO Board meeting, differing data, pedestrian and bicyclist behaviors, driver behavior, examples in other countries, lack of facilities in certain areas of Lee County, increases related to population growth, analysis of data, context classifications, distractions, high incidence area in North Fort Myers, pedestrian right-of-way, example of local accident, best practices for cyclists, Collier Technical Advisory discussion, next steps, upcoming FDOT action plan on state system, possible MPO project for action plan for Lee County, examining trends, and mapping locations.

Agenda Item #9 - Business 41/SR 739 Corridor Improvements

Mr. Zachary Tapp, with Atkin's for FDOT, presented this agenda item on the Business 41/SR 739 Corridor Improvements. Mr. Tapp provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on project manager contact, project location, existing conditions, typical section, proposed improvements, access management concept, access management existing conditions, access management proposed improvements, pedestrian hybrid beacon, and pedestrian safety moment.

The presentation can be found at the following link: [Business 41/SR 739 Improvements](#) The committee discussed providing signage, example in other area, U-turn movement, modeling, providing contact information for committee member, existing sidewalk in project area, pedestrian hybrid beacon, pedestrian crossing movements, traffic in project area, updated traffic and pedestrian counts, visually impaired center in area, use of auditory crossing function with pedestrian hybrid beacon, light functions/cycles, US 41 pedestrian hybrid beacon project, outreach for pedestrian hybrid beacons, education through the Community Traffic Safety Team, presentation given at the Traffic Management and Operations committee, use of bicycle lane in project, providing separation between bicyclists and cars, current/existing conditions of roadway, determining priorities, design of project, increased cost and maintenance to change project, reducing width of drivable lanes, examining treatments and abiding by Federal regulations, and possible landscaping in median.

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

Mr. Gogoi introduced Mr. David Wagley with Lee County who then provided a brief presentation with information on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) proposal for Three Oaks. His presentation can be viewed here: [Three Oaks](#) The committee discussed the grant writers, former School District employee resource, history of SRTS projects and MPO process, unanimous support of BPCC members, school district involvement in creating project list, staffing issues at School District, student walkers at Three Oaks, public meeting, FDOT providing safety signals near schools in Lee County, and providing project number and application information to FDOT staff.

Ms. Tanya Merkle with FDOT provided information on the SUN Trail grant cycle, SR 78 project delays due to Hurricane Ian, and DEP Office of Greenway and Trails map updates and corresponding workshops.

The committee briefly discussed the SR 80 projects, possible bicycle lane for Sanibel causeway, and bicycling on and opening Sanibel to visitors.

Agenda Item #11 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda

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

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

Topics for next meeting included local government project list for next round of funding and the Rail Trail Feasibility Study presentation.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the [notice](#) for the meeting/workshop hearing for 2024-2028 Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan and Maps update.

The BPCC unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at the following link: [BPCC January 24, 2023](#)

*Action Items *May Require Action

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