

**Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee**  
Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Tuesday, February 21, 2023  
Fort Myers Collaboratory  
2031 Jackson Street,  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
**10:00 a.m.**



## Meeting Minutes

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### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

The in-person meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by BPCC Chair Henry Burden.

### **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 BPCC

Brandon Kaczmarek	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Clarissa Marino Diaz	LeeTran
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Diane Holm	Injury Prevention Coalition
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large/Vice-Chair
Jeff Barkley	Cape Coral Police Department
Laura Dodd	City of Cape Coral
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Pim Tan	City of Cape Coral
Rachel Pierce	City of Sanibel
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
Simone Behr	Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau
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; and Ned Baier with Volkert.

### **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 January 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. David Wagley made the motion to approve the January 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Teresa Lewis seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #5 - \*Acceptance of the Estero Bonita Rail Trail Feasibility Study**

Mr. Ned Baier provided a Power Point presentation on the Estero Bonita Rail Trail Feasibility Study. The presentation can be accessed at the following link: [Rail Trail Study](#)

Mr. David Wagley made the motion to accept the Estero Bonita Rail Trail Feasibility Study. Ms. Teresa Lewis seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #6 - Call for Multimodal Fund Proposals and Discussion on the Bicycle Pedestrian Facility Gaps on Off-System Roadways**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this year's project proposals from local governments for MPO allocated federal funds. Mr. Karakos discussed the City of Fort Myers proposals for a sidewalk on Forum Boulevard, and a feasibility study for complete streets on the Second Street and Seaboard corridors. The presentation can be accessed at the following link: [Multimodal Fund Proposals](#).

#### **Agenda Item #7 - Report on Transportation Bills in the 2023 Florida Legislative Session**

Mr. Gogoi presented relevant transportation bills that have been introduced in the 2023 Legislative Session. Mr. Baier reported that SB 106 on the Florida SUN Trail Network was discussed at the recent Greenways and Trails Foundation Meeting, and he felt that the bill has a lot of support and will probably pass. The presentation can be accessed at the following link: [Transportation Bills](#).

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Local Agency/FDOT/MPO Updates**

Mr. Carl Karakos reported that the cost of the proposed Challenger and Winkler Roundabout went up considerably and that he had discussions with MPO staff about addressing the shortfall using the MPO's unspent federal funds from FY 2023. Mr. Scott asked Mr. Karakos to email in his request to the FDOT Community Liaison.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - 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 #10 – Announcements**

Mr. Gogoi called attention to the agenda item on the announcement on the SR 78 Median Improvement Project public meeting. The announcement details can be accessed at the following link: [SR 78](#)

## **Agenda Item #11 - Topics for next meeting**

There were no topics suggested for the next meeting.

## **Agenda Item #12 - Information and Distribution Items**

Mr. Gogoi called attention to the OPPAGA report on Hazardous Walking Conditions in Florida. He provided the history and background of the report, and the efforts by the Lee County School District to identify Hazardous Walking Condition locations in Lee County. The report was included in the information and distribution items in the agenda packet and can be viewed at the following link: [OPPAGA Report](#).

**Mr. Sean Gibbons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:09 p.m.**

**An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at the following link: [BPC February 21, 2023](#)**

\*Action Items    \*May Require Action

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