

Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee
Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Tuesday, March 28, 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 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

Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
Flor Lemmer	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large/Chair
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jodi Walborn	Blue Zones Project
Laura Dodd	City of Cape Coral
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Nicole Monahan	City of Fort Myers
Rachel Pierce	City of Sanibel
Simone Behr	Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau
Syndi Bultman	Lee Health Trauma
Teresa Lewis	Member-at-Large/Vice-Chair
Tracey Thornton	Lee Health Trauma

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi with the Lee County MPO; Tanya Merkle with FDOT; and Steve Neff and Jadon Hull with AIM Engineering.

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

There were no public comments on items on the agenda. Chair Burden

Agenda Item #4 - *Approval of February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Syndi Bultman made the motion to approve the February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Rachel Pierce seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - Cape PD Traffic Safety Subgrant Update

Master Sgt. James Lear provided a Power Point presentation on this agenda item that can be viewed at the following link: [Cape PD Traffic and Safety Subgrant](#)

Agenda Item #6 - Safe Streets for All Award

Mr. Gogoi provided a Power Point presentation on the Safe Streets for All Grant Award on behalf of Don Scott that can be viewed at the following link: [Safe Streets for All](#)

Agenda Item #7 - Midtown Development Update

AIM Engineering provided a Power Point presentation on the Midtown Development update that can be viewed at the following link: [Midtown Development Update](#). There was a discussion on the protected bike lanes in Midtown roadways and why cycle tracks may not be an appropriate solution given the constraints and unique needs in the area.

Agenda Item #8 - FY 23 – FY 24 State Appropriations Project Requests and Bills

Mr. Gogoi provided a quick update on State Appropriations Project Requests and Bills from the FY 2023/24 legislative session. The PowerPoint presentation that can be accessed at the following link: [State Appropriations Project Requests and Bills](#)

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

Ms. Merkle informed the committee that a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) will go live at the intersection of US 41 and Maravilla Road by the end of April, and that she was working on getting out information TIP cards on this traffic control device. She also stated that she was evaluating and recommending priorities for SUN trail applications received in response to the call for proposals last year, and will be submitting those recommendations to FDOT Central Office by the middle of April. Mr. Karakos mentioned that a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon is not warranted at the North Colonial crossing at Veronica Shoemaker Parkway as it is a 4 lane roadway and that he will be engaging a consultant to see if they could justify installing a PHB at that location. He also mentioned that the City will be installing a raised crosswalk at the McGregor/Edison Home. He felt that the raised crosswalk and the existing traffic signal at that location will force motorists to slow down. Mr. Gogoi provided an update on the candidate projects for TA/SU/CARU fund multimodal priorities, and called attention to the preliminary priority orders for the projects. The slide on the projects can be viewed at the following link: [Updates](#)

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

Chair Burden called out attention to Mr. John Majka's [public comment](#) received via email and that was handed out by staff prior to the start of the meeting, and he mentioned that it will be part of the records as a comment. He asked for any comments from committee members on the handout. There were none.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

Mr. Gogoi referred to the announcements included in the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#) for the SR 865 and US 41 public meetings.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The Information and Distribution items included the FDOT Public Transit Did You Know March 2023 that was in the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at the following link: [BPCC March 28, 2023](#)

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