

Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee
Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
10:00 a.m.



AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Introductions
3. Public Comments on Items on the Agenda
4. *Approval of the November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes
5. *Election of New Officers (Ron Gogoi)
6. City of Bonita Springs Complete Streets Policy and Implementation Presentation (Sean Gibbons)
7. Presentation of the City of Cape Coral Draft Multimodal Plan (Laura Dodd)
8. Report on the Status of the Lee County MPO SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and the Preliminary Crash Statistics for 2023 (Don Scott)
9. Report on the Transportation Related Legislation (Don Scott)
10. Report on the Call for Proposals for Lee MPO TALU and SU Box Funds (Ron Gogoi)
11. Report on the Joint MPO Application for a SW Florida Passenger Rail Study Priority Request (Ron Gogoi)
12. Local Agency/FDOT/MPO Updates
13. Public and Member Comments on Items not on the agenda
14. Announcements
15. Topics for next meeting
16. Information and Distribution Items

Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

The in-person meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. by BPCC Vice-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 BPCC

Alisha Cody	Cape Coral Police Department
Brandon Kaczmarek	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Clarissa Diaz	LeeTran
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Dawn Huff	LeeTran
Diane Holm	Injury Prevention Coalition
Dominic Konieczki	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Jennifer Hagen	Member-at-Large
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Olivia Cassidy	LeeTran
Randy Krise	Citizen Advisory Committee
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
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, Brian Raimondo, and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Thomas Marquardt with Lee County Department of Transportation; LCSO Deputy; Jim Meyer with the City of Sanibel; and Jodi Walborn with Blue Zones.

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 September 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the September 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Jennifer Hagen seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Approval of the October 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Syndi Bultman made the motion to approve the October 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Sean Gibbons seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Approval of the October 24, 2023 Joint Meeting Minutes

Ms. Syndi Bultman made the motion to approve the October 24, 2023 Joint Meeting Minutes. Mr. Brandon Kaczmarek seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Approval of BPCB Bylaws

Mr. Ron Gogoi explained that the bylaws changes were discussed at length at the October BPCB meeting. However, there was an additional change that staff introduced since that meeting that involved the eligibility requirements of alternates to non-staff primary representatives appointed by some of the smaller municipalities. Eligibility included the length of time the alternate lived within the jurisdiction during the year. Staff felt that as long as the primary member is a year round resident, it is ok if an alternate lived in the jurisdiction only half the year. The BPCB Bylaws updates were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#).

Ms. Jennifer Hagen made the motion to approve the BPCB Bylaws. Ms. Syndi Bultman seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Bus Stops and Facilities ADA Improvement Plan

Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran presented this agenda item on the LeeTran Bus Stops and Facilities ADA Improvement Plan. She provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [LeeTran Updates](#)

Agenda Item #9 - Visitor & Convention Bureau Presentation

Ms. Simone Behr with the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB) presented this agenda item as a highlight to the agency's bicycle and pedestrian related activities and milestones for the year. She provided a PowerPoint presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [VCB Updates](#)

Agenda Item #10 - Report on Transportation Related Legislation

Mr. Don Scott reported on transportation related legislation that are going to be introduced in the 2024 Florida Legislative session. His presentation can be viewed at the following link: [Legislative Updates](#)

Agenda Item #11 - Report on FDOT's Draft Tentative Work Program

Mr. Ron Gogoi showed a FDOT Work Program video that can be viewed at the following link: [FDOT Five Year Work Program - YouTube](#). He then presented the adopted 2023 MPO Priorities and called out the projects identified in those priority lists that were funded by FDOT as part of the new draft tentative program for FY 2025 – FY 2029. His slides can be accessed at the following link: [MPO Priorities](#) Mr. Randy Krise provided additional information on the Lee County Port Authority projects.

Agenda Item #12 - Local Agency/FDOT/MPO Updates

Mr. Gogoi shared slides showing the proposed safety counter measures that FDOT would be installing to protect users of the SR 80 Shared Use Path by Cartagena Avenue. The countermeasures include

school warning signs, enhancement of crosswalks, white and red raised pavement markers and flexible delineators. The slides can be accessed at the following link: [FDOT/MPO Updates](#) The committee briefly discussed the future Crystal Drive extension project, City of Fort Myers adoption of a Complete Streets Policy, future presentation on the City of Bonita Springs Complete Streets Policy, and possible synthesis of local government complete streets policies/metrics.

Agenda Item #13 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the agenda

There were no comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #14 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #15 - Topics for next meeting

It was mentioned there was no December meeting and the next meeting was in January. Topics suggested for January meeting included update on fatalities, safety, and complete streets. Mr. Scott noted the current percentage of annual spending on transit by FDOT.

Agenda Item #16 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and/or distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 p.m.

LeeTran introduced their new planner Ms. Olivia Cassidy and noted that Clarissa Diaz would be the alternate.

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

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Call for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2024.

The BPCC bylaws call for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair to be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year. The bylaws were recently amended to allow officers to serve consecutive terms in the same office. The current Chair is Mr. Henry Burden and Vice Chair is Teresa Lewis. 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
Diane Holm	Injury Prevention Council
David Wagley	Lee County DCD
David Wheaton	Member At Large
Alicia Dixon	Lee County Port Authority
Olivia Cassidy	LeeTran
Scott Stryker	Village of Estero
Henry Burden	Member-At-Large
Jarriad McKinney	Lee County School District
Jason Freeman	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Jennifer Hagen	Member-At-Large
Pimolmas Tan	City of Cape Coral
Randy Krise	CAC Representative
Rachel Pierce	City of Sanibel
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
Simone Behr	VCB
Syndi Bultman	Lee Health
Teresa Lewis	Member-At-Large
Tom Marquardt	Lee County DOT

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 BPCC representative

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PRESENTATION

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

This item is included on the agenda as part of the committee request for discussions on Complete Streets and to get a sense of how the various local government jurisdictions in Lee County are doing in adopting and implementing Complete Streets Policy.

This is the first in a series of presentations over the next few months with BPCC member and City of Bonita Springs Planner Sean Gibbons volunteering to be the first presenter. The City of Fort Myers and the City of Cape Coral will be presenting at the February 27th and March 26th BPCC meetings, respectively.

PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

The City of Cape Coral is nearing completion of its first ever Multimodal Plan. A Public Workshop on the Plan will be held on January 25th at the Cape Coral City Hall at 1015 Cultural Park Boulevard before recommendations are presented to the City Council for adoption. BPC member and City of Cape Coral Principal Planner Laura Dodd will be presenting the Plan and taking input from the BPC at its January 23rd meeting.

**REPORT ON THE LEE COUNTY MPO SS4A COMPREHENSIVE
SAFETY ACTION PLAN STATUS AND THE LEE COUNTY
PRELIMINARY CRASH STATISTICS FOR 2023**

DISCUSSION ITEM:

At the January 23rd BPCC meeting, staff will report on the status of the SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and will also provide an in-depth overview of the preliminary traffic crash data statistics for 2023 at the meeting. From an initial review, the crash data indicates that there may be some decreases in the number of fatalities, injuries, and crashes in Lee County compared with data from the previous year.

REPORT ON THE TRANSPORTATION RELATED LEGISLATION

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Staff will provide an update on the transportation related bills that are being pursued by Legislators for the 2024 Florida Legislative Session.

REPORT ON THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEE MPO TALU AND SU BOX FUNDS

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

Staff will report on the call for new proposals for Lee MPO TALU and SU Box funds which will be considered for funding during the development of the FY 2026 through FY 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program. Staff will present the schedule for project review and submission along with a preliminary list of candidate projects.

Staff will also report on the appropriation requests from the 2024 legislative session from local governments in Lee County.

REPORT ON THE JOINT MPO APPLICATION FOR A SW FLORIDA PASSENGER RAIL STUDY PRIORITY REQUEST

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

At its November 17th meeting, the Lee MPO Board adopted a resolution for submitting an MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) Passenger Rail Program Priority Request for a Southwest Florida Rail Study. A Rail Study would investigate the feasibility of running an intercity (Amtrak) or high speed rail on I-75 using the multimodal transit envelope and connecting all four metropolitan areas with existing and planned passenger rail network at Tampa.

The priority request is supported by the other SW Florida MPOs including Collier County MPO, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and Sarasota Manatee MPO and they have also adopted or will be adopting similar resolutions.

Staff has already submitted the joint application for the \$1.75 million priority request, and is waiting on the MPOAC to announce its list of the MPOAC Passenger Rail Priorities for 2024.

Staff will provide a report at the January 23rd BPCC meeting.