

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

Alisha Cody	Cape Coral Police Department
Brandon Kaczmarek	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
David Fender	Injury Prevention Coalition
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large
Jim Meyer	City of Sanibel
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Olivia Cassidy	LeeTran
Randy Krise	Citizen Advisory Committee
Scott Stryker	Village of Estero
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
Simone Behr	Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau
Teresa Lewis	Member-at-Large/Vice-Chair
Thomas Marquardt	Lee County Department of Transportation
Tracey Thornton	Lee Health Trauma

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Erica McCaughey with FDOT; and a Cape Coral Police Department Officer.

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 November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Sean Gibbons made the motion to approve the November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Teresa Lewis 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. He mentioned 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. He added the bylaws were recently amended to allow officers to serve consecutive terms

in the same office. The current Chair is Henry Burden and Vice-Chair is Teresa Lewis. Any voting member or their alternate may nominate another voting member to be an officer and a list of those primary members who attend meetings on a regular basis was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#).

Mr. Henry Burden made the motion to elect Mr. Randy Krise as Chair and Mr. Scott Striker as Vice-Chair of the BPCC. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Krise presided as Chair over the remainder of the meeting.

Agenda Item #6 - City of Bonita Springs Complete Streets Policy and Implementation Presentation

Mr. Sean Gibbons presented this agenda item on the City of Bonita Springs Complete Streets Policy and Implementation. His Power Point presentation can be viewed here: [Bonita Complete Streets](#)

Agenda Item #7 - Presentation of the City of Cape Coral Draft Multimodal Plan

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

Agenda Item #8 - Report on the Status of the Lee County MPO SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and the Preliminary Crash Statistics for 2023

Mr. Don Scott reported that the MPO received 7 proposals for the Lee County MPO Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan RFP and that staff would be holding a meeting of the selection committee to review the proposals and select a consultant. He then provided a breakdown of the Preliminary Crash Statistics for 2023 and also reported Lee County's performance of its 2022 Safety targets. His Power Point presentation can be viewed here: [SS4A and Crash Stats](#)

Agenda Item #9 - Report on the Transportation Related Legislation

Mr. Scott provided a status update of the Transportation Related Legislation that was reported at the November meeting and also reported on new legislation including one that impacted MPOs directly, another that called for development of a Strategic Infrastructure Investment Plan, etc. His Power Point presentation can be viewed here: [Transportation Legislation](#)

Agenda Item #10 - Report on the Call for Proposals for Lee MPO TALU and SU Box Funds

Mr. Ron Gogoi reported on the schedule of submission of new proposals for Lee MPO TALU and SU Box Funds for inclusion in FDOT's FY 2026 – FY 2029 Work Program and shared a preliminary list of candidate projects. He also provided a report on 2024 legislative appropriation requests from local governments in Lee County. His Power Point presentation is available at the following link: [Call for Proposals](#)

Agenda Item #11 - Report on the Joint MPO Application for a SW Florida Passenger Rail Study Priority Request

Mr. Gogoi provided a report on a Joint MPO request for a Southwest Florida Passenger Rail Study Priority. His report also covered the history of passenger rail in SW Florida, recent rail vision strategies from FRA and Amtrak, and the potential alignment for SW Inter City Rail on I 75. His Power Point presentation can be viewed at the following link: [Passenger Rail Study Priority Request](#)

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

Mr. Karakos provided an update on the City of Fort Myers proposed roundabout at Challenger and Winker Avenue, and the proposed JYLP bridge at Colonial. Ms. Olivia Cassidy provided an update on the LeeTran Lehigh Park-and-Ride transfer facility. Mr. Kaczmarek reported that a SUN Trail funding request for JYLP Enhancement request was submitted by County Parks. Mr. Jim Meyer commented on the Sanibel bridge reopening and traffic. Mr. Sean Gibbons provided information on a City of Bonita Springs resolution creating a no through truck zone on Old 41 in Downtown Bonita Springs. Mr. Gogoi provided an update on the Florida Gulf Coast Trail logo competition and the installation of a continuous bike/ped count station at John Yarbrough Linear Park. His slides can be viewed at the following link: [MPO Updates](#)

Agenda Item #13 - 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 #14 - Announcements

Mr. Karakos announced the City of Fort Myers Traffic Engineer Nicole Monahan's marriage and subsequent name change to Nicole Setzer.

Agenda Item #15 - Topics for next meeting

The topics for the next meeting included the deferred Cape Coral Multimodal Plan presentation and a Complete Streets presentation from City of Fort Myers.

Agenda Item #16 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and/or distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:03 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at the following link: [BPCC January 23, 2024](#)

*Action Items +May Require Action

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