Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Tuesday, February 27, 2024 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 Randy Krise.

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

David Wagley Lee County Department of Community Development

Jim Meyer City of Sanibel
Laura Dodd City of Cape Coral

Lee Waller Lee County Parks and Recreation

Nicole Setzer City of Fort Myers

Randy Krise Citizen Advisory Committee

Scott Stryker Village of Estero

Simone Behr Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau

Syndi Bultman Lee Health Trauma

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 Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Erica McCaughey and John Kubicki with FDOT; Deb Orton with Friends of BERT; Ned Baier with Volkert; 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 January 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Syndi Bultman made the motion to approve the January 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Scott Stryker seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Agenda Item #6 - Review and Comment on Scope of Services for Caloosahatchee Alternative</u> <u>Downtown Multimodal Study</u>

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented the Scope of Services for the Caloosahatchee Alternative Downtown Multimodal Study. He asked the committee to review the scope and email any comments they may have in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Stryker asked about existing bike ped facilities on the Edison

Bridge and why that bridge was not considered as part of the Sun Trail route. Mr. Gogoi explained that the bridge was not the problem but the road (Fowler Avenue) leading to it from the Fort Myers side and away into North Fort Myers which had right of way constraints. The roadway had either existing sidewalks of only 5' wide or no bike ped facilities. His Power Point presentation can be found at the following link: Caloosahatchee Multimodal Study.

<u>Agenda Item #5 - Presentation of FDOT's Vision Zero Action Plan for Lee County On-System Roadways</u>

Mr. John Kubicki presented this agenda item on FDOT's Vision Zero Action Plan for Lee County On-System Roadways. His presentation can be found at the following link: <u>Vision Zero Action Plan</u>

Agenda Item #7 - City of Fort Myers Complete Streets Policy and Implementation Presentation

Mrs. Nicole Setzer presented this agenda item on the City of Fort Myers Complete Streets Policy and Implementation. Her Power Point presentation can be viewed at the following link: <u>Fort Myers Complete Streets</u>.

Agenda Item #8 - Presentation of the City of Cape Coral Draft Multimodal Plan

Ms. Laura Dodd presented this agenda item on the City of Cape Coral's Draft Multimodal Plan. Her Power Point presentation can be viewed at the following link: <u>Cape Multimodal Plan</u>

Agenda Item #9 - Report on FGTC's Reprioritization of Florida Regional Trails

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

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

Ms. Deb Orton with Friends of BERT (Bonita Estero Rail Trail) provided a brief update on the next steps involving the acquisition efforts of the railroad right of way and made the request that the acquisition be identified as a Lee MPO priority.

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

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

Agenda Item #12 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for next meeting.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and/or distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at the following link: BPCC 022724

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