

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

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

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
Charles Mills	Cape Coral Police Department
David Rivera	School District of Lee County
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Jennifer Hagen	Member-at-Large
Jim Meyer	City of Sanibel
Laura Dodd	City of Cape Coral
Olivia Cassidy	LeeTran
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

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; and Mellone Long and Xavier Colon with the Fort Myers CRA.

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 February 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Laura Dodd made the motion to approve the February 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Teresa Lewis seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Approval of the Scope of Services for the Caloosahatchee Alternative Downtown Multimodal Study

Mr. Gogoi reported that the scope was presented and discussed in length at the last meeting and that he a few changes were made since then. He presented those changes including those that were

incorporated in the scope version that was in the agenda packet, and those that were made afterwards. Ms. Lewis asked that RFP proposers be asked to submit information whether they have Replica or StreetLight Data, or whether they will need to purchase them to be able to use in the study. The scope is [posted to the MPO website](#). The slides used to present those changes can be accessed at the following link: [Scope of Services](#)

Ms. Jennifer Hagen made the motion to approve the Scope of Services for the Caloosahatchee Alternative Downtown Multimodal Study with the changes. Ms. Teresa Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed with one objection.

Agenda Item #6 - Update on the Transportation Related Legislation and Lee County Appropriation Requests

Mr. Don Scott provided an update on the 2024 Florida Session Transportation Related Legislation and the Lee County Appropriations Requests that were approved by the Legislature. His presentation can be accessed at the following link: [Transportation Legislation](#)

Agenda Item #7 - Florida Regional Trails Ranking by Florida Greenways and Trails Council

Mr. Gogoi reported that the Florida Greenways and Trails Council is meeting on March 27th to rank the regional trail systems in Florida. He provided a Power Point presentation that showed the regional trails in Florida and the two regional trails that passes through Lee County. He explained why the rankings are important in the scheme of funding for SUN Trail projects. His PowerPoint can be accessed at the following link: [Florida Regional Trails](#)

Ms. Jennifer Hagen made the motion that the BPCC supports both the Caloosahatchee Sugar Trail and the Gulf Coast Trail and would like them to continue being regional trail systems and part of the SUN trail Network. The BPCC also supports the selection of the Gulf Coast Trail by the FGTC as one of the top two regional trails in Florida so it can have direct access to SUN Trail funds.

Agenda Item #8 - Report on the Preliminary Multimodal TALU and SU Fund Priorities

Mr. Gogoi presented the Preliminary Multimodal TALU and SU Fund Priorities. He reported that there were four new projects (one from the MPO and three from the City of Cape Coral) while the remainder were unfunded projects or project phases from last year's priority list. Ms. Dodd presented the two Cape Coral projects. The Power Point presentation for this item can be viewed at the following link: [Multimodal Priorities](#)

Agenda Item #9 - Cleveland Avenue Plan Input

Ms. Mellone Long and Mr. Xavier Colon with the Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) presented the Cleveland Avenue Plan. Her Power Point presentation can be accessed at the following link: [Cleveland Avenue Plan](#)

Agenda Item #10 - City of Cape Coral Complete Streets Policy and Implementation Presentation

Ms. Laura Dodd provided a verbal presentation of how the City of Cape Coral Complete Streets is implementing Complete Streets. She provided highlights and information on its implementation.

Agenda Item #11 - Local Agency/FDOT/MPO Updates

Mr. Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers provided updates on several of their bike ped projects. Mr. Sean Gibbons with the City of Bonita Springs announce that there would be a US 41 and Bonita Beach Road Intersection Project Public Meeting on March 26th.

Agenda Item #12 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the agenda

There were no public or member comments on non-agenda items.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #14 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for next meeting included Lee County DOT Complete Streets Presentation, Approval of TA/SU Priorities, and a tentative School District presentation on new schools.

Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

Ms. Laura Dodd made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sean Gibbons seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [BPC March 26](#)

***Action Items *May Require Action**

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