

Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee
Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
Fort Myers Collaboratory
2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
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 March 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes
5. *Recommend Approval of TALU and SU Multimodal Priorities (Ron Gogoi)
6. *Recommend Revision of 2023 SUN Trail Priorities (Ron Gogoi)
7. Lee County Complete Streets Policy and Implementation Presentation (Jillian Scholler)
8. FGTC Meeting Report on Regional Trail Ranking (Scott Stryker)
9. Local Agency/FDOT/MPO Updates
10. Public and Member Comments on Items not on the agenda
11. Announcements
12. Topics for next meeting
13. Information and Distribution Items

Adjournment

*Action Items *May Require Action

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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](#)

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF TALU AND SU FUND MULTIMODAL PRIORITIES

ACTION ITEM: *Recommend MPO Board approval of the staff recommended TALU and SU Priorities.*

Project proposals and applications for Lee MPO allocated TA and SU funds were submitted on March 29th to meet FDOT's March 31st deadline. These projects will be considered by FDOT for inclusion in the Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2026 through FY 2030 using MPO assigned priorities for the projects as a guide. The projects and staff recommended priorities were presented to the BPC 4/23/2024 at its March meeting for comments.

At the April 23rd BPC 4/23/2024 meeting, staff will provide updates on the projects following which the committee will be asked to recommend MPO approval of the staff recommended priorities.

2024 TALU AND SU MULTIMODAL BOX FUND PRIORITIES

Roadway/Project	From	To	Length (Mile)	Proposed Improvements	Side	Phase Funded	Requested Phase	Cost	2023 Priorities	2024 Priorities
SR 82	Michigan Link	Ortiz	0.86	Install 8' Sidewalk	North Side	PE	CST	X	8	1
San Carlos Blvd	Kelly Road	Gulf Point St	0.36	Install 8' Sidewalk	East Side	PE	CST	X	9	2
Cultural Park Blvd	NE Pine Island Lane	Pine Island Road	0.10	Instal 5' Sidewalk	East Side	NA	CST+CEI	\$ 70,833	NA	3
Cape Roundabout Study				Conduct a roundabout feasibility study	NA	NA	Study	\$ 150,000	NA	4
SR 82	Michigan Link	Ortiz	0.86	Replace existing sidewalk with 10' asphalt Shared Use Path	South Side	N/A	PE	\$1,733,477	10	5
US 41	Commons Way	Williams Road	0.57	Replace existing sidewalk with 8' sidewalk or 10' shared use path	East Side	N/A	PE	X	NA	6
SW 20th Ave	Veterans Pkwy	SW 18th Terrace	0.68	Instal 5' Sidewalk	East Side	NA	CST+CEI	\$ 1,020,777	NA	7
San Carlos Blvd	Summerlin Rd	Linda Lloma Rd	0.14	Install 6' sidewalk	East Side	N/A	PE	\$245,685	13	8
US 41	French Creek	Charlotte County	1.14	Install 8' Sidewalk	West Side	N/A	PE	X	12	9

Notes:

X - FDOT to provide LRE Costs

RECOMMEND REVISION OF 2023 SUN TRAIL PRIORITIES

ACTION ITEM: *Recommend MPO Board approval of the revision to the 2023 SUN Trail Priorities to add right of way acquisition and trail development of BERT.*

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) has a purchase agreement in place with Seminole Gulf Railroad for a 14.9-mile section of the rail corridor extending south from Alico Road in Lee County to Wiggins Pass Road in Collier County. The purchase price is set at \$82 million. Funds are required to be secured by March 2026.

TPL has proposed a funding strategy for acquisition of the rail corridor and the development of trail on the right of way.

Among the various funding sources identified in the funding strategy is FDOT's SUN Trail Program. Consideration of SUN Trail Program funds for right of way acquisition and trail development will require the Bonita Estero Rail Trail (BERT) to be identified among the SUN Trail Priorities for both Lee and Collier MPOs.

Accordingly, staff is recommending that the 2023 SUN Trail Priorities be revised as shown in **Attachment A**.

**REVISION TO 2023 LEE MPO SUN TRAIL PRIORITIES
BPCC 4/23/2024**

FM #	Project	From	To	Improvement Type	Length (miles)	Programmed Phase	Next Phase	PDC Estimate	SunTrail Fund Request	Local Match	Priority
NA	JYLP Trail Enhancement	North Canal Crossing next to Daniels Pkwy Trailhead	South (Ten Mile) Canal Crossing	(1) Replace 6' sidewalk with a 12' shared use path (2) Build a ped overpass at Daniels Pkwy to maintain linear character of the trail	0.50	NA	PE CST + CEI (SUP) CST+ CEI (Bridge) Total	\$1,142,349 \$4,400,000 <u>\$7,315,728</u> \$12,858,077	\$12,858,077	\$0	1
NA	Littleton Rd	US 41	North Tamiami Trail/Business 41	Shared Use Path (South Side)	0.66	NA	PE ROW CST + CEI Total	\$502,245 \$730,000 <u>\$1,650,234</u> \$2,882,479	\$2,882,479	\$0	2
NA	SR 80	Broadway Ave	Silk Bay Blvd/1st St	Shared Use Path (South Side)	1.71	NA	PE CST + CEI Total	\$1,150,000 <u>\$8,760,000</u> \$9,910,000	\$9,910,000	\$0	3
NA	SR 80	Buckingham Rd	Broadway Ave	Shared Use Path (North Side)	8.04	NA	PE CST + CEI Total	\$3,150,000 <u>\$27,050,000</u> \$30,200,000	\$30,200,000	\$0	4
NA	BERT in Lee and Collier Counties ¹	Wiggins Pass Road	Alico Road	SGL Railroad ROW Acquisition and BERT Trail Development	14.90	NA	ROW Acquisition PD&E ² PE ² CST ²	\$82,000,000 \$2,000,000 X X X	\$72,000,000 \$2,000,000 X X X	\$10,000,000 0 X X X	5

Note:

- 1** BERT is being added to Lee MPO SUN Trail Priority List to initiate FDOT consideration of SUN Trail Program funds in Work Program for ROW acquisition and project development
- 2** Trail Development Phases are contingent on securing ROW Acquisition funds by May 2026; PD&E Study will be the first project development phase after ROW Acquisition
- X** Design and construction costs will be developed during PD&E Study

LEE COUNTY COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PRESENTATION

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

This item is included in 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 fourth in the presentation series that will be provided by the LCDOT Traffic Engineer Jillian Scholler who will be presenting the County's Complete Streets Policy and Implementation activities.

FGTC MEETING REPORT ON REGIONAL TRAIL RANKING

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

The Florida Greenways and Trails Council met on March 27th to hear presentations and subsequently rank the 14 regional trail systems in Florida. All 14 trail systems are part of Florida's SUN Trail Network. BPC Vice Chair Scott Stryker, who also is a member of the FGTC, will provide a report on the rankings selected by the Council at the April 23rd BPC meeting.