



**JOINT COLLIER AND LEE MPO
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

**Collaboratory
2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
October 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Roll Call

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

MPO staff recorded the roll as those in attendance introduced themselves. There was a quorum. Those in attendance included:

From the Collier BPAC

Anthony Matonti	At-Large, Chair
Patty Huff	At-Large/Vice-Chair
George Dondanville	At-Large

From the Lee BPCC

Alisha Cody	Cape Coral Police Department
Brandon Kaczmarek	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Clarissa Diaz	LeeTran
David Wheaton	At-Large
Dawn Huff	LeeTran
Diane Holm	Injury Prevention Coalition
Henry Burden	At-Large/Chair
Jason Freeman	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Laura Dodd	City of Cape Coral
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Rachel Pierce	City of Sanibel
Scott Stryker	Village of Estero
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
Simone Behr	Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau
Syndi Bultman	Lee Health Trauma
Tracey Thornton	Lee Health Trauma

Others in attendance included Anne McLaughlin, Sean Kingston, and Suzanne Miceli with the Collier MPO; Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Thomas Marquardt with Lee County Department of

Transportation; Anna Horowitz with the Collier County Sheriff's Office; Olivia Cassidy with LeeTran; Jim Meyer; Doris Smtih; Michelle Avola Brown; Heidi Brescher with ACT; Michael Tisch with Collier County; Tanya Merkle, Kyle Kemmish, and Erica McCaughey with FDOT;

Agenda Item #2 - Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Item #3 - Election of a Chairperson

Ms. Huff made the motion to elect Collier MPO's BPAC Chair Anthony Matonti to chair the workshop. Mr. Stryker seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #4 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Agenda Item #5 - Approval of Agenda

Ms. Bultman made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dondanville seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #6 - Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Merkle announced that SUN Trail applications are open until December 20, 2023.

Agenda Item #7 - Reports and Presentations

A. Status on Collier to Polk Regional Trail

Mr. Kingston provided an overview of this agenda item by noting that FDOT proposed the addition of the Collier to Polk Regional Trail to the SUN Trail Network to upgrade existing Opportunity Trail Corridors to Priority Trail Corridors within Collier MPO, Polk, and Heartland Regional TPOs. The shared-use pathway projects proposed within the two alignments would become eligible to apply for SUN Trail funding if the Florida Greenways and Trails Council approves the addition to the SUN Trail network map.

Ms. Merkle provided a Power Point presentation on the status of the Collier to Polk Regional Trail which can be viewed at the following link: [Proposed Collier to Polk Priority Trail](#)

A group discussion followed regarding improvements and maintenance of the trail.

B. Status on Marco Island Loop

Mr. Kingston provided a status update for the Marco Island Loop project, explaining that the Collier MPO Board approved a resolution on September 8, 2023, accepting FDOT's final report on the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design and directing staff to take the necessary steps to request SUN Trail funding for a Project Development and Environment Study. The full report and map can be viewed in the agenda packet at the following link: [Lee Collier Joint Workshop Full Packet](#)

C. Status on Projects along the SR 82/SR 29 Corridor

Mr. Gogoi, Mr. Kingston, and Mr. Marquardt provided a Power Point presentation on projects along the SR 82 and SR 29 Corridors, and the proposed Alico Road Extension that intersects SR 82. All 5 projects can be viewed at the following link: [SR 82/SR 29 Updates](#)

Group discussions regarding this presentation included speed limits on different segments of the proposed projects, and the possibilities for more shared-use paths.

D. Status on US Bike Route 15 expansion with proposed networks in Lee and Collier Counties

Ms. Huff provided an overview and status update of the US Bike Route 15 Expansion. Her presentation can be viewed at the following link: [US Bike Route 15](#)

E. Discussion on Traffic Crashes, Traffic Enforcement, and Micromobility Regulations

Mr. Kingston explained that it is a three-part item, including how Micromobility Regulations are playing out in jurisdictions in Lee and Collier County, traffic enforcement as it applies to each county, and traffic crash data for both counties.

Mr. Gogoi provided an overview of Micromobility Regulations in Lee County, and the similarities and dissimilarities of Micromobility ordinances adopted by these jurisdictions. His presentation can be viewed at the following link: [Micromobility Regulations](#)

Sgt. Horowitz with Collier County Sheriffs Office spoke about how traffic enforcement statutes need to be updated to keep up with transportation technology and that the sheriff's office does its best to educate the community about pedestrian and bicyclist safety. A group discussion followed regarding more ways to implement safety measures for pedestrians and bicyclists in Lee and Collier counties. Mr. Burden and Ms. Bultman provided the Lee County perspective.

Mr. Kemmish explained the methodology to capture traffic crash data in Florida and stated that the 60-day hold on reports as per Florida Statutes were skewing the 2023 fatality and serious injury numbers. Mr. Kingston presented crash data for Collier County while Mr. Gogoi focused only on one slide (due to lack of time) that compared Daily Average Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) for the two counties. He stated that the escalating VMT in Lee County was the reason why there were more crashes in Lee County. The crash presentation can be viewed at the following link: [Collier and Lee Crash Statistics](#)

F. Presentation on Hands-Free Florida

Ms. Avola-Brown provided a presentation on the Hands-Free Florida campaign which can be viewed at the following link: [Hands-Free Florida](#)

Agenda Item #8 - Members' Comments

There were no additional comments.

Agenda Item #9 - Information Items

None.

Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment of Joint BPCW Workshop

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 pm by Chair Anthony Matonti

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at the following link: [Joint BPCW October 24, 2023](#)

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