

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS  
COMMITTEE**

1:00 p.m., October 9, 2019  
SW Florida Community Foundation Collaboratory  
2031 Jackson Street, Suite 100, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239-244-2220



## **Meeting Minutes**

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### **Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Jansen at 1:01 p.m.

### **Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions**

The members introduced themselves. There was a quorum.

### **Members Present**

Bill Floyd	Lee County Emergency Management
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Dan Moser	Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee
Dawn Huff	LeeTran
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Dominic Konieczki	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Douglas Higgins	Lee County EMS
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jorge Puente	LeeTran
Michael Fiigon	Lee County Port Authority
Stephen Jansen	Lee County DOT
Tessa Heines	Cape Coral Public Works Traffic Engineering

Others in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; David Greene with TEAM Engineering; Chad Polk and Robert Paquin with Jacobs; Dan Craig with David Douglas and Associates; and Justin Merritt and Renjan Joseph with FDOT.

### **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 August 14, 2019 Minutes**

**Sergeant Dominic Konieczki made the motion to approve the August 14, 2019 Minutes. Sergeant James Lear seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Agenda Item #5 - Fort Myers Beach Lighting Study**

Mr. Ron Gogoi introduced this agenda item on the Fort Myers Beach Lighting Study. He noted the Lee MPO's Fort Myers Beach Lighting Study commenced in early 2018 and came about in response to numerous crashes at night, especially along Estero Boulevard. He reviewed some of the crash statistics from the study. He introduced Mr. David Greene with TEAM Engineering who proceeded to give a presentation on the lighting study. Mr. Greene's presentation included information on history of incidents on Fort Myers Beach, lighting study background information/criteria, analysis and investigation, sampling method, existing conditions, results, proposed solutions, methods of implementation, LED lighting program, dark sky/light pollution aspects, sea turtle issues, lighting alternatives, funding options, and recurring costs. Mr. Greene asked if there were any questions. Chair Jansen asked who the consultants coordinated with in Lee County. Mr. Gogoi replied Mr. Rob Phelan was the Lee County contact. Mr. Gogoi noted Mr. Phelan was the one that suggested the lighting audit. There was a brief discussion on administrative code and responsibility for payment of lighting bills on county roads. Mr. Greene described the type of LED light fixtures being placed on Fort Myers Beach that are turtle compliant. The committee also had brief discussions on crosswalk illumination and timetable for roadway lighting implementation. Mr. Gogoi added that input will also be captured from the Fort Myers Beach Public Safety Committee at their meeting scheduled later on the same day prior to the presentation of the final report to the Fort Myers Beach Town Council for acceptance at its November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The committee continued with discussions on FPL incentives and funding. Mr. Gogoi said action on this has been left in the hands of Fort Myers Beach in coordination with Lee County. Mr. Greene thanked the committee. Chair Jansen thanked Mr. Greene for his presentation. The report is available for review at <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FMB-Report-10-01-19-1.pdf>

## **Agenda Item #6 - Colonial Boulevard Road Safety Audit Results**

Chair Steve Jansen presented this agenda item on the recent Colonial Boulevard Road Safety Audit Results. He said LCDOT recently conducted a Road Safety Audit on Colonial Boulevard from McGregor to US 41. He discussed some of the issues that came out of the audit such as lack of sidewalk continuation, accidents due to left turn lane, addressing right turn lanes and safety islands. The committee discussed possible solutions and treatments to address safety concerns on this corridor.

## **Agenda Item #7 - Florida Transportation Plan**

Ms. Sarah Catala with FDOT had to leave for an urgent meeting and was therefore unable to present this agenda item.

## **Agenda Item #8 - Lee MPO Bike Ped Safety Action Plan Update**

Mr. Robert Paquin with Jacobs presented this agenda item on the Lee MPO's Bike Ped Safety Action Plan (BPSAP) Update. He gave a brief PowerPoint on the MPO Bike Ped Safety Action Plan Update. The presentation included information on scope, schedule, analytical process, data collection, risk factors, and risk-based approach. He referred to the list of projects that was sent as an email and handed out to the committee. Mr. Gogoi said this list could be reviewed at the end of the presentation. Mr. Paquin continued his presentation with information

on the reactive approach, proactive process/approach, counter measures, implementation costs, project development, and next steps. The committee discussed access management costs, including this data in other local bike ped plans, funding projects in plan, disseminating plan, SR80/Park Avenue, Phase Two of BPSAP update, compiling projects/resources, and using GIS to determine overlaps.

### **Agenda Item #9 - MPO/Local Agency Updates**

Lee County Port Authority had nothing to report. Mr. Carl Karakos with Fort Myers announced a roundabout at Winkler/Challenger is in the Fort Myers CIP, and they are currently searching for a consultant to do the design. Mr. Jorge Puente with LeeTran said they are working on several projects and would provide updates within the next few months. Sergeant James Lear with the Cape Coral Police Department said they would start ped/bike operations the following week. He further explained the rationale behind the times and locations of the operations. Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) mentioned the boat races on Fort Myers Beach that will be held this weekend. He said LCSO will be out directing traffic and assisting with pedestrian crossings. Ms. Tessa Heines noted several minor improvements had been implemented following a recent safety audit in Cape Coral. FDOT had nothing to report. Mr. Dan Moser said there would be another bicycle instructor training held in November at the Villas Community Center in conjunction with Streets Alive. Chair Jansen mentioned the Corkscrew Road widening, Ortiz widening, and Corkscrew/I-75 interchange improvements construction. Mr. Gogoi mentioned FDOT's epublic hearing on October 24/25. He also noted Cape Coral's Lidar request was still in progress with Federal Highway. Chair Jansen asked if there were any other updates. There were none.

### **Agenda Item #10 - 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 #11 – Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting**

Topics suggested for next meeting included a FDOT presentation of the results of the US 41 and Cape Coral Parkway road safety audits. The committee briefly discussed the recent walk to school day.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items**

There were no information and distribution items. Chair Jansen mentioned the next meeting is December 11, 2019.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:38 p.m. \*Action Items \*May Require Action**

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