

## BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., October 27, 2020

Virtual Zoom Webinar

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## Meeting Minutes

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

The virtual Zoom meeting was officially called to order by Chair Dan Moser at 10:00 a.m.

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

**MPO staff recorded the roll. There was a quorum. Those in attendance included:**

#### From the BPCC

Armand Regnaert	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Cindy Leal Brizuela	Lee County School District
Colleen Bennett	Lee County Department of Community Development
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Dawn Huff	LeeTran
Dennis Petracca	Lee County Sheriff's Office
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jennifer Hagen	Member-at-Large
Michael Cohn	City of Sanibel
Persides Zambrano	City of Cape Coral
Pim Tan	City of Cape Coral
Randy Krise	Lee County MPO Citizen Advisory Committee
Sean Gibbons	City of Bonita Springs
Steve Jansen	Lee County Community Traffic Safety Team
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Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi, Don Scott, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Deborah Chesna with FDOT (10:08 a.m.); Jason Swack with the City of Fort Myers; Trent Ebersole with McMahon; Michael Cosden with the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board; Jodi Walborn, a member of the public; Ned Baier with Volkert; Marta Gibbons, a member of the public; John Majka, a member of the public; and Denise Diamond, a member of the public.

### **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 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the August 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

In order to provide FDOT staff additional time to sign-on to the virtual meeting for their presentation of Agenda Item #5, Chair Moser moved to Agenda Item #6.

## **Agenda Item #6 - +Review of the Draft 2045 Bicycle Pedestrian Cost Feasible Project List and Update on the Development of the LRTP**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the Draft 2045 Bicycle Pedestrian Cost Feasible Project List and Update on the Development of the LRTP. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation with slides that included information on bicycle pedestrian needs plan projects and mapping, projects lists, bicycle pedestrian facilities map, bicycle pedestrian cost feasible projects, proposed scheduling table, previous 2040 cost feasible project table, bicycle pedestrian costs and costing tool, project list, needs projects map, revenues, and cost feasible map. Chair Moser asked about the 6-lane widening of SR 80 from SR 31 to Buckingham Road. Mr. Scott said it is 25-30 years out. There was a brief discussion on the timing of the SR 80 widening project, other examples in the area, and cost versus worth of projects. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with slides on the fourth alternative model run with 35% connected autonomous vehicles, types of autonomous vehicles, roadway capacity factors, 2045 transit needs plan, 2045 transit cost feasible plan, and public comments received. Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-6-2045-LRTP-1.pptx> Mr. Scott noted there was a hand raised under public comment. Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, commented on the widening of SR 80 and other roadways in the state. A brief discussion followed on widening roads, making lanes smaller, SIS facilities, revenues, total costs, requirements for SIS facilities, high speed facilities, and SR 80. Mr. Scott noted there was another public comment. Ms. Marta Gibbons, a member of the public, commented on the pathway/sidewalk project on Pine Island Road. Mr. Scott noted that if a project has not started yet, like the Pine Island Road project, then it may be impacted by funding cuts. Chair Moser noted that Ms. Chesna with FDOT had signed on to the meeting. He asked if there were additional questions. There were none.

## **Agenda Item #5 - Design Concepts of CFIs on Metro Parkway**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr. Gogoi noted that Mr. Christopher Speese with FDOT will present this agenda item on the Design Concepts of Continuous Flow Intersections on Metro Parkway at the November BPCC meeting. Ms. Deborah Chesna with FDOT gave a brief Power Point presentation on various intersections treatments that can be used as part of the Complete Streets concept. Her presentation contained several photographs and sketches of the various intersection treatments including islands used to direct traffic turns, Echo Street to Cummings Street example, pedestrian plaza, crosswalk section in Lakeland, and Legoland Way/Register Road proposal. Her presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-9-Intersection-Treatments-Deb-Chesna.pptx> A brief discussion followed on corridor studies, innovative ideas, including complete streets ideas in LRTP, systemic approach, presentation given by Mr. Lawrence Massey at prior BPCC meeting on Fowler improvements, retirement of Mr. Massey, and update on Fowler improvements. Mr. Gogoi asked Ms. Chesna if she could provide an update on the status of the Fowler improvements. Ms. Chesna said she would look into the Fowler improvements. Chair Moser mentioned the City of Fort Myers will have a new mayor soon and possibly turnover on City Council as well so this could mean more consensus required for certain projects. Ms. Chesna suggested a corridor study would have been helpful. Mr. Scott noted that a corridor study was done many years ago. Ms. Hagen added that renderings are important and especially helpful for public meetings. She thanked Ms. Chesna for sharing her presentation.

## **Agenda Item #7 - Update on City of Fort Myers Bike Ped Projects**

Mr. Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers introduced Mr. Trent Ebersole with McMahon Associates to give an update on the City of Fort Myers 2020 Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. Mr. Ebersole gave a brief presentation on the progress of the Master Plan. Mr. Karakos asked about the improvements on Colonial Boulevard. Mr. Ebersole asked if Ms. Chesna could assist with this question. Mr. Gogoi clarified that assistance being sought included all the proposed treatments on Colonial Boulevard including the DDI at I 75, CFI at Six Mile Cypress Parkway and Superstreet at Forum Boulevard. Ms.

Chesna asked Mr. Gogoi to email her the information so that she could check on the progress/status. Mr. Gogoi said he would send an email. Mr. Karakos reminded Ms. Chesna that he had also asked for an update on the Fowler projects. Mr. Karakos then gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on First and Second Street improvements, project phases, Phase I sketches, First Street and Fowler intersection sketch, First Street and Park intersection sketch, Second Street and Fowler intersection sketch, Second Street and Park intersection sketch, Seaboard and Michigan intersection sketch, Seaboard and First Street intersection sketch, 2040 traffic study, and next steps. Mr. Karakos introduced Mr. Jason Swack, also with the City of Fort Myers, to present additional information related to the Downtown Fort Myers bicycle route options. Ms. Hagen noted she lives in the area and would be willing to provide input. Mr. Cosden noted he lives in the area also and he is excited about the projects. There was a brief discussion on the possibility of changing the features of McGregor, thoughts on Monroe and Midtown, sharrows on McGregor, new speed limit signs on McGregor, options with city owned property near golf course, popular cycling corridors in the downtown area, issues with drop off and pick up at Fort Myers High School, possibility that adding sharrows to McGregor would increase use by bicyclists, new apartments and City Walk changing the dynamic of downtown area, and sidewalk closings near Riverwalk. Ms. Hagen mentioned the comments regarding McGregor traffic and bicycling. Mr. Karakos' presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-7-CFM-Presentation.pptx>

### **Agenda Item #8 - Crash and Traffic Data Analysis**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item as an update on Crash and Traffic Data Analyses. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation with slides that included information on local crash data, bubble charts, statewide data, District One I-75 data, and data from other areas around the state of Florida. He asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-8-Traffic-and-Crash-Data.pptx> Chair Moser noted the counts were up and suggested to keep this in mind for the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Update. The committee briefly discussed connectivity between all upcoming projects, existing studies on Edison Avenue and Challenger, using complete streets strategies, Hendry Street pedestrian mall concept, and upcoming meeting with LeeTran involving impacts to Hendry Street. Chair Moser asked if there was additional discussion. There was none.

### **Agenda Item #9 - SRTS and SUN Trail Program Update**

Mr. Gogoi invited Ms. Cindy Leal Brizuela with the Lee County School District to present the update on the SRTS applications in Lee County that are being submitted for the FY 2021 funding cycle. Ms. Brizuela noted there were only two requests being submitted and she gave a brief presentation that included information on the requests. Mr. Gogoi then invited Ms. Chesna to give an update on the SUN Trail Program and the cancellation/suspension of requests. Ms. Chesna commented that the request for applications for 2020 has been pulled back due to fiscal challenges. She explained that all prior projects remain the same. She advised to keep projects in mind for the next call. The committee briefly discussed previously submitted projects, next work program release, Lee County projects in queue, practicality of certain improvements to JYLP, Rail Trail Feasibility study RFP advertised and underway, closing date for Rail Trail RFP, evaluation meetings for Rail Trail RFP, notice to proceed for Rail Trail study, evaluation committee members for the Rail Trail study, status of Cape Coral Sun Trail projects, funding forecast uncertainty for next five years, existing agreements, LAP coordination, and the release of the new work program. Chair Moser asked Vice-Chair Hagen to continue the meeting as he had to leave. Vice-Chair Hagen agreed. The presentation for this agenda item can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-9-SRTS-SUN-Updates.pptx>

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

Ms. Chesna said she had no further FDOT update and she will coordinate with Mr. Michael Tisch for an update for the November BPCC meeting. Mr. Gogoi reminded Ms. Chesna she will also be presenting at the next meeting. Ms. Chesna said she would also gather information on Fowler and the other segments discussed earlier. Ms. Pim Tan with Cape Coral gave an update on the Cape Coral first SUN Trail segment bid opening, noting it would start in December. Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran gave a brief LeeTran update that included information on mobility on demand programs in other areas, TDP approval by Board in November, October 11 return to full bus service, January 3 beach trolley service start, sanitization of buses, continuation of social distancing practices, and various facility updates. The committee briefly discussed the mobility on demand programs. Vice-Chair Hagen asked if there were any other local agency updates. Ms. Chesna asked if the Cape Coral SUN Trail segment that was described as Kismet to Nelson is from Burnt Store to Nelson. Ms. Pim Tan replied yes, adding they are coordinating on the notice to proceed.

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

Ms. Denise Diamond, a member of the public, sent in a Power Point public comment on the SR 80 projects and it was played by Mr. Scott at the BPCC meeting. The pdf and Power Point versions of her public comment can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Public-Comment-for-BPCC.pdf> AND <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Public-Comment-for-BPCC.pptx> There were no other public comments.

## **Agenda Item #12 – Announcements**

Mr. Scott noted that after November 1, the meetings are required to be held with a quorum in the room. He said the usual BPCC and TMOG meeting places are either closed indefinitely or at least through January 2021. The committee briefly discussed the ability to still meet virtually, other options, MPO Board discussion on committee meetings, hybrid meetings, quorum requirement of six, upcoming approval/action items, and discussion with attorney of alternatives. Vice-Chair Hagen said the committee will wait to hear back regarding meeting format. Mr. Gogoi mentioned the next meeting would include SRTS approval, a presentation on CFIs, and information on the District Bike Ped Master Plan.

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

There were no information and distribution items.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.**

**The entire meeting audio can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/10-27-2020-bpcc>**

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**\*Action Items    \*May Require Action**

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