

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

10:00 a.m., February 25, 2020
SW Florida Community Foundation Collaboratory
2031 Jackson Street, Suite 100, Fort Myers, FL 33901
239-244-2220



MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

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

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

Those present introduced themselves. There was a quorum. Those in attendance included:

From the BPC

Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Colleen Bennett	Lee County Department of Community Development
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Dawn Huff	LeeTran
Diane Holm	Injury Prevention Coalition
Doug Saxton	Village of Estero
Isobel Hitchcock	Member-at-Large
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jodi Walborn	Safe Routes to Schools/Johns Hopkin's
Jorge Puente	LeeTran
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Mark Tesoro	Lee Health Trauma Center
Randy Krise	Lee MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee
Simone Behr	Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau
Tina Sujana	Member-at-Large

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; Marta Gibbons with the Matlacha Association; Dan McWilliams with McShea Contracting; Nancy Crocker with Lee County School District; Kayleigh Smith with LeeTran; Pam Andrews and Manuel De La Vega with the City of Fort Myers; David Murphy with the Lee County Department of Transportation; William Grieve with McMahan Associates; and Tom Miller with Friends of Yellow Fever Creek.

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 January 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the January 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Moser said Mr. Gogoi requested to move the presentation for Agenda Item #7 up. There were no objections from the committee.

Agenda Item #7 – Yellow Fever Creek Presentation

Chair Dan Moser introduced Mr. Tom Miller, a Lee County resident representing a non-profit organization, to discuss a proposal for a greenway at Yellow Fever Creek. The informational flyer handed out at the meeting can be found here: <http://leemco.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Yellow-Fever-Creek-Flyer.pdf> Mr. Miller referred to a map of the location of the Yellow Fever Creek area. He then discussed the proposal to obtain land along Yellow Fever Creek to connect two existing preserves/parks along the creek. The proposal includes a greenway with bicycle/pedestrian pathway and kayak blue way. The committee discussed the location of the land, municipalities/jurisdictions involved, use of 2020 properties for recreation, agencies involved, roadway improvements in the area, potential issues with the alignment of the green way, gaining support from local governments involved to move forward as a project to be included in the LRTP in the future, shell mounds in the area, and contact information for Friends of Yellow Fever Creek. Chair Moser thanked Mr. Miller for his presentation.

Agenda Item #5 - Review and Comment on 2045 LRTP Bicycle Pedestrian and Trails Element Scope of Services

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide input on the 2045 LRTP Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Element Scope of Services that was attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott noted that several of the local jurisdictions had recently conducted or are in the process of conducting bike ped updates and those would be compiled and included. He said a prioritized list of projects with updated cost estimates will also be included. He referred to the draft scope of services that was included in the agenda packet and asked for comments. Mr. Scott noted that Mr. Gogoi's additions were in red text. The committee discussed the projects included in the priorities, the process of the LRTP, public involvement and announcements, horizon year for the LRTP, due date for projects to be included, requirements/functional classifications for projects submitted, City of Fort Myers bike ped master plan update, due date for approval by the MPO Board, presentation to other committees, time frame for approval by the BPC, project advisory committee for bike ped element, inclusion of projects in local CIPs, coordination between local governments and MPO staff, projections for funding and addressing needs, and prioritization of projects.

Mr. Mark Tesoro made the motion to approve the 2045 LRTP Bicycle Pedestrian and Trails Element Scope of Services. Ms. Dawn Huff seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Multi-modal Box Fund Candidate Projects and Preliminary Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item on the preliminary priorities for the multimodal box fund candidate projects that were attached to the agenda packet. He noted the schedule for submission of congestion management project priorities for SU and TA Multimodal Box Funds for consideration by FDOT during development of its FY 2022 – FY 2026 Tentative Work Program includes information packages that were due by February 1, 2020, a preliminary list of project priorities due by March 15, 2020, and the final approved list of priorities due by July 1, 2020. He referred to the final list of candidate projects that was attached to the agenda packet. He added since there were several unfunded projects from last year, staff has accepted only two new projects in its list of congestion management candidate projects for TA and SU Box funds. He reviewed the final list of candidate projects on the list including the two new projects - the Island Park Elementary Sidewalks in Cape Coral and the LCPA Skyplex Greenway. He noted the rankings may change after the evaluation of the two new projects. The committee discussed the phases/costs of the projects and funding, new FDOT policies regarding bicycle lanes and maintenance, impact of electric vehicles, and public input. Mr. Gogoi said the final priority list for approval will come back to the committees in May. Mr. Carl Karakos commented on the Bonita Springs projects and City of Fort Myers projects. Chair Moser asked for Mr. Gogoi to get L. K. Nandam

with FDOT to attend a future meeting. Mr. Don Scott agreed that would be helpful to ensure matching plans in the update. The committee further discussed bicycle lanes/pathways and micromobility devices, legislation and enforcement, and speeds of micromobility devices.

Agenda Item #8 - Endurablend Pavement Marking Presentation

Mr. Dan McWilliams with McShea Contracting presented this agenda item on the new Endurablend product that can be used in traffic safety applications such as crosswalks, streetscapes, traffic calming, bike lanes, etc. Mr. McWilliams said his company is looking for a willing local government agency which will let them use their roadway to install a treatment of the agency's preference as part of a promotional demo effort. Chair Moser added this was a legitimate call for local governments to participate in demonstration projects of this product. Mr. Gogoi said he passed the information on to Fort Myers Beach. Mr. McWilliams said he will be meeting with Ms. Chelsea O'Riley to provide a more extensive presentation. He added the equipment will be in Florida in the next few weeks, and he is trying to line up projects. Mr. Karakos asked about possible mid-block crossing projects. Mr. McWilliams said they would do one of the crossings for the City of Fort Myers with the new product. Mr. McWilliams gave a brief history of his company and the product, also showing example photographs. The committee discussed compliance, patterns, life span/warranty, sealing, maintenance, cleaning, replacement, cost, possible damage, milling issues, applications, possible project locations, project completion dates, window of opportunity, and costs compared to other products.

Agenda Item #9 - Review of Safety Matrix Ranking of Florida Counties and Cities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item on the review of the Safety Matrix Ranking of Florida Counties and Cities. He mentioned the Priority emphasis area as called out in each column in the matrix are as follows:

- **Aging Road Users (Drivers 65+)** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver involved was age 65 or older at the time of the crash
- **Distracted Driving** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver was coded as distracted
- **Impaired Driving** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver was coded as either having a positive blood alcohol content, a positive drug test result, or in which a driver refused to be tested for alcohol or drugs
- **Motorcyclists** – serious injuries plus fatalities of drivers and passengers of a motorcycle (does not include moped)
- **Occupant Protection** – serious injuries plus fatalities of drivers and passengers of a vehicle other than a motorcycle, moped, or ATV who were coded as not using restraint system
- **Pedestrian or Bicyclist** – serious injuries plus fatalities of pedestrians or bicyclists
- **Speed or Aggressive Driving** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver involved was coded with driver actions related to speeding (any single action) or aggressive driving (two or more of certain moving violations, such as careless driving, improper passing, and several others)
- **Teen Drivers** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes in which at least one driver involved was aged 15-19
- **Work Zones** – serious injuries plus fatalities occurring as a result of crashes which were coded as work zone related

He referred to and reviewed the matrices that compare the Counties and Cities based on population level noting the highlighted columns are where that County or City is in the top 25 percent for the particular crash emphasis area. The committee discussed the rankings, funding related to rankings, issues in Lee County, population increase during season with relation to accidents, normalization of rankings, validity of rankings, rankings of other areas in Florida, use of data/rankings, distracted driving,

aggressive driving, increased speeds, need for more transit, year range for data used for rankings, law enforcement agency applications for funding, and source of report.

Agenda Item #10 - Legislative Updates

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the latest Legislative Updates. He referred to an email he received from Tallahassee requesting information on mid-block crossing counts, for on and off system roadways, from each of the MPO areas in order to facilitate the formulation of cost impact estimates if the bill is enacted. He asked the local jurisdictions to send information on mid-block crossings in their areas. Mr. Gogoi added information on rapid flashing beacons and light colors in the beacons. The committee discussed compliance, existing laws, coordinating with traffic signals, replacement costs, lobbying against the bill, reaction of jurisdictions, mid-block crossing placement, history of the bill, inclusion in manual, conveying the information to the local jurisdictions, and contacting Lee County manager with mid-block crossing locations for lobbyist.

Chair Moser mentioned an item that was not on the agenda that should have been included is the discussion on the bicycle map update. He asked the MPO staff for an update since last meeting. Mr. Scott showed the committee a sample of the updated map. He also mentioned several suggestions for improving the map. The committee discussed the colors on the map and using line style in addition, timeline for completion, funding, public comment at Citizen Advisory Committee meeting by Diana Giraldo, and budget for application and GIS in next fiscal year. Chair Moser commented that the Cape Coral bike map was excellent in its simplicity.

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

Sergeant James Lear with Cape Coral Police Department noted they would have a check point set-up this weekend. Mr. Murphy with Lee County DOT mentioned that Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District may have received a grant for the Richmond Pedestrian Bridge replacement, and Lee County is working with them on an interlocal agreement for the maintenance and ownership of the bridge. Mr. Scott referred to the other pedestrian bridge project in Lehigh Acres near the new schools. Mr. Murphy said that would most likely go into the Tier Program for future consideration. Mr. Scott commented that Lee County Schools said they could not spend funds on off-site improvements. Mr. Gogoi added the project will be included in the LRTP. Ms. Simone Behr with the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau voiced her support for an updated bicycle map. Ms. Marta Gibbons, a resident of Matlacha, commented on a crash there recently. Chair Moser mentioned the construction of a Publix on Pine Island Road and its impact on traffic leaving Pine Island. Mr. Doug Saxton commented they are still waiting on the adoption of the Village of Estero Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. Mr. Gogoi added Estero staff requested a presentation by the consultant in either March or April so their council can officially adopt the Plan. The committee discussed the funding and completion of both the Estero and Sanibel plans. Mr. Mark Tesoro with Lee Health Trauma commented on motorcycle and bike/ped injuries and Safe Kids Day on April 11. Ms. Jodi Walborn with Safe Routes to School commented on school programs and available training. Ms. Pim Tan with the City of Cape Coral mentioned sidewalk construction was continuing, SUN Trail on Kismet is on schedule to be constructed in the fall, utility projects are being continued, and parks projects are being studied through the Go-Bond initiative. Mr. Karakos with the City of Fort Myers mentioned the results of recent City Council and City Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board meetings and urged committee members to attend these meetings to support bike ped projects. He then introduced Mr. Manuel De La Vega, also with the City of Fort Myers, to discuss a map application that he had previously worked with and was developing for the City of Fort Myers for their bicycle pedestrian master plan update. Mr. Karakos said this could be an agenda item at a future meeting. He added it would be useful to coordinate with all of the municipalities. He also said McMahan, the consultant for the Bike Ped Master Plan update, asked for questions that stakeholders should address. He said he would send an email with more information. Mr. Murphy mentioned upcoming dates for the Corkscrew Road Improvements public meeting and the Big Carlos Bridge Replacement public hearing. Chair Moser asked about the schedule for Estero Boulevard

improvements. Mr. Murphy commented on the schedules for the phases. Mr. Murphy also mentioned two traffic signals that are being put up. The committee briefly discussed the other projects and funding along Estero Boulevard. Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran commented on the closing of Good Wheels and LeeTran's accommodation of the Transportation Disadvantaged trips. The committee also discussed accommodating other Good Wheels users, other trips, Uber/Lyft, fees charged, other counties partnering with private companies, and funds owed by Good Wheels. Mr. Gogoi commented on the Friends of Yellow Fever Creek and their purpose. Ms. Isobel Hitchcock mentioned the Royal Palm Challenge Ride being held by the Caloosa Riders. The committee briefly discussed the ride and rides in other areas. Chair Moser mentioned local road closures due to a race.

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

Mr. Gogoi mentioned the District One SUN Trail applications are currently being evaluated. He also discussed the City of Fort Myers project for the Caloosahatchee Alternative Study and funding. Ms. Marta Gibbons asked where to inquire about critter crossing signs. Mr. Murphy advised her to contact Mr. Steve Jansen.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the latest MPOAC Legislative summary and the Yellow Fever Creek informational handout.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.

*Action Items *May Require Action

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