

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Collier County Growth Management Division
Conference Rooms 609 & 610
2800 North Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104
9:00 a.m.

August 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bonness called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Ortman called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Joe Bonness, At-Large
Alan Musico, At-Large
Dayna Fendrick, At-Large
Victor Ordija, At-Large
Andrea Halman, At-Large
Reginald Wilson, At-Large
~~Anthony Matonti, At-Large~~

Members Absent

Joe Admas, At-Large
Dr. Mort Friedman, At-Large
Jane Cheffy, At-Large
~~Anthony Matoni, At-Large~~

MPO Staff

Eric Ortman, MPO Senior Planner
Karen Intriago, MPO Admin. Assistant

Others Present

David Agacinski, FDOT
Lorraine Lantz, CC Transportation Planning
Jennifer Barlett, Tindale Oliver
Wally Blain, Tindale Oliver
David Ogilvie, CC Public Schools
Jessica Ayers-Crane, Blue Zones
Patty Huff, Citizen
Omar DeLeon, Collier Area Transit (CAT)
Michelle Avola, Naples Pathways Coalition
Patricia Spencer, Golden Gate Civic Association

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ordija: I move to approve the agenda.

Ms. Halman: **I second the motion.**

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approval of the April 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bonness stated that on page six, “4-inch macadam” needed to be changed to “4-foot macadam”. Mr. Ortman stated that he would make the correction and forward the revised minutes to committee members.

Ms. Fendrick stated that smart growth principles should be included in the master plan.

Ms. Fendrick: **I move to approve the minutes.**

Ms. Ordija: **I second the motion.**

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Open to the Public for Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

Mr. Agacinski stated that FDOT is currently working on a PD&E study on State Road 29 from Oil Well Road to State Road 82. He was asked to review the bicycle and pedestrian comments for this study. He was able to provide feedback regarding connectivity to destinations and filling in gaps. There will also be a combination of sidewalks, bike lanes and shared use lanes. The study is set to be completed in March of 2019.

Mr. Agacinski informed the committee that the Southwest Area Office (SWAO) in Fort Myers now has their own Project Management team. The team will be responsible for all the southern counties which will provide a local Department resource instead of needing to use Bartow.

B. MPO

Mr. Ortman stated that the Golden Gate Walkability Study item had been removed from the committees’ agenda based on a staff recommendation that additional work was needed. The MPO staff is working in-house to complete the project which will be brought back to the committee at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Ortman introduced Karen Intriago as the new MPO Administrative Assistant.

C. Collier County

Ms. Lantz stated that the county is still waiting for the final award decision on the Shadowlawn Elementary Safe Routes to School application they submitted. The County requested \$800,000 to cover drainage, sidewalk, and intersection treatments.

D. City of Naples

E. City of Marco Island

No updates were provided from the City of Naples or the City of Marco Island.

7. **Committee Action**

None.

8. **Reports and Presentations (May Require Committee Action)**

A. Draft Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Ortman stated that the material in the first five chapters has been presented to the committee in other formats and items have been discussed previously but that this is the first time that the committee has seen the actual document. Mr. Ortman stated that the draft was developed based on safety, Environmental Justice, public and committee comments, and socio-economic and bicycle and pedestrian crash data

Ms. Bartlett made a Power Point presentation to the committee which will be posted on the MPO website. Ms. Barlett stated that the goal is to have the plan approved at the October 12th Board meeting but that there is room for fluidity. Main points of the presentation included:

- More than 600 public comment were received
- Needs based plan will focus on safety, connectivity and equity or environmental justice (EJ)
- Bicycle and pedestrian crashes occur primarily on the arterials and collectors
- EJ areas were identified at the Census Block Group level and by the number of EJ factors met
- Areas with EJ factors greater than 10 percent above the County average were listed as EJ
- The plan will make recommendations to improve the process of coordination with the county to include bike and pedestrian facilities in resurfacing projects
- Data will be checked to confirm stated percentages
- Plan seeks to identify potential additional funding sources and opportunities without prescribing how dollars should be spent outside of treating safety and environmental justice as the highest priorities
- Education is an important tool for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists
- Needs were grouped into different groups: high crash areas, gaps on arterials and collectors, local road priorities, and greenway connectivity opportunities
- Develop a summary document – 3 maps: Collector and Arterial Pedestrian, Collector and Arterial Bicycle, and Local
- Plan is identifying greatest needs based on environmental justice and crash data. Plan could be used in place of call for projects, while still allowing jurisdictions flexibility in adding other projects.
- Allocating funds for recommendations from Road Safety Audits

There was a discussion over the bicycle and pedestrian inventory map being used on the first page of chapter one with committee members pointing out some errors in the map. Mr. Ortman stated that this was the latest iteration of the map that the committee had been working on; and that the MPO was continuing to take comments/corrections to the map which would be incorporated into the map's next iteration. Mr. Ortman stated that the MPO is working with the Naples Pathway Coalition on an updated map; and asked that if there were specific comments on this map update, committee members should let the MPO.

Ms. Huff stated that she did not understand why the Census lists Everglades City as zero percent of its population with no vehicle when part of the community is immigrant workers who don't have a vehicle. Ms. Bartlett stated that she would check the data to verify the correct number. Ms. Bartlett stated that the Census is self-reporting data and its accuracy is dependent on people completing the census.

Mr. Musico asked how sidewalks that straddled the one-mile boundary from schools would be counted. Ms. Bartlett stated that this could be determined during the implementation of the plan. Mr. Musico asked how part-time residents would be treated in the plan. Ms. Bartlett stated that the plan took part-time residents into account but with limited resources the plan was focused on full-time residents. The committee discussed education and enforcement as important tools that require a long-term focus.

There was a discussion on potentially restriping roads during resurfacing to accommodate bicycle facilities. It was noted that road requirements including lane width and posted speed limits might not allow for including bike lanes in certain locations.

There was a lengthy discussion on the EJ maps centered on confusion over why some areas were (in)excluded as EJ areas. Ms. Bartlett stated that the anomalies were a result of using block group data; Tindale would look at possibilities for a finer grain analysis. Adjustments based on local knowledge could also be made during implementation.

9. Member Comments

None.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

September 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

With no further comments or items to attend to, Mr. Bonness adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.