

**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.

**January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

**Mr. Bonness** called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Mr. Ortman** called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Joe Bonness, At-Large  
Alan Musico, At-Large  
Dayna Fendrick, At-Large  
Andrea Halman, At-Large  
Reginald Wilson, At-Large  
Dr. Mort Friedman, At-Large  
Anthony Matonti, At-Large  
Victor Ordija, At-Large

**Members Absent**

Jane Cheffy, At-Large

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, MPO Executive Director  
Eric Ortman, MPO Senior Planner  
Karen Intriago, MPO Administrative Assistant

**Others Present**

David Agacinski, FDOT  
Michelle Avola  
Patty Huff  
Wally Blain

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*Ms. Halman moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Ms. Fendrick. Carried unanimously.*

**4. Approval of the November 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Matonti moved to approve the November 20, 2018 minutes. Second by Ms. Fendrick. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

## 6. Agency Updates

### A. FDOT

**Mr. Agacinski** noted that the Collier Tentative Work Program has added construction phases for several sidewalk projects which are as noted:

- Road widening of Airport Pulling Rd. from Vanderbilt to Immokalee will add sidewalks and drainage improvements. Programmed for construction in FY22/23
- South Gulf Drive from Gulf Shore to US41 project will add sidewalks, bike lanes and improved crosswalks. Construction programmed for FY22/23
- Pine Ridge Rd. from Whippoorwill Rd. to Napa Blvd project will add a 6-foot sidewalk on the south side. Construction programmed for FY23/24
- 111<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Bluebill Ave. Bridge to 7<sup>th</sup> Street North project will add bike lanes, pave shoulders and key holes. Construction programmed for FY20/21
- Everglades City sidewalk project. Programmed for design in FY20/21
- Two Lake Trafford sidewalk projects from approximately Little League Rd. to Laurel Oil Street. Funded for construction in FY20/21
- Bald Eagle Dr. from Collier to Old Marco Lane Sidewalk project. Programmed for construction in FY20/21.
- Inlet Dr. from Addison Ct. to Travida Terr. Sidewalk project. Programmed for construction in FY20/21.

Ms. Fendrick asked if the cross-section for SR29 south of Immokalee had been determined. Ms. Agacinski stated that it was still being discussed. Mr. Ordija noted that San Marco Rd. between Goodland and US41 needed bicycle lanes.

### B. MPO

**Ms. McLaughlin** stated that at the December Board of County Commissioners meeting, Anthony Matonti made a presentation on buffered bike lanes on Vanderbilt Beach Rd. in which Nick Casalanguida expressed interest on this matter.

**Mr. Matonti** noted that he attended the December Board of County Commissioners meeting to speak about the Vanderbilt Beach Rd widening project. He noted that presentations for bicycle and pedestrian improvements should not be based on minimal standards; instead they should be presented as nationally recognized best practices. Mr. Matonti stated that he is aware that road widening is a necessity but that residents that travel by bicycle should also be considered.

**Ms. McLaughlin** noted that Eric Ortman found an article about protected bike lanes. The key point in the article was that after installation of protected bike lane there was a noticeable increase in ridership. Ms. McLaughlin also noted that staff has been working with the Naples Pathway Coalition (NPC) on a vision of theirs to create a Spine Trail Network. The concept is being incorporated into the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Also noted that the Board of County Commissioners adopted a Complete Streets Resolution.

## 7. Committee Action

### A. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

**Mr. Musico nominated Joe Bonness to remain the Chair for the Committee. Second by Ms. Halman. Carried unanimously.**

**Ms. Halman nominated Anthony Matonti for Vice-Chair for the Committee. Second by Mr. Musico. Carried unanimously.**

**B. Endorse Golden Gate City Walkable Community Study**

**Ms. McLaughlin** stated that the Golden Gate Walkable Community Study has been revised to reflect clear definition of the most critical routes and segments in Golden Gate; clarification of maps and text; a distinct listing of potential projects by priority tier; and improved analysis of safety crash data. Ms. McLaughlin noted that the new maps show existing and proposed sidewalk improvements based on the three tiers. The map is accompanied by a detailed spreadsheet. Ms. McLaughlin noted that one study recommendation is to start applying for federal state grants/funds to complete the tier one improvements. Staff would like to bring forward the Golden Gate City Walkable Community Study simultaneously with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The County would be able to draw from both plans. Ms. McLaughlin noted that staff would like to encourage County staff to initiate an engineering study for road diets along Coronado Parkway and Sunshine Blvd.

*Mr. Musico moved to endorse Golden Gate City Walkable Community Study. Second by Ms. Fendrick. Carried unanimously.*

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

**A. Update and Discussion on Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**

**Ms. McLaughlin** noted that staff has been working with the consultant to address comments that were received at the previous meeting. The draft chapters contain minor clean ups expect for Chapter Five that reflect the results of the new analysis. Ms. McLaughlin provided the committee with updates as noted below:

- Map 1 consists of existing facilities inventory. The consultant found a few clean ups that they are currently working on.
- The bicycle gaps on collectors and arterial has been refined based on the refined Environmental Justice data which include Ms. Fendrick's comments.
- Tindal Oliver has incorporated public comments received from Wiki Maps into Map 6 and Map 7
- Map 8 reflects the bicycle facility gaps that overlap with public comments
- Map 9 reflects the complete streets and safety study corridors. When staff overlaid their own crash data with FDOTs crash data analysis, there was a high correlation between the two. Complete streets look at how a road functions not just in terms of moving traffic and land usage but also from a safety perspective. The Plan recommends investigating and addressing these corridors holistically. Ms. McLaughlin noted that FDOT conducted a road safety audit in which US41 and Airport Road were the subject to this study in 2015. In this study, FDOT recommended slowing the speed down, creating a gateway effect and prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian usage. Staff would like to revisit this study and take it through the committee and have the Board adopt some of the recommendations.
- Building on FDOTs study, staff recommends extend a similar study down to downtown Naples and US 41. FDOT would like to implement the downtown Naples Mobility Study and suggested that staff take another look at Goodlette Frank Road, because if traffic is taken away from US41 there will be more traffic on Goodlette Frank Road
- Map 10 is the existing alignment of the SunTrail network.
- Map 11 has been added in to show portion of the overlay analysis of existing and proposed facilities with public comments. This map also highlights the proposed NPC Spine Trail Network. The inset shows what is currently being used in the on-street system that is called Coastal Paradise Bike Group.

**Mr. Blain** stated that the table of segments in Chapter 5 that identifies gaps has been updated to show how those segments satisfy the safety and environmental justice criteria. The other table that has been updated is the local road scoring map to include refinements to the EJ areas. A map overlaying the Cost Feasible Plan of the Long-Range Transportation Plan has also been included.

**Mr. Musico** noted that there is an inaccurate statement on the section of public input, about collecting 400 interactive comments in total, but that one person inputted 250 comments. Mr. Musico stated that its misleading because the City of Marco Island collected 250 survey responses on physical paper, with people's names and email addresses and that he had merely inputted the data into the Wiki map. Ms. McLaughlin noted that the language will be corrected on the Masterplan.

**Mr. Blain** stated that there is map - Analysis of Existing Conditions – which has a lot of details and with overlay representing comments from the public. The Existing Plus Proposed Facilities map is still a work in progress but will include all the public comments and to find gaps that are also of interest to the public.

**Mr. Bonness** noted that in the Spine Network states that there is no connection from the Naples Zoo to US 41. The sidewalk widening of Fleischmann Park should be incorporated into the Spine Network to be able to make it from the Naples Zoo entrance to US41.

Mr. Agacinski stated that there is an ongoing conversation between FDOT leadership and local communities over who should be responsible for maintenance on Separated Pathways. The cost of installing the correct berm during roadway construction so that a future Shared Use Path could be constructed is also being discussed. Mr. Agacinski noted that the widening project on SR82 originally included a 10-foot SUP but that it has been reduced to an 8-foot sidewalk.

**Ms. McLaughlin** noted that the reason for the complete streets study on Goodlette Frank Road from US41 to Golden Gate is because Goodlette Frank Road is an important connector road and provides access to the Gordan River Greenway.

**Mr. Musico** noted that in the first map version there is a Shared Use Path showing up on Swallow Ave. that does not exist. Mr. Musico also stated that on Map 7 there is a road on the border of Goodland Dr. that goes into a private development of 24 houses and should not be in the map, recommends it being deleted.

**Ms. McLaughlin** stated that this road could be deleted if it's causing confusion, but Staff will check whether the road appears as a paved shoulder on the list.

**Mr. Friedman** requested the streets locations of for the new roundabouts in the City of Naples will be based on discussions at the last Congestion Management Committee (CMC) meeting.

**Ms. Halman** expressed concerns over the paved shoulders on Immokalee Drive stating that it can be a problem due to the fast traffic in that area.

**Mr. Blain** noted that from the masterplan perspective those roads are being shown as deficient facilities but that no public comments were made for this area and the safety analysis done did not mark it as a problem area.

**Ms. McLaughlin** mentioned that the masterplan, which looks forward into the future, is a five-year plan that is updated. It is more important to tackle priorities that can be achieved within the time frame of the Plan.

**Ms. Huff** stated that she would like to see Everglades City as an inset in the maps along with the larger population areas of Naples, Immokalee and Marco Island. She stated that Everglades City is used by many cyclists; that SR 29 is being used more and more by long distance cyclists; and that she would like to have a separated pathway on SR29 believing that it is the safest and best option. Ms. Huff also noted that she received a call some years ago asking for the possibilities of doing a Rail-to-Trails between Immokalee and Everglades City on the old ACL line; that information was submitted to Brian at Rail-to-Trails which is still on going and should be noted on the map.

Mr. Matonti stated that Sarasota-Manatee had pushed for an urban-rural loop with the state and that it had been put on a map. Perhaps something similar could be done in Collier County linking Immokalee, SR29, Marco Island and the urban corridor through Naples up to Lee County. Discussion followed on SR29 where much of the surrounding land is owned by state and national parks and the Miccosukee Tribe which would require communication at a high-level of government, and that the State government may be the appropriate level for any communication. Ms. McLaughlin noted that FDOT would work with all stakeholders involved and has a history of working with tribal interests.

**Ms. Avola** stated that the Naples Pathway Coalition had met with Rails-to-Trails to move forward on an off-road pathway project in Collier County. Ms. Avola also noted that she had had conversations with MPO and County staff to try and have this project put on the map and to develop policies that might need to be changed to allow this project to get moved forward.

**Ms. McLaughlin** noted that the MPO Board had stated that US41 should be shown on the map as a paved shoulder; and that the US41 situation is much trickier but that maybe FDOT could give it a fresh look. If SR 29 were to become part of an urban/rural loop, then 41 would also have to be looked at. Ms. McLaughlin stated that the language in the plan would be looked at.

## **9. Member Comments**

Ms. Fendrick noted that Maps 10 and 11 have an error in the legend where it says proposed off-road shoulder instead of off-road trail.

Mr. Bonness pointed out that Rails-to-Trails projects do not have to be paved to be eligible for funding.

## **10. Distribution Item**

None.

## **11. Next Meeting Date**

February 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

## **12. Adjournment**

With no further comments or items to attend to, Mr. Bonness adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.