

**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM platform
October 20, 2020 ---- 9:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. McLaughlin called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

Members Present

Joe Bonness, Chair
Anthony Matonti, Vice-Chair
Alan Musico, At-Large
Kim Jacob, At-Large
Susan Sonnenschein, At-Large
Andrea Halman, At-Large
Patty Huff, At-Large
Dayna Fendrick, At-Large
Dr. Mort Friedman, At-Large
David Driapsa, At-Large
Claudia Keeler, At-Large

Members Absent

Larry Smith, At-Large

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director
Brandy Otero, Principal Planner
Karen Intriago, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Victoria Peters, FDOT
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County, TAC Chair
Trinity Scott, Collier County
Catherine Faerber, FDOT
Deborah Chesna, FDOT
Jodi Walborn, Blue Zones
Christie Betancourt, Immokalee CRA
Megan Greer, Blue Zone
Yvonne Blair

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Friedman moved to approve the agenda. Second by Ms. Halman. Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Peters – correction – Deborah Chesna was present at the last meeting but is not listed.

Ms. Halman moved to approve the September 15, 2020 minutes as corrected. Second by Ms. Sonnenschein. Carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Greer – Blue Zones is coordinating a safety coalition involving Naples Pathways Committee, Naples Velo and others in support of unified messaging for a public education campaign on bicycle safety. Has discussed with MPO regarding same message for MPO’s Traffic safety campaign resulting from Local Roads Safety Plan. Blue Zones is willing to absorb the Community Transportation Safety Team into their Build Environment Committee - the process may lead to fewer meetings but more work accomplished. Seeking comments from Committee members. **Ms. Sonnenschein** – great idea, in favor of it. **Ms. Huff** – please include Everglades City’s Bike/Ped Committee. **Ms. Halman** – please include Immokalee as well. **Ms. Lantz** – suggest coordinate with CTST Chair, Kyle Kemmish. **Ms. Greer** – Yes, have attempted to but haven’t spoken yet.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. **FDOT**

Ms. Peters – None.

Deborah Chesna – SUN-Trail Call for Projects rescinded for this year.

B. **MPO Executive Director**

Ms. McLaughlin – None.

7. **Committee Action**

A. **Review and Comment on 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Chapter 6 Cost Feasible Plan**

Ms. McLaughlin presented Executive Summary contained in agenda packet. Noted that entire draft 2045 LRTP has just been loaded on MPO's website. Committee members encouraged to review and comment on any portion of the Plan. Described Needs Plan (Ch4) and Cost Feasible Plan (Ch 6), key information contained in charts showing project name, to/from, time period, funding. **Ms. Halman** – Immokalee Rd carries traffic to/from Casino. That segment should be done first. **Ms. Scott** – explained relationship between County's Annual Update and Inventory Report (AUIR), Capital Improvements Program, developer agreements and phasing projects in the LRTP. **Ms. Sonnenschein** – referring to Paradise Coast Trail Vision as example, when is it possible to request modifications to roadway designs to accommodate bike/ped facilities? **Ms. Scott** – most are County roads, go through various steps such as 30%, 60% design, PD&E locks in cross section. County is aware of Paradise Coast Trail and proposed FPL greenway and considers that as well as Bike/Ped Master Plan when designing roads. **Mr. Bonness** – example is 6-lane section of Oil Well Rd has greenway on north side. **Ms. Fendrick** – segment with pathway gap on US41 East falls within project #58 [Map ID Number]. **Ms. Scott** – could be done sooner if additional ROW not needed. **Ms Fendrick** – aren't local developers required to provide bike/ped facilities? **Ms. Scott** – not when a capital project is planned that would necessitate tearing improvements out within 5-10 years. **Ms. Huff** - can trail be placed behind bushes? **Ms. Scott** – probably build to align with previous section.

Ms. Peters [interjected later in meeting] – FDOT's Project Manager reports that 60% plans completed in 2012, will revisit, project is a candidate for design/build; is 90% confident additional ROW will not be needed unless design standards change, affect should be minor.]

Ms. McLaughlin – continued overview - where to find SU Box fund discussion. Proposal to add Safety Projects, which in addition to Planning projects (such as the LRTP) would modify current 40:40:20 split divided among Bike/Ped, Congestion Management and Bridges. Revised Budget would be Planning 3%, Bike/Ped 38%, Congestion Management 38%, Bridge 19%, Safety 2-3%. Transportation Alternative – Urban (TALU) funds may be able to make up difference in SU for bike/ped. Preliminary proposal. Interested in Committee's comments. Safety projects important to include now that Board has adopted FDOT's Vision Zero Safety Targets. Note widespread interest in Traffic Safety Education campaign.

Mr. Bonness – could be a good trade off. **Mr. Musico** – net comes out about the same, may as well codify. **Ms. Halman** – funding for safety should be ongoing. **Ms. Jacob** – agree with concepts, concerned with duplication of effort among entities developing safety campaigns. Will education be a focus? **Ms. McLaughlin** – Yes. Local Roads Safety Plan recommends multifaceted approach including Engineering (design), Education, and Enforcement. Education is key. **Dr. Friedman** – proposed toll roads, will they consider bike/ped safety? **Mr. Bonness** – FDOT is looking at multimodal [for MCORES]but bike/ped won't be included on I-75 [managed lanes study].

Ms. Halman moved to approve for moving forward, Chapter 6 Cost Feasible Plan of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP. Ms. Jacob seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. FDOT D1 Districtwide Pedestrian-Bicycle Active Transportation Plan

Ms. Chesna – gave PPT presentation [MPO will provide electronic copy on request]. The Active Transportation Plan will build on existing local partner agencies plans, highlight gaps and needs for bike and ped infrastructure, prioritize improvement and outline types of infrastructure intended along FDOT roadways by facility type. Prioritization metrics include safety, connectivity, equity, economic vitality, comfort – based on Level of Traffic Stress / Bicyclist Design user profiles analysis. Streetlight data used. FDOT’s interactive mapping / analysis tool will be made available for public use.

B. Everglades City Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Ms. Huff and Ms. Fendrick gave update highlighting the planning process and the details contained in the exhibits in agenda packet. The Everglades City Council adopted the Bike/Ped Master Plan on October 6, 2020. Described Phase 3 road diet on Copeland Ave South to City limits and Broadway sidewalks. County has maintenance responsibility. Decided to expand road diet concept on Copeland Ave south to north segment. Concept approved by Everglades City Council in September. Will be first road diet approved in Collier County, good location due to low traffic demand. Phase 4 in a commercial area, no sidewalks, informal, overflow parking off edges of road. Roads tend to flood during heavy rains, king high tides, any improvements for sidewalks/bike lanes will require road reconstruction. Chokoloskee Causeway has 5’ wide pathway, heavily used, 2-way traffic, not easy to pass, would like to expand multiuse path to make wider, add benches, tables, shade trees, shade structures, as a linear park. Fishing off bridge. Family friendly location, distance between Chokoloskee and Everglades City. Old Railroad ROW privately owned by local businessman, somewhat open, if can make a profit, to Rails-to-Trails proposal to connect Everglades City to Fakahatchee off-road. Phase 4 includes Everglades School, only 10% walk, ride or use golf cart to go to school. Most get picked up by bus. Want to encourage Safe Routes to Schools. Would like to develop more sidewalks and bike lanes in that area. [Everglades City is a designated Golf Cart Community, too.]

Ms. Huff asked whether Committee needs to take action to endorse the Plan. **Ms. McLaughlin** – the MPO’s 2019 bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan states that the Everglades City plan, when adopted, will be included in the MPO’s BPMP by reference. [see p5], but it is always helpful to formally acknowledge the Committee’s support.

Mr. Musico – *move to include the Everglades City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in the MPO’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan by reference.* **Dr. Friedman** – *seconded motion. Passed unanimously.*

C. Public Meetings – Quorum Requirement

Ms. McLaughlin – unless Governor extends Executive Order, will have to establish physical quorum in meeting room, then committee can vote to allow other members to participate remotely. Public and consultants can participate remotely. CR 609/610 has technology installed to host hybrid virtual/in-person meetings.

9. Members Comments

Ms. Halman – unable to watch 2045 CFP video on home computer. **Ms. McLaughlin** – may be a bandwidth problem.

Ms. Peters just received notice via an email that [virtual] CTST meeting has just been scheduled for this Thursday at 10 am [10/22/20].

10. Distribution Items

A. 2045 LRTP Draft Chapter 4 – Revised

Ms. McLaughlin – provided at Committee’s request. Note that a more current version was recently loaded on MPO website, LRTP page.

11. Next Meeting Date

November 17, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
TBD whether will be virtual or hybrid

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.