

**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM platform
In-Person Location – Main Conference Room, Growth Management Division
2885 S Horseshoe Dr
February 16, 2021 ---- 9:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Bonness called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. McLaughlin called roll and confirmed a quorum was present in the room.

Members Present

Joe Bonness, Chair, present in-person
Alan Musico, present in-person
Patty Huff, present in-person
Dr. Mort Friedman, present in-person
Larry Smith, present in-person
Andrea Halman, present virtually
Dayna Fendrick, present virtually
Claudia Keeler, present virtually

Members Absent

Anthony Matonti, Vice-Chair
Kim Jacob
Susan Sonnenschein

MPO Staff

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director, present in-person
Josey Medina, Senior Planner, present in-person
Karen Intriago, Administrative Assistant, present in-person

Others Present

(all present virtually)
Victoria Peters, FDOT
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County, TAC Chair
Michel Tish, Collier County
Trinity Scott, Collier County
Megan Greer, Blue Zone
Scott Shook
Dan Shumaker, Collier County (signed in as Omar DeLeon)

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Musico moved to approve the agenda. Second by Mr. Smith. Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the October 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Fendrick moved to approve the October 20, 2020 minutes. Second by Mr. Musico. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. **FDOT**

Ms. Peters – None. **Ms. Huff** – do you have an update on removing rumble strips on US 41 East? **Ms. Peters** – moving forward, project manager meeting with contractor, but don't have a time-line yet.

B. **MPO Executive Director**

Ms. McLaughlin – reported on February 12, 2021 MPO Board meeting: Board approved amendment to the BPAC bylaws reducing in-person quorum to 3 to enable committee to convene, with the understanding that a majority vote of membership remains required for committee actions. Board approved reappointment of current members whose terms had expired - Anthony Matonti and Andrea Halman. Mr. Driapsa has resigned, leaving a vacancy. Mr. Shook is sitting in on meeting because he's interested in applying. **Mr. Bonness** – hasn't Susan Sonnenschein resigned, too? **Ms. McLaughlin** – she has decided not to ask to be reappointed. [term expires at end of April]. **Ms. Huff** – we need someone from Naples Pathways Coalition (NPC). **Mr. Bonness** – I'm a member of NPC. **Ms. McLaughlin** – I understand that NPC is encouraging members to apply.

7. **Committee Action**

A. **Elect Chair and Vice-Chair**

Mr. Bonness introduced the item. **Mr. Musico** asked if Mr. Bonness would be willing to serve as Chair for another term. Mr. Bonness answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Musico moved to reelect Mr. Bonness as chair. Mr. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Musico – has Mr. Matonti indicated whether he’s willing to serve again as vice-chair?
Ms. McLaughlin – we haven’t discussed, but the fact that he is willing to serve on committee another term is indication that would be willing to serve again as vice-chair

Mr. Musico moved to reelect Mr. Matonti as vice-chair. Ms. Huff seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. Endorse Amendment to Bylaws

Ms. McLaughlin – introduced the item, reporting that Board approved revising quorum to 3 instead of 4 members due to COVID pandemic.

Mr. Musico – move to endorse amendment to bylaws reducing quorum to 3 as approved by the Board. Ms. Huff – seconded motion. Passed unanimously.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program FY 22-26

Ms. Peters – introduced the item. FDOT was able to program all of MPO’s bike/ped priorities except held off on City of Naples application for a Ped Bridge over Golden Gate Parkway to allow time for more public involvement and input from new Naples City Council. **Mr. Musico** – name correction needed on Marco Island project – should be Collier alternate Bike Lane instead of sidewalk. Would like to serve on Marco Island Loop Trail Study team. **Ms. Peters** – will follow-up on name change but won’t see revision until after TIP adopted in June. Will pass request along to project manager for Loop Trail study but whether they form a team or not is up to the project manager. **Ms. Peters** – District did not receive any CIGP and TRIP funding yet this year; no D1 MPO/TPO has received any. Tentative Work Program just released, only change is Naples sidewalk project on S. Golf Dr construction phase pushed back one year from 23-24, possibly at request of City staff. Design phase was delayed, bids came in high, had to request additional funds. MPO Board approved on Friday (2/12). Pending – CARES Act funding. **Ms. Fendrick** - any chance to advance Everglades City sidewalk project? **Ms. Peters** – will look into it, move forward if possible, but depends on availability of funds and FDOT personnel to manage the project. **Ms. Halman** – Fiber Optic and FPL FPN 4462501 – is there opportunity to improve internet service to Immokalee as part of this? **Ms. McLaughlin** – will look into this and report back to Ms. Halman.

B. Call for Bike-Ped Projects 2021-22

Ms. McLaughlin – provided overview of submittal process, timeline and forms. **Ms. Hendrick** – should Everglades City submit application for lane repurposing to add bike lanes on CR 29 north of the circle? **Ms. McLaughlin** – Follow process established for CR 29 south – prepare report covering same topics – maps, photos, traffic counts, crash data and letter from Mayor asking County Manager to approve lane repurposing. City Council has to vote to authorize Mayor to sign the letter. Coordinate with County staff. **Ms. Fendrick** – what needs to be in the

report? **Ms. Scott** – look at the package City Council reviewed for CR 29 south; make sure after the vote that letter gets transmitted to County.

9. Members Comments

Mr. Bonness – City of Naples is requesting public input on where to put new bike lanes, website may only be up for a few more days, be sure to comment. could use City of Naples residents on BPAC.

Dr. Friedman – see article in today’s paper on Sarasota County multipurpose trail, why can’t we do something like that here? **Mr. Bonness** – that’s the Legacy Trail, has highway overpasses, well designed for cyclists.

Ms. Fendrick – thanks County Road Maintenance for clearing shoulders on SR 29; unfortunately someone dumped more debris over the weekend, needs to be cleared again; did not receive a response on US41 shoulders east of CR 951– gravel from construction. Who handles? **Ms. Peters** – will reach out to FDOT’s road maintenance.

Dr. Friedman – what bike/ped accommodations are planned at Airport and Pine Ridge Road where gas station torn down? Very narrow sidewalk. **Ms. Scott** – came in for site development plan approval; will have right-in at Airport, no individual access off Pine Ridge, putting in right turn lane to existing shopping center access drive. **Ms. Greer** interjected – does this address Complete Streets? **Ms. Scott** – site plan is consistent with County’s land use code.

Ms. Huff – Everglades City re-opened Visitors Center, hours Friday through Sunday. Seeing more cyclists coming to Everglades City, attributes to Florida Trail Town designation, publicity. Participated in Bike to Work, thanks Blue Zones for organizing. Opportunity to identify off-road route on old gravel roads through park lands; working with Big Cypress, drainage problematic.

Mr. Musico – reminder - Tour de Marco on Sunday. Scenic ride, not a race, 15 and 30-mile rides.

10. Distribution Items (n/a)

11. Next Meeting Date

March 16, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Hybrid: In-Person Quorum Required, Virtual Access Available via Zoom.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.