

**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
609/610 Conference Room, Growth Management Division
2800 N Horseshoe Dr**

**April 19, 2022 - 9:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order**
Mr. Matonti called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.
2. **Roll Call**
Mr. Philips called roll and confirmed a quorum

Members Present

Joe Bonness
Alan Musico
Andrea Halman
Kim Jacob
Anthony Matonti
Patty Huff
Dayna Fendrick
Claudia Keeler

Members Absent

Mark Komanecky
George Dondanville

MPO Staff Present

Scott Philips, Principal Planner
Brandy Otero, Principal Planner

Others Present

David Agacinski, FDOT
Mike Tisch, Collier County, Transportation Engineering
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning
Nelson Galeano, Collier County Transportation Planning
Michelle Avola-Brown, NPC
Alex Showalter, Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE)
Jacob Stauffer, MV Transit
Jodi Walborn, Blue Zones

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Matonti asked the committee to move agenda items 8A and 8B ahead of Agenda Section 7, Committee Actions. The request was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bonness moved to approve the agenda. Second by Ms. Huff. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the March 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bonness moved to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes. Ms. Huff seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT: Ms. Peters told the committee that FDOT is programming a study at the Golden Gate Parkway and US 41 intersection. The study will focus on improving safety and signal timing. No start date for the study was given.

B. MPO: Mr. Philips told the committee that Ms. Danielle Bates has taken a new position with the County and is no longer with the MPO.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

Agenda Item 8 was moved ahead of Agenda Item 7 at the request of the MPO and committee members.

8.B. Everglades City Copeland Ave Sidewalk & SR 90 at Oasis Visitor Center Projects - FDOT

Mr. Agacinski, FDOT, made a presentation to the committee on the Copeland Avenue (CR 29) sidewalk project in Everglades City, and the SR 90 (US 41) at the Oasis Visitor Center turn lane project. He stated that the project will be let in June and anticipates construction to begin 3 to 4 months after the bids are open. The projects are being let as a single package.

Mr. Agacinski reviewed the Copeland Avenue Sidewalk project scope and project area with the committee. He told the committee that the collaboration between the MPO, FDOT, Collier County, and Everglades City was instrumental in advancing the Copeland Avenue project to construction. During construction pedestrian access in the two lane section of the construction zone will be maintained by temporarily closing the existing northbound lane to vehicle traffic; in

the project's four lane section the northbound outside lane will be temporarily closed to vehicles and be used for pedestrians, and the northbound inside lane will remain open to vehicles. Additionally, the project includes a new sidewalk section to connect to the existing sidewalk just north of the Chokoloskee Bay Bridge. Pedestrian safety in the construction zone will be maintained by using temporary traffic barriers and controls. A temporary signal will be used at each end of the construction zone to maintain vehicles in the southbound lane. **Ms. Fendrick** asked if the presentation will be made to the Everglades City Council. **Mr. Agacinski** told her he will be making the presentation at the May 3rd Everglades City Council Meeting.

Mr. Agacinski then presented the SR 90 at the Oasis Visitor Center project. He told the committee that the National Park Service was the project applicant. This project will help improve safety for vehicles turning into the visitor center due to the high-speed nature of the corridor. The project adds a dedicated east-bound left turn lane and a dedicated west-bound right turn lane with a bicycle keyhole at the Oasis Visitor Center entrance. A 5-foot shoulder will be maintained for bike use along the westbound lane. Construction zone signage will be posted on SR 90 approximately 1-mile from the construction zone in each direction to provide advance warning of the construction zone. **Mr. Musico** spoke about how this stretch of SR 90 is unsafe due to high vehicle speeds, and the lack of lighting in the area making it difficult to see cars turning into and exiting the Oasis Visitor Center.

8.A. Sunshine Law Presentation – County Attorney's Office

Ms. Greene (Collier County Attorney's Office) made a presentation to the BPAC on Florida's Government and the Sunshine Law, Public Records, and State and Local Ethics laws. **Mr. Bonness** asked if the Sunshine Law applied to field inspection trips. **Ms. Greene** stated that if there are two or more committee members at the inspection trip, or any other gathering where items and issues that may foreseeably come before the MPO are being discussed then it is considered to be a public meeting and must be open to the public under the Sunshine Law and adhere to state and Collier County's local ethics ordinances.

7. Committee Action

7.A. Appoint BPAC Member to Congestion Management Committee (CMC)

Mr. Matonti told the BPAC that he attended the March 16, 2022 CMC meeting and shared his experience. He discussed the technical nature and focus of the CMC and thought the BPAC should have a strong voice at the CMC so that BPAC efforts and input are not pushed aside. **Mr. Matonti** highlighted the US 41 Corridor segment from US 41/5th Ave. to Rattlesnake Hammock Road was not listed as a CMP corridor, and that at the April 8th MPO Board meeting a Board member had asked why the US 41/5th Ave to Rattlesnake Hammock Road segment was not in the study.

Ms. Halman nominated Ms. Fendrick to represent the BPAC on the CMC. Ms. Huff seconded the nomination. Passed unanimously.

7.B. Endorse Updated Shared Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Alignment for the Florida Greenway & Trails System Plan

Mr. Philips introduced the item and informed the committee that the trail alignment segment provided in the meeting package was the same as the alignment in the MPO's Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan and was consistent with the Florida SUNTrail, and the Paradise Coast Trail alignments. This item will be going to the TAC/CAC in April and MPO Board in May for approval. The alignment will be submitted to the Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) for the OGT System Plan and Map update by May 31st. He highlighted that this alignment includes the Old US 41 segment to the north, the Livingston Road bend segment at Veteran's Memorial, and the Rattlesnake Hammock Road segment from the Rich King Memorial Greenway to Collier Blvd. segment to the south. There was a brief table discussion regarding the alignment.

Mr. Matonti moved to endorse the Updated Shared Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Alignment for the Florida Greenway & Trails System Plan; Ms. Huff seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

9. Member Comments

Ms. Lantz introduced Mr. Nelson Galeano, the new Collier County Transportation Planning Manager, to the committee.

Mr. Matonti let the committee know that our next meeting will be the last meeting before the summer break. He asked committee members to have some potential agenda topics ready for discussion to discuss potential topics for the Joint Collier/Lee MPO BPAC meeting scheduled for September to discuss at the May 17th meeting.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

May 17, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. In-Person Only Meeting

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.