

AGENDA BPAC

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee NOTE: THIS IS AN IN-PERSON MEETING

Conference Room 609/610 Growth Management Division Planning & Regulation Building 2800 N Horseshoe Dr, Naples

May 17, 2022 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of the April 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 5. Open to the Public for Comments
 Items not on the Agenda
- 6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT

B. MPO

7. Committee Action

None

- 8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)
 - A. Immokalee TIGER Grant Complete Streets Project – Collier County
 - B. Old 41 PD&E Study FDOT
- 9. Member Comments
- 10. Distribution Items
- 11. Next Meeting Date

August 16, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

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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. <u>Distribution Items</u>

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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS ITEM 8A

Immokalee TIGER Grant Complete Streets Project

<u>OBJECTIVE</u>: For the committee to receive a presentation from Collier County on the Immokalee Complete Streets TIGER Grant project.

<u>CONSIDERATIONS</u>: In 2018 Collier County was awarded a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the Immokalee Complete Streets project design and construction. The project will construct of 20 miles of new sidewalks, a bike boulevard network, a shared-use path, street lighting, bus shelters, a new transit center, landscaping, drainage improvements, and intersection and traffic calming techniques in Immokalee.

The Complete Streets approach will enhance the Immokalee community by constructing non-motorized facilities that provide safe access to jobs, schools, and medical facilities in the area, as well as improved non-motorized connectivity to educational, civic, and employment/service destinations. This approach benefits the community by developing a comprehensive network of non-motorized facilities that address public health concerns, improves user safety, and makes the area more attractive for potential residents and employers. Construction is scheduled to start in the fall of 2022.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the committee receive the presentation and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Prepared By: Scott Philips, Principal Planner

ATTACHMENT((S):

1. Immokalee TIGER Grant Complete Streets Presentation

Immokalee Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant



Michael Tisch

Project Manager, Transportation Management Services Department

Project Location & Description

Immokalee Complete Streets - Growing Connections to Create Mobility Opportunities Project ("TIGER Project"):

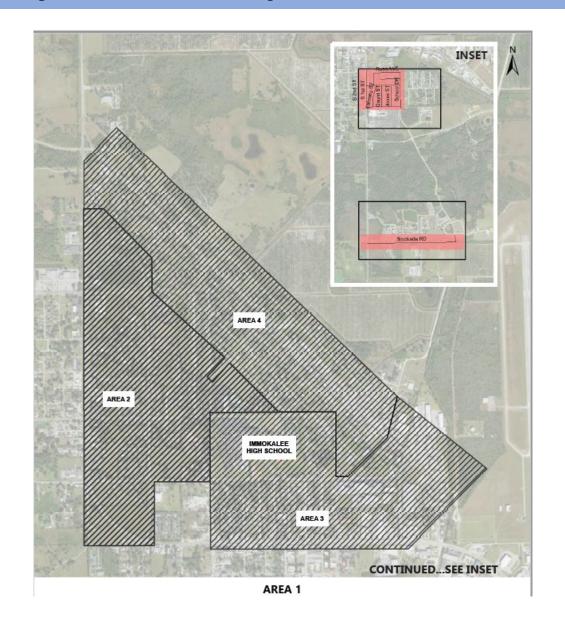
- grow the existing pedestrian network;
- new facilities to accommodate bicyclists;
- provide enhanced options for transportation to education, jobs, and other essential services for residents of Immokalee.
- The Design/Build process was selected as the delivery method of the project to expedite the process.

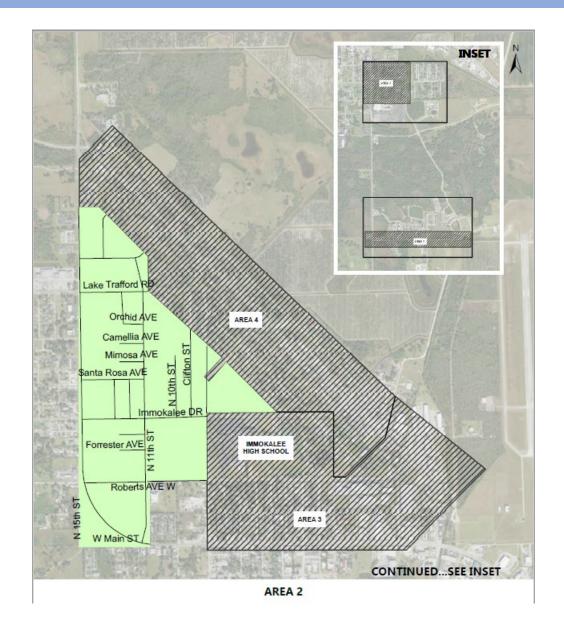


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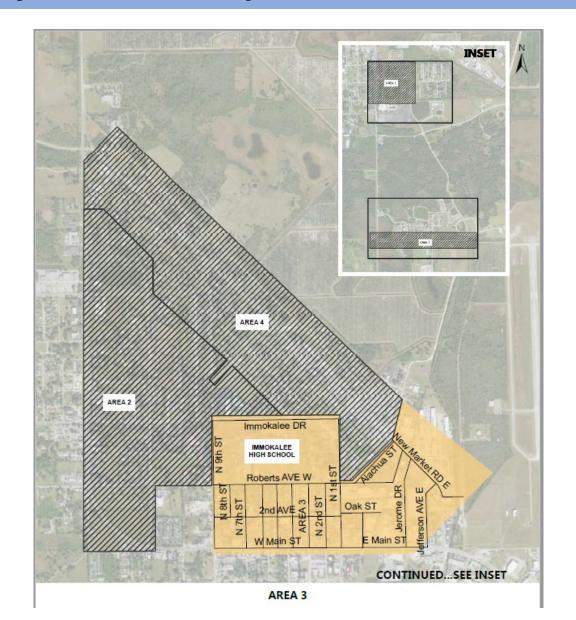
- Approximately 20 miles of new sidewalk
- Enhanced drainage improvements in project area \$8,535,606 in stormwater improvements
- 7 Collier Area Transit (CAT) bus stops
- CAT Transfer Station
- Roadway and intersection lighting 5 corridors and 38 intersections were recommended for lighting.
- Total project cost: \$22,869,280.20
- Design is currently underway 30% Plans Area 1

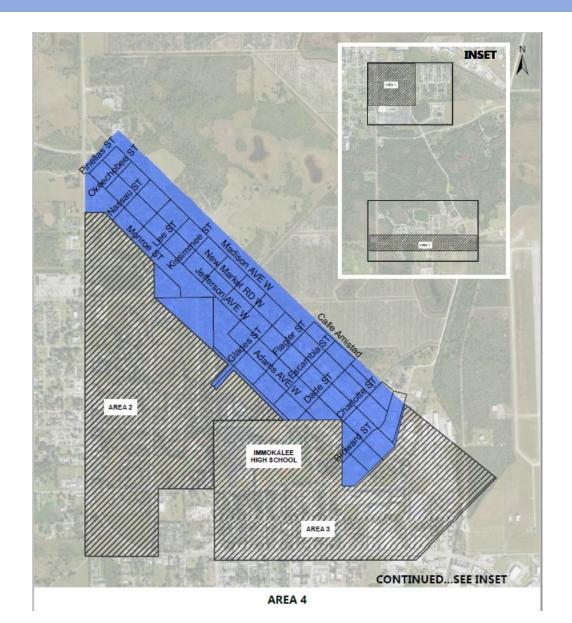
Project Area Maps





Project Area Maps





Immokalee TIGER Grant

Questions?

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS ITEM 8B

Old 41 PD&E Study

<u>OBJECTIVE</u>: For the committee to receive a presentation from FDOT on the Old 41 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.

CONSIDERATIONS: Old US 41 (County Road 887) is currently an undivided two-lane roadway, that also includes a center turn lane at various points within the study area. It is classified as a major urban collector that provides access to a number of residential subdivisions and industrial parks along the project corridor. It is also an important facility for commuters and freight traffic using the US 41/Tamiami Trail and Bonita Beach Road corridors to access I-75. The study is broken into two segments due to the project being located in Collier County and Lee County. The study segment in Collier County extends from US 41/Tamiami Trail to the Lee County Line. The study segment in Lee County extends from the Collier County Line to Bonita Beach Road.

The goal of the study is to identify and assess potential environmental and design impacts that may arise from improvements proposed to relieve existing congestion and accommodate future growth in the area. Proposed improvements in the study area include widening the roadway up to four lanes and adding bicycle and pedestrian facilities such as delineated bike lanes, sidewalks, and/or a shared-use path. The FDOT presentation will be provided at the meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the committee receive the presentation and have the opportunity ask questions.

Prepared By: Scott Philips, Principal Planner

ATTACHMENT:

None