

**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.

**August 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

**Mr. Bonness** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Larry Smith, At-Large

**MPO Staff**

Eric Ortman, MPO Senior Planner  
Karen Intriago, MPO Administrative Assistant

**Others Present**

David Agacinski, FDOT  
Michelle Avola, NPC  
Catherine Faerber, NPC  
Doug Fee, Resident  
Zachary Karto, CAT  
Jessica Crane, Blue Zones  
Deborah Forester, CRA  
Patty Huff, Florida Bicycle Association

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Approval of the May 21 Meeting Minutes**

**Ms. Fendrick** – a correction is needed on the second page of the minutes to reflect “PD&E” instead of PE.

**Mr. Bonness** – Immokalee should be corrected to reflect “Immokalee Rd.” on the 4<sup>th</sup> page of the minutes.

*Mr. Musico moved to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes with the changes noted. Second by Ms. Sonnenschein. Carried unanimously.*

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

**Ms. Avola** – stepping down as Naples Pathway Coalition (NPC) Executive Director, effective September 1<sup>st</sup>. Catherine Faerber will be the new NPC Executive Director.

**Mr. Fee** – as a resident that lives in the North Naples area, he would like to see shoulders or bike lanes for the safety of cyclists that currently use Vanderbilt Drive which will also fill in the missing gaps.

**Ms. Lantz** – recommends watching the June MPO Board meeting where the Board addressed the limitations Vanderbilt Dr. where a bike lane is not feasible.

**Mr. Driapsa** – contacted Commissioner Solis and stated that it was the Naples Park residents that voted to have a sidewalk rather than a bike lane. Mr. Driapsa still advocates for a bike lane due to it being a safer alternative and holding off building a sidewalk.

**6. Agency Updates**

**A. FDOT**

**Mr. Agacinski** – has taken a new position in FDOT; Deborah Chesna will be the new D1 Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator. The next SunTrail solicitation may open in the fall; current annual funding is \$25 million for the state.

**Mr. Ortman** asked if preference would be given to construction projects over feasibility studies? Mr. Agacinski stated that construction projects are ranked higher, but all phases are eligible. It’s recommended that an agency submitting for a feasibility also submit for the other project phases.

**Mr. Musico** asked if the Paradise Coast Trail could be funded through SunTrail? Mr. Agacinski noted that the north-south route was taken from the existing SunTrail alignment, so it is eligible, but the segment that goes out to Immokalee is not as it is currently not on the SunTrail alignment.

**Mr. Matonti** asked for clarification on operation and maintenance. Mr. Agacinski stated that maintenance for off-system roads will be the responsibility of the public right-of-way owner. The Office of Greenways and Trails requires a maintenance agreement between a local entity and FDOT. The previous agreement has been modified; Ms. Chesna will bring clarification to the committee at the next meeting.

**B. MPO**

None.

**7. Committee Action**

**A. Eligibility Assessment and Preliminary Review of Non- Motorized Project Applications**

**Mr. Ortman** presented the Executive Summary stating that the committee is being asked to review the projects and determine if they are eligible to proceed to the FDOT Constructability Review. There are \$17 million of applications and \$4 million SU funds. The list will have to be significantly pared down. Applications were presented as follows:

- **Collier County**

**Ms. Lantz** stated that the County is submitting five projects for review. There was coordination with the CRA's, Public Utilities, Stormwater and the Commissioners to make sure that projects would not be impacted by other planned projects.

- **District I** - three streets taken from the Naples Manor Walkable Community Study – Sholtz, Holland and Caldwell. All are within one mile of a school, close to transit and in a high environmental justice area. Each project is a five-foot sidewalk on either one or both sides of road; each project has some driveway and drainage issues. The estimate for the construction phase is \$1,322,000.
- **District II** – two streets, 91<sup>st</sup> Ave. N and Wiggins Pass. The 91<sup>st</sup> Ave. project is for a five-foot sidewalk on the south side of the street with some drainage issues. Wiggins Pass is to widen the existing five-foot sidewalk to eight feet. The current sidewalk is insufficient, public comments have noted this as a safety concern. The estimate for the construction phase is \$1,340,000.

**Mr. Musico** questioned if District II was one project or two because of the distance between the two and stated that the County should pick one of the projects and submit it separately.

**Mr. Driapsa** – 91<sup>st</sup> Ave. is in a biking community and the project should be a bike lane instead of a sidewalk. **Mr. Musico** – project is coming out of the Naples Park Walkability Study and the public has requested a sidewalk, it shouldn't be the committee's decision as to what facility is added. **Ms. Lantz** – consultant determined that a bike lane on 91<sup>st</sup> was not feasible but will double check with consultant. **Mr. Bonness** – 91<sup>st</sup> used to have a bike lane.

**Mr. Fee** – a lot of people commute by biking or walking on 91<sup>st</sup>; would like to see more sidewalks in Naples Park. Wiggins Pass is in desperate need of a sidewalk for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

- **District III** – two streets from the Golden Gate Walkable Community Study - 44<sup>th</sup> St. SW and 31<sup>st</sup> Pl. SW. Projects picked to not interfere with the storm water project in Golden Gate City. Both projects are for new five-foot sidewalks; both roads are near schools. Construction phase estimate is \$1,188,000.
- **District IV** – new five-foot sidewalks on four streets where a storm water project is being completed. Design is finished; request is just for construction. A fifth project, Pine St., is to remove portions of existing sidewalk and replace with a new five-foot sidewalk. Pine St. is in Bayshore and is an extremely walkable community. Construction phase estimate of the project is \$835,000.

**Mr. Musico** – stated that with Pine St. located in Bayshore this should be a separate project. Projects shouldn't be lumped together if they are unrelated.

- **District V** - projects on North 9<sup>th</sup> St; South 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Carson Rd. Roads are within a mile of a school and transit and in a high environmental justice area. Project includes constructing new five-foot sidewalks where none exist and replacing existing sidewalks with new five-foot sidewalks. Construction phase estimate is \$918,500.

**Mr. Musico made a motion that the County's projects in District 2 and District 4 be reconsidered and reflected as individual projects. Second by Mr. Ordija. Motion failed by a 9:1 vote.**

- **City of Naples**

**Mr. Ortman** presented the projects submitted by the City of Naples, highlighting:

- **26<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.**- Five-foot sidewalk on both sides of road requested by citizens due to safety concerns and children walking to school. Project will include ADA markings, crosswalks, drainage and landscaping restoration. The construction estimate is \$312,000.

- **Pedestrian and bicycle overpass linking Freedom Park to the Gordon River Greenway** – provide safe and efficient public connectivity between two very popular destination points. Feasibility study completed in 2015. Project’s estimated cost is \$6 million.

**Mr. Musico** – is the committee willing to accept a project that will consume all the funding for multiple years.

*Mr. Musico motioned to remove Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge Linking Freedom Park to the Gordon River Greenway from the project priorities due to the estimate cost exceeding the SU funds. Second by Mr. Ordija. Motion passed by 9:1 margin.*

- **Everglades City**

**Ms. Fendrick** – project is to connect businesses and public places in central downtown Everglades City and provide a non-motorized connection to Everglades Airpark and the Everglades National Park. Project combines three segments to maximize efficiency minimize mobilization costs. New sidewalks will enhance safety; bike lanes will be created along both sides Copeland Ave. Cost estimate is \$1,326,129.

- **Marco Island**

**Mr. Musico** – project will provide in-road bike lanes as an alternate route for bicycle traffic that currently travels north or south along Collier Blvd. Will link two east/west bike lanes currently on San Marco and Winterberry. Project addresses 5 of the 33 prioritized bicycle and pedestrian facility needs outlined in Chapter 5 of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; 508 signatures were collected from residents and visitors supporting this project. Approximate cost is \$984,000.

- **MPO**

**Mr. Ortman** – Marco Island Loop Trail Corridor Feasibility Study to construct a 12’ shared used path alongside SR951 from US41 to Judge Jolley Bridge and along CR92 from US41 to Goodland Rd. Numerous environmental and safety concerns will need to be addressed. Study will help determine what is feasible to construct; approximate cost estimate is \$90,000.

**Mr. Ortman** recapped the presentations stating that, based on the committee’s vote, all projects except for the Freedom Park Overpass would proceed forward to the next phase. Reminded committee that their vote on Freedom Park could be reversed as the project was being excluded based solely on its cost estimate. Total cost estimate of all projects is \$17 million with \$4 million in SU available so list will need to be condensed.

Staff will do a preliminary scoring of the projects which will be the subject of next month’s meeting. After FDOT Constructability Reviews are completed, projects will again be scored; the TAC and CAC will also review before it is sent to FDOT for additional review. The MPO Board has the final say on which projects move forward. Projects that are not funded this year will need to be resubmitted in the next call for projects.

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

### **A. Robert’s Rule**

**Mr. Ortman** – presented Executive Summary highlighting areas that the committee had questions about at the last meeting.

### **B. Topics for Joint Meeting with Lee County MPO**

**Mr. Ortman** -- several topics for potential discussion between the two MPOs include: SunTrail alignment, regional pathways maps and the Paradise Coast Trail Vision. Staff is asking that committee members provide additional topics they would like to see on the joint meeting agenda.

**9. Member Comments**

None.

**10. Distribution Item**

None.

**11. Next Meeting Date**

September 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**12. Adjournment**

With no further comments or items to attend to, Mr. Bonness adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.