BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Collier County Government Center, Administration Building (F) IT Training Room, Fifth Floor 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL, 34112 August 19, 2025 - 9:00 A.M. **Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Matonti called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Present

Anthony Matonti (Chair) Michelle Sproviero (Vice-Chair) Joe Bonness Kevin Dohm Robert Vigorito David Costello Victoria Holmes

Members Absent

Robert Phelan Patty Huff **David Sutton** Alan Musico Dayna Fendrick

MPO Staff Present

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director Sean Kingston, Principal Planner Suzanne Miceli, Operations Support Specialist

Others Present Bonita Schwan, Councilor, City of Marco Island and MPO Board Member Michelle Avola-Brown, Naples Pathways Coalition Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning Anthony Arfuso, Capital Victor Nguyen, Capital Michael Alvino, TY Lin (virtual) Stacey Meekins, TY Lin (virtual)

Jeremy Florin, Collier County Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Brianna Dumas, Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Steering Committee Fred Neri, Tarpon Cove Tim Wry, Tarpon Cove

David Blonir, Tarpon Cove

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Matonti moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by *Mr. Bonness.* Carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

- 4.A. Approval of the February 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 4.B. Approval of the March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 4.C. Approval of the April 22, 2025 (Joint Lee-Collier MPO BPAC/BPCC Committee Workshop) Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kingston reported that the February minutes were brought back for approval at this meeting on David Sutton's request for reanalysis to add his statements about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). This was a misunderstanding as his comments were in an email and not made at the meeting. These minutes are being brought for Committee approval as they were originally at the March meeting. He then explained that the March minutes as shown should contain the edit as identified by Kathy Eastley that she did not arrive during Item 7B. She was present for the entire meeting and there was no Item 7B, likely a carryover from the February meeting minutes. He then explained how the Joint meeting minutes from April are for approval, which also go to the Lee Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee for their approval.

Mr. Dohm moved to approve the February 18, 2025 and March 18, 2025, Minutes with edits to the March minutes as described. Seconded by *Mr. Bonness*. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Sproviero moved to approve the April 22, 2025 Joint Lee-Collier MPO BPAC/BPCC Committee Workshop Meeting Minutes. Seconded by *Mr. Vigorito*. Carried Unanimously.

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

Mr. Neri spoke to represent himself, Mr. Wry, and Mr. Blonir from Tarpon Cove in Wiggins Pass. He expressed concern that members in his community will need to cross Wiggins Pass twice to walk safely to the shopping center at Wiggins Pass and US 41. He expressed concerns for safety, that they would need to walk to the south side of Wiggins Pass where there is a sidewalk and then cross again north to access the commercial area. A simple correction would be to install a sidewalk on the north side from the community to the pumping station where a section of sidewalk already exists, continuing to the shopping center. This would be a small section, in the hundreds of feet and would not be expensive to do.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. FDOT

Ms. Merkle was not in attendance, having given prior notice of her absence.

B. MPO

Mr. Kingston reported that the Project Development and Environmental study of the Livingston FPL Trail Extension had begun and gave out a handout by FDOT on its status.

He then announced the purpose of this meeting is to be held as another planning workshop for review and comment of the BPMP and CSAP, which are at the same stage in the schedule for adoption. They are now in final draft form and to be presented to BPAC, Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees and MPO Board in September for review and comment before endorsement by committees in September and MPO Board approval in October.

7. Committee Action

A. Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) – Review and Comment on Final Draft

Mr. Arfuso gave a presentation, included in the meeting materials. At its completion, **Mr. Kingston** mentioned comments be given now and they can also be sent to him by email. Those comments and comments from MPO and County Transportation Planning staff will be sent to Capital and applied to the final document for the next BPAC.

B. Comprehensive Safety Action plan (CSAP): Review and Comment on Final Draft

Mr. Alvino gave a presentation, included in the meeting materials. At its completion, **Mr. Kingston** mentioned, like with the BPMP, comments can be made here or sent by email within two weeks of the meeting currently being held.

Mr. Alvino and Mr. Kingston then answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Bonness expressed concern regarding a suggestion on a concept sheet to shift the bike lane at an intersection to the right of the right turn lane asking if the CSAP will deviate from traffic design manuals. **Mr. Kingston** said that these sheets are concepts only. **Mr. Alvino** added that the suggestion is contingent on providing a bike-only signal phase at the intersection and is consistent with the latest design manual produced by the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO).

Mr. Matonti commented that the major arterials are where the injuries happen. They're where all traffic goes. Because of this there is need for off-road facilities such as the Livingston corridor as shown in the handout given in item 6, Agency Updates.

C. Endorse the 2026 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Sproviero moved to endorse the 2026 Meeting Schedule. Seconded by **Mr. Dohm.** Carried unanimously.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

None.

9. Member Comments

Ms. Sproviero expressed concern to County staff present about how the Santa Barbara and Rattlesnake Hammock intersection has been blocked by construction equipment which creates a hazard for bicyclists. She showed photos on the screen of the current status of it. Red light runners and

impatient drivers make it extremely hazardous. These obstacles have been there for a long time, maybe a year.

Ms. Sproviero commented that Naples Velo Organization has persuaded Collier County Sherriff to add electronic signs during the high season when people come to Naples who are not familiar with sharing the road with cyclists to educate the drivers and the cyclists. The emphasis will be on areas with high injuries based on safety data.

Mr. Bonness commented that there is a safety concern on Bonita Beach Road going north into Lee County where bicycle facilities end abruptly at a curb, leading cyclists into a hazardous situation by having to merge into road traffic and urged that when planning facilities that they are continuous and follow traffic design manuals. A similar situation happens in Collier County on Immokalee Road north of Waterways Blvd where the shoulder disappears between the two-lane and four-lane configurations.

Mr. Dohm announced that Marco Island passed an ordinance for ebikes. This adds a speed limit for any wheeled vehicle on sidewalks of 12 miles per hour. He has noticed the success in this already. e also mentioned that Marco Island is to be approved as a Trail Town on October 8th and 9th.

Mr. Vigorito expressed concern that in the County, enforcement for driving or riding in sidewalks and distracted driving is not as prevalent.

10. Distribution Items

11. Topics for Next Meeting

12. Next Meeting Date

September 16, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. **Location**: Collier County Government Center, Admin. Bldg. F, IT Training Room, 5th Floor, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, 34112

13. Adjournment

Mr. Matonti adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.