

**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.

**February 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

**Mr. Matonti** called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Mr. Ortman** confirm that a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Jane Cheffy, At-Large

**MPO Staff**

Anne McLaughlin, MPO Executive Director  
Eric Ortman, MPO Senior Planner  
Karen Intriago, MPO Administrative Assistant

**Others Present**

David Agacinski, FDOT  
Victoria Peters, FDOT  
Michelle Avola, NPC  
Wally Blain, Tinder Oliver  
April Olson, Conservancy of Southwest Florida

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Approval of the January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Ms. Halman** noted that on the minutes under FDOT updates, Mr. Agacinski mentions a sidewalk project on Little League Rd to Oil Street and is unaware of an Oil Street along that path.

**Ms. Fendrick** stated that there were a few items that were discussed that are not reflected in the minutes, noting:

- Anthony Matonti mentioned that he thought it would be good for Collier County to connect the urban with the rural areas with multi-use trails. Discussion arose about creating an urban-rural loop.
- Anne McLaughlin mentioned that they should take a second look at the Marco Island to Everglades City project under the mantle of FDOT.
- Discussion with FDOT regarding the maintenance issue, and how it is impacting design & planning for future facilities, in some cases leading to facilities being constructed that do not meet minimum standards.

**Ms. McLaughlin** noted that a correction will be made to reflect the correct language in the minutes.

*Dr. Friedman moved to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes with the changes noted. Second by Ms. Fendrick. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

## **6. Agency Updates**

### **A. FDOT**

**Mr. Agacinski** noted that the mapping section of the Sun Trail website has been updated to reflect the existing multi-use path along US41 from Marco Island to Everglades City. Mr. Agacinski also stated that FDOT is reviewing the possibility of removing the raised pavement markings (RPM) on US41 East to increase safety for cyclists.

**Mr. Bonness** questioned if the gap on US41 between 6L and Greenway would be eligible for Sun Trail funding. **Mr. Agacinski** stated that the gap on would be eligible.

### **B. MPO**

None.

## **7. Committee Action**

### **A. Endorse the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**

Ms. McLaughlin noted that the appendices for the Plan may be viewed on the MPO website. Additional items added to the draft include: acknowledgements, table of contents, executive summary, additional maps, and adjusted text to reflect committee comments. Today, we would like to resolve the Southwest Corridor alignment in Rookery Bay.

Several pathway concepts have been added to Table 10 on page 33. The Wilson Road connection has been added per discussion with the County. There is an opportunity to discuss the design for extending Wilson Road to connect to the new sports stadium. Golden Gate Parkway is included as a complete streets project in Table 10 per discussion with Commissioner Saunders. The Immokalee CRA has expressed a desire to extend the sidewalk on Lake Trafford Road as a pathway to the lake itself; this has also been added to the list of potential spine pathway projects but would first require a study. Staff is still working on updated costs for Tables 13 and 14.

**Ms. Halman** stated that Cheryl Thomas is mentioned as a member of the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) but has not been a member for ten years. Also noted that she is pleased that Immokalee has been separated from Naples in the Plan.

**Mr. Bonness** stated that an addition that he would like to see added is the new multi-use path along Logan Blvd. up to the Lee County Line.

**Mr. Musico** stated that the responsible agency for San Marco Rd. from Goodland Dr. to Tamiami Trail East should be Collier County. Noted that there is a duplicated text block that appears on page 81 as well as page 84. Stated that the maps that were provided at the meeting are missing Marco Island Academy and a Charter School. Stated that the trail showing up on Swallow Tail is actually on Collier and that the map is correct.

**Mr. Blain** noted that the trail appears to show up on Swallow Ave. but is actually on Collier Blvd. due to the labeling process that was used on the previous map. The inset for Everglades City was added to the maps. Mr. Blain noted that the 5-points for the local projects in Marco Island were added to the scoring and are reflected in the list which has been sorted by total score and then alphabetized.

**Ms. Fendrick** stated that the map on page 2 – existing conditions - is only showing the paved shoulders on 41 but should also be showing the shared use path. Mr. Blain stated they were on the map but hidden behind the shoulders; he will make sure they are brought forward.

**Ms. Fendrick** asked why SR29 and US41 East were not showing up as gaps? Mr. Blain noted that the sections of exiting paved shoulders on SR29 and the East Trail are not showing up as gaps based on Board policy which considers these to be sufficient facilities. Mr. Blain stated that the connection to the Gordon River Greenway eastland trail and Naples Zoo is now shown on the map with the sidewalk on -from Fleischmann, and the sidewalk on Orchid to make the connection over US41. have been added to the plan to show the connectivity to US41.

*Under committee discussion a few spelling errors and language corrections were noted. Staff noted that the correct revisions will be made.*

**Ms. Olson** stated that the Conservancy is in support of a non-motorized regional trail system. While looking at the plan she noticed a few alignments for the Southwest Coast Connector that are of environmental concern. These alignments could have a wetland and hydrologic impact and result in a mangrove die-off. Ms. Olson stated that some of the trails have mangroves on both sides and some of them are in the Deltona Settlement.

The Deltona Settlement was agreed upon in the 1980s between the Deltona Corporation and multiple parties. The Conservancy is one of five signatories on the settlement agreement. Ms. Olson noted that she spoke with Keith Laakkonen, the program administrator for Rookery Bay, and that he mentioned that their management plan states that they don't allow bike paths and that he did not see that changing anytime soon.

The Conservancy would like there to be no increase of paved surfaces on Shell Road, Capri Road or Collier Boulevard. Ms. Olson stated that the Conservancy was working with the County on the raising of Goodland Road and noted that water needs to flow between each side of the road. If the path along Goodland was also raised it could cause a mangrove die-off. If any modification is being considered on CR92, the Conservancy would like to look over the specifics of those improvements to make sure the mangroves along those trails do are not impacted. The Conservancy would like these segments to be modified before the Master Plan is endorsed.

**Mr. Musico** noted that the project on Goodland is proposing to elevate the existing road and shared use path in the same footprint. This will allow for a continuous route throughout Marco Island.

**Ms. Avola** stated that the Naples Pathway Coalition (NPC) is fine with removing the potential alignment through Rookery Bay. Also noted that NPC is working on developing a multiuse pathways system for Collier County in the next six years and is looking for partnerships to support this effort. Ms. Avola stated that rumors have been heard that future FDOT standards will call for buffered bike lanes; the NPC has been a proponent for this standard and asked if this information is accurate. **Mr. Agacinski** stated that for new construction, the

new standard is to incorporate buffered bike lanes. For existing roads, FDOT would have to evaluate the available pavement and existing conditions for buffered bike lanes.

**Ms. Avola** noted that distracted driving is the number one cause of crashes involving bicyclists and that a buffered bike lane would give cyclists a safer route to travel. Ms. Avola asked what is the minimum amount of footage that is needed to accommodate a buffered bike lane. Mr. Agacinski stated that FDOT's buffered bike lanes are from 6' to 7' wide and will be placed in any new construction where it's appropriate.

**Ms. Avola** noted that a physical separation from motor vehicles is needed to protect cyclists. There should be language in the policy section stating that if road improvements are planned, shared use path should be included for cyclist safety of. Ms. McLaughlin stated that the plan currently has language that recommends a shared use path be added when there is enough right-of-way

**Mr. Blain** noted that chapter six is the facility design guidelines chapter for bike lanes and other bicycle facilities. Staff has included a chart of design guidelines that recommend what facilities may be appropriate based on the condition of the road.

**Mr. Wilson** stated that the health department would like shoulder rumble strips to be kept on the plan because they are a vital element to increase driver awareness that they are entering the shoulder of the road. Mr. Bonness noted that audible pavement markings are in the thermal plastic strip which alerts drivers that the vehicle is leaving the travel lane. A rumble strip alerts the driver when the vehicle is already a foot into the bike lane. Ms. McLaughlin noted that based on committee comment language to for some sort of audible pavement warnings are included in the plan.

*Under Committee review it was noted that they were pleased with the result of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.*

*Ms. Fendrick moved to endorse the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Second by Mr. Musico. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

#### **9. Member Comments**

**Ms. Fendrick** stated that Everglades City was designated as a Florida Trail Town by the Office of Greenway and Trails. The formal presentation will be held in Everglades City on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Everglades City is working towards pursuing a grant to improve the current trails to accommodate for the new designation.

**Mr. Bonness** noted that on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Naples Pathway Coalition will be hosting a bicycle brunch at Fleischmann Park.

**Mr. Ordija** asked how electric bikes will be handled. **Mr. Agacinski** stated that the electric bikes are covered by the Florida Administrative Code which states that electric assist bicycles with a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour or less are allowed on bike lanes and sidewalks.

#### **10. Distribution Item**

None.

#### **11. Next Meeting Date**

March 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**12. Adjournment**

With no further comments or items to attend to, Mr. Bonness adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.