

**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  
May 16, 2023 - 9:00 A.M.  
Meeting Minutes  
(Approved September 19, 2023)**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

**Ms. Siegler** called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Anthony Matonti (Chair)  
Patty Huff (Vice-Chair)  
Alan Musico  
Andrea Halman  
Dayna Fendrick (arrived after roll call)  
George Dondanville  
Joe Bonness  
Kim Jacob  
Mark Komanecky  
Michelle Sproviero (arrived during item 8.A)  
Robert Phelan

**MPO Staff Present**

Anne McLaughlin, Executive Director  
Sean Kingston, Principal Planner  
Dusty Siegler, Senior Planner

**Others Present**

Lorraine Lantz (Collier County Transportation Planning)  
Megan Greer (Blue Zone)  
Michelle Avola-Brown (Naples Pathway Coalition)  
Michael Tisch (Collier County Transportation Planning)  
Todd Engala (FDOT)  
Reggie Wilson (DOH-Collier)  
Vu Vu (Representing Landis Evans)

3. **Approval of the Agenda-**

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

4. **Approval of the March 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Musico moved to approve the March 21, 2023, minutes. Seconded by Mr. Komanicky. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. **FDOT:**

Ms. McLaughlin noted that FDOT was not present.

B. **MPO:**

Mr. Kingston: nothing to report other than what is on the agenda to address.

7. **Committee Action**

8. **Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)**

A. **FDOT Update on the Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design**

Mr. Engala gave a brief background of his work, introduced Vu Vu from Landis Evans, then started with a Federal Department of Transportation Safety moment. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month – more information can be found at [ridemartflorida.com](https://ridemartflorida.com). Mr. Engala shared safety tips regarding motorcycles for all roadway users. Mr. Dondanville asked about the category status of motorized bicycles. Mr. Engala informed Mr. Dondanville he would research the question and provide him with that information after the meeting and continued reciting the rest of the safety tips.

*At this meeting, Mr. Engala presented, **The Marco Island Loop Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design** presentation. The entire presentation and accompanying documents can be found in the May 16, 2023 BPAC Agenda Packet at [colliermpo.org](http://colliermpo.org)).*

**Mr. Engala** began the presentation, mentioning that the project had been in the works for a year, and that through public engagement, they were able to discover what was wanted and needed for the trail. **Mr. Engala** indicated that he was presenting a draft of the proposed project, and that the final version was to be presented in two weeks. The project schedule was discussed, and it was noted that some meeting dates had been changed for the MPO Board.

**Mr. Musico** commented that the Marco Island Chambers of Commerce was also a stakeholder but had been left off the Stakeholders slide.

**Mr. Engala** explained that the project proposed a multi-use trail loop, which includes S.R. 951 (Collier Boulevard) and C.R. 92 (San Marco Road), Marco Loop Trail (SUNTrail, Spine Trail Network. Land Trail Opportunity Trail/Corridor) and connects to Marco Island Bike Path Master and Naples PC Paradise Coast Trail. **Mr. Engala** reported that the entire 28.9-mile loop trail is as identified in the 2019 Collier MPO Bike/Ped Masterplan, Florida Greenway Trail System, and Naples Coalition Paradise Coast Trail Vision, and that this segment makes a logical conclusion to the SUNTrail along U.S. 41 and Paradise Coast Trail.

The study suggests the project satisfies needs like, safety, system linkage, social, and economic. It enhances mobility choices, provides outdoor recreation, supports tourism and commercial business opportunities, healthy and active lifestyles, and adds transportation options like “First Mile, Last Mile” to transit stops, as well as providing Manatee Middle School students a safe path along S.R. 951 and U.S. 41.

***Mr. Engala** passed the presentation off to **Mr. Vu***

**Mr. Vu** stated that the 12-month project planning effort included research and analysis, field work, stakeholder input, and public outreach. Issues that were found for the project, were that both corridors have limited space to construct multi-modal facilities, and environmentally sensitive lands abut the roadways. To address these issues, The Final Trail Alternatives Evaluation Report was created by surveying the public’s preferred trail issue alternatives. The biggest priority of those who completed the survey was safety, with respect to the volume and speed of vehicular traffic. After analysis of the accrued information, the Trail Alternatives Evaluation Possible Amenities for Facilities Trailheads list was assembled, which includes amenities such as trailheads, lighting, call boxes, mile markers, and more.

*There was a discussion following the presentation.*

**B. MPO Update on Current Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities**

**Mr. Kingston** introduced the Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Ordinance – Report on Advisory Committee reviews at the MPO Board Meeting on April 14th and Board discussion and gave a summary of what was discussed at the meeting. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update – Work Order was on April 14th MPO Board Meeting agenda, and Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant – FHWA met with D1 grant recipients on March 30th and April 25th.

*There was a discussion following.*

**9. Member Comments**

**Ms. Huff** shared that she has become a member of the Advisory Council Bicycle Association and that the association is currently looking for new members.

**Ms. Fendrick** shared that FDOT has started construction on the sidewalk project.

**10. Distribution Items**

None.

**11. Topics for Future Meetings**

Not addressed.

**12. Next Meeting Date**

August 15, 2023 – 9:00 a.m., in-person only meeting, at Collier County Government Center, Bldg. F, IT Training Room, Fifth Floor, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL, 34112.

**13. Adjournment**

**Mr. Matonti** adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.