



**COLLIER & LEE JOINT BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEES WORKSHOP**



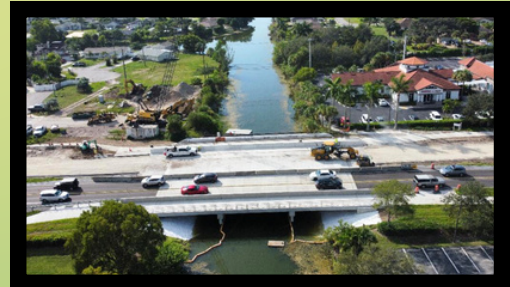
A successful and informative joint workshop of the Collier MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Lee MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at The Collaboratory in Fort Myers.

Several exciting upcoming projects were discussed, including the highly anticipated [Marco Island Loop Trail](#), the proposed [Collier to Polk Regional Trail](#), and the [US Bike Route 15 Expansion](#). There were also discussions on traffic crashes, traffic enforcement, and micromobility regulations.

Sgt. Horowitz with Collier County Sheriff's Office spoke about how traffic enforcement statutes need to be updated to keep up with transportation technology and that the sheriff's office does its best to educate the community about pedestrian and bicyclist safety. View the [October 24, 2023 BPCC Joint Agenda](#). Listen to the [Joint BPCC October 24, 2023 recording](#).

**GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY BRIDGE OVER SANTA BARBARA CANAL NOW OPEN**

The newly constructed Golden Gate Parkway Bridge over the Santa Barbara Canal is open to through traffic. The bridge replacement project which began in October 2022 is at substantial completion which means there are still some punch list items to complete but the good news for the traveling public is that the lane closures are completed and the new four-lane bridge (two lanes eastbound and two lanes westbound) with 12-foot-wide sidewalks in each direction are all open and usable for all. For additional information, please contact Community Liaison Connie Deane at 239-252-8365 or [Connie.Deane@colliercountyfl.gov](mailto:Connie.Deane@colliercountyfl.gov).



**APTA'S TRY TRANSIT**

Want to save an average of \$13,000 annually? Take transit.



A mix of factors including steady transit fares, rising gas prices and increased auto costs mean transit users can save more than \$13,000 versus driving annually, according to a report from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

View APTA's [Transit Savings Report](#).

**MPO  
UPCOMING  
MEETINGS**



**Autumn 2023 Meeting Schedule**

- November 15 | CMC
- November 21 | BPAC
- November 27 | TAC/CAC
- December 6 | LCB
- December 8 | MPO Board

[2023 Meeting Calendar](#)



[Check out the 2024 MPO Meetings Calendar!](#)

**NHTSA THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TRAVEL SAFETY MESSAGE**

**Buckle Up and Don't Drive Impaired This Thanksgiving Holiday**

For those traveling this Thanksgiving, we want you to arrive to your destination safely. Two easy ways to help accomplish that: [buckle up](#) and don't drive impaired by alcohol or drugs.

It's a fact: seat belts save lives. But many people killed in traffic crashes during the 2021 Thanksgiving holiday weekend weren't wearing their seat belts.



The holiday period begins on Thanksgiving Eve when we typically see people begin to gather with family and friends. From 2017-2021, 137 drivers involved in fatal crashes on Thanksgiving Eve were drunk. It's important to understand even a small amount of alcohol can affect a person.

HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING



from the  
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Collier MPO

