

**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
October 15, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Matonti called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Present

Anthony Matonti (Chair)
Michelle Sproviero (Vice-Chair)
Alan Musico
Dayna Fendrick
Kevin Dohm
Mark Komanecky
Patty Huff
Robert Vigorito

Members Absent

Andrea Halman
Joe Bonness
Robert Phelan

MPO Staff Present

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

Others Present

Michelle Avola-Brown, Naples Pathways Coalition
Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation Planning
Kelly McGuinness, TY Lin International (virtual)
Stacey Meekins, TY Lin International (virtual)
Lisa Smith, TY Lin International (virtual)
Rakesh Rangaswamy, TY Lin International (virtual)
Timothy Archer, Public
Matthias Reinhold, Public

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Sproviero moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Musico. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes

4.A. Approval of the September 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Musico moved to approve the September 17, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Fendrick. Carried unanimously.

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

None.

6. Agency Updates

A. FDOT:

A representative from FDOT was not present at the meeting.

B. MPO:

Mr. Kingston reported that the MPO plans in process have upcoming events. The consultants for the Long Range Transportation Plan (Jacobs), Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (TY Lin), and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Capital Consulting Solutions) will attend outreach meetings with Miccosukee Tribe on October 17 and Seminole Tribe of Florida on October 18. Chair Matonti will attend these as well. The first virtual public workshop for the CSAP will be held October 30 and BPMP October 23.

7. Committee Action

A. Propose Time and Location for Spring 2025 Joint Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Workshop with Lee MPO

Mr. Matonti asked the Committee to choose their order of priority for date and location preferences for the Spring of 2025 Collier/Lee MPO Joint Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Workshop from the details provided. The committee decided their preference in order, all at 10:00am:

1. April 22, 2025 at the Heritage Bay Meeting Room @ 15450 Collier Blvd., Naples, FL 34120
2. April 22, 2025 at the FDOT Southwest Area Office @ 10041 Daniels Pkwy., Ft. Myers, FL 33913
3. March 22, 2025 at the Heritage Bay Meeting Room
4. March 22, 2025 at the FDOT Southwest Area Office

Ms. Huff moved to approve the preferred order of joint Lee/Collier MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Workshop dates and locations. Seconded by Ms. Sproviero. Carried unanimously.

8. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)

A. SS4A Safety Action Plan – Presentation on Plan Development and Draft Existing Conditions and Safety Analysis Memorandum

Mr. Kingston introduced the consultant attending virtually preparing the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), TY Lin. **Ms. McGuinness** led the presentation, which covered an introduction to

the project, its purpose, and timeline, an overview of existing conditions, survey results, next steps, and a question-and-answer session.

Ms. Huff asked whether Environmental Justice areas from the current BPMP were used which **Ms. McLaughlin** confirmed they were as they were most accurate with the most recent census and mapping tools. A group discussion followed, regarding EJ areas and ways to resource the most accurate numbers based on current conditions.

Mr. Musico suggested that ebikes and corresponding micromobility need to be included in the plan. Discussions commenced. Recommendations from **Mr. Vigorito** included regulations on their license and insurance, weight and maximum speed from **Mr. Musico** and **Ms. Huff**. **Ms. McGuinness** agreed, however crash reports don't specify the type of micromobility. **Ms. Meekins** concurred, however most critical safety issues were with automobiles.

Ms. Huff remarked that these forms of transportation are affordable and Mr. Matonti that a license isn't needed. A group discussion followed, regarding possibly ways to deal with e-bikes (e.g. getting them off of the sidewalk, better ways for them to be in bike lanes, ways to enforce, and what is possible). **Ms. Avola-Brown** mentioned that multi-use pathways can serve ebikes better than sidewalks, so more multi-use paths would help. A group discussion continued, and it was agreed that when it comes to safety, policies and infrastructure need to address e-bikes.

Ms. Meekins responded that the questions in the public surveys can be tailored to address these issues.

Mr. Dohm suggested that the plan adopt some ideas from places with great multi-use systems, like Amsterdam.

9. Member Comments

Ms. Huff and **Ms. Avola-Brown** announced they will be attending the statewide Bicycle Summit in Wintergarden, Florida between November 15-17. They also announced the Florida Greenways and Trails Summit in Venice, Florida on February 5-6. More information is available at Floridabicycle.org. **Ms. Huff** announced and handed out flyers for the Save the Bank of Everglades Building Music Festival on Saturday, November 2 at the Rod and Gun Club, Everglades City.

10. Distribution Items

None.

11. Topics for Next Meeting

Mr. Musico suggested an item regarding ebikes should be included. **Ms. Huff** suggested more information on the Florida Wildlife Corridor. **Mr. Kingston** mentioned information on the BPMP will be included.

12. Next Meeting Date

November 19, 2024 – 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 10:49 a.m.