

**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  
April 16, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.  
Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

**Mr. Matonti** called the meeting to order at 9:13 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  
Andrea Halman  
Dayna Fendrick  
Joe Bonness  
Kevin Dohm  
Mark Komanecky  
Patty Huff  
Robert Phelan

**Members Absent**

Kim Jacob  
Robert Vigorito

**MPO Staff Present**

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

**Others Present**

Tanya Merkle, FDOT  
Matthew Hayes, Collier County Public Utilities Department  
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning  
Kathy Eastly, Collier County Transportation Planning  
Anthony Arfuso, Capital Engineering Solutions  
Victor Nguyen, Capital Engineering Solutions  
Trent Waterhouse, Pelican Bay  
Ben Schwartz, Pelican Bay

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

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

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

4.A. **Approval of the March 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Musico moved to approve a revised version of the March 19, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Komanecky. Carried unanimously.*

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

None.

6. **Agency Updates**

A. **FDOT:**

**Ms. Merkle** mentioned that she was researching “dooring” incidents. She explained that “dooring” is a term used for when a driver opens the door of a parked vehicle without assessing the surroundings and the open door becomes an obstacle for a bicyclist who might be riding in the path of the door without enough time to react and get out of the way. There have been many serious injuries. FDOT is considering what safety measures could be implemented to alleviate this issue.

**Mr. Phelan** added that Collier Area Transit (CAT) busses are entering the bike lanes and cutting off bicyclists. He mentioned that he had written a letter to CAT regarding the issue.

**Ms. Merkle** noted **Mr. Phelan’s** comment and said she would investigate the matter and follow up with him.

B. **MPO:**

None.

7. **Committee Action**

None.

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

A. **SUN Trail Updates**

**Ms. McLaughlin** said the item was for the Committee to receive an update regarding Collier’s SUN Trail network involvement. The Florida Greenways and Trails Council recently ranked statewide trail projects for funding, and the Florida Gulf Coast Trail came in 4<sup>th</sup> and the Collier to Polk Trail came in 5<sup>th</sup>. **Ms. McLaughlin** noted that these were very good rankings for two new trails. She also mentioned that the Collier to Polk Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) Study was included in FDOT’s 5-Year Work Program, and at their April 12th meeting, the MPO Board voted unanimously to support the Trust for Public Land’s request for Board support to add the Acquisition of Right of Way (ROW) for Bonita-Estero Rail Trail (BERT) to the SUN Trail priorities. **Ms. McLaughlin** would be bringing the Collier Polk PD&E and BERT to the Technical Advisory and Citizens Advisory Committees (TAC & CAC) for endorsement, followed by MPO Board approval in June 2024.

**Ms. Merkle** added that the Collier to Polk PD&E was expected to begin after the initial phase of public meetings with an estimated timeframe of the end of May/beginning of June of 2024.

*The item was presented for review and comment only.*

## **B. Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Update (BPMP) - Report on Survey Results**

**Mr. Kingston** said the item was being presented for the Committee to receive a report on the first round of surveys seeking public input for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Update. The BPMP surveys ran from February 20th to March 19th of 2024. The “Committee Survey” was announced in the MPO’s eNewsletter which is distributed to 642 recipients and sent by direct email to BPAC members. The “Public Survey” was posted on Collier County’s and the City of Naples Facebook pages.

Mr. Arfuso reviewed the survey results in presentations which can be viewed in [April 16, 2024 BPAC Agenda](#).

A group discussion followed, and it was mentioned that when building buffered bike lanes focus should be put on intersections where most drivers violate bike lanes, that focusing the outreach of the survey to bicyclists and pedestrians would achieve the most accurate results, that including more questions regarding ebikes in the survey would be a valuable addition, and that prioritizing education was important.

## **C. BPMP– Existing, Programmed and Planned Bike/Ped Facilities Inventories**

**Mr. Kingston** said that the item was being presented for the Committee to receive an overview of the existing, planned, and programmed facilities maps and provide feedback, as Capital Engineering Solutions was in the process of mapping facilities for the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Update.

**Mr. Arfuso** went through the maps which can be viewed in [April 16, 2024 BPAC Agenda](#) and Committee members were encouraged to provide input to improve the accuracy of the facility inventories.

Comments included removing private businesses as markers on the maps, to utilize specified Marco Island information for the Marco Island map baseline, to delineate the Collier to Polk trail from the Florida Gulf Coast trail, and that until the SUN Trail is fully programmed it would be shown as an approximate marking.

## **D. BPMP – Wrap Up and Next Steps**

**Mr. Kingston** said the item was to summarize the information which had been presented and explain the next steps in the development of the BPMP Update.

**Mr. Arfuso** described next steps and schedule of activities for the BPMP update which can be viewed in [April 16, 2024 BPAC Agenda](#).

## **9. Member Comments**

**Ms. Fendrick** said she was in support of buffered bike lanes.

**Mr. Bonness** asked **Ms. Merkle** if there had been any studies of the effect of buffered bike lanes regarding safety.

**Ms. Merkle** said she would investigate **Mr. Bonness'** question and follow up with him.

**10. Distribution Items**

None.

**12. Next Meeting Date**

*May 21, 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 11:01 a.m.