

**LEE COUNTY  
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
NOTES  
January 16, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Keith Kibbey, Chair  
Joe Beck, At Large, Vice-Chair  
Ileana Sisson, District 1, Secretary  
Don Mayne, District 4  
Paul Moreno, At Large**

**STAFF**

**Mel Dokman, LC DOT  
Wayne Gaither, Lee Tran  
Andy Getch, LC DOT  
Ron Gogoi, LC MPO  
Dawn Huff, LC School Board  
Steve Jansen, LC DOT  
Mike Tisch, LC DOT**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Damon Shelor, District 5**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**None**

***Agenda Item #1, Call to Order/Introductions/Review of Agenda & Motion to Approve Agenda:***

Chairman, Keith Kibbey called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., and reported we do not have a quorum for today's meeting, therefore, the committee members in attendance unanimously decided items would be discussed, not voted upon, but the meeting would continue. Introductions were made and BPAC members welcomed new member, Paul Moreno, Member At Large.

***Agenda Item #2, Approval of September 19, 2012 Minutes:*** Keith Kibbey asked staff if there were any questions on the minutes, there were none. Since the minutes could not be approved today, the members will finalize at February's BPAC meeting.

***Agenda Item #3, Public Comments – Agenda Items:*** Chairman Keith Kibbey asked for Public Comments. There were no public comments.

***Agenda Item #4, Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and appointment of Secretary:*** Elections could not be done; however, nominations could be made. Vice Chair Joe Beck asked if any members present were interested in the positions or had any nominations. There were none. After discussing, the members present unanimously suggested keeping the same Chair and Vice Chair members as is and finalize elections at the next BPAC meeting in February with Keith Kibbey, as Chair, Joe Beck as Vice-Chair and Ileana Sisson as Secretary.

**New Business**

***Agenda Item #5a, Safe Routes to School – Dawn Huff:*** After discussion about the safe routes to school projects, Dawn Huff mentioned they've selected the Challenger and Winkler project, but not the Six Mile project. They were going to do a project off Gladiolus near Heights Elementary, but there are right-of-way issues there. The plan is to resolve the ROW and work on this project next year. If members have any suggestions for next year, please advise Dawn.

**Agenda Item #5b, Review the Local Roads Resurfacing Contract:**

Andy Getch reported that county internal staff has been working on the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) with \$3.5 million in the budget. Within the CIP budgeted money, road resurfacing is part of the projects broken into three contracts: Arterial/Collectors, County Wide Local Streets Resurfacing and Lehigh Acres Resurfacing. Lehigh Acres roads were built many years ago, have aged and are in need of repair.

When Complete Streets was adopted, the Board included in their resolution that road resurfacing be reviewed and assessed. County Management formed an internal team from a variety of departments such as; DOT, Community Development, Utilities, Human Services, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, Lee Tran and other local agencies who work with people within our community using walking and other transit services. This Complete Streets team, along with BPAC and CSAC members, assisted in providing their input and concerns.

After combining all the data spreadsheets of roads, the Graphical Map was designed. Mike Tisch displayed the Graphical Tool Evaluator for the local roads resurfacing contract on the projector and discussed the areas of concern:

- The blue lined area represents the Lehigh Acres local streets resurfacing contract projects
- The large green area represents Parks
- The bright green lined area represents County Wide Local Streets in the resurfacing contract
- The red lined area represents existing sidewalks
- The blue lined area represents existing paved shoulders and bike lanes/multi use paths

In summary, there are 150 road segments and due to time constraints, members should review the complete streets evaluator tool on line at <http://leegis.leegov.com/completestreets/>

Questions/Discussion Overview/Recommendations:

Lehigh Recommendations:

- On Sunset Road: Consensus is to propose to put sidewalks and/or paved shoulders on the south side. Paved shoulders exist on Buckingham. A Development Company owns the north side area.
- Buckingham/Astoria: The internal team recommended a sidewalk be placed from Buckingham Road south to the first intersecting street, but not placed in the entire length of Astoria. The Complete Streets team recommended that paved shoulders would be better used there and cost effective. There are approximately 100 homes in this area, 25% populated. Keith Kibbey mentioned the first recommendation with the intersecting stretch is a good idea.

St James City Recommendations:

- St. James City – Golf Cart Issue: Mr. Buchanan, citizen, has been involved with county staff and residents have called in about this area and expressed their concern that they do not want the golf cart path project to move forward.

- At the tip of St. James City off of Stringfellow Road there is resurfacing and a paved shoulder along that area (St. Jude Street). We will be resurfacing St. Jude Street
- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to First: Paved Shoulder Project: (not resurfacing project – this area generating interest from the citizens) South of York – split curves at Sanibel/Oleander/8<sup>th</sup> to First:

Mike Tisch questioned whether or not we should pave from 8<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Street instead of completely paving to First Street. After thorough discussion, the committee members are in favor of this project as proposed resurfacing 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue through First Street with 4 to 5 feet paved shoulders. This will benefit the entire community (i.e. people walking, restaurant, going to the grocery store).

CIP/Budget: There was discussion about the budget, money for projects and impact fees. How will the possible two year moratorium on waiving impact fees affect the county? Members of this committee can share concerns by: attending the BoCC meeting on January 22, 2013 where this item will be heard by the public, send a letter to the BoCC, or contact their Commissioner individually.

#### Whiskey Creek Recommendations:

- Summerlin – McGregor – Tanglewood Elementary School Area:  
The committee reviewed this area. Mike Tisch explained that parents drive their children to school traveling from College Parkway making their way through Whiskey Creek Drive to Reynard Street and cut through Kenilworth. The recommendation by the Complete Streets team talked about restriping the road when we resurface that area and place paved shoulders there. There are signs/bike lanes marked on Tanglewood Parkway and Whiskey Creek Drive. Overall, this would make a good ‘connector road’.

Suggestions: Safe Route to Schools – possibly making this a safe route on Reynard. Or on Reynard - perhaps making a bike lane - street parking on one side - making two 12” lanes for parking on one side. Overall, the idea of making this a ‘connector’ road is a good recommendation.

A suggestion was made about placing something at Greenbriar Drive (north of Tanglewood) west side of McGregor. This area will be reviewed when it comes up for resurfacing.

#### Center of Pine Island – Stringfellow Road/Industrial Park area:

- The subdivision behind the gas station (Lake Heather Area St. James City) will be resurfaced.

#### Tice – Ortiz area:

- There was discussion about the Tice/Ortiz area. The section of road on Ortiz (82) to Lockett Road has significant pot holes. This area is a part of arterial/collector resurfacing and is a part of the CIP process. The Billy’s Creek Park segment – Ballard Road, and High Cotton Road has been completed.

Suggestion: There was discussion about extending Lexington Avenue into the Billy’s Creek subdivision. The committee reviewed the area and members asked what will it take to be a complete street?

Andy Getch explained in detail that resurfacing projects do not require a design; therefore, this is a maintenance operation for DOT. Sidewalks along the street require ROW (right-of-way access). ROW requires a design plan and sometimes permits, therefore, being a separate design project constructed differently than operations.

The Complete Streets Team and CSAC are working toward goals where instead of reviewing year by year resurfacing contracts, they are working toward planning several years ahead.

**Agenda Item #5c, Prioritize BPAC and Resurfacing Contract Priorities:**

Andy Getch explained the priority list and explained the CIP budget process of prioritizing the CIP plans based on revenues of what we have to work with. Ron Gogoi, MPO, mentioned there are opportunities for submitting projects for federal funding; however, they must meet FDOT criteria. Some projects may be funded by grants others cannot.

Andy Getch provided a handout summarizing the Complete Streets priority list of resurfacing project recommendations. The internal Complete Streets team prioritized the list of projects. Listed below are the top five projects:

1. College Parkway - Summerlin Rd - Winkler Rd – four to five years out (may be a possible grant opportunity as it depends on the community planning committee)
2. Winkler Road - Gladiolus Drive - Cypress Lake Drive – requires reconstruction of the road, to add sidewalks there is enough ROW
3. Winkler Road - College Parkway - McGregor Drive – add sidewalks on the east side of Winkler Road
4. Pondella Road - Business U.S. 41 - Orange Grove Blvd – area has ROW concerns with tight spots, with elevation issues and may require reconstructing the road in order to place sidewalk or bicycle facility
5. Independence Circle Six Mile Cypress Halifax Avenue

Attached below is the Complete Streets Resurfacing/Recommendation spreadsheet.



Complete Streets  
resurfacing recommen

The BPAC members expressed that this process was a great assessment of the complete streets resurfacing projects and commended Andy Getch and Mike Tisch for providing this information.

**Agenda Item #6a, Review of the Lee Plan Transportation Element:**

Andy Getch summarized the Lee Plan Transportation Element process and how the committees (CSAC and the Local Planning Agency) involved are reviewing and making changes. This committee is interested in the Bicycle/Pedestrian mode of transportation.

Staff will present the proposed Lee Plan Amendment to the Board. After review and recommendations, the plan moves to the State – Transmittal Hearing for review. During the State review process, staff will work on the recommended draft changes for the Land Development Code. After State review, the Board will consider the amendments at a Public Hearing. Members need to review and send comments or concerns on the proposed Transportation Element to Andy Getch. The link is provided on the Lee County Town Hall website.

**Agenda Item #6, Old Business: See 5b and 5c.**

**Agenda Item #7, Public Comments: None**

**Agenda Item #8, Member Comments:**

Keith Kibbey stated that a representative from the Tourist Development department would like to attend a future BPAC meeting to discuss marketing bicycling in Lee County.

Joe Beck thanked Ron Gogoi for adding the sidewalk on U.S. 41 in North Fort Myers. He also thanked Wayne Gaither and Lee Tran for adding the seasonal trolley system downtown.

Joe Beck asked members if there were any colleagues who might be interested in joining the BPAC committee. *Action item: Mel Dokman to send members a copy of the open BPAC vacant positions. \*Five positions are open.*

Next BPAC Meeting: Keith Kibbey suggested members meet next month, February 20, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item #9, Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**

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BPAC Chairman

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BPAC Secretary or Vice-Chair

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