



## City of Fort Myers 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan PAC Meeting Minutes December 7, 2020

### Attendees

Ron Gogoi	Dan Moser
Natalia Lercari	Jerl McCollum
Antoine Williams	Theodore Petritsch
Ashlynn Super	Carl Karakos
Natalia Ramirez	Don Scott
Carolyn Usher	Victoria Peters
Trent Ebersole	Barbara Carr
William Grieve	Diana Giraldo
Jason Lamey	Deborah Chesna
Tony Palermo	Colleen Bennett
Cindy Leal Brizuela	Arnold Valdez
Dawn Huff	

### Virtual Meeting Format and Information

- Meeting from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.
- Due to COVID-19 the meeting is held in the Zoom online meeting format
- The meeting is being recorded
- Project materials will be posted on the website

### Team Panelists for Meeting

- Ron Gogoi, AICP – Transportation Planning Administrator, Lee MPO
- Carl Karakos, P.E. – Transportation Engineer, City of Fort Myers
- Trent Ebersole, P.E. – General Manager, FL and VP – McMahon Associates, Inc.
- Natalia Lercari, P.E. – Senior Project Manager – McMahon Associates, Inc.
- Ashlynn K. Super – Assistant Public Information Specialist – Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc.
- Theo Petritsch, P.E., PTOE – Director of Transportation Services – Landis Evans + Partners

### Public Engagement Summary

- Questionnaire Results
- Consistent Comments
  - Dangerous Intersections
  - Too much traffic and high vehicle speeds
  - Sidewalks not connected, too narrow or need maintenance
  - Extend and connect linear park trails
  - No good north-south bicycle routes
  - Intersections poorly designed
  - Need protected bicycle lanes

- McGregor Boulevard – roads are too narrow, sidewalks are used by many pedestrians, joggers and golf carts

### **Toolbox for Future Potential Facilities**

- Shared Lane Markings
- Bicycle Boulevard
- Paved Shoulder
- Bicycle Lane
- Separated Bicycle Lane
- Shared Use Path
- Trail
- Sidewalk

### **Project Recommendations**

#### **Steps for developing recommended improvements:**

1. Focus on Arterials and Collectors based on the City’s Functional Classification Map. Local roadways were included, as appropriate
2. City, County and State projects were identified (JYLP, Winkler Canal, Fowler/Evans, Edison realignment and extension, Hanson, Challenger extension, etc.)
3. Considered public comment
4. Developed our preliminary recommendations
5. Reviewed 2007 Master Plan recommendations
6. Draft recommendations discussed with City and reviewed by MPO

Multiple facilities considered for some roadways. The master plan identifies one possible option. More detailed feasibility study will be proposed to identify appropriate facility (Edison, McGregor, Carrell etc.)

Three (3) areawide feasibility studies are proposed (Downtown, Gardner’s Park and Railroad Crossing)

### **Bicycle Boulevard Samples**

- On-Street Parking and Sharrows
- On-Street Parking, Striped Buffer and Sharrows
- Advisory Bike Lane and On-Street Parking
- Advisory Bicycle Lane
- Yield Street and On-Street Parking
- Speed Humps, On-Street Parking and Sharrows
- Traffic Calming, On-Street Parking and Sharrows

### **How Can I Learn More?**

Visit the project website at: <http://cfmbikepedmasterplan.com>

### **Discussion**

#### **Sun Trail –**

- Connectivity into Downtown is an important consideration with the Sun Trail
  - Replacement of facilities along Caloosahatchee bridge – consideration of bicycle only bridge and vehicle traffic only bridge or an entirely new bridge for both
  - Planned shared use path

#### **Signals –**

- Pedestrian Signals and Crosswalk Signals
  - Automatic crosswalk signals should be considered
  - Inventory should be made for automatic crosswalk versus push button crosswalk signals
- Timing for Signals – Why is the policy the way it is?

#### **State Roads –**

- Suggestion for State Roadways – Buffered bike lanes and shared use paths on both sides
- Have protected intersections been considered?
- Having specific design criteria provided in written form is helpful to FDOT to consider the wishes of the City

#### **Toolbox -**

- Projects should go before a Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee in order to be granted approval
- Further evaluation needed for specific roadways, even though one specific facility is designated on the map

#### **Specific Areas -**

- Hendry Street – Bike Promenade –
  - This has not been presented to the City Council or City Manager, is not in the CIP. It is not a City project
  - LeeTran is asking for the City to give consideration to two new bus berths in this area on Hendry Street when considering a bike promenade
  - A connective promenade between Downtown and Midtown is something the PAC would like to see
- Trail near Fort Myers Country Club
  - Connects Hill, Golf View and Carrell – on the west side of Cleveland
    - Currently an unpaved trail
  - Connects North and South neighborhoods bordering 41
    - Proposed only south connection
- Hanson Street
  - Sidewalk and bike lane connectivity is important here. There is not connectivity here
- Edison Avenue
  - Existing Sidewalks - Illegal Parking presents an issue here
  - Detailed study needs to be conducted
- Billy Creek
  - Trail along Billy Creek
- Fowler Street/Evans Avenue
  - The idea is to get bicyclists on Evans instead of Fowler and providing sidewalks on Fowler and a two-way cycle track on Evans

#### **Protected Intersections –**

- A closer look will be taken here

#### **Additional Studies -**

- Downtown Feasibility Study
- Gardner’s Park Feasibility Study
- Railroad Crossing Feasibility Study
- The PAC would agree that additional feasibility studies would be helpful

#### **Next Steps**

- Changes will be made to the plan based on the conversations today
- Finalize the report – short term and long-term projects