

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE-REGULAR MEETING

CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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AGENDA

3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 16, 2010

Cultural Center of Charlotte County

2280 Aaron St.

Port Charlotte, Florida

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comments on Agenda Items**
- 3. Chair's Report**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: June 17, 2010 Regular Meeting**
- 5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Enhancement Project Priorities**
- 6. FDOT Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator Report**
- 7. Charlotte County Report**
- 8. Citizen Input**
- 9. Staff Comments**
- 10. Member Comments**
- 11. Adjournment** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BPAC is November 18, 2010

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2010
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AGENDA ITEM # 4
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 17, 2010 REGULAR MEETING

Purpose: To review and approve the Minutes of the previous BPAC meeting

Agenda Item Presented by: K. Stephen Carter, BPAC Chair

Discussion: To be determined.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Minutes of the BPAC June 17, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Attachment: Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on June 17, 2010 at Cultural Center of Charlotte County 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte, Florida

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AGENDA ITEM #5
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) ENHANCEMENT
PROJECT PRIORITIES

Purpose: To inform the Committee on the Bicycle/Pedestrian project priorities for the upcoming Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) cycle

Agenda Item Presented by: Gary Harrell, MPO Staff

Discussion:

At their August 9, 2010 Meeting, the MPO Board approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project priorities for inclusion in the new fifth year of the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 cycle. The adopted priorities are listed below which include local and regional Surface Transportation Enhancement (SE) project priorities.

FDOT provided guidance through the FDOT-District One Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) Policies. The new TEP policy is an effort to fund local and regionally significant trails. A Local TEP Project Priority List was established by the MPO for local projects which essentially follows the previous FDOT District One SE policy but provides for increased funding limits for projects in each fiscal year. Last year's local TEP, the City of Punta Gorda's US 41 Multi-use trail was approved by FDOT. At the last MPO Board Meeting the City asked to modify the limits of the US 41 Multi-use Recreational Trail project to extend the southern limits to Taylor Road. With completion of this project the US 41 Multi-use Recreational Trail would extend from Taylor Road to Airport Road.

A Regional TEP Project Priority List for regionally significant trails is required to receive regional enhancement funds. Each "Regional Entity" (i.e. Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and Sarasota/Manatee MPO) must submit a ranked order list of regional trail priorities to FDOT to be considered for funding in FY 2015/2016. The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda and the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Boards adopted their respective regional lists and established TRIP/TEP Subcommittees that met on September 7, 2010 to establish a Joint Regional TEP list. The TEP results of the meeting are that the Number One, Three, Five and Six Project Priorities went to the Sarasota/Manatee MPO. The Number Two, Four and Seven Project Priorities went to the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO.

Other projects that were prioritized included: highway projects and Congestion Management/Transportation System Management (CM/TSM) projects. These projects may also include bicycle/pedestrian facilities that support BPAC review.

HIGHWAY PROJECTS

- Transportation System Management Box, \$600,000, Fiscal Year 2015/2016

1. *US 41: (Enterprise Dr./Paulson Dr. to Cornelius Blvd./Cranberry Blvd.), 6 lanes, ROW/ Construction. Note: Retain the Construction funding in the year it is programmed for Enterprise Dr./Paulson Dr. to Flamingo Blvd. (*Adding a ROW phase for the Enterprise Dr. to Flamingo Blvd. segment rather than through the provision of retention ponds in the Murdock Village Development is being considered by the BCC and the results may affect the prioritization of this project. Of note, there is \$490,000 federally earmarked to this project that has not been obligated to date. For more information on the Federal Earmark see the note on CM/TSM project #5 below.*)

2. *US 41 Intersection Improvements: (North of Peace River Bridge to SR 776), PE/ROW/Construction The current TIP has \$2.65 Million already programmed in FY 2013/2014 for PE, which is to be applied to Project “a” below:

- a. US 41 at Harbor View Road/Edgewater Dr.: Extend US 41 NB and SB left turn lanes. Harbor View Rd.: Add exclusive WB right turn lane and modify the WB approach to be an exclusive left turn, two throughs and a right turn. Added improvements: add a sidewalk and pedestrian crosswalk on US 41 Southside of intersection to include signal modifications, pedestrian signals and mast arms, **ROW/Construction**

The following are the priorities as funds are available for Intersection Improvements as identified in the County Priorities from the *FDOT Project Traffic Report for US 41, by CH2M Hill, June 2009*, as amended by Charlotte County Public Works:

- b. Cochran Blvd (CM/TSM Project Priority #2)
- c. Harbor Blvd. (CM/TSM Project Priority #3)
- d. Tarpon Blvd.
- e. Kings Highway/Parmely St.
- f. Conway Blvd.
- g. Hancock Blvd.
- h. Olean Blvd.
- i. Gardner Dr.
- j. Port Charlotte Blvd.
- k. Easy Street
- l. Forrest Nelson Blvd./Crestview Circle
- m. Carousel Plaza

3. *US 41 at Carmalita St. Extension: (Making Carmalita St. two way through the US 41 NB and SB lanes), add traffic signals (mast arms) at both US 41 intersections; extend multi-use trail from Linear Park (US 41 at W. Helen Ave.) along US 41 SB to Carmalita Street and along Carmalita Street to Taylor Street, estimated cost \$1.7 Million, **PE/Construction (TRIP Regional Project #3)**

4. *US 41 Sidewalks: (Morningside Drive to Sarasota County), 8 foot sidewalk, PE/Construction (*Completion of the 8 foot US 41 Mega sidewalk on the West side of US 41 should be the first priority*)

- a. US 41 West side: (Midway Blvd. to Enterprise Dr./Paulson Dr.), 8 foot sidewalk, PE/ Construction

5. *SR 776: (CR 775 (Pine St.) to Spinnaker Blvd.), 6 lanes, **PD&E**
6. *SR776 Street Lighting: (Riverwood Dr. to Collingswood Blvd.), **Construction** (CST was deleted to fund the US 41 Enterprise Dr. to Sumter Blvd PD&E)
7. *US 17 NB: (Olympia Ave.), Traffic Signal Mast Arm Upgrades to meet current standards at: US 41 SB, Taylor Street, US 41 NB, Nesbit Street and Cooper Street, estimated cost (TBD), **PE/Construction**
8. *US 41 Decorative Finish Street Lighting: (Aqui Esta Drive to Airport Road), estimated cost \$500,000, **Construction** (Complete current lighting gap on US 41)
9. *US 41 Bridge Approach Decorative Finish Street Lighting: (US 41 NB, from E. Retta Esplanade to Peace River Bridge and US 41 SB, from W. Retta Esplanade to Peace River Bridge), estimated cost \$100,000, **Construction**
10. Citywide Generators/Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for Traffic Signals: (a total of 18 signals throughout the City of Punta Gorda), estimated cost \$450,000, **PE/Construction**
11. Airport Road Complete Street Improvements: (US 41 to Cooper St), provide sidewalks, bicycle facilities, lighting and landscaping for approximately 2,500 feet, estimated cost TBD, **PE/Construction**
12. Virginia Avenue Complete Street Improvements: (Harvey Street to Nesbit Street), add turn lanes at US 41 NB and US 41 SB intersections; provide sidewalks, bicycle facilities, lighting and landscaping for approximately 1,700 feet, estimated cost \$7,000,000, **PE/Construction**
13. *US 17 (E. Marion Ave) Complete Street Improvements: (Cooper St to US 41 NB and US 17 (E. Olympia Ave) Cooper St to US 41 NB), Landscape and hardscape improvements to include bricking, lighting, and intersection treatments with crosswalks, estimated cost \$1,750,000, **PE/Construction**
14. Shreve Street Complete Street Improvements: (Airport Road/Pompano Terrace to W. Virginia Ave/Linear Park), provide sidewalks, bicycle facilities, lighting and landscaping for approximately 5,000 feet, estimated cost TBD, **PE/Construction**
15. Cooper St. Complete Street Improvements: (Airport Road to E. Marion Ave. (US 17 SB)), provide sidewalks, bicycle facilities, lighting and landscaping for approximately 9,700 feet, estimated cost TBD, **PE/Construction**
16. *US 41 Complete Street Improvements: (Airport Road to Carmalita St), Design and install concrete pavers in utility strips with tree wells for existing palms, decorative lighting, ADA improvements and decorative crosswalks where appropriate for approximately 4,600 feet, estimated cost TBD, **PE/Construction**

Transportation System Management (CM/TSM) Box Projects

1. *US 41 at Cochran Blvd.: Intersection Improvements as identified in the County Priorities from the FDOT Project Traffic Report for US 41, by CH2M Hill, June

- 2009, as amended by Charlotte County Public Works. Add second SB left turn lane; Cochran Blvd.: Add second EB left turn and exclusive right turn lane. Modify the EB approach to dual left turn lanes, two thru, a right turn lane and mast arms
2. *US 41 at Harbor Blvd. Intersection Improvements as identified in the County Priorities from the FDOT Project Traffic Report for US 41, by CH2M Hill, June 2009, as amended by Charlotte County Public Works. Extend NB turn lane, reconstruct NB left and SB left turn lanes and SB right turn lane. Add second WB left turn and modify approach configuration to dual left turns, one thru, and right turn
 3. *US 41 at Rio Villa Dr. Intersection Improvements: Add Southbound deceleration lane; (estimate \$200,000); **PE/Construction**
 4. *US 41 at Cornelius/Cranberry Blvd. Intersection Improvements: Move signal and add turn lanes on Cranberry Blvd.; (estimate \$1,790,428 total cost; \$490,000 Federal Earmark has been applied to the Design of the project, with excess funds applied toward Construction. Remaining amount to be funded is \$1,300,428); **Construction** (*Note: This project was originally planned to be partially funded by Federal Earmark funds and contributions from a developer and the City of North Port. However, the contribution portions are not currently available.*)

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TEP) LOCAL PROJECTS

1. *US 41 Gateway – Gateway Harbor Walk (Boardwalk Phase: 11,440 square feet of raised boardwalk from west side of FDOT ROW to east side and retaining wall), estimated cost \$590,500. This project can be combined with TEP Regional Project Number 2 for a total estimated cost of \$1,504,577 (includes \$200,000 local funds) **Construction – County Project**
2. Linear Park Phase II 10 foot wide meandering trail (Old Railroad ROW from Shreve St. to Cross St. (US 41 SB) (approximately 3,000 feet)) including four prefabricated pedestrian bridges, drinking fountains, shelters, exercise stations, lighting, crosswalks and signage, estimated cost \$2.8 Million **Construction – City Project**
3. Charlotte Harbor CRA Trails and Way finding Project (Phase I) (Sibley Bay from Bayshore Road to US 41 (approximately 2100 feet) and Bayshore Road from Edgewater Dr. to US 41 (approximately 1040 feet)) estimated cost \$479,641 **Construction – County Project**
4. Linear Park Phase III, 10 foot wide meandering trail (Old Railroad ROW from W. Olympia Ave. to Shreve St. (approximately 2,000 feet)), including four prefabricated pedestrian bridges, drinking fountains, shelters, exercise stations, lighting, crosswalks and signage, estimated cost \$1 Million **Construction – City Project**
5. Rampart Blvd. Sidewalk: (Luther Rd. to Rio De Janeiro Ave.)-Phase I, estimated cost \$550,000 **PE/Construction – County Project**

6. Harborwalk Phase I, Gilchrist Park walkway (W. Retta Esplanade from Harvey St. to Berry St. (approximately 2,200 feet)) including a waterfront pedestrian promenade with seating wall, lighting, and interpretive signage, and improvements to W. Retta Esplanade lighting, on-street parking decorative intersection treatments and crosswalks, estimated cost \$3 Million **Construction – City Project**
7. Harborwalk Phase II, Gilchrist Park walkway (W. Retta Esplanade from Berry St. to Maud St. (approximately 1,500 feet)) including a waterfront pedestrian promenade with seating wall, lighting, and interpretive signage, and improvements to W. Retta Esplanade lighting, on-street parking decorative intersection treatments and crosswalks, estimated cost \$1 Million **Construction – City Project**

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TEP) REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. Harborwalk at Gilchrist Park walkway, (Cross St. (US 41 SB) to Maud St. (Fisherman’s Village), estimated cost \$4,000,000 **Construction – City Project (TEP Regional Project #2. recommending \$300,000 from Enhancement funds)**
2. Gateway Harborwalk Phase II (FDOT right-of-way at the base of the north-bound US 41 Peace River Bridge) completing the mail elements for the Harborwalk including pedestrian connection, piers and roof structure to the piers, estimated cost \$914,577 (includes \$200,000 local funds) **Construction – County Project (TEP Regional Project #4. recommending \$250,000 from Enhancement funds)**
3. **US 41 Sidewalks: (Morningside Drive to Sarasota County), 8 foot sidewalk, PE/Construction (Completion of the US 41 Mega sidewalk on the West side of US 41 should be the first priority. See Enclosure for additional priorities)*
 - a. US 41 West side (Midway Blvd. to Enterprise Dr./Paulson Dr.), 8 foot sidewalk, PE/Construction – County Project (TEP Regional Project #7. recommending \$250,000 from Enhancement funds)

Recommendation: None.

Attachments: None.

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AGENDA ITEM # 6
FDOT BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR REPORT

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the FDOT Bicycle-Pedestrian (BPAC) Coordinator to report on FDOT Department projects and concerns that are pertinent to bicycle and pedestrian issues in Charlotte County

Agenda Item Presented by: Sarita Taylor, FDOT District One Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator

Discussion:

Sarita Taylor, FDOT District One Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator, will brief the Committee on:

- Walking School Bus Coordinators
- Safe Routes to School applications

Recommendation: None.

Attachment: None.

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AGENDA ITEM # 7
CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPORT

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the Committee to review the Draft Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan. The Plan will serve as the basis of the Draft Charlotte County Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan

Agenda Item Presented by: Venkat Vattikuti, Charlotte County Growth Management

Discussion:

The MPO Staff, County and City agencies along with Tindale-Oliver & Associates (TOA) have developed a 2035 LRTP Needs Plan. The Plan was based on public meetings and the Project Steering Committee meetings. The 2035 LRTP Needs Plan was endorsed by the MPO Board at the August 9, 2010 Regular meeting. Since then TOA has held a Congestion Management Workshop and the final Consensus Building Workshop consisting of project stakeholders as well as Technical and Citizen Advisory members. The result is a draft LRTP Cost Feasible Plan. This Plan will serve as the basis of the Charlotte County Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan that is being developed by Charlotte County Growth Management.

Recommendation: Review and discuss the Draft Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO LRTP Cost Feasible Plan. Motion to recommend the MPO Board approve the Bicycle/Pedestrian LRTP Cost Feasible Plan as part of the 2035 LRTP Update.

Attachments:

1. 2035 Cost Feasible Tier 1 Bicycle Facilities
2. 2035 Cost Feasible Pedestrian Facilities