

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

Tel: (941) 883-3535

AGENDA

3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 16, 2016

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: March 17, 2016 Meeting**
- 5. MPO Report**
- 6. Charlotte County Report**
- 7. City of Punta Gorda Report**
- 8. FDOT Report**
- 9. Staff Comments**
- 10. Member Comments**
- 11. Citizen Comments**
- 12. Adjournment**

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AGENDA ITEM # 1
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Purpose: To provide for the Chair to call the meeting to order, and to record the presence of a quorum through a verbal or sign-in roll call conducted by Staff.

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

Discussion: None.

Recommendation: None.

Attachments: None

AGENDA ITEM # 2
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Purpose: To receive and record citizen comments relating to published meeting agenda items.

Agenda Item Presented by: BPAC Chair

Discussion: To be determined.

Recommendation: None.

Attachments: None

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AGENDA ITEM # 3
CHAIR'S REPORT

Purpose: To provide the BPAC Chair the opportunity to report on issues of interest to the BPAC.

Agenda Item Presented by: BPAC Chair

Discussion: To be determined.

Recommendation: None.

Attachments: None.

AGENDA ITEM # 4
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 17, 2016 MEETING

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

Agenda Item Presented by: BPAC Chair

Discussion: To be determined.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2016 BPAC Meeting.

Attachment: Minutes of a BPAC Meeting held on March 17, 2016 at Cultural Center of Charlotte County 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte, Florida

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AGENDA ITEM #5
MPO REPORT

Purpose: To review the progress on the MPO's

Agenda Item Presented by: MPO Staff Gary Harrell

Discussion:

Hazardous Walking Conditions-Florida Legislature has required State School systems to identify hazardous walking and bicycling areas for students walking or bicycling to school. The statute also requires the School Boards to work with the local government to correct the hazardous conditions. Charlotte County Public Schools and Charlotte County Public Works have been working together and have identified the hazardous areas. The next step is to identify resources to correct the hazardous areas. CCPS and County Staff are now working together to identify resources to program the fixes, including MSBUs and Safe Routes to Schools.

Charlotte County Trails Master Plan-Charlotte County Community Services plans to partner with the MPO to hire a consultant to develop the Charlotte County Bicycle-Pedestrian Trails Master Plan as part of its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The MPO has approved three General Consultants to work with the MPO. MPO Staff and Charlotte County Community Services Staff are coordinating the proposal to use one of the MPO Consultants with Sales Tax funding already identified for the Master Plan.

Recommendation: Discussion

Attachments:

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AGENDA ITEM #6
CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPORT

Agenda Item Presented by: Charlotte County Community Development and Charlotte County Economic Development

Discussion:

The Florida Greenways and Trails SUN Trail Network initiative is requesting applications for projects on the SUN Trail system. Charlotte County has identified the US 41 Gateway Project Phase II which is currently underfunded. The SUN Trail portion would be the raised walkway connection under both US 41 bridges. Charlotte County Economic Development has completed the application and will submit it to FDOT for possible funding. Support from the local community is important to the success of the application. Staff recommends the Committee send a letter to the Florida Greenways and Trails SUN Trail Network expressing support for the continuation of this important project.

The Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan was amended to reflect an initiative for a recreational trail that will cross the Babcock Webb Wildlife Management Area on Tuckers grade from I-75 to SR 31 and eventually connect to the Babcock Ranch Trail system. The MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan will also need to be amended to reflect the initiative and be in concurrence with the CC Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendation: Motion to approve a letter of support from the BPAC to the Office of Greenways and Trails for the US 41 Gateway Project Phase II Project Application

Attachments: Draft Letter for BPAC Chair signature

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AGENDA ITEM # 7
CITY OF PUNTA GORDA REPORT

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the City of Punta Gorda Urban Design Group to update the Committee on Bicycle-Pedestrian Projects in the City

Agenda Item Presented by: Mitchell Austin, City of Punta Gorda

Discussion:

Mitchell Austin, City of Punta Gorda Urban Design Group will update the Committee on the results of Team Punta Gorda's Bicycle Workshop held on June 9, 2016. The goal of the workshop was to review in depth the bicycle infrastructure proposal that was submitted by City staff in March. The workshop was open to the public and featured round-table breakout sessions designed to encourage in-depth discussion of the proposed routes.

Recommendation: Discussion

AGENDA ITEM # 8
FDOT REPORT

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to update the Committee on Bicycle-Pedestrian Projects and Policy in District One

Agenda Item Presented by: FDOT Liaison to the MPO

Discussion:

AGENDA ITEM # 9
STAFF COMMENTS

Purpose: To provide an opportunity to the MPO Staff to report on matters that are pertinent to BPAC issues.

Agenda Item Presented by: MPO Staff, Gary Harrell

Discussion:

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AGENDA ITEM # 10
MEMBER COMMENTS

Purpose: To provide an opportunity to the BPAC Members to comment on matters that are pertinent to BPAC issues, and to request future discussion items to be added to the BPAC Agenda.

Agenda Item Presented by: BPAC Members

Discussion: Future Agenda Items should be approved (motion) for discussion by a majority of Committee members.

Recommendation: None.

Attachments: None.

AGENDA ITEM # 11
CITIZEN COMMENTS

Agenda Item Presented by: BPAC Chair

Discussion: To be determined.

Recommendation: None.

Attachments: None.

AGENDA ITEM # 12
ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF BPAC IS SCHEDULED
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016