

**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

Tel: (941) 883-3535

**AGENDA**

**3:00 p.m., Thursday, November 30, 2017**

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: October 19, 2017 Meeting**
- 5. Charlotte County Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan Update**
- 6. FY 2023/2024 Shared-Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trails Network Priorities**
- 7. FDOT Safety Measure Targets**
- 8. FDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordination Report**
- 9. Charlotte County Report**
- 10. City of Punta Gorda Report**
- 11. Citizen Input**
- 12. Staff Comments**
- 13. Member Comments**
- 14. Adjournment** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BPAC is  
March 1, 2018

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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 through a verbal or sign-in roll call

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

**Discussion:** To be determined

**Recommendation:** None

**Attachments:** None

**AGENDA ITEM # 2**  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Purpose:** To receive and record citizen comments in attendance at the meeting

**Agenda Item Presented by:** BPAC Chair

**Discussion:** To be determined

**Recommendation:** None

**Attachments:** None

**AGENDA ITEM # 3**  
**CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

**Agenda Item Presented by:** BPAC Chair

**Discussion:** To be determined

**Recommendation:** None

**Attachments:** None

**AGENDA ITEM # 4**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 19, 2017 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 October 19, 2017 BPAC Meeting.

**Attachment:** Minutes of a BPAC Meeting held on October 19, 2017 at Cultural Center of Charlotte County 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte, Florida

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

**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2017 AT THE  
CULTURAL CENTER OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, PRESIDENTS ROOM, 2280 AARON STREET,  
PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

K. Stephen Carter (Chair) Historical/Cultural/  
Environmental Representative  
Court Nederveld, South County Representative  
Robert Logan, Mid-County Representative  
Richard Stark, West County Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Emily Chidester, Bicycle Club Representative  
Karen Freeman, Bicycle Business  
Representative  
Peter Dowling, West County Representative  
David L. Allen, Mid-County Representative

**ADVISORY AND OTHERS PRESENT**

David Agacinski, FDOT  
D’Juan Harris, FDOT  
Mitchell Austin, City of Punta Gorda  
Ravi Kamarajugadda, CC Public Works  
Mike Koenig, CC Community Services  
Rick Braun, Citizen  
Gary Harrell, CC-PG MPO  
Gene Klara, CC-PG MPO

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

K. Stephen Carter, BPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Roll Call was taken using a sign-in sheet.

**2. Public Comments of Agenda Items**

There was no public comment on Agenda Items

**3. Chair’s Report**

There was no Chair’s Report for this meeting

**4. Approval of Minutes: June 15, 2017 Meeting**

Chair Carter asked the Committee to review and approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2017 Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

*A Motion was made by Robert Logan to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting. Richard Stark seconded the Motion, and it was approved unanimously.*

## **5. FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program FY 2018/2019- FY 2022/2013**

**D’Juan Harris, FDOT** handed out and reviewed FDOT’s Draft Tentative 5-Year Work Program for fiscal years 2018/2019-2022/2023. He noted that FDOT annually prepares the Draft Tentative Work Program, and stated that the Plan encompasses 5-years beginning on July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. He stated that the Draft Tentative Work Program will form the basis for the MPO’s next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be adopted and submitted to FDOT not later than July 15, 2018 and FDOT’s Adopted Work Program, which will be adopted on July 1, 2018. He noted that for Federal funding to flow to the state and local governments, the TIP and FDOT’s Work Program must be consistent.

Mr. Harris noted that overall the Plan does not add any major construction projects for the 2019-2023 period. He noted however that the Plan does include several resurfacing projects including SR 776 from Pinedale Drive to the Myakka River; SR 45 (Tamiami Trail) from Taylor Street to the Peace River Bridge and SR 36 (US 17) from Washington Loop Road to the DeSoto County Line. Mr. Harris pointed out that these resurfacing projects include the construction of sidewalks/bicycle lanes as part of the overall resurfacing effort.

Mr. Harris noted that planning and design is underway for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of SR 31 and CR 74 (Bermont Road). Members inquired as to the number of lanes the proposed roundabout would include, noting that a single lane roundabout has been shown to reduce vehicle speed more than the double lane variety. It was noted by Gary Harrell that the MPO’s 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) calls for the 4-laning of these roadways. Discussion on roundabout designs continued with Bob Logan noting that many large soil hauling and 18-wheel trucks use these roadways and that the proposed roundabout design’s major goal would be to slow these vehicles as they approach and then enter the roundabout. Court Nederveld noted that extensive signage including flashing lights to warning motorists to be mindful that cyclists may be using the roundabout lanes should be included as a part of the overall roundabout design.

Mr. Harris noted all these suggestions and stated they would be forwarded to the appropriate roundabout design group at FDOT.

## **6. FDOT Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator Report**

David Agacinski, FDOT, stated that the Open Application Process for inclusion in the Sun Trails Project began on October 5 and will continue to December 15, 2017. He noted that the applications are received directly by him and encouraged attendees to suggest locations for project development along the current Sun Trails network. Mr. Agacinski also noted that the Florida Greenways and Trails System will be holding a revised series of Opportunity and Priority Map Update Workshops (revisions due to Hurricane Irma), noting that on October 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. a local workshop is scheduled at the Morgan Family Community Center on West Price Blvd in North Port, Florida.

Gary Harrell inquired as to where one would find the electronic links or information on the Greenways and Trails maps. Mr. Agacinski noted they may be found on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection website and stated he would send the electronically to Mr. Harrell who would then send them to all BPAC members.

Mr. Agacinski also stated that a workshop to solicit comments for design standards to be included in FDOT's Complete Streets Design manual will be held on November 6, 2017 at FDOT's District Office in Bartow, Florida.

### **7. Charlotte County Report**

Mike Koenig noted that the Community Services Department (Parks and Recreation Division) received accreditation from the Council of the National Association of Parks and Recreation at their Conference held in New Orleans in September. He noted that the Department met a total of 130 standards required to meet accreditation guidelines and that this designation is in effect for a five-year timeframe.

### **8. City of Punta Gorda Report**

Mitchell Austin reported that the City of Punta Gorda is nearing a decision is selecting a consultant to prepare a Transportation and Buildout study. The study would focus on the City's roadway classification network and would be based on FDOT's Complete Streets Context Classifications.

Mr. Austin noted that the North Alligator Creek Bridge project is continuing and is at 90% Design. A concept photo of the overall rendering of the span was included in the agenda packet, clearly shows the paved and elevated bicycle/pedestrian path with motor vehicle lanes located "below" this pathway.

Mr. Austin also noted that the Harborwalk at Gilchrist is on schedule to be completed in late 2017 and is now approximately 80% complete.

### **9. Citizen Input**

Rick Braun provided information that continue to indicate Florida's high crash and fatality rate for incidents involving pedestrian and bicycles. He noted that several these crashes and injuries occur during the hours of darkness. He asked attendees to consider if another BPAC member be considered for inclusion on the Committee to represent those riders who may have first-hand experience as a "night-rider" and the issues they experience including nighttime visibility and safety equipment.

Mr. Braun also related to attendees the difficulty he continues to experience in his attempts to obtain the maps and engineering drawings and plans from local and state agencies. He noted that many times opportunities to comment and offer ideas on design and project construction details are lacking and that attempts to locate the appropriate planning agency or construction firm to provide input are difficult to ascertain. Ravi Kamarajugadda discussed a few avenues of inquiry and information Mr. Braun might be able to use in identifying citizen input opportunities on project design and pre-construction planning. Of note was the suggestion to contact the construction firm that was awarded the construction contract and offer suggestions.

### **10. Staff Comments**

MPO Staff provided an update of progress and overall timetable for the now underway Charlotte County Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. Mr. Harrell stated that on August 24, 2017 a "Kickoff Meeting" was

held to begin development of the Charlotte County Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. The Plan will be prepared by Jacobs Engineering of Tampa Florida and Alta Planning and Design (subcontractor to Jacobs). Representatives of the MPO, City of Punta Gorda, Charlotte County Department of Parks and Recreation were in attendance. A review of the scope, schedule, tasks and public participation efforts were discussed and clarified. The Plan is anticipated to take approximately one year to complete and will inventory, identify, and synthesize various trails, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities relating to safety, connectivity, health and education. The Plan will attempt to define overall program goals and objectives within an overall policy context, identifying key challenges, needs, and opportunities for the development of an effective countywide system. Mr. Harrell noted that he along with staff from Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda attended a field review using a drone owned by the consultant (Jacobs's Engineering). He looked forward to the benefits this technology could provide for the Master Plan.

Mr. Harrell noted that two possible Sun Trails projects have been identified. The first being the area along the Charlotte County-Sarasota County line along the Myakka State Forest, with the second project identifying the need for sidewalks on both sides of US 41. He noted the goal is to emphasize trails that travel through natural habitats and forests and have a scenic aspect to them.

Gene Klara discussed the current trends and growth of riders using electric bicycles (e-bikes) nationwide and within Florida. He noted that Federal Legislation enacted in 2001 defines e-bikes as ones that are propelled using both human and electric power. He noted that the law states that e-bikes cannot exceed a speed of 20 miles-per-hour (20 MPH) and have an electric motor that exceeds 750 watts of electric power. He noted that electric bikes are allowed on all Florida roads, bike paths and trails, and are not subject to registration or required to have liability insurance. He noted that 90% of e-bike sales are to people over the age of 50 with many of those sales to people over the age of 65. He noted that with Charlotte County having a large senior population e-bike use will continue to grow, as electric assist bikes make biking accessible to a larger demographic.

#### **11. Member Comments**

Member comments were offered throughout the meeting with no additional commentary provided by members for this item.

#### **12. Adjournment**

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

**(Next Meeting November 30, 2017)**

**AGENDA ITEM #5**  
**CHARLOTTE COUNTY REGIONAL BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN MASTER**  
**PLAN UPDATE**

**Purpose:** To update members on the current effort and progress to date

**Agenda Item Presented by:** MPO Staff

**Discussion:** On August 24, 2017 a “Kickoff Meeting” was held to begin development of the Charlotte County Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. The Plan will be prepared by Jacobs Engineering of Tampa Florida and Alta Planning and Design (subcontractor to Jacobs). Representatives of the MPO, City of Punta Gorda, Charlotte County Department of Parks and Recreation were in attendance. The Plan is anticipated to take approximately one year to complete and will inventory, identify, and synthesize various trails, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities relating to safety, connectivity, health and education. The Plan will attempt to define overall program goals and objectives within an overall policy context, identifying key challenges, needs, and opportunities for the development of an effective countywide system.

Tasks currently underway include a review of existing facilities condition; identification of needs, identification of potential available funding sources, continuing efforts to review policies and plans that support Plan goals and the development of an interactive map allowing residents and visitors to comment, identify concerns, and share their ideas for incorporation into the Plan.

On November 14, 2017 staff of the MPO, Charlotte County Parks and Recreation and the City of Punta Gorda met for a task management meeting with Jacobs Engineering. Discussion centered on the identification of roadways and trails that increase bicycle and pedestrian connectivity with existing and future parks, schools and neighborhoods. Jacobs will in the coming weeks continue to update and map existing conditions, target overall plans and policies, collate content for the Plans webpage including a Wikimap site to solicit public comments and finalize their PowerPoint presentation for the MPO Board meeting scheduled for December 18, 2017.

**Recommendation:** None-For informational purposes

**Attachment:** 1. Jacob’s Engineering Group Progress Summary of the Charlotte County Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan

## Progress Summary

November 1, 2017

### Summary of Effort

The Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan is underway. Charlotte County's 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan identifies the need to develop a countywide greenways and trails master plan that utilizes existing opportunities associated with state and county roadways, public utility corridors, and state lands. In addition, the Smart Charlotte 2050 Comprehensive Plan identifies the need to transform the County's automobile-oriented transportation system to a fully-integrated multimodal system. Recognizing the value of safe, accessible, and integrated bicycle and pedestrian facilities, this task will move forward to develop the County's first Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.

The goal of this effort is to develop an inventory of needed bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Charlotte County, including safety and operational improvements at major intersections that will help guide implementation of those facilities. This system plan will provide an inventory and synthesis of various trails and bicycle and pedestrian facilities relating to safety, connectivity, health, and education. The plan will also define program goals and objectives within an overall policy context, identifying key challenges, needs, and opportunities for the efficient development of an effective countywide system.

Jacobs and Alta Planning + Design are providing planning, public outreach, and conceptual engineering services to identify needed facilities throughout Charlotte County. This analysis will identify proposed facilities to address gaps in the system, new facilities needed to provide access between neighborhoods and area attractions, and facilities to enhance the safety and use of the existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. This plan will form the basis of future efforts in promoting walking, cycling, and alternative modes of transportation in Charlotte County.

The management team is providing direction to the consultant throughout the effort and is comprised of the MPO (Gary Harrell and Laks Gurram), Charlotte County (Mike Koenig and Tommy Scott), and City of Punta Gorda (Mitchell Austin). Comprehensive presentations will be provided to the MPO Board and its committees beginning in December 2017.

### Tasks Underway

- **Existing conditions review** – The team is conducting a desktop review through data available as well as field review to identify existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, potential challenges, growth patterns, seasonal population, and tourism trends; community amenities, such as parks, preservation areas, schools, and other destinations; areas of roadway congestion; and locations with safety concerns. The field review was conducted in September and included using a drone to capture images and videos at locations around the county.
- **Plans, policies, and studies review** – The team is reviewing plans, policies, and studies for their relevance to the Master Plan. This includes reviewing recommended projects and existing policies that may affect implementation.
- **Gaps analysis and identification of needs** – The team is beginning to identify gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network. Existing facility suitability will use roadway speed and number of travel lanes as measures to identify the level of separation from a roadway bicycle and pedestrian facilities need. The analysis will be used to identify gaps between existing facilities as well as facilities that are substandard because of the roadway context.
- **Funding review** – The team is documenting current available funding sources for bicycle, pedestrian, and multi-use trail strategies, including local, state, federal, and private sources.
- **Programs and policies review** – The team is reviewing potential programs and policies to support the vision and goals of this plan, while considering the capacity of the MPO and partner agencies to serve either a leading or supporting role in implementing those programs, as well as high level costs to administer them.
- **Public engagement** – The team is developing an interactive map that will allow residents and visitors identify concerns, ideas, and projects around the county. The map will go live in late November/early December 2017.

**AGENDA ITEM # 6**  
**FY 2023/2024 SHARED - USE NON-MOTORIZED (SUN) TRAILS NETWORK**  
**PRIORITIES**

**Purpose:** To brief and seek recommendation from the Committee members to add projects to the SUN Trail network and recommend FDOT fund a Feasibility Study

**Agenda Item Presented by:** MPO Staff

**Discussion:**

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is soliciting on behalf of the Office of Greenways and Trails System (OGT) new potential projects for funding the SUN Trail program for inclusion in the Tentative Five Year Work Program development cycle (Attachment 1). Projects programmed for this cycle will be funded as early as FY 2023/2024. The deadline for submission of these applications is December 15, 2017. Projects must be on the MPO's Project Priority list (Attachment 3).

The MPO Staff and Jacobs Engineering Inc, upon reviewing the existing network (Attachment 2) identified several candidate projects that are eligible for funding. These projects are listed below.

1. Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Corridor – On SR 776 from Myakka State Forest to Murdock Circle (Not currently adopted for the MPO's Project Priority list)
2. Charlotte County Spine Trail 2 Corridor – On US 41 (East side) from Peace River Bridge to Murdock Circle (Currently partially programmed with RTAP funds)
3. West Coast Trail – Charlotte County Corridor – On CR 775 from Gasparilla Rd to SR 776 (Not on SUN Trail network but part of OGT)

**Recommendation:**

1. Motion to recommend the MPO Board consider adding project 1 to the MPO's Regional Transportation Alternatives (RTAP) Project Priority list
2. Motion to recommend the MPO Board endorse the feasibility study for project 1 for the FY 2023/2024 Tentative Five-Year Work Program SUN Trail program
3. Motion to recommend the MPO Board consider adding project 3 to the SUN Trail network and submit the request to OGT

**Attachments:**

1. FDOT Letter dated October 5, 2017 re: SUN Trail Program
2. Existing Land Trails Opportunity and SUN Trail network map
3. Transportation Alternatives Program (RTAP) Regional Project Priorities



## Florida Department of Transportation

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Mike Dew  
SECRETARY

October 5, 2017

### **RE: Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program Tentative Five Year Work Program development cycle through Fiscal Years 2023/2024**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is soliciting new proposals for funding Regional Trail System and Individual Trail projects through the **Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program** for inclusion in the Tentative Five Year Work Program development cycle. Projects programmed for this cycle will be funded as early as Fiscal Years 2023/2024.

Authorization for the SUN Trail program is under [Section 339.81, Florida Statutes](#). FDOT will consider the following phases of project development including corridor planning, preliminary, and environmental planning; design; acquisition of right-of-way; new construction; or reconstruction of trail surfaces and bridges, and maintenance.

To receive consideration for SUN Trail funding, the [District Trail Coordinator](#) must receive a separate, complete "Request for Funding" for each eligible Regional or Individual Trail project with applicable information, including the prioritization, and required signatures **beginning October 5, 2017 and no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on December 15, 2017.**

Proposals not meeting the Eligibility Criteria, and ineligible projects and phases will not receive funding consideration. New proposals for funding consideration should be submitted if a project was previously deemed ineligible, but now meets the Eligibility Criteria or if FDOT did not receive project information during the 2016 solicitation period.

#### **Projects must satisfy the four Eligibility Criteria listed below:**

1. Documentation that the project will be developed as a paved multi-use trail within the [SUN Trail network](#), which is aligned to the adopted Florida Greenways and Trails System Priority Land Trail Network; at minimum, this will include transmittal of a map illustrating the project limits within the SUN Trail network, the typical section schematic and applicable information provided in the "Request for Funding."
2. Documentation that the project is a priority of the applicable jurisdiction at minimum, this will include transmittal of an adopted prioritization list of projects and applicable information provided in the "Request for Funding". If the project is within a boundary of a [Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization \(MPO\)](#), it must be a MPO priority. Projects outside of an MPO boundary must be identified as a priority of the county (inclusive of their municipalities), tribal government, federal or state agency.
3. Documentation that a non-FDOT governmental entity is formally committed to the operation and maintenance of the project (long-term trail manager), this will include transmittal of applicable "Request for Funding" information; and

[www.fdot.gov](http://www.fdot.gov)

ATTACHMENT 1

4. Documentation that the project is consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan(s), transportation plan(s), or the long-term management plan(s), this will include transmittal of applicable project concurrency information.

**Provide one complete hard copy and one complete electronic copy of the project proposal to your District Trail Coordinator. Each project proposal consists of the following submittal items:**

1. Completed “Request for Funding” (one PDF file)
2. Aerial Location Map depicting the project limits (one PDF file)
3. Typical Section (one PDF file)
4. Prioritization List (one PDF file)
5. Completed Engineer’s Cost Estimate (one Excel file) prepared and signed by a Professional Engineer from the Engineering Office

<b>SUN Trail Program Schedule</b>	
<i>October 2016</i>	<i>Adopted Work Program – SUN Trail funded projects Fiscal Years 2016/2017</i>
<i>July 1, 2017</i>	<i>Adopted Work Program – SUN Trail funded projects through Fiscal Years 2020/2021</i>
Underway	Development of the Preliminary Tentative Five-Year Work Program through Fiscal Years 2022/2023
<b>October 5, 2017 – December 15, 2017</b>	Tentative Five Year Work Program development cycle through Fiscal Years 2023/2024 <b>New Project Solicitation Period</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff available to discuss projects</li> <li>• <b>“Request for Funding” Regional Trail System and Individual Trail projects are due to the District no later than 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, December 15, 2017</b></li> <li>• The “Request for Funding” must include all applicable project information, including required signatures, prioritization and all accompanying materials</li> </ul>
July 1, 2018	Adoption of Work Program – SUN Trail funded projects through Fiscal Years 2022/2023
July 1, 2019	Adoption of Work Program – SUN Trail funded projects through Fiscal Years 2023/2024

If you have any questions, comments or need further clarification, please contact your [District Trail Coordinator](#). For additional guidance and to download the “Request for Funding” visit [FloridaSunTrail.com](http://FloridaSunTrail.com).



**2017 Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO FY 2018/2019 –  
FY 2022/2023 Project Priorities (Partial list)**

Adopted May 1, 2017

*Proposed addition in red letters italicized*

- (\*) Designates Projects on the Regional System
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**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) PROJECTS-  
REGIONAL PROJECTS**

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PE/Construction**
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  - \*\*j. US 41 West side (Burnt Store Road to Aqui Esta Dr.), 8 foot sidewalk, estimated cost TBD, **PE/Construction – County Project for FY 2022/2023**
2. **US 41 Multi-use Recreational Trail (MURT) Bridge (at Alligator Creek): - City Project**
  - \*(Alligator Creek) Design and construct bicycle/pedestrian bridge estimated cost \$1.6 million, Construction for FY 2022/2023
3. *Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Corridor - SR 776 from Myakku State Forest to Murdock Circle - Feasibility Study for SUN Trail alignment*

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Murdock Circle – Feasibility Study for SUN Trail alignment*

**AGENDA ITEM # 7**  
**FDOT SAFETY MEASURES TARGETS**

**Purpose:** Review and discuss FDOT's safety targets for all five national safety measures and to consider recommending the MPO Board adopt those safety targets

**Agenda Item Presented by:** MPO Staff

**Discussion:**

The MPOs are required to adopt Safety Performance Measure Targets by February 27, 2018 to meet new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements. FHWA has established five national Safety Measures which all state Departments of Transportation and MPOs must address. Unlike other performance measures applicable only to the National Highway System (NHS), the safety performance measures apply to all public roads. The safety performance measures are:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

The FDOT safety performance measure targets have been recently released and the information is attached. FDOT has identified "Vision Zero" targets (goal of no fatalities or injuries) for all five of the safety performance measures and in the process Florida has become the only state in the nation to do so. In addition, they have provided interim targets that set a specific number for each of the targets based on the last few years of data.

Each of the MPOs have until February 27, 2018, to accept the FDOT targets, or develop their own targets. Guidance regarding implementation of adopted targets was provided by FHWA to the MPO staff in October.

Additionally, by May 27, 2018, MPOs must include a narrative description of the safety performance target(s) in their TIPs to address the performance targets, and the anticipated effects the projects will have collectively on meeting these targets. Further, the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will also need to include narratives on the performance measures, either by the next major update or when/if the current LRTP gets amended after May of 2018.

**Recommendation:** 1. Motion to recommend the MPO Board adopt FDOT's safety targets for all five national safety measures

**Attachment:** 1. 2017 Florida Highway Safety Improvement Program Safety Performance Targets for Calendar Year 2018

## Safety Performance Targets

### Calendar Year 2018 Targets \*

#### Number of Fatalities: 0.0

#### Describe the basis for established target, including how it supports SHSP goals.

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for total fatalities on Florida's roads is forecast to be between 2,716 and 3,052 in 2018. This forecast was made by combining FARS data with current state data from 2009 to 2016 to predict probable outcomes for 2017 and 2018. Florida's target for fatalities is zero in 2018. While the data forecast indicates Florida's five year rolling average for fatalities could continue to trend upward in 2017 and 2018, the FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will mitigate the data forecast and ultimately reduce the number of traffic fatalities. An interim performance measure is required by our federal funding agencies to receive federal funding. We firmly believe that every life counts and although our target for fatalities is zero in 2018, Florida has forecast an interim performance measure of 3,052 to satisfy the federal requirement.

#### Number of Serious Injuries: 0.0

#### Describe the basis for established target, including how it supports SHSP goals.

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for total serious injuries on Florida's roads is forecast to be between 18,831 and 20,861 in 2018. This forecast was made by combining FARS data with current state data from 2009 to 2016 to predict probable outcomes for 2017 and 2018. Florida's target for serious injuries is zero in 2018. The data forecast indicates Florida's five year rolling average for serious injuries could continue to trend downward in 2017 and 2018. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the number of serious injuries on Florida's roads. An interim performance measure is required by our federal funding agencies to receive federal funding. We firmly believe that every life counts and although our target for serious injuries is zero in 2018, Florida has forecast an interim performance measure of 20,861 to satisfy the federal requirement.

#### Fatality Rate: 0.0

#### Describe the basis for established target, including how it supports SHSP goals.

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for fatality rate per 100 million VMT on Florida's roads is forecast to be between 1.06 and 1.65 in 2018. This forecast was made by combining FARS data with current state data from 2009 to 2016 to predict probable outcomes for 2017 and 2018. Florida's target for fatality rate per 100 million VMT is zero in 2018. While the data forecast indicates Florida's five year rolling average for fatality rate per 100 million VMT could continue to trend upward in 2017 and 2018, the FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for

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funding will mitigate the data forecast and ultimately reduce the number of traffic fatalities. An interim performance measure is required by our federal funding agencies to receive federal funding. We firmly believe that every life counts and although our target for fatality rate per 100 million VMT is zero in 2018, Florida has forecast an interim performance measure of 1.65 to satisfy the federal requirement.

### **Serious Injury Rate: 0.0**

#### **Describe the basis for established target, including how it supports SHSP goals.**

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for serious injury rate per 100 million VMT on Florida's roads is forecast to be between 7.57 and 11.06 in 2018. This forecast was made by combining FARS data with current state data from 2009 to 2016 to predict probable outcomes for 2017 and 2018. Florida's target for serious injury rate per 100 million VMT is zero in 2018. The data forecast indicates Florida's five year rolling average for serious injury rate per 100 million VMT could continue to trend downward in 2017 and 2018. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the serious injury rate per 100 million VMT. An interim performance measure is required by our federal funding agencies to receive federal funding. We firmly believe that every life counts and although our target for serious injury rate per 100 million VMT is zero in 2018, Florida has forecast an interim performance measure of 11.06 to satisfy the federal requirement.

### **Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 0.0**

#### **Describe the basis for established target, including how it supports SHSP goals.**

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries on Florida's roads is forecast to be between 3,066 and 3,447 in 2018. This forecast was made by combining FARS data with current state data from 2009 to 2016 to predict probable outcomes for 2017 and 2018. Florida's target for non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries is zero in 2018. The data forecast indicates Florida's five year rolling average for non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries could continue to trend downward in 2017 and 2018. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. An interim performance measure is required by our federal funding agencies to receive federal funding. We firmly believe that every life counts and although our target for non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries is zero in 2018, Florida has forecast an interim performance measure of 3,447 to satisfy the federal requirement.

**Enter additional comments here to clarify your response for this question or add supporting information.**

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Florida shares the national traffic safety vision, “Toward Zero Deaths,” and formally adopted our own version of the national vision, “Driving Down Fatalities,” in 2012. FDOT and its traffic safety partners are committed to eliminating fatalities and reducing serious injuries with the understanding that the death of any person is unacceptable and based on that, zero deaths is our safety performance target. This target is consistent throughout our Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Highway Safety Improvement Program and Highway Safety Plan.

Florida’s data forecasts have been established using an ARIMA Hybrid Regression Model (0, 1,1) (2,0,0) (12) with VMT. Nine independent variables were tested to assess correlations; only Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) and gas consumption have relatively high correlations with fatalities and serious injuries and of these two variables only VMT was useful in predicting future fatalities and serious injuries. The first three performance measures (number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, and fatality rate per 100M VMT) have been forecasted based on a five-year rolling average and the remaining performance measures will be forecasted annually. The forecasts for 2017 and 2018 are based on monthly data from 2005 through 2016 using statistical forecasting methodologies.

[Source: FDOT Highway Safety Plan]

**AGENDA ITEM # 8**  
**FDOT BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR REPORT**

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

**Agenda Item Presented by:** FDOT District One Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator

**Discussion:** To be determined

**Recommendation:** None.

**Attachment:** None.

**AGENDA ITEM # 9**  
**CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPORT**

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for Charlotte County to update the Committee on Bicycle-Pedestrian Projects in the County

**Agenda Item Presented by:** Charlotte County Community Development, Economic Development and Parks and Recreation Staff

**Discussion:**

Charlotte County Staff will update the Committee on bicycle-pedestrian initiatives and projects in Charlotte County.

**Recommendation:** None.

**Attachment:** None.

**AGENDA ITEM # 10**  
**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:** City Staff will update the Committee on bicycle-pedestrian initiatives and projects in the City of Punta Gorda.

**Recommendation:** None.

**Attachment:** None.

**AGENDA ITEM # 11**  
**CITIZEN INPUT**

**Agenda Item Presented by:** BPAC Chair

**Discussion:** To be determined.

**Recommendation:** None.

**Attachments:** None.

**AGENDA ITEM # 12**  
**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/Gene Klara

**Discussion:** Gary/Gene remarks

**AGENDA ITEM # 13**  
**MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for members to comment on Bicycle-Pedestrian Projects and issues in the City and County

**Agenda Item Presented by:**

**Discussion:** To be Determined.

**Recommendations:** None.

**Attachments:** None.

**AGENDA ITEM # 14**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF BPAC IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 1, 2018.