

**LEE COUNTY
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Wheaton, Chair, At Large
Eric Spivey, Vice Chair, Bike Industry Representative, At Large
Paul Cohen, Affordable Housing Representative, At Large
Derek Felder, District 1
Damon Shelor, District 5
Steve Jansen, Walkable Community Representative, At Large

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Benvie, At Large
Jane Bowser, Secretary, At Large
Theodore (Pat) Connor, District 2

STAFF

Tom Marquardt, LC DOT
Bridgette Blanchard, LC DOT
David Wagley, LC DOT
Brandon Kaczmarek, Lee County Parks & Recreation
Allan Makau, Lee County Utilities
Jose Perez, Lee County Transit

GUESTS

Greg Lambrecht, Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association
Jeannie Demmer, Fort Myers Shores

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

Mr. Dave Wheaton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Admin Building, 2115 Second Street, Fort Myers, First Floor Conference Room. Introductions were made.

Mr. Wheaton asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Paul Cohen made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Derek Felder. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2: *Approval of the August 20, 2025 meeting minutes.

Mr. Wheaton called for a review of the August 20, 2025 minutes.

Mr. Derek Felder made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Eric Spivey. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Public Comments:

- (a) Mr. Greg Lambrecht stated that he is representing Eagle Ridge and is the Vice President of the Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association. He stated that he also represents the seven communities that line both the roads that they're looking to have sidewalk or paths installed. Currently, LCSO and DOT have installed devices to track the speed of drivers in this area. Mr. Lambrecht stated that he and the residents of Eagle Ridge and the surrounding communities would like a sidewalk to safely get to Daniels Parkway from their communities. Mr. Lambrecht stated that he has met with Commissioner Pendergrass and will continue to meet and speak with the other Commissioners in the hopes of finding funding for their requested sidewalk.

Agenda Item #4: Bike/Ped Facility Requests/Presentations:

- (a) **Davis Blvd from Palm Beach Blvd to the Davis Rd Boat Ramp at De Moya Dr** – Ms. Jeannie Demmer stated that she is in support of a sidewalk on Davis Blvd from Palm Beach Blvd to the Davis Rd Boat Ramp on De Moya Dr. She shared that there are many speeding cars in the area, and she had tried to get speed humps installed but had been denied due to Davis Blvd being a collector road. Ms. Demmer shared photos from the road on which she is requesting a sidewalk to be installed.

When asked if they had looked at this area prior to the meeting, Mr. Tom Marquardt explained that they did look at this project area. He stated that the right-of-way encompasses both swales on either side. They're looking at about a half mile of requested sidewalk.

Agenda Item #5: Other Business

- (a) **MPO Update** – Mr. Ron Gogoi was not in attendance.

Agenda Item #6: Member Comments:

- (a) Mr. Steve Jansen asked if the construction on Colonial/ McGregor to Summerlin will be finished anytime soon.

Mr. Tom Marquardt explained that the contractor is continuing to work on it.

Mr. Jansen also asked about the Cape Coral Bridge Widening project and when there will be information on the pedestrian and bicycle path.

Mr. Marquardt said that the website is available and contains the information.

- (b) Mr. Derek Felder asked if Mr. Wagley could put up Homestead on the map. Mr. Felder stated that there is currently a golf course going through a zoning project. He wanted to know if this moves

forward, will the developer be required to add sidewalk in front of the golf course area along Homestead and would it connect to where it ends at Savannah Lakes on the south end and where it ends currently at the other subdivision north of it.

Mr. Tom Marquardt stated that they will be required to add sidewalk in front of the golf course area along Homestead Rd and will be required to connect to sidewalk within a quarter mile.

Mr. Felder also asked about a parcel of land that is a County-owned property set to become a potential future library. He asked if there is anything the committee can do to get Lee County to fill in the connection between where the sidewalk ends at Savannah Lakes to north of where it ends.

Mr. Marquardt shared that the library will be required to fill in the connection.

Mr. Felder asked if LCDOT could inquire as to when the connection could be filled.

Mr. Wagley said he would reach out to the Library System regarding Mr. Felder's question. He also shared Land Development Code 10-256 which contains the requirements for sidewalks.

Mr. Felder also stated that LAMSID has the power for sidewalks and wanted to know if Lee County would entertain giving up sidewalk power in Lehigh Acres.

Mr. Damon Shelor, who was at one point an elected official of the East County Water Control District, stated that if LAMSID chose to make that request of Lee County, then Lee County would have to agree and let LAMSID have it before this change could take place.

There was continued discussion among the BPAC members and staff regarding LAMSID and the road impact fee districts.

- (c) Mr. Dave Wheaton stated that he used to put in a lot of RFA requests (always bicycle/ pedestrian related) to fix potholes. He put in an RFA recently and it seems to be taking much longer than what it did in the past for DOT to respond to the RFAs.

Mr. Marquardt explained that the RFA list has grown but the number of crew members is still the same. This has impacted the wait-time for RFAs to be completed.

Agenda Item #7: Staff Comments

- (a) Mr. Brandon Kaczmarek shared information about the progress of the Able Canal. He stated that they have done some exotic and invasive species clearing by Harns Marsh and they will work their way down the southeast direction of the Able Canal. They will start the excavation and groundwork for the pathways next week.
- (b) Mr. David Wagley stated that last year the BPAC committee had asked the commissioners to declare the month of March as Bike Month in Lee County. If the committee wants to keep March as Bike Month for 2026, we need to begin working on that now as it takes time to get this on the Board Agenda.

The BPAC members agreed with this. Mr. Wagley stated that the Chair or Vice Chair will work on putting together a letter in support of March as Bike Month in Lee County, making sure it can be reviewed by the committee prior to being submitted.

Mr. Wagley shared that some of the BPAC committee members' appointments are due to expire soon. He reminded members that those who have received a letter of reappointment should get it submitted as soon as possible.

Mr. Wagley also stated that next month we will be talking about project prioritization.

Agenda Item #8: Other Government Entity Comments

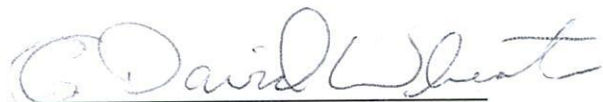
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Agenda Item #9: Upcoming Meeting Items

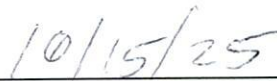
Next Meeting date - **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

Adjournment

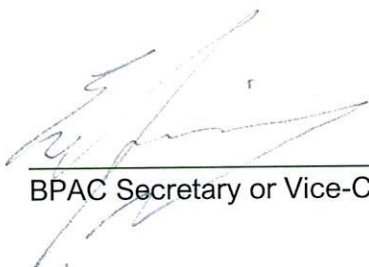
Mr. Dave Wheaton adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.



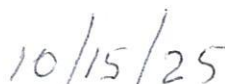
BPAC Chairman



Date



BPAC Secretary or Vice-Chair



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