

**LEE COUNTY
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Benvie, At Large
Tommy Huether, District 2

STAFF

Rob Price, LC DOT
Jillian Scholler, LC DOT
David Wagley, LC DOT
Bridgette Blanchard, LC DOT
Jose Perez, LeeTran
Brandon Kaczmarek, LC Parks & Recreation
Trish Petrosky, Lee County Commissioner District 5

GUESTS

Greg Lambrecht
Carrie Faith
Brian Saylor
Ron Gogoi, Lee County MPO
Matt Chesser, Lee County School District
Nick Duncan, Lee County Sheriff's Office

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

Mr. Steve Jansen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Development/Public Works building, 1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, First Floor Conference Room 1B. Introductions were made.

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

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

Agenda Item #2: *Approval of the March 18, 2026 meeting minutes.

Mr. Jansen called for a review of the March 18, 2026 minutes.

Mr. Eric Spivey made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes barring any last minute changes, seconded by Mr. Dave Wheaton. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Public Comments:

- (a) Ms. Carrie Faith stated that she is requesting a sidewalk from 5th St to 6th St on Sara Ave be added to the BPAC priority list. It is a single block near Sunshine Elementary.
- (b) Mr. Greg Lambrecht stated that he is the Vice President of the Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association. He has attended many BPAC meetings representing Eagle Ridge in the hope of getting a sidewalk for Eagle Ridge and surrounding communities.
- (c) Mr. Brian Saylor stated that there are about 950 residents with close to 600 of them being cyclists in Cypress Trail RV Resort. These cyclists leave the neighborhood and exit on to Tice St where they try to get to the Lexington Ave sidewalk. These residents are requesting a Bike Path or sidewalk to connect to the existing sidewalk on Tice St that ends at Lexington Ave.

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

- (a) ***Extend Tice St Sidewalk Project already on BPAC list from Lexington Ave to Country Lakes Dr, to 5421 Tice St** - Mr. Steve Jansen stated that a sidewalk for the north side of Tice St is currently listed on the BPAC list (Number 120). The issue with this is pedestrians must go over the bridge over the interstate which is a design issue that DOT would need to address in the future.

Mr. Rob Price added that there is not enough room on the overpass for a sidewalk in its current configuration. The overpass is owned by FDOT. If the County was to take on adding a sidewalk to the overpass, it would most likely require Lee County to take over ownership and maintenance of the bridge. Based on inspection reports, the bridge is in good shape and is not in need of repair.

Ms. Trish Petrosky asked what the best-case scenario for the three Tice St projects (Numbers 37, 120, and 122) would be and what would be an interim solution to address safety concerns.

Mr. Rob Price stated that an interim solution is status quo as there is currently no funding for putting a sidewalk on Tice St.

Mr. Price asked Mr. David Wagley to add a note to the BPAC project list to potentially add a mid-block crosswalk from Cypress Trail RV Resort to connect to the other side.

Ms. Trish Petrosky stated that for the record, she is in favor of the projects for Tice St.

There were no motions to add this project to the BPAC list.

Agenda Item #5: Other Business

- (a) **MPO Update** – Mr. Gogoi shared a slide showing the intersection of Bonita Beach Rd SE and Old US 41. There are proposed improvements of traffic signal upgrades in the 3rd eastbound through lane. There was a slide shared for San Carlos Blvd sidewalk (Summerlin Rd to Linda Lome Dr) which included the existing road features of a sidewalk on the west side, sidewalk gaps on each side, curbed pavements, a through lane becoming a right turn lane to Linda Lome Dr, and swales. Mr. Gogoi shared some of Transit's needs which included an enhanced existing bus stop by construction of an eight-foot by twenty-foot bus pad and connection to an existing sidewalk on the west side of the roadway. Mr. Gogoi shared maps of different concept plans for the San Carlos Blvd sidewalk (from Kelly Rd to Gulf Point St). He also shared an update on the Caloosahatchee Downtown Feasibility Study.

Agenda Item #6: Member Comments

- (a) Mr. Derek Felder asked if there was a way the phase of the projects on the BPAC list could be designated when they're in Tier 1.

Mr. Felder also shared that project number 10 on the BPAC list is going before the Board at the April 21st Board Meeting to be approved for design.

- (b) Mr. David Wheaton stated that he sits on the Board of the Caloosa Riders Bike Club. He often encourages people to come to the BPAC meetings, so they are aware of what's going on with the various projects and to speak their opinion.
- (c) Mr. Damon Shelor stated that some of the projects on the BPAC list may be at some level of starting. He's not sure whether some of the legacy projects are collector roads or not. The list is going to get bigger as more people move here and they want sidewalks.

Ms. Jillian Scholler added that they did take into account the collector roads and those projects that fill in the gaps when creating the Tiers and reorganizing the BPAC list.

Mr. Shelor also added that Sunshine Elementary needs a sidewalk. He urged people to drive through the area to get an idea of what it's like.

Agenda Item #7: Staff Comments

- (a) Mr. David Wagley stated that for the projects on the list, staff came up with a system that is based on transportation equity, schools, and safety. In part of that process, there is a section for special considerations, so if the committee would like to give a boost to any project they can do that.
- (b) Mr. Brandon Kaczmarek stated that for the Able Canal project both clearing and grubbing is

ongoing. They will start paving next week. It is still scheduled for Summer 2027 for completion.

(c) Mr. Jose Perez stated that the trolleys will be out of season in a week.

Agenda Item #8: Other Government Entity Comments

No comments

Agenda Item #9: Upcoming Meeting Items:

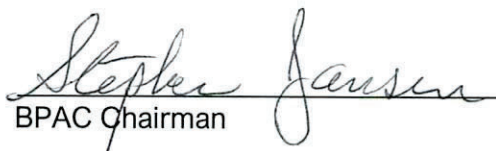
Curtis Ave S & N from 8th St SW to Lee Blvd Sidewalk

Sunshine Elementary - Sara Ave N from 5th St W to 6th St W Sidewalk

Next Meeting date - **Wednesday, May 20, 2026.**

Adjournment

Mr. Steve Jansen adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.


BPAC Chairman

05/20/2026
Date


BPAC Secretary or Vice-Chair

5-20-26
Date