



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### *Planning Department*

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City Council Regular Meeting Date June 4, 2024

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Paula McMichael, AICP, Planning Director  
**Date:** May 23, 2024

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### **SUBJECT: SHARED USE PATH MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

At the July 19, 2022, City Council meeting, staff provided an update on the Shared Use Path Master Plan. City Councilman Mike Miller, resident Darla Letourneau, and the City Manager had met with Mr. Donald Scott, Executive Director of the Lee County MPO to request support from the MPO to complete the SUP Master Plan with the assistance of the MPO. Mr. Scott agreed to assist the City and engaged a consultant (Benesch) to update and complete the master plan.

The consultant's scope of work includes:

1. Revise and update the draft master plan and will consider the comments from staff and public that were assembled but not previously provided to the MPO or their consultant during the project.
2. Re-evaluate the draft master plan and update recommendations.
3. Prioritize the master plan recommendations.
4. Draft a final plan.
5. Hold 1 public meeting at Planning Commission.
6. Hold 2 meetings with the Sanibel City Council and 1 meeting with the MPO Board.

The original timeframe for completion was 6 months (April or May of 2023). With the hurricane, the work on the Master Plan was delayed. A draft was shared with the Sanibel Bicycle Club in March and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee reviewed the draft master plan at their meeting of April 18, 2024. The consultant presented the plan to Planning Commission at the April 30, 2024, meeting. A spokesperson from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee attended the Planning Commission meeting to provide the committee's comments.

Planning Commission agreed with the comments from the committee and voted to send their comments to City Council for discussion. A copy of the memo from PARC with responses provided by the consultant is included as part of the backup as well as a copy of the JN Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge Road Safety Audit from January 2023. Additional comment from Planning Commission centered around e-bikes and the need for continued discussion on appropriate regulations and enforcement.

**FUNDING SOURCE: N/A**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the Shared Use Path Master Plan update.

*Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary*