



Caloosa Riders Bicycle Club
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Re: Lee County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
and "Ground Truthing" Data Sheet

My thanks to members Pete Ahlgren, Mike Swanson, and Dan Moser for assistance in preparing the first round of "Ground-Truthing" Data Sheets including photos. These were submitted to the Consultant that is working with the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) on May 13th. This was in response to the committee's request for up-to-date information regarding 20 identified "gaps" in the master street plan – some of these were newly re-done streets or recently added sidewalks and bike lanes.

Now, we need to continue to submit information using the same format to call attention to any other on-road situation that we feel would be a "fix" for the safety of all bicyclists. This is NOT a way to report holes, cracks or other surface or unsafe conditions – these should be reported as a "Request for Action" by e/ mailing RFA@leegov.com or calling 239-694-3334 as per the Caloosa Riders web site.

Think CONTINUITY for this project – the Master Plan for Lee County.

Think, "Where does a bicycle lane run out, or into no on-road facility, making that route unsafe?"

Think, "Where would there be an easy fix for creating a bicycle lane; or Where do we have a bicycle lane that could easily be upgraded to a Designated Bicycle Lane with the addition of on-road markings and signs along the roadway?"

Think, "Where is there a gap in on-road facilities?"

The attached form should be filled in by hand, and make as many specific comments as possible. Include photos if you can. Please forward to me either in person or to the Caloosa Riders P.O. Box. I will collect and forward on to the Consultants.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this project. This is everyone's way to get involved and report on what you think should be worked on in the short term!

Respectfully,

Steve Rodgers

Lee County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan **"GROUND-TRUTHING" DATA SHEET**

Volunteer's Contact Information:

Full Name: _____

Date of Observation: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please circle which time of day is best to contact you? Day (noon to 5 pm) Evening (5 pm to 8 pm)

(Please note that you will only be contacted if it is necessary to clarify the information which you submit on this DATA SHEET. Please fill out the DATA SHEET completely, legibly and in ink)

Ground-Truthing Observance:**Segment Description:**

(Provide a brief description of the location & length of facilities observed, i.e. "US-41/Cleveland Ave. from Hanson Street to Carroll Street," or "Bonita Beach Road, from I-75 to Imperial")

Which type of bicycle or pedestrian facility was observed? Please check one of the following:

(Refer to the "Lee County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan - Bicycle and Pedestrian Existing Facilities Schedule" provided to you.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paved Shoulder | <input type="checkbox"/> Wide Curb Lane | <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Use Path |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Lane | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Path |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know | | |

If you are able to estimate the width of the bicycle/pedestrian facility, please list your estimate here as well as the method you used to measure it, i.e. "Width: 12 feet; paced off four steps".

Width: _____

Have you attached/enclosed photos of this segment of facility?

- Yes No

(If photos are attached, please be sure to label the pictures in a manner that indicates which segment of roadway is shown.)

Which of the following characteristics of the above-listed facility did you observe? (Please check/circle all applicable choices)

Is this facility paved? Yes No I don't know

Which surface material was observed on the facility? Please select one:

- Concrete / Cement Asphalt / Black-top
 Other If "Other" is selected, please describe the facility surface: _____

Additional Comments: _____
