

SUMMARY MINUTES



Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Broward County Government Center, Online and Phone via WebEx
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
May 20, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Heidi Siegel, Chair– District 6
Michael Kroll – League of Cities
Fern Goodhart – District 4
Steve Lim – District 1

Jerry Layne, Vice Chair – District 3
Hugh Chakler – District 8
Charmie Pujalt – District 7

Board Members Absent

Phillip Kim – District 9

County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, Staff Coordinator
Josette Severyn, Senior Mobility Planner
Monique Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Josie P. Sesodia, Director PDMD
Kristin Carter, Assistant County Attorney

Attendees

Larry Wallace, FDOT
Art Seitz, Resident

Elaine Franklin, Resident

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM

II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Nicholas Sofoul. Quorum was met with one member absent.

Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2019

Motion: Member Goodhart moved to approve the minutes, as revised, seconded by Member Chakler. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Comments from Chair

Chair Siegel welcomed Member Pujalt to BPAC and asked the Committee to do a round of introductions. The Chair also introduced Ms. Kristin Carter, our Attorney assigned to BPAC. Finally, the Chair noted how COVID19 was causing a significant surge in bike sales and use.

New Business

Legislative Update and Priorities for FY2021

Mr. Sofoul gave BPAC an overview of the process for BPAC to submit legislative recommendation to the Board, including a review of adopted CY2020 priorities. The priorities adopted last cycle

included: “Hand Free” driving, expansion of the “Move Over” rule to include bicyclists, and sustained/additional funding for Sun Trail Network. Member Goodhart requested that the 3ft rule apply to the “Move Over” expansion.

Motion: Member Chakler moved to approve BPAC FY2021 Legislative Program and direct staff to send updates to County Administration and Board of County Commissioners on recommendations for inclusion in the County Legislative Program. The motion was seconded by Member Goodhart. The motion passed unanimously.

Transportation Surtax Update

Mr. Sofoul provided an update on the Surtax Municipal Projects Approval Process. He explained the timeline for ranking, eligibility review, and approval/funding. 110 projects, worth \$72M in investment, were ranked for Cycle I eligibility consideration. Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure was the most common type of municipal request. The Broward County Board of County Commissioner will consider approval and funding for eligible Cycle I projects in June.

Bike and Pedestrian Safety Recommendation for COVID19

Mr. Sofoul suggested to that BPAC consider endorsing a set of safety tips for bicyclists and pedestrians that take in account COVID19 safety measures. The County can put these safety recommendations online and conduct a social media campaign using Facebook and Twitter. Several recommendations were made by BPAC Members. Member Goodhart recommended adding a safety tip to protect pets from incoming bike traffic, add emphasis that bicycle lanes are for exclusive bike traffic, and that folks driving should check for bikes and pedestrian before making right hand turns. Member Kroll recommended hands free (no phones) for all modes and to remind folks to stop at the stop bar. Member Pujalt, recommended that BPAC should remind the public to be mindful of bike traffic when stopping vehicles curbside in dedicated bicycle lanes.

Motion: Member Chakler made a motion to approve the amended BPAC recommendations for bike and pedestrian safety and direct staff to use readily available resources to provide information to the public. Seconded by Member Goodhart. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

No old business.

V. Agency Updates

Member Chakler asked Larry Wallace if an Excel version of the project list was available. Mr. Wallace explained that the document is only available as a PDF. He also recommended a process for addressing any questions regarding projects on the list. He asked for members to keep in mind that all projects on the list are “programmed,” meaning there is already budget assigned to the project. A FAQs page will be available in the next update.

VI. Staff Report

Mr. Sofoul thanked BPAC for their participation at the Bicycle Month Proclamation. Also, he shared that BPAC’s request to move the north-south bike connection east of FLL runways to the surtax Five-Year Plan was successful. Mr. Sofoul will watch for the project when the plan is released to ensure the commitment is in the final recommendation.

VII. Committee Member Updates

Mr. Chakler asked for an update on the Sunset Review recommendations. Mr. Sofoul responded that Orlando Garcia will be present at the next meeting to discuss. It will be on the agenda. Member Goodhart asked about bicycle detection in Broward County. Mr. Sofoul responded that Traffic Engineering Division has successfully tested bicycle signal detection equipment. He will follow-up on the status of bicycle signal detection. Member Lim mentioned construction of a bicycle lane along University Drive from Oakland Park to Commercial.

VIII. Public Comment

Mr. Seitz recommended that the County collaborate with partners to get AIA designated as a Federal Scenic Highway to provide additional funding opportunities – especially as it relates to the advancement of the AIA Greenway.

IX. Adjourn

Motion: Member Layne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Goodhart, unanimously approved.

The May 20, 2020 BPAC meeting concluded at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on July 8, 2020 online via WebEx.

BPAC Priorities: Encourage projects and enforcement efforts that prioritize pedestrian and bicycle safety. ● Support timely and sustainable funding of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and amenities, including greenways and off-network paths. ● Collaborate with public and private entities including, Broward MPO, FDOT, Broward County, and Broward municipalities to ensure Bicycle and Pedestrian projects, policy, and ordinances are implemented. ● Promote bicycle and pedestrian focused outreach and events, especially those that underscore safety, funding, and education. ● Endorse linkages for safe, comfortable, and convenient bicycle and pedestrian networks to seamlessly integrate with other transportation options.

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