

# 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**  
**November 18, 2020 6:30 p.m.**

## Board Members Present

Heidi Siegel, Chair– District 6  
Jerry Layne, Vice Chair – District 3  
Fern Goodhart – District 4  
Phillip Kim – District 9

Hugh Chakler – District 8  
Charmie Pujalt – District 7  
Steve Lim – District 1  
Michael Kroll – League of Cities

## Board Members Absent

## County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, BPAC Coordinator  
Josette Severyn, Senior Mobility  
Coordinator

Monique Davis, Administrative Coordinator

## Attendees

Howard Kaplan

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

## II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Josette Severyn. Quorum was met with one member absent.

## Approval of Minutes – July 8, 2020

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

## III. Comments from Chair

Thank you to all the members and public who have shown up to the meeting and allow BPAC to commence.

## New Business

### Adventure Cycling Association

Kerry Irons and Patricia Huff presented on the proposed realignment of USBR I through Broward County and provided an overview of the USBR system. The benefits of the realignment are improved routes for bicycle travelers, positive health and environmental impacts, economic development via bicycle tourism for smaller communities. The ask from Adventure Cycle is to endorse the proposed route, which deviates from State Roads onto County Roads, or provide feedback to improve the alignment.

Member Goodhart asked if the Broward MPO Bicycle Suitability Map is consistent with USBR I.

Staff responded that the map displays the conditions of various bicycle facilities across the county and clarified that it is not designed to be a route map comparable to the USBRI.

Mr. Sofoul stated at the staff level, we haven't been supportive of changing the USBRI alignment at this time because we know there will be significant construction and investments on this corridor. Currently, there are no bicycle facilities, but we know those facilities will be constructed in the future as part of our Transportation Surtax. Staff position is supportive of the alignment around and south of the airport as a future condition.

It was clarified that USBRI is technically not a greenway, and Mr. Irons described the target audience as experienced riders used to riding in all conditions and riding for multi-day, multi-week, multi-month trips. These riders have a full recognition that there is no way, in the near term, that there would be off-road facilities to complete a route, and full recognition of having to cycle on highways to do this ride. Mr. Irons compared the target audiences for USBRI and the East Coast Greenway, which in some cases has an alignment on a sidewalk. Mr. Iron explains that due to the potential for ped/bike conflicts sidewalk facilities are considered a suboptimal facility for people that ride for distance and make a destination like those that use USBRI.

The Chair holds concerns over having the level of detail needed to make an informed decision for a motion or resolution for support, and the desire to abstain from conflicting with Staff recommendations. The Chair asked fellow board members to consider staff working with the association on a proposed realignment.

**Motion:** Member Layne made the motion that Staff works with the association to delineate a proposed realignment for this system and come back to BPAC with a recommendation and presentation on that proposed realignment, seconded by Member Chakler. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **BPAC 2021 Calendar Equity**

Two proposed CY 2021 schedules were proposed to the BPAC for adoption. Calendar A is a bi-monthly schedule, and Calendar B is quarterly schedule permitted as the minimum requirement through the by-laws. Discussion ensued to speak through several conflict dates related to religious holidays, including September 8 and 18, 2021.

**Motion:** Member Layne moved to adopt the bi-monthly calendar with the modification of September 8 to a September 1, 2021 meeting date, seconded by Member Pujalt. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **IV. Old Business**

No old business.

## **V. Agency Updates**

Larry Wallace, FDOT, described that updates to facilities are conducted through the Multimodal Scoping Checklist (MMS) process. A list of projects going through the MMS process, which allows agencies to comment on the project scopes prior to design and provide that feedback to the Project Manager, is a way to have agency comments reviewed before the project is designed. BPAC has the opportunity to review the list and comment. The list is generated by Larry Wallace and emailed to the BPAC Staff Coordinator for distribution to BPAC. BPAC members inquired about planned facilities on Sunrise Blvd at Sunset Strip. Mr. Wallace responded that an

opportunity to discuss improvements to Sunrise Blvd would occur in the MMSC process before design, about 3 to 6 months prior to design. BPAC member requested a lesson on how to read the MMSC list. The Chair request that the BPAC Staff Coordinator review list for appearance of Sunrise Blvd.

### **Staff Report**

Mr. Sofoul is transitioning to the Broward County Transit team, and Josette Severyn (Senior Mobility Planner) will serve as Acting BPAC Staff coordinator until the position is filled. Additionally, BCT will have staff attend the BPAC meetings in the future.

### **VI. Committee Member Updates**

Discussion was brought up with regards to the Vacancies in District 2 and District 5. Are these seats a vehicle to have more diversity on the BPAC and do appointees have to reside within the district? Mr. Sofoul responded that Commissioners appoint their District representatives, and some require the appointees to reside within their district, but it is not necessarily required. It may be possible to acquire more diversity on the BPAC with appointees to fill the vacancies, however, filling those vacancies are at the digression of the respective County Commissioner.

Member commented that the Pine Island and University Drive have nice bike lanes being installed. A concern was brought to attention for: Griffin Rd bike lane from Old Griffin Rd to Flamingo Rd. Branches and debris in bike lane will require maintenance to clear it. Mr. Wallace inquired about specific locations to see if maintenance could go out and clear the bike lane.

Member suggested for staff to consider adding a link on the BPAC webpage to report roadway concerns. Staff handles the BPAC website updates. Further inquiry into the website and social media outlets were brought up, and Mr. Sofoul explained that departments manage the social media channels- Facebook and Twitter are available for BPAC social media campaigns. For something extra special, the Office of Public Communication can use their social media channels.

Member Lim brought up the need to obtain new badges for CY 2021.

Member Pujalt brought forward discussion about Broward B-Cycle Stations. With regard to bike share, there is desire for greater accessibility and enhanced mobility between docking stations. The Chair explained that it is up to Cities to permit B-Cycle stations in their jurisdiction. Mr. Sofoul described that B-Cycle stations are very much a financial decision due to self-sustaining funding mechanisms and the need to fulfill ridership. A request to bring B-Cycle for an update in a future BPAC meeting.

### **VII. Public Comment**

Howard Kaplan commented on RBX, Jeff Torkelson, that it's been a pleasure working with him during this difficult time. A number of people have been set up with bikes to get to their jobs, halfway houses and all. He has been very helpful in the homeless community.

The Chair mentioned a linear park trail in Davie has become a family favorite and encourages the experience.

Mr. Sofoul forecasts that the next meeting, January 13, in the new CY, will need to revisit the

Florida Bicycle Month Proclamation. It would be a great time to have a speaker like Jeff Torkelson to keep up with equity. The equity and inclusion component should be kept in mind as the committee continues in the new CY.

### **VIII. Adjourn**

**Motion:** Member Layne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chair Siegel, unanimously approved.

The November 18, 2020 BPAC meeting concluded at 7:28 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on January 13, 2020.

**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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