

SUMMARY MINUTES - DRAFT



Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Broward County Government Center, in person
1 University Drive, 2nd FL Hearing Room, Plantation, FL 33324
December 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Michael Kroll – League of Cities (Chair)
Steve Lim – District 1
Fern Goodhart – District 4

Hugh Chakler – District 8 (Vice Chair)
Maximiliano Goldstein – District 5

Board Members Absent

Charmie Pujalt– District 7- Excused

Phillip Kim – District 9

County Staff

Sara Forelle, Senior Planner, Urban Planning
Richard Tornese, Director, Highway
Construction & Engineering

Attendees

Michael Melendez, FDOT District 4

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by staff. Quorum was met with members that were present.

III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Introductions were made by Richard Tornese, Director of the Highway Construction and Engineering Division, and Michael Melendez, consultant to FDOT who is serving as an interim bicycle/pedestrian representative until the position is filled.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 14, 2022

Chair Michael Kroll asked for comments on the minutes. Upon a motion by Member Goldstein, seconded by Member Chakler, the September 14, 2022 minutes were passed by a unanimous vote.

V. COMMENTS FROM CHAIR

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION – Questions about Bicycle Safety Design for Richard Tornese, HCED Director (1 hr.; ends minute 1:02)

Mr. Tornese introduced himself and provided a presentation mainly focused on questions that were shared by the BPAC at the previous meeting when Laila Kitchen presented about Bicycle Facility Trends. Mr. Tornese covered the following topics:

- a. Delineator Posts and when and where they are typically used on Broward County facilities.
- b. Low walls, including Armadillo separators, which are seldom used due to safety concerns, but can be looked into further.
- c. Cleaning of separated facilities, some of the separators are easier to clean if they are mountable.
- d. Low hedges can be considered if there is sufficient right-of-way. They are mostly used when the facility is also vertically separated.
- e. Who cleans/removes debris? Broward County Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division
- f. Are the concrete lanes going to have horizontal seams like sidewalks? Yes, joints and expansion joints are necessary, otherwise the slab will crack at random places. Copans/Lyons project: Each side will be poured separately with joints and then the joint in between will be poured with black colored concrete.
- g. How are we going to keep cars from driving onto the “multi-use” paths from side roads? Are you going to install bollards or “triangle medians” such as the ones used on the New River Greenway? Yes, but other treatments might be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- h. Are any two-way bicycle lanes being considered anywhere in the County? Pine Island Road Capacity Expansion project from Griffin Road to Nova Drive will have shared use path for bicyclist to go both directions.
- i. Is the BPAC going to be able to provide input on the different designs that are being considered as part of the new standards? Yes.
- j. Takeaway. On roadways with on-street bike lanes: If vehicle volume is high and/or speed limit is high (40 MPH and higher), bicyclists prefer to ride on sidewalks/paths; If vehicle volume is low and/or speed limit is low (40 MPH and lower), bicyclists prefer to ride in the on-street bike lanes. Other factors: number of lanes, pedestrian volume on sidewalk. The County coordinates with FDOT to encourage consideration of these design preferences.

Mr. Tornese offered to share a Bicycle/Pedestrian County Report he had received and offered to continue sharing future projects and presentations with the BPAC.

2. ACTION ITEM – MOTION to Approve and distribute Annual Report. Upon a motion by Member Goldstein, seconded by Member Goodhart, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. ACTION ITEM – MOTION to Approve the 2023 BPAC Meeting Schedule. Member Goodhart asked again about the attendance policy and the opportunity to join remotely. Ms. Forelle explained that a new policy has been adopted by the Board and that she was waiting on formal guidance on how to move forward. She will notify the BPAC as

soon as she receives updates. Ms. Goodhart noted that she will be out of the state for the latter half of the year. Upon a motion by Member Goodhart, seconded by Member Goldstein, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. ACTION ITEM – MOTION to hold BPAC Priorities Workshop in January or soon thereafter. Upon a motion by Member Goodhart, seconded by Member Goldstein, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. ACTION ITEM – MOTION to Approve March 2023 Bicycle Month Proclamation. The members requested the addition of the word “enforcement”, which was added to the third “Whereas” of the proclamation. Upon a motion by Member Lim to approve the proclamation with the amendment, seconded by Member Chakler, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. AGENCY UPDATES

Michael Melendez, FDOT representative for District 4, shared that the Bike/Ped Coordinator position has been advertised and encouraged the members to share the information with others. He also mentioned being in coordination with Ms. Forelle to schedule presentations about future projects at BPAC. He lauded the members for their role in reviewing projects and asked if anyone had questions. General discussion followed.

IX. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Forelle reported shared photos from the Healthy Community Zones Event on October 22, 2022 at Delevoe Park. Over 50 helmets and brochures were distributed among the attendees who visited the booth, most of whom are residents of the Broward Municipal Services District (unincorporated county). Additionally, 10 refurbished youth bicycles were raffled to participating families. Ms. Goodhart mentioned that she saw handle-bar bells being distributed at a farmer’s market booth in Delaware.

Ms. Forelle provided an update on membership. Previously, the BPAC had recommended adding another position to the BPAC and it was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing in December 2022. The position is now open to new member applications and should be designated by the League of Cities. Member Goodhart recommended that the coordinator reach out to the League of Cities.

Ms. Forelle distributed pre-work materials for the January Goals Workshop and provided instructions on how to draft goals using the materials provided. She asked everyone to send their drafts to her prior to the workshop. Member Goodhart mentioned that she would not be available to attend the January 11 meeting and proposed a new date.

Upon a MOTION to amend the meeting schedule and move the January date to the 25th by Member Goodhart and seconded by Member Goldstein, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Forelle shared a list of topics for future meetings, including pending presentations from MPO and FDOT.

X. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES –

Member Chakler announced that after serving on the BPAC for 5 years, he was resigning. Chair Kroll presented him with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for his service prepared by staff and wished him well.

Member Goldstein mentioned that he has been approached by the City of Plantation on an informal basis to speak with students from Heritage High School about their concern with the lack of bicycle facilities. Ms. Forelle suggested that Member Goldstein could coordinate inviting the student to speak to the BPAC about their concerns and issues at a future meeting.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - No members from the public were present.

XII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Member Chakler, seconded by Member Lim, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Transcript of meeting or recording available upon request. Contact Sara Forelle, Senior Planner, for additional information. Email: sforelle@broward.org or Phone: (954) 357-9785