SUMMARY OF MINUTES

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2015 6:30 PM

BROWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 329 F
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Members Present:
Mr. Steve Lim – Appointed by Commissioner Kiar, District 1
Mr. Henry Hochmair, Vice Chair – Appointed by Commissioner Ritter, District 3
Mr. Dave Marshall, Chair – Appointed by Commissioner Wexler, District 5
Mr. Art Seitz – Appointed by Commissioner LaMarca, District 4
Mr. Hugh Bailey - Appointed by Commissioner Holness, District 9
Ms. Pattie Gertenbach – Appointed by Commissioner Sharief, District 8
Mr. Howard Kaplan – Appointed by Commissioner Ryan, District 7

Members Excused:
Mr. Steve Cook – Appointed by Commissioner Furr, District 6
Mr. Michael Kroll – Appointed by League of Cities

County Staff:
Mr. Kevin Fischer – Broward County EPGMD / PRD
Cindy Corbett-Elder – Broward County Transit

Guests:
Mr. Anson Sonnett – FDOT
Mr. Marwan Mufleh – Kimley-Horn & Associates
Ms. Christine Fanchi – Fort Lauderdale
CALL TO ORDER

The Chair introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD, GUESTS AND VISITORS

The Committee, County staff and visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Henry Hochmair to approve the minutes for the March 11, 2015 BPAC meeting and seconded by Mr. Howard Kaplan. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair relayed an experience he had in March. He stated that he and his 18 month old son were riding his bike in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. He was going north, crossing over the SW 4th Avenue Bridge, in the left lane preparing to make a left turn onto West Las Olas when a cab approached him on the right side. The cab slowed down to his speed and proceeded to come into his lane and forced him over the double yellow line. There was a brief discussion between the cab occupants and the Chair at the traffic signal at West Las Olas Boulevard and a passenger in the cab stated that you should not have a baby on an expressway. The Chair reported the incident to the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department and filed an incident report. The Chair will follow up and retrieve a copy of the police report. He spoke to the company’s president and was told that the company will follow up. Discussion about this continued.

• Street Films Video

Mr. Kevin Fischer presented a video regarding the introduction of more bicycle activity into a business district in Queens, New York which also focused on economic benefits for the local businesses.

RESIDENTS FORUM

There were no items for resident's forum.

NEW BUSINESS

• AIA Project Review – Anson Sonnett, FDOT

Mr. Sonnett and Mr. Mufleh provided informational documents and gave a brief presentation regarding the AIA Project. He first spoke of a milling resurfacing project, the goal of which is to
preserve the life of the pavement and to address documented safety issues. He added that ADA compliance is an importance aspect of this project. Mr. Mufleh provided an overview of the proposed designs for the projects, including the differences in various segments of the corridor.

Along A1A in the study area, there is a four foot bike lane which the city prefers to widen to a five foot bike lane. This will be done with striping after re-milling the surface and reducing the travel lane widths to 10 feet. There was a lengthy discussion about the lack of bicycle lanes proposed in the southern portion of the project. Mr. Sonnett and Mr. Mufleh stated that the FDOT does not permit bicycle lanes less than four feet wide, and only 3 ½ feet are available in this segment.

Open discussion on the A1A Project followed.

**MOTION:**

*The Chair asked for a motion to recommend that FDOT alter their current plans for A1A between the Mercedes River Bridge and Sunrise Boulevard by replacing the proposed design with either (a) a 10-foot outside lane and a 3.5-foot unmarked shoulder, or (b) a 13.5-foot outside lane with a six-foot wide green painted area, marked with sharrows, in the center of the outside lane. Mr. Hugh Bailey moved and Mr. Henry Hochmair seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

Ms. Christine Fanchi asked to discuss Sunrise Blvd. in terms of lane widths, buffers and bike lanes. This matter was discussed.

**MOTION:**

*For Sunrise Boulevard, the Chair asked for a motion to recommend that FDOT narrow the travel lanes to 10 feet, and incorporate either a five-foot bicycle lane with two-foot buffer, or a four-foot bicycle lane with three-foot buffer, into the plans for Sunrise Boulevard between the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge and A1A. Mr. Henry Hochmair moved and Mr. Hugh Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

- **FDOT Project Summary List**

Mr. Kevin Fischer stated that this list was distributed approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. In addition to the A1A project previously discussed, the list includes additional projects the BPAC requested additional information on during the previous BPAC meeting.

The Chair asked the BPAC members if they would like to look over the list to identify if any of the projects could be immediately flagged for further review.
Ms. Pattie Gertenbach suggested that an upcoming BPAC meeting should serve as a strategizing session to discuss matters such as key areas of plans to review and types of information that would best serve the BPAC, in order to have solid background information prior to project presentations and to formalize a position on proposed projects.

This point was discussed by the BPAC.

It was decided to take the list of projects home and bring them to the next meeting for further discussion.

- **BPAC Goals for the Second Quarter of 2015**

  Mr. Art Seitz stated he would be interested in additional information regarding the Miami Underline project, located beneath the commuter rail line as a goal for the second quarter.

  The Chair asked for everyone’s suggestions so they could be narrowed down. The following was suggested:

  Mr. Bailey suggested finding one initiative or project to prioritize.

  Mr. Hochmair discussed an update of a Bike Planning App.

  Ms. Gertenbach suggested the quarterly bike ride.

  Ms. Gertenbach suggested coming up with review standards and prepared questions for presenters.

  Ms. Gertenbach suggested distributing Streetfilms videos.

  Mr. Hochmair suggested posting BPAC events.

  Mr. Bailey suggested once per quarter, the BPAC should ride specific areas where there are known positive or negative attributes and take photographs.

- **2015 State of the County Report**

  The Chair suggested using inexpensive video cameras and distributing them to cyclists with the condition they come back with footage that can be shown to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners would then know what it looks like when cars cut in front of bicyclists as well as other dangerous maneuvers. This effort could accompany the State of the County Report.
OLD BUSINESS

• “BPAC Quarterly Ride” Bicycle Ride with Elected Officials

Ms. Corbett-Elder mentioned that tomorrow (April 9, 2015) is “Stand up for Transportation” Day. Approximately 300 transit agencies and cities are having a series of events to bring attention to the fact that Congress still needs to pass a long term transportation bill. There will be petition signing and free T-Shirts in the Governmental Center lobby.

ADJOURN

MOTION:

It was moved by Hugh Bailey and seconded by Mr. Henry Hochmair to adjourn the meeting at 8:17.