

SUMMARY MINUTES



Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 329F
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
April 11, 2018 6:30 pm

Board Members Present

Hugh Chakler – Dist. 8
Jerry Layne – Dist. 3
Art Seitz – Dist. 4

Howard Kaplan – Dist. 7
Steve Lim – Dist. 1

Board Members Absent

Heidi Siegel, Chair – Dist. 6

Michael Kroll, Vice Chair – League of Cities

County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, AICP – Senior Planner

Attendees

Peter Gies – Broward MPO
Steve Cook – Ft Lauderdale

Cindy Corbett-Elder - BCT

I. Call to Order

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Member Jerry Layne nominated himself to be Acting Chair for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Art Seitz and was passed unanimously. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Nicholas Sofoul. There was a physical quorum to proceed with the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2018

Member Hugh Chakler commented that bicycle lane upkeep was not listed in the minutes as an ongoing topic. He also mentioned that a countywide north-south bicycle facility should be an ongoing priority of the Committee. Mr. Sofoul explained that it would be more appropriate to discuss BPAC priorities under Member Comments portion of the agenda.

Member Art Seitz commented that he had a meeting with Broward MPO on the AIA Greenway. Nick Sofoul recommended that the minutes be amended per Mr. Seitz suggestion to identify the stakeholders in the AIA Greenway project.

Motion: Member Chakler moved to approve minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Howard Kaplan and approved unanimously.

IV. Comments from Chair

There were no comments from the Chair.

V. New Business

PRESENTATION: Broward MPO 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Peter Gies, representing the Broward MPO, gave a presentation on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He explained that the MPO is federally mandated to update the MTP every five (5) years to plan for the allocation of State and Federal transportation funding over a 5 to 25-year horizon. Mr. Gies provided detail on the process of creating the MTP including: community involvement, data gathering and analysis, setting goals, objective and measures, financial analysis, scenario planning, and travel demand modeling. He encouraged BPAC members to take the MTP online survey and to provide feedback into the development of the plan. He concluded the presentation by responding to BPAC inquiries. The Broward MPO will return to the BPAC in early 2019 once a draft MTP is ready for review.

Old Business

BPAC Letter regarding Las Olas Boulevard Mobility Project

Mr. Sofoul reviewed previous BPAC motions in reference the Las Olas Boulevard Mobility Project. Mr. Chakler inquired on the recipients of the letter. Mr. Seitz requested that the letter be sent to Ft. Lauderdale elected officials. Mr. Sofoul reminded BPAC of their role as an Advisory Board to the County Commission and would follow up on expanding the recipients of the letter.

VI. Agency Updates

Stewart Robertson, representing FDOT, followed up on a previous BPAC inquiry. He explained that streets, under FDOT jurisdiction, are swept approximately every six (6) months and that Griffin Rd. would be moved up in priority for cleaning. Mr. Chakler asked FDOT to provide a specific date the lanes would be swept and how BPAC could facilitate more frequent maintenance. Mr. Robertson responded that increasing the frequency of maintenance would impact the budget. Mr. Sofoul indicated that he would invite FDOT project managers specific to maintenance to discuss the issue again with BPAC.

Cindy Corbett-Elder, representing Broward County Transit (BCT), explained that BCT has an opportunity to get funding for electric buses through the VW Mitigation Trust. She encouraged members to complete an online survey on spending priorities. Additionally, she confirmed that five electric buses are currently on order.

VII. Staff Report

Mr. Sofoul provided an update on previous BPAC inquiry related to homeless individuals living along the New River Greenway. He reported that Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division (HBMD) has an established process for these situations and has acted to keep the Greenway clear of obstructions. Mr. Sofoul also committed to invite County Staff from HBMD to discuss maintenance of bike lanes on County jurisdictional roadways.

VIII. Committee Member Updates

Mr. Chakler had number of inquiries:

- There is a large pothole in the bike lane on University Drive southbound just south of Riverside Drive. He requested asked FDOT to address.

- Bike lanes need maintenance on Hiatus Road between Oakland Park and State Road 84. He requested Broward County HBMD to address.
- Bicycle signals were recently removed in Weston. Mr. Sofoul commented that BPAC will be briefed on the Bicycle Detection Pilot by Traffic Engineering Division next meeting.
- Bicycle Month was March as opposed to May, why? Mr. Sofoul explained Broward County follows the schedule for Florida Bicycle Month which is annually celebrated in March.
- Status update of Surrogate Trailway Signal and crossing along the New River Greenway at Hiatus Road. Mr. Sofoul explained that the County submitted the proposal to FDOT and is waiting for decision. Mr. Sofoul will provide a greenways presentation to BPAC.
- How come the County Attorney does not attend BPAC? Mr. Sofoul explained that if legal questions arise that require an opinion he sends the information to the Attorney assigned to BPAC. A response is usually provided in 48 hours.
- Why are there large gaps in I7st Causeway bridge along bike lanes but not along sidewalk? Mr. Robertson responded that gap should be designed to safely accommodate bicycles. The pedestrian area must meet stricter standards for ADA than the bike lane.

Mr. Seitz discussed his meeting with the Broward MPO regarding the AIA greenway. He also reiterated his opposition to Wave Streetcar and asked for a BPAC vote on the project. Mr. Sofoul explained that if the project were to move forward then BPAC will receive a presentation from the consultant team that addresses bicycle integration and safety. If concerns remain after the presentation, the BPAC could vote to advise the County Commission as it relates to bicycle and pedestrian safety.

IX. Public Comment

Mr. Cook, a city of Fort Lauderdale resident, commented that the bicycle lane project on SW 4th Ave was reduced in scope to accommodate 11-foot outside transit lanes; however, the Wave Streetcar would operate in a 10-foot lane.

X. Adjourn

Motion: Member Chakler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Howard Kaplan. The April 11, 2018 BPAC meeting concluded at 8:06 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on May 9, 2018, at Broward County Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 329F.

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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