

SUMMARY MINUTES



Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 329F
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
November 14, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Heidi Siegel, Chair – Dist. 6

Howard Kaplan – Dist. 7

Steve Lim – Dist. 1

Jerry Layne – Dist. 3 (via phone)

Hugh Chakler – Dist. 8

Phillip Kim – Dist. 7

Art Seitz – Dist. 4

Board Members Absent

Michael Kroll, Vice Chair – League of Cities

County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, AICP, Staff Coordinator

Attendees

Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn/DOT

Cynthia Corbett-Elder, BCT

Michael Pacitto, BCAD

Mauricio Hernandez, City of Fort Lauderdale

Karen Friedman, BCAD

Larry Wallace, FDOT District 4

Michael Hamley, Resident

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Sofoul. A quorum of the members was present.

III. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2018

Member Chakler noted two scribes' errors including a misspelling of the word "bicycle" and the word "informed" after "asked."

Motion: Mr. Chakler moved to approve the minutes, as amended, seconded by Mr. Kaplan. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Comments from Chair

Chair Siegel reminded BPAC to hold questions until the end of the presentation to maintain order. The Chair also thanked Mr. Sofoul for his work during the 2018 calendar year.

V. New Business

Motion: Approval of Calendar Year 2019 BPAC Meeting Schedule

Mr. Sofoul recapped the 2018 calendar and explained meeting requirements stated in the BPAC ordinance. He provided three (3) options for meeting calendars. Calendar "A" is similar to CY2018 with ten (10) scheduled meetings, Calendar "B" with six (6) bimonthly meetings, and Calendar "C" with four (4) quarterly meetings.

Member Chakler made a motion to approve Calendar “B” for 2019 that was seconded by Member Kim. The vote was unanimous.

FLL Bicycle Connectivity and Suitability Analysis

Ms. Friedman gave a presentation on behalf of the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) to discuss bicycle connectivity within and near the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL). She explained the history of the Perimeter Road shared use path project and the “fatal flaws” that were identified. In response, BCAD committed to provide a more wholistic study of bicycle amenities and connectivity at FLL. The study included a peer review of other “large hub” airports and an analysis of three options for routing bicycle traffic within FLL jurisdiction. BCAD concluded that none of the options on FLL property are suitable for a designated bicycle route. However, NE 10 Street and NE 7th Avenue to Andrews Ave, east of FLL property, are options that can enhance regional bicycle connectivity while minimizing FLL safety concerns. Additionally, BCAD is looking to follow its peers by adding bicycle racks for employees and evaluating other methods to increase bicycle access to FLL.

US I (East Coast Greenway) Alternative Bicycle Route Study

Mr. Wallace with FDOT District 4 introduced Mr. Robertson to provide a presentation on the study. Mr. Robertson explained that there is a very limited number of roadways that connect north-south east of I-95 between SE 17th St and Griffin Road: Perimeter Road, US I, and NE 10th St/NE 7th Ave. FDOT conducted a high-level feasibility on all three (3) routes. There were significant challenges identified on Perimeter Road and US I that would necessitate a “share the road” experience. The NE 10th St/NE 7th Ave. alignment is the best suited to provide a dedicated bicycle facility. He concluded by describing a conceptual implementation plan to create a designated bicycle facility along the NE 10th St/NE 7th Ave and the need for future partnership to advance a project.

MOTION: To Support the FDOT US I (East Coast Greenway) Alternative Bicycle Study Preferred Scenario

Mr. Chakler make a motion to support the FDOT Study Preferred Scenario, seconded by Mr. Lim. The vote was unanimous.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. Agency Updates

Mr. Wallace, representing FDOT, explained that an updated “production book” is in the works that will provide additional details on State projects. Mr. Hernandez, representing the City of Fort Lauderdale, provided a brief update on the implementation of dockless mobility. He asked members to report any issues directly to the dockless mobility companies prior to reporting to the City. He encouraged members to try the dockless scooters for themselves.

VIII. Staff Report

Mr. Sofoul reported that the Transportation Surtax was approved on November 6, 2018 by the electorate with 60% approval. The County is now transitioning from the education campaign to implementation. More information will be presented to BPAC in the coming months on the implementation and prioritization of projects. Mr. Sofoul expects BPAC to play a key role in the review of bike/ped Surtax projects.

Mr. Sofoul responded to Mr. Lim that he would reach out to see if obtaining security badges can be streamlined.

Mr. Sofoul updated provided an update on legislative priorities. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners included the texting ban as a primary offense and the push for bicycle signal detection.

IX. Committee Member Updates

Mr. Chakler thanked partners for street cleanup along Griffin Road. He also asked for a follow-up on additional signage on the New River Greenways. Mr. Sofoul responded that this will be addressed in the new year. He asked about a road barrier at SW 9th Ave. and SW 28th St. in Fort Lauderdale that prevent bicyclist movements. Mr. Hernandez indicated that he would take this back to the City.

Mr. Chakler asked if someone could attend the 4th Quarter Complete Streets Team meeting. Chair Siegel said that she could attend in the meeting in his place.

Mr. Chaker asked about the FDOT production book and would like to see more projects make it onto the agenda. Mr. Sofoul explained that he is looking to BPAC members advise him if an FDOT project on the list should be discussed in greater detail.

Public Comment

None.

X. Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Chakler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lim, unanimously approved.

The November 14, 2018 BPAC meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on January 9, 2019, at Broward County Governmental Center.

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