

# SUMMARY MINUTES



**Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
**Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 329F**  
**115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**  
**September 11, 2019 6:30 p.m.**

## **Board Members Present**

Jerry Layne, Vice Chair – District 3  
Steve Lim – Dist. 1  
Michael Kroll – League of Cities

Hugh Chakler – District 8  
Fern Goodhart – District 4 (via phone)  
Phillip Kim – District 9

## **Board Members Absent**

Heidi Siegel, Chair – District 6

## **County Staff**

Nicholas Sofoul, Staff Coordinator

## **Attendees**

Larry Wallace, FDOT

Howard Kaplan, Resident

## **I. Call to Order**

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

## **II. Roll Call**

The roll was called by Nicholas Sofoul. Quorum was met with six (6) members present.

## **III. Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2019**

Members requested the following edits:

Board member Lim requested two references of the member “Layne” should be amended to member “Lim.” Mr. Chakler asked for clarification on the “stand up” of the surtax program.

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

## **IV. Comments from Chair**

Vice Chair Layne asked that all comments be held until the end.

## **V. New Business**

### **CY 2020 Recommended Legislative Priorities**

Mr. Sofoul explained that meetings canceled for lack of quorum over the course of the summer cause BPAC to miss the deadline to submit to recommended legislative priorities to the Board. As a result, Mr. Sofoul recommended to establish priorities despite the past deadline, allowing individual BPAC members to discuss items to their Commissioners and include these priorities in the BPAC annual report that will get transmitted to the Board.

Mr. Sofoul reviewed the CY2019 recommendations. He explained that since the Florida legislature made texting while driving a primary offense last session, BPAC has an opportunity to add or modify legislative priority recommendations. Member Chakler recommended that BPAC prioritize a “hands-free” law.

**MOTION:** Member Layne moved to recommend adoption of the hands free, “move over,” and SUN Trail priorities, seconded by Member Goodhart. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Sofoul advised that BPAC members can speak with their Commissioners regarding these priorities.

### **Advising MAP Administrator of Prioritization of NE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and S Andrews Ave on 5-Year MAP Plan**

Mr. Sofoul explained that a 5-year program of surtax-funded transportation projects is currently being developed. He advised that the bicycle bypass route east of the airport, discussed earlier this year, was not expected to be funded until late in the 30 year implementation plan. He suggested that BPAC send a letter to the County Staff Complete Streets Team asking for this project to be included in the 5-year program.

**MOTION:** Member Chakler moved to direct staff to prepare a letter urging prioritization of NE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and S Andrews Ave bicycle lanes on the 5-year surtax program. The letter should recommend consolidation of multiple project segments into a single project and include the missing link on Eller Dr. The letter should also recommend that the scope of these projects be expanded to include other safety enhancements for bicyclists. The motion was seconded by Member Layne. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Presentation: Broward County Staff Internal Complete Streets Team**

Mr. Sofoul explained that the Broward County Staff Internal Complete Streets Team has been key to interdepartmental collaboration for Broward County roadway projects. He described the various roles of the Team stipulated in the Transportation Element of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, he provided the Team’s Annual Report, new minimum standards, and Lane Elimination Policy.

### **VI. Old Business**

No old business.

### **VII. Agency Updates**

Mr. Wallace announced that the FDOT is partnering up with the MPO and many other Broward municipalities for “mobility week” from October 25<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **VIII. Staff Report**

Mr. Sofoul emphasized the importance of meeting attendance and explained the quorum requirements for BPAC meetings.

### **IX. Committee Member Updates**

Member Chakler had several comments:

- Status and information on the possibility of bike lanes along the proposed Port bypass road. Mr. Sofoul explained that Port Everglades has credible security concerns and has requested that this route be designed for vehicular access only.
- BPAC action taken earlier in the year regarding action from the Chair to send a letter

in support of waived entry for bicyclists and pedestrians during March Bicycle Month. Mr. Sofoul responded that he has not received any updates on that item.

- Information on rejected SUN Trail application. Mr. Sofoul explained that FDOT Traffic Operations has safety concerns with the design of the proposed surrogate signal. He advised that the Greenways Master Plan Update will review other design solutions for these intersections.
- Update on FDOT program/list of projects for BPAC review. Mr. Wallace responded that FDOT is working on the content and design of the report.
- MPO Walking Audits. Mr. Sofoul advised that he could forward MPO Walking Audit reports.
- Outreach and promotion of charity rides and other bike club events. Mr. Sofoul explained that he can send communications via BPAC email list and post on website.

## **X. Public Comment**

None.

## **XI. Adjourn**

Motion: Member Layne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Kroll, unanimously approved.

The September 11, 2019 BPAC meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on November 13, 2019 at Broward County Governmental Center.

**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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