

# SUMMARY MINUTES



**Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
**Broward County Government Center, Online and Phone via WebEx**  
**115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**  
**July 8, 2020 6:30 p.m.**

## Board Members Present

Heidi Siegel, Chair– District 6  
Michael Kroll – League of Cities  
Fern Goodhart – District 4  
Steve Lim – District 1

Jerry Layne, Vice Chair – District 3  
Hugh Chakler – District 8  
Charmie Pujalt – District 7  
Phillip Kim – District 9

## Board Members Absent

No members absent

## County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, BPAC Coordinator  
Monique Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Orlando Garcia, Boards Administrator

## Attendees

None

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM

## II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Nicholas Sofoul. Quorum was met with one member absent.

## Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2019

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

## III. Comments from Chair

Chair Siegel mentioned impacts from pandemic and equity/racial justice movements. There is an opportunity to address inequities related to bike/ped initiatives. Chair Siegel cited facts that communities of seniors and minorities have high rates of bike/ped injuries. She will share reading material in preparation for an agenda item at the next meeting. Members Chakler and Goodhart are interested in additional reading material and hearing from members of the public to ensure we are listening to the authentic community.

## New Business

### BPAC Sunset Review

Mr. Garcia provided an overview of the Boards Sunset Review process. Recommendations included retaining BPAC and expanding the Committee from 10 to 11 members by adding a League of Cities appointee with “demonstrated interest in architecture, engineering, land use, or

planning.” Member Kroll recommended adding “landscape architecture” to the list of “demonstrated interests.”

**Motion:** Member Chakler moved to accept and approve the amended staff recommendation from Sunset Review including amendment to Section 12.218 of the Broward County Administrative Code to expand BPAC membership to 11 members and add “landscape architecture”. The motion was seconded by Member Kroll. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Old Business**

No old business.

#### **V. Agency Updates**

No Agency Updates

#### **VI. Staff Report**

Mr. Sofoul updated BPAC on County progress on Bicycle Signal Detection, Bus Queue Jumps, North-South Bike Connector, and Bike/Ped Safety Tips.

##### *Bicycle Signal Detection*

Mr. Sofoul explained that Broward County has updated traffic signal specifications to include differential bicycle detection as a standard device. FDOT has not included these devices in their standard specifications. New signals are infrequent, approx. 5-10 per year. County funding has not been allocated to retrofit existing signals. Eventually the system will permit incorporation a bicycle signal phase as part of overall timing. Member Pujalt asked about the type of cameras. Member Goodhart expressed concern over FDOT not standardizing the equipment.

##### *Bus Queue Jump*

Mr. Sofoul provided an update on the Queue Jump projects along Sample Road corridor. These intelligent transportation systems (ITS) provide an opportunity for the bus to get a lead on cars in an intersection to improve the bus operational efficiency and on-time performance.

##### *North-South Bike Lane Connector*

Mr. Sofoul provided an update on BPAC action related to the North-South bicycle connection east of the FLL south runway. He confirmed that, because of BPAC action, the project was prioritized in the recommended 5-year surtax plan. Design phase is slated for 2024 and construction commencing in 2026. Public Works Department will conduct additional outreach with BPAC once design commences.

##### *Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Tips*

Mr. Sofoul explained that the safety tips discussed and approved in the last meeting is on the web and will be distributed to resident in the unincorporated (BMSD) neighborhoods. He will send a copy of the publication once it is available.

## VII. Committee Member Updates

Member Chakler asked about examining potential need for diagonal crossing (called a “Barnes Dance” or “Pedestrian Scramble”) in high traffic locations as a design concept. Mr. Sofoul explained that FDOT did a pilot of this design along AIA and Commercial in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. He recommended we ask Mr. Wallace from FDOT.

Member Goodhart asked about the COVID impact on transportation funding. Mr. Sofoul explained that there is less gas tax, airport/seaport/transit fees, and sales tax revenues collected but federal funding is helping to fund the gap in the short term. It is too early to estimate the exact scope of the financial impact. Many projects have been accelerated to take advantage of lower traffic volumes.

## VIII. Public Comment

No public comments

## IX. Adjourn

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

The July 8, 2020 BPAC meeting concluded at 7:26 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on September 9, 2020 online via WebEx.

**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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