

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
January 20, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Heidi Siegel, Chair– District 6
Hugh Chakler – District 8
Fern Goodhart – District 4

Michael Kroll – League of Cities
Charmie Pujalt – District 7
Steve Lim – District 1

Board Members Absent

Jerry Layne, Vice Chair – District 3

Phillip Kim – District 9

County Staff

Josette Severyn, Senior Mobility Planner-
Interim Staff Coordinator

Monique Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Attendees

None

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM

II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Josette Severyn. Quorum was met with two members absent.

Approval of Minutes

Member Chakler requests to postpone approval of November 18, 2020 minutes to next meeting.

III. Comments from Chair

Chair Siegel is resigning from the BPAC. Member Siegel is going to start a professional position that would conflict with BPAC meetings and may have the potential appearance of conflict.

New Business

Broward B-Cycle & RBX

Broward B-Cycle, since 2011, is now full e-assist bike. A private venture in a public-private partnership, Broward B-Cycle is located within four cities in Broward County. Broward B-Cycle, one of the first in the US. Hollywood, still has classic Trek Bicycles, while northern cities have e-assist Trek Bicycle for public use.

Broward County has a total of 21 B-Cycle stations with plans to add more stations. Ridership continues to increase during the pandemic. The Bicycle are available per half hour increments and memberships are available.

Broward B-Cycle has worked with municipalities for various type of events like open streets and community events.

Questions:

How do you determine where to install stations? Where are the future locations going to be installed?

Stations are installed within proximity of other stations, in areas with appropriate population density and safe and comfortable infrastructure. Future stations planned, for example in Fort Lauderdale, have been denied previously and are being discussed again, including in the downtown and beach areas. Pompano, Lauderdale By the Sea and Wilton Manor are among the cities with planned stations. Broward B-Cycle is hoping for 2-3 new stations in 2021.

How much education and supply and demand for Bicycle rental and return?

The B-Cycle app can assist with locating bicycles available and open dock locations. The information about the app is at each station.

What about bicycle helmets use when using B-Cycle Bicycles?

Broward B-Cycle does not provide helmets and do not require helmets. However, to rent a B-cycle Bicycle, the user agreement states the user must be a minimum of 18 years old. Based on state law, individuals 16 and older are not required by law to wear a helmet when using a bicycle. Broward B-cycle does encourage helmet use.

RBX, Recycled Bicycle Exchange, a non-profit, has four helmet fitters. Jeff is helmet fitter and trainer. He conducts trainings for agencies, including law enforcement. Through RBX people can receive a helmet and a fitting for free. Many law enforcement agencies have taken advantage of the trainings, know of the opportunity, and RBX has also worked with the evidence departments as well.

RBX is an approved vendor for training, evaluations, bicycle valet, and support or management to events. Broward B-Cycle or RBX is involved in some fashion whether there is a joint event or not.

RBX is local non-profit, bike shop that sells bikes, repairs bike to the public and a charitable organization. They have given away 500-600 bikes per year and fits almost two thousand helmets a year. As a co-op and community bike shop they do lesson, class, shared tools, shared space, shared knowledge that allow people to learn how to work on their own bikes and ride bikes. They can also transport bikes, mobile mechanics and provide bikes for events.

Elections

Member Heidi Siegel nominates Mike Kroll for Chair.

Member Mike Kroll accepts nomination and will serve as Chair.

Member Heidi Siegel nominates Hugh Chakler for Vice Chair, Mike Kroll and Fern second and third. Hugh Chakler will serve as Vice Chair.

Member Fern Goodhart nominates herself for Secretary. Mike Kroll seconds the nomination. Fern Goodhart will serve as Secretary.

Florida Bicycle Month

Does BPAC want to pursue a Florida Bicycle Month Proclamation?

There is an interest to pursue a Florida Bicycle Month Proclamation, but request review of the language for revisions for more appropriate language with consideration to the pandemic and safe infrastructure.

Please verify several items, such as the tandem and hand cycle bicycles, and confirm the events will continue during the pandemic.

Add the equity component to the language.

Add workplaces to the language.

Add Broward County encourages residents and workplaces to increase and encourage safe bicycling.

Chair Mike Kroll will approve the final version to submit to the proclamation process.

IV. Old Business

No old business.

V. Agency Updates

Larry Wallace, FDOT, advises committee members to review the Broward MPO scheduling report to provide updates. It is available daily and can obtain daily, weekly, monthly. Look at the MMSC date and provide your comments to Josette on or before that date.

VI. Staff Report

FDOT Work Program does not have any bicycle infrastructure projects at or near Sunrise Blvd and Sunset Strip bicycle infrastructure. The Surtax funded projects do not show any bicycle infrastructure projects for the same location.

Increased vehicles speeds were identified in Broward County during the pandemic, which is a pattern consistent with national trends as portrayed in article. The increased speeds may be due to less traffic congestion. The article calls to action to replace the outdated speed-limit planning.

What is the county currently doing for reducing deadly crashes and increase safety? What do the experts say? What is our county doing about it.

The Complete Streets works together to promote and implement safe multimodal projects. The experts have a number of different strategies, a multidisciplinary approach, that they use, including roadway redesign, ensure safe infrastructure, such as pedestrian crossings. A speaker will be invited to talk about the specific strategies for safety.

Are there partnership opportunities to pursue with BSO?

Ms. Severyn will follow up with staff to check on partnership opportunities.

VII. Committee Member Updates

Vice Chair Chakler followed up on the status of the link to report roadway issues on the website. Request to be made.

Secretary Goodhart expresses increasing frustration due to traffic lights that do not detect a bicyclist if there is not a car present. A staff member from Traffic Engineering will be invited

to the next meeting to discuss County efforts.

Member Lim request more information on 436339.2 Broward County Push Button Construction and Intersection improvements.

Larry Wallace, FDOT, will provide Ms. Severyn with the Broward MPO Scheduling Report for upcoming projects a week or two prior to the BPAC to disseminate to the BPAC members for review prior the future BPAC meetings.

The Badges are available for pick up at the Government Center East Front Security Desk. A Government Issued ID will be required to pick up the Badge. Member Pujalt will have to set up an appointment to have her picture taken for the badge. Due to policy changes, the BPAC Staff Liaison will not be able to pick up the badges for members.

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment.

IX. Adjourn

Motion: Vice Chair Hugh moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Goodhart, unanimously approved.

The January 20, 2021 BPAC meeting concluded at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on March 10, 2020.

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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