SUMMARY MINUTES - DRAFT

Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Broward County Government Center, in person
1 University Drive, 2nd FL Hearing Room, Plantation, FL 33324
May 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Steve Lim – District 1
Chris Wolf – District 3
Maximiliano Goldstein (Vice Chair) – District 5
Kim Roy – District 7

Board Members Absent

Lynne Kunins – District 2
George Palaidis – District 4
Janet Arango – District 6
Michael Kroll (Chair) – League of Cities
RaShana Dabney-Donovan – District 9

County Staff

Heather Cunniff, AICP, Planning Section Supervisor, Interim BPAC Coordinator, Urban Planning Division.

Attendees

Michael Melendez, FDOT District 4
Kerry Irons, Adventure Cycling Association

I. CALL TO ORDER

Maximiliano Goldstein, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by staff. A quorum was present. Attendees introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2025

Maximiliano Goldstein requested, but did not receive any comments on the minutes. Upon a motion by Chris Wolf, seconded by Steve Lim, the minutes of March 12, 2025 were unanimously approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **PRESENTATION** - Building Bicycle Tourism – *Kerry Irons, U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBRS), Volunteer Coordinator, Adventure Cycling Association*

Mr. Irons provided a brief explanation of the Adventure Cycling Association's initiative to develop the U.S. Bicycle Route System, a national network of numbered and signed bicycle routes. It is also recognized by state DOT (Department of Transportation) and AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials). The first routes were designated in 1982.

Routes are nominated for official designation by state departments of transportation and approved by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Designation of a U.S. Bicycle Route means that the state department of transportation and all jurisdictions along the route have given their support. Adventure Cycling provides free technical assistance on behalf of AASHTO to any state interested in developing a U.S. Bicycle Route as outlined in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by both organizations.

In Broward County, Adventure Cycling is working to realign U.S. Bike Route 1 (USBR 1) to include local streets and roads that are do not receive the traffic volume of U.S. 1. The USBR 1 Realignment affects roads under the jurisdiction of Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach, Hollywood, and Broward County. Mr. Irons emphasized that they are reaching out to all four jurisdictions to gain support for the realignment prior to presenting it to The Florida Department of Transportation.

Mr. Irons stated that the benefits of realigning USBR 1 are:

- Improved routes for bicycle travelers,
- Positive health/environmental impacts,
- Economic development via bicycle tourism for smaller communities.

Mr. Irons concluded his presentation by requesting that the BPAC provide comments, suggestions, and support for the realignment. Chair Goldstein requested questions, comments, and support for the project from the BPAC members.

Mr. Goldstein asked if there would be any opportunity for infrastructure improvements during the realignment process. Mr. Irons stated that the USBR does not have funding for infrastructure. However, they are raising awareness of the USBR initiative, so that local and state governments could consider the recommendations, at such time as they are making improvements to existing bicycle, pedestrian, and roadway infrastructure.

Kim Roy about the safety of the bike lanes. Mr. Irons responded that the route utilizes existing infrastructure. He further noted that the route is intended for experienced cyclists who travel on long bike tours.

Mr. Goldstein advised that a light rail line is planned that may overlap with certain sections of the planned USBR route. Mr. Irons acknowledged that, over time, the USBR route would need to be realigned to respond changing conditions. Mr. Goldstein asked whether a secondary route could be provided in the event the USBR was impacted due to construction. Mr. Irons responded that current plans do not include alternative routes, but they could be added in the future.

A question was raised about whether the Broadwalk in Hollywood should be included in the alignment. Since the Broadwalk is mainly used by tourists, who have various levels of cycling capabilities, it may be more appropriate to direct cyclists to A1A. Mr. Irons

responded that the proposed route has evolved over many years. He acknowledged that cyclists must adapt to different conditions.

Motion: Upon a motion by Chris Wolf, seconded by Lynne Kunins, the Broward Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support the United States Bike Route realignment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

Micheal Melendez, Florida Department of Transportation, District 4, Office of Mobile Development. He announced that the new Bicycle, Pedestrian and Complete Streets Coordinator is Martha Morales. She will attend future BPAC meetings.

Mr. Melendez stated he is familiar with the realignment project that Mr. Irons had previously presented. District 4 has worked with Mr. Irons to complete the paperwork process for the Dixie Highway realignment in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Melendez discussed the update to the 2018 Master Plan. The Plan considers the state highway system and identifies the needs for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Mr. Goldstein asked about the timeline for collecting public comments. Mr. Melendez responded that the plan does not have funding, so they are not doing extensive public outreach. Staff expects to complete the project in the fall. Ms. Kunins asked of the plan consider local and county roads. Mr. Melendez responded that it only addresses state facilities.

VII. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Cunniff stated that at this time there is not a dedicated transportation planner and she will serve as BPAC coordinator.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

a. *Complete Streets Team Updates* – no updates.

b. *Committee Member Updates* – A new member as been appointed, Kim Roy. Ms. Roy is resident of Miramar, District 7.

X. ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Mr. Wolf, seconded Mr. Goldstein, the BPAC voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 7:23p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 6:30 PM

Transcript of meeting or recording available upon request. Contact Heather Cunniff, Planning Supervisor for additional information. Email: hcunniff@broward.org or Phone: (954) 357-5657