

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024
Daytona Beach International Airport, Airline Room
700 Catalina Drive
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Members/Technical Appointees Physically Present:

Terry Lodge, Vice Chairperson
Ted Wendler, Chairperson
Victor Ramos
Larry Coletti
Nic Mostert
Bob Storke
Gayle Belin
Tom Bahleda
Jason Aufdenberg
Elizabeth Bonds
Maggie Ardito
Emery Jeffreys
Eileen Sharp
David German (non-voting)
Jacob Lunceford (non-voting)
Stephanie Moss (non-voting advisor)

Representing:

DeBary
DeLand
Deltona
Flagler County
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Ponce Inlet
Volusia County At-Large
Volusia County Chair
Volusia County District 1
Volusia County District 1 Alternate
Volusia County District 2
Volusia County Schools
Volusia County Transit Services
FDOT

Members/Technical Appointees Virtually Present:

Patrick McCallister
Nancy Epps
Christy Gillis
Adam Mengel (non-voting)
Amy Stroger (non-voting)
Suzette Cameron (non-voting)
Jay Williams (non-voting)

Representing:

Lake Helen
Ponce Inlet Alternate
South Daytona
Flagler County
Flagler County Transit
Large City, Port Orange
Volusia County

Members/Technical Appointees Absent:

Doug Hall (excused)
Cassandra Jessie
Jauxniece Palmer
Katheryn Meagher (excused)
Meghan Lindsey

Representing:

Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Alternate
Flagler Beach Alternate
South Daytona Alternate
Volusia County Parks Recreation & Culture

Others Physically Present:

Donna King, Recording Secretary
Pamela Blankenship
Stephan Harris
Kia Powell

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
FDOT

Others Virtually Present:

Colleen Nicoulin
Anna Hopkins
Richard Hamilton

Representing:

TPO Staff
FDEP Office of Greenways & Trails
Citizen

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum / Pledge of Allegiance

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chairperson Ted Wendler. The roll was called, and it was determined that a

quorum was physically present. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with thirteen voting and three non-voting members physically present; and three voting and three non-voting members virtually present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

II. Public Comment/Participation

There were no public comments.

III. Action Items

A. Review and Approval of the February 14, 2024 BPAC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Aufdenberg stated that under the BPAC member comments section of the minutes it should read Ridge Boulevard instead of Ridgewood Avenue.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Storke to approve the February 14, 2024 BPAC meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coletti and carried unanimously.*

Chairperson Wendler recognized Mr. Victor Ramos as the newest BPAC member from Deltona.

B. Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2024-## Supporting the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Jeffreys to allow members attending virtually to participate and vote. The motion was seconded by Ms. Belin and carried unanimously.*

Mr. Harris provided in-depth details on the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail and noted that the resolution supports the trail as one of the leading regional trail priorities in the State of Florida. He noted that the funding that is currently programmed on the trail will remain regardless of whether the ranking changes. He stated that the TPO also received a letter of support from Flagler County and expects to receive another from the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

Mr. Harris answered BPAC members' questions regarding letters of support and if funding is available to complete the trail gaps.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Ms. Sharp to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-## supporting the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bonds and carried unanimously.*

IV. Presentation and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails Program for Trail Towns and Trail Designations

Ms. Anna Hopkins, Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provided a PowerPoint presentation of the DEP's Office of Greenways and Trails Program for Trail Towns and Designations. She provided overall details of what their purpose is and identified the current Florida-designated Trail Towns, the goals, and what makes a Trail Town and the benefits. She provided information on how to become a Trail Town and explained the process of applying and getting approved. She explained the variety of programs that they offer; the criteria needed for each program and the benefits of each program.

Ms. Hopkins answered BPAC members' questions regarding opportunities for citizens to give the Trail Towns and Designations presentation; and how local businesses inside a local Trail Town can become more involved.

B. Update on Bike/Walk Central Florida's Operation Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program

Ms. Blankenship provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Bike/Walk Central Florida's Operation Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program. She provided in-depth details of the program's mission, expected benefits, and the data that was collected on thirteen crosswalks during January of 2024. She discussed driver yield rates at various crosswalks in Volusia County that ranged from 16%-97%. She noted that five high visibility crosswalk enforcements took place in February producing twenty-four warnings and ninety-four citations.

Ms. Blankenship answered BPAC members' questions regarding emailing the presentation slides to BPAC members; whether the program will be implemented in Flagler County; how it is determined which crosswalks are studied; if crosswalk signage differs in different areas of the county; the goal of the data collection and if the observations were completed during Bike Week.

C. Update on the River to Sea TPO's 2024 Annual Call for Projects

Mr. Harris provided a detailed update on the TPO's Annual Call for Projects including the number of applications received and the schedule. He noted that the BPAC Project Review Subcommittee will be meeting on March 18, 2024, and an agenda was sent out to the members. He noted that Flagler County submitted a list of projects; of which, three will be merged into the TPO's Priority List.

V. Staff Comments

Mr. Harris provided a flyer for Florida Bicycle Month in March.

VI. Information Items

- BPAC Attendance Record
- Spring to the Springs Event
- TPO Board Report
- TPO Outreach & Activities
- TPO Upcoming Events

VII. BPAC Member Comments

Mr. Ramos noted that Deltona was the first Trail Town in Volusia County.

Mr. Lunceford provided an update on VoRide and its upcoming expansion into Orange City, Deltona, and DeBary on April 8, 2024.

Mr. Coletti discussed a newspaper article on the Flagler County walk-over bridge that received a national recognition award and noted that Ms. Amy Stroger was the Project Manager.

Mr. Bahleda discussed how the flashing lights at Ponce Inlet crosswalks have been effective and mentioned the crosswalk flags being a lower-cost solution.

Ms. Bonds announced that she will provide more information at next month's meeting regarding the Ormond Beach History Bike Ride.

Ms. Ardito provided comments regarding SunRail; information on the 2024 Spring to the Springs Family Fun Ride and Trail Celebration on March 23, 2024 at Gemini Springs Park; and additional comments (inaudible).

Ms. Moss stated that FDOT is continuing outreach efforts for Highway 92, from DeLand to Daytona Beach, by providing a Walk Wise presentation at local shelters and correctional facilities.

Mr. Aufdenberg provided a PowerPoint presentation of his VoRide experience. He also spoke about the Florida Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Assessment that was completed in November; Volusia County has no tier 1 roadways.

VIII. Adjournment

The BPAC meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization



4/10/24

Mr. Ted Wendler, Chairperson
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the March 13, 2024 regular meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), approved and duly signed this 10th day of April 2024.



Donna King, Recording Secretary
River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization

**A recording of the March 13, 2024 BPAC meeting is available upon request.*