

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes
April 10, 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
Larry Coletti
Nic Mostert
Bob Storke
Gayle Belin
James Lowry
Laura Schweinsberg
Tom Bahleda
Jason Aufdenberg
Elizabeth Bonds
Maggie Ardito
Eileen Sharp
Adam Mengel (non-voting)
Meghan Lindsey (non-voting)
Jacob Lunceford (non-voting)
Stephanie Moss (non-voting advisor)

Representing:

DeBary
DeLand
Flagler County
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Palm Coast
Palm Coast Alternate
Ponce Inlet
Volusia County At-Large
Volusia County Chair
Volusia County District 1
Volusia County District 2
Flagler County
Volusia County Parks Recreation & Culture
Volusia County Transit Services
FDOT

Members/Technical Appointees Virtually Present:

Doug Hall
Nancy Epps
Suzette Cameron (non-voting)

Representing:

Daytona Beach
Ponce Inlet Alternate
Large City, Port Orange

Members/Technical Appointees Absent:

Victor Ramos (excused)
Jauxniece Palmer
Patrick McCallister (excused)
Christy Gillis (excused)
Katheryn Meagher (excused)
Hamid Tabassian (non-voting)
Trevor Martin (non-voting)
David German (non-voting)

Representing:

Deltona
Flagler Beach Alternate
Lake Helen
South Daytona
South Daytona Alternate
Flagler County Transit
Flagler County Transit Alternate
Volusia County Schools

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
Tiffany Gehrke
Richard Hamilton

Representing:

TPO Staff
FDOT
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 twelve voting and four non-voting members physically present; and two voting and one non-voting member virtually present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Chairperson Wendler introduced newly appointed BPAC members, James Lowry and Laura Schweinsberg.

II. Public Comment/Participation

There were no public comments.

III. Action Items

A. Review and Approval of the March 13, 2024 BPAC Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *A motion was made by Ms. Belin to approve the March 13, 2024 BPAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried unanimously.*

B. Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2024-## Adopting the FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Authorizing the Execution of the FDOT/Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement

Mr. Harris reviewed the changes to the draft UPWP for the next two years beginning on July 1, 2024. He discussed the reduction of the number of tasks. He noted the link provided in the agenda packet for members to access the draft UPWP. He also compared the old and new tasks and explained the tasks that are being merged.

Mr. Harris answered BPAC member questions regarding when the FY begins and ends; what the asterisks stand for; if all this information is included in the link provided in the agenda; request to provide further explanation of the "Responsible Staff" column and what's the difference between ongoing and as requested.

Ms. Nicoulin explained the reasoning behind using the verbiage "ongoing and as requested" in the UPWP document. She also noted some corrections that will be made to the UPWP document.

Mr. Harris then answered more BPAC member questions regarding giving a short version of the Greenhouse Gas emissions targets and if the bike corridors relate to the wildlife corridors.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Lodge to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-## Adopting the FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Authorizing the Execution of the FDOT/Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mostert and carried unanimously.*

IV. Presentation and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of Florida Department of Transportation's Approach to Complete Streets, Context Classifications, and Facilities for Bicyclists and Pedestrians

Tiffany Gehrke; FDOT State Complete Streets Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation of Complete Streets Program. She provided FDOT's mission statement. She discussed what FDOT's Complete Streets approach is about. She provided details of the context classification system guide. She mentioned the FDOT's Design Manual, Traffic Engineering Manual, and the Access Management Guidebook-bike facilities. She provided details of what counts as a bicycle facility. She also provided detailed information of shared use paths and urban side paths. She discussed the importance of connected networks, and the multimodal Q/LOS

handbook. She provided what can act to fulfill pedestrian facility needs and options to designing for connectivity and access.

Ms. Gehrke answered BPAC members questions regarding raised reflectors, rumble strips and roundabouts being dangerous for cyclists; the widths of sidewalk separated bike lanes; and what plans are being made for the increased use of motorized scooters and bicycles.

B. Presentation and Discussion of the Make Every Ride Count Initiative

Ms. Blankenship provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Make Every Ride Count Initiative. This initiative is a Nationwide effort to support a bike friendly America by encouraging individuals to participate in logging their rides on the Love to Ride app. The program is free to participate in. A few key objectives of this initiative are for riders to provide feedback; increase awareness of biking safety and infrastructure needs and establish a national comfort rating benchmark for transportation planners. Ms. Blankenship discussed key features of the Love to Ride App which included comfort rating; data uses and the benefits of the App. She also discussed the different ways for everyone to support this initiative.

Ms. Blankenship answered BPAC members' questions regarding sharing the initiative information with local bike shops; rating the comfort levels of rides and maps being included in the App.

V. Staff Comments

- BPAC Project Review Subcommittee Meeting- Mr. Harris announced that the Subcommittee meeting begins at 3:30 p.m. following the BPAC meeting.
- Expansion of VoRide Mobility on Demand Service- Mr. Lunceford provided details of the recent VoRide expansion area. He noted that VoRide has provided thirteen thousand trips to date and is averaging a 4.8-star rating.

Mr. Lunceford answered BPAC member questions regarding plans to expand to the east side of Volusia County and how many VoRide vehicles are currently in service.

VI. Information Items

- BPAC Attendance Record
- TPO Board Report
- TPO Outreach & Activities
- TPO Upcoming Events

VII. BPAC Member Comments

Mr. Coletti stated that he and his wife recently road Gobblers Lodge Trail in Edgewater and plan to do so again due to how nice it was.

Ms. Moss announced and provided details of the walk on Flagler Avenue stress study in New Smyrna Beach is being held on April 17, 2024 at from noon- 1:00 p.m. and 6:00- 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in the stress study should contact Ms. Moss via email.

Mr. Mostert and Mr. Lodge applauded Ms. Ardito and her group for their recent successful Trail Alliance event.

Ms. Ardito discussed the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) stating that there is \$45 million in funding available. The deadline to submit bids is June 17, 2024. She noted that Rails to Trails is offering coaching sessions and provided a handout noting that this is important and time sensitive. Ms. Ardito answered BPAC members' questions regarding the ATIIP program.

Mr. Aufdenberg discussed riding his bike to Ormond noting that the crosswalks at the intersection of Hand and Clyde Morris are completely obliterated and he plans to contact the county to see about getting those crosswalks repainted. He also noted that the very wide sidewalks along Granada are very nice to ride on as an alternative to the

bike lane. He discussed how he was sharing the five-foot sidewalk space along Clyde Morris with families and women pushing strollers because there is no shoulder part of the way on Clyde Morris.

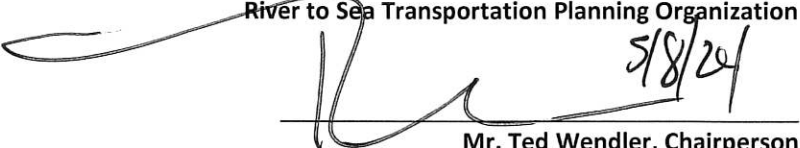
Ms. Blankenship read some comments virtually provided by Mr. Richard Hamilton: Mr. Hamilton stated that he will send Mr. Coletti a separate note about the rumble strips on A1A; his question for Ms. Gehrke was how to make sure this blended principle she outlined (which we all want to support) gets incorporated into projects and he provided an example. Ms. Blankenship then read Ms. Gehrke's response suggesting changing early involvement in projects and input would be very valuable.

Mr. Coletti asked for any updates on all of Flagler County being incorporated in this TPO.

Mr. Harris stated that the TPO is currently waiting for the Governor to sign off on the Apportionment Plan.

VIII. Adjournment

The BPAC meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization

5/8/24
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 April 10, 2024 regular meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), approved and duly signed this 8th day of May 2024.


Donna King, Recording Secretary
River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization

**A recording of the April 10, 2024 BPAC meeting is available upon request.*