

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes
May 8, 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
Lee Rogowski
Jason Aufdenberg
Maggie Ardito
Emery Jeffreys
Eileen Sharp
Amy Stroger (non-voting)
David German (non-voting)
Jacob Lunceford (non-voting)

Representing:

DeBary
DeLand
Flagler County
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Palm Coast
Palm Coast Alternate
Port Orange
Volusia County At-Large
Volusia County District 1
Volusia County District 1 Alternate
Volusia County District 2
Flagler County
Volusia County School Board
Volusia County Transit Services

Members/Technical Appointees Virtually Present:

Doug Hall
Victor Ramos
Nancy Epps
Stephanie Moss (non-voting advisor)
Jay Williams (non-voting)

Representing:

Daytona Beach
Deltona
Ponce Inlet Alternate
FDOT
Volusia County Traffic Engineering

Members/Technical Appointees Absent:

Jauxniece Palmer
Robert Tomei
Patrick McCallister
Tom Bahleda (excused)
Christy Gillis (excused)
Katheryn Meagher (excused)
Elizabeth Bonds (excused)
Adam Mengel (non-voting)
Hamid Tabassian (non-voting) (excused)
Trevor Martin (non-voting) (excused)
Suzette Cameron (non-voting)
Penelope Cruz (non-voting)

Representing:

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

Others Physically Present:

Donna Ralston, Recording Secretary
Pamela Blankenship
Stephan Harris
Colleen Nicoulin

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff

Others Virtually Present:

Richard Hamilton

Representing:

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 eleven voting and three non-voting members physically present; and three voting and two non-voting members virtually present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

II. **Public Comment/Participation**

Chairperson Wendler welcomed the new BPAC members, Lee Rogowski and Robert Tomei.

III. **Action Items**

A. **Review and Approval of the April 10, 2024 BPAC Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Lodge to approve the April 10, 2024 BPAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mostert and carried unanimously.*

IV. **Presentation and Discussion Items**

A. **Presentation and Discussion of the Draft FY 2024/25 to FY 2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Harris provided detailed information about the proposed draft five-year TIP, covering expenditure amounts and funding for all projects. He explained the funding sources and noted that the draft TIP will be back next month for a recommendation of approval and will take effect on July 1, 2024; he discussed some of the specific projects and their funding types.

Mr. Harris addressed BPAC members' questions regarding expenditures and various projects; differences between regional and SUN Trail projects; the status of the LPGA interchange reconstruction; and the design progress of the Complete Streets project on Beach Street.

Ms. Nicoulin mentioned that although larger projects were not included in this presentation, they are listed in the actual TIP document. The projects that were highlighted in the presentation included member government applications received by the TPO.

B. **Presentation and Discussion of the Draft List of Prioritized Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects**

[Handout provided]

Mr. Harris clarified that the initial agenda emailed to the members had an incorrect project list, but it was revised and resent with the correct list. He provided detailed information on the draft List of Prioritized Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects, highlighting this year's applications and their rankings.

Mr. Harris addressed BPAC members' questions regarding several aspects of project management; the number of projects on the Priority List expected to be funded next year; whether projects lose their ranking if they fail to get funding; the implications of not having a local match; the possibility of reprioritizing projects based on new information that is submitted; projects that are withdrawn and the reasons given for withdrawal; and the source of the funding for the Howland Boulevard project.

C. Presentation and Discussion of the Draft List of Shared-Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Projects

Mr. Harris provided detailed information about the Draft List of Shared-Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Projects. He noted that several projects moved up to Tier A.

Mr. Harris addressed BPAC members' questions regarding various projects and the funding for those projects.

V. Staff Comments

→ **NHTSA Finalizes Key Safety Rule to Reduce Crashes and Save Lives**

Mr. Harris discussed NHTSA finalizing a new key safety rule to reduce crashes and save lives by equipping vehicles with AEB (Automatic Emergency Braking) which will be able to detect pedestrians. He showed an NBC news video that demonstrated how AEB works.

Mr. Harris stated that the Florida Greenways and Trails Council met and reranked the regional trails with the Coast-to-Coast Trail being ranked as number one and the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail as number two.

Mr. Harris noted Bike/Walk Central Florida's Operation Best Foot Forward crosswalk enforcement schedule for April and May.

VI. Information Items

- BPAC Attendance Record
- Operation Best Foot Forward Crosswalk Enforcement-April and May
- TPO Board Report
- TPO Outreach & Activities
- TPO Upcoming Events

VII. BPAC Member Comments

Dr. Aufdenberg stated that he rode his bike to the Tomoka Town Center Mall, and there is great bike parking there. There are also complete sidewalks to ride on going from the Volusia Mall to Tomoka Center.

Mr. Coletti stated that last month he discussed rumble strips on SR A1A. He noted that they are installing them on the white line, and he thanked FDOT. He asked Ms. Stroger if they were planning to resurface the area between Old Kings Road and Colbert Lane near the Lehigh Trail.

Ms. Stroger stated that she would look into that and get back to him.

Mr. Coletti stated that he rides the Ormond Scenic Loop frequently and it would be nice if there was a bike lane added where room permits.

Ms. Belin noted that she rides in that area a lot and it is not a safe area for bicyclists.

Mr. Rogowski stated that he rides his bike from City Center in Port Orange to the Riverside Esplanade and there are a few places that need to be more bike-friendly. He also noted that many roads are much more bike-friendly.

Mr. Lowry stated that he witnessed a woman get hit this morning at Clubhouse Drive/Palm Coast Parkway area. He thinks there is a lack of sidewalks there. He stated that a few weeks ago near Florida Park Drive and the Publix Plaza, a 12-year-old kid was knocked down by a vehicle.

Mr. Wendler suggested that Mr. Lowry attend and participate in some of the Palm Coast City Council meetings.

Mr. Mostert stated that he wanted to show appreciation to Ms. Ardito; he went into JC's Bike Shop, mentioned Ms. Ardito's name and the employees stated they thought highly of her. He asked if the AEBs were well established and if they had been used in Europe for a while.

Mr. Harris stated that he believes AEBs were implemented in Europe.

Mr. Mostert asked about the Navy Canal being a runway protection zone.

Mr. Harris stated that on the west side of the sidewalk on Clyde Morris Boulevard, signs state there is no standing/no stopping in that zone, so you must keep moving. The city is not able to encroach upon that area.

Ms. Sharp stated that she rides in that area and signs are on both sides of Clyde Morris Boulevard. The canal and trail that people are using are not within that boundary. A year or so ago, the BPAC discussed having someone from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) attend one of the BPAC meetings to explain that, but they have not done so.

Mr. Lodge asked if anyone is participating in the Make Every Ride Count Initiative this month and he suggested signing up on the Love to Ride app.


Mr. Lunceford stated that at yesterday's Volusia County Council meeting, the Council authorized Votran to start exploring fare increases. He noted that they will be holding public meetings over the next month and the TPO will be sharing information throughout the process.

Ms. Ardito discussed the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) stating that there is \$45 million in funding available. The deadline to submit is June 17, 2024. She also noted that the Active Transportation for All Workshop is scheduled for January 31, 2025, and if anyone is interested in helping prepare for that they should contact her.

VIII. Adjournment

The BPAC meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization



8/14/24
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 May 8, 2024 regular meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), approved and duly signed this 14th day of August 2024.



Donna Ralston, Recording Secretary
River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization

**A recording of the May 8, 2024 BPAC meeting is available upon request.*