Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes June 14, 2023

Daytona Beach International Airport, Airline Room 700 Catalina Drive Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Members/Technical Appointees Physically Present:

Doug Hall

Ted Wendler, Vice Chairperson

Terry Lodge Luis Leal

Larry Coletti Nic Mostert **Bob Storke**

Gayle Belin Mark Oebbecke **Emery Jeffreys**

Jason Aufdenberg, Chairperson

Eileen Sharp

Meghan Lindsey (non-voting) Stephanie Moss (non-voting)

Members Virtually Present:

Patrick McCallister

Nancy Epps

Gwen Perney (non-voting)

Maggie Ardito Christy Gillis

Members/Technical Appointees Absent:

Cassandra Jessie Candice Cornelssen Jauxniece Palmer Adam Mengel

Thomas Ryan (excused) Danielle Anderson Christy Gillis

Chris Daun (excused) Tim Grigsby (excused)

Jacob Lunceford (excused) (non-voting)

Lisa Divina (non-voting)

Others Physically Present:

Donna King, Recording Secretary Pamela Blankenship Stephan Harris Colleen Nicoulin Savannah-Jane Griffin

Waylon Niece

I.

Others Virtually Present:

Richard Hamilton

Representing:

Daytona Beach DeLand

DeBary Deltona

Flagler County New Smyrna Beach **Orange City Ormond Beach**

Volusia County District 1 Alternate

Volusia County At-Large Volusia County District 2

Volusia County

Ponce Inlet

FDOT

Representing:

Lake Helen

Ponce Inlet Alternate

Port Orange

Volusia County District 1 South Daytona

Representing:

Daytona Beach Alternate

Flagler Beach

Flagler Beach Alternate

Flagler County Traffic Engineering

Holly Hill Palm Coast

South Daytona

Volusia County Chair Volusia County District 4

Votran

Volusia County Schools

Representing:

TPO Staff TPO Staff TPO Staff **TPO Staff**

Neighborhood Center of West Volusia Neighborhood Center of West Volusia

Representing:

Scenic A1A Byway

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

amended 08-09-23

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jason Aufdenberg. 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 two voting and one non-voting member virtually present. Rulings from the Florida Attorney General require that the members physically present vote to allow virtual participation due to "extraordinary circumstances."

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Ted Wendler to allow members attending virtually to participate and vote. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doug Hall and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment/Participation

There were no public comments.

III. Action Items

A. Review and Recommend Approval of May 10, 2023 BPAC Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Hall to approve the May 10, 2023 BPAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried unanimously.

B. Nomination and Election of BPAC Chairperson

Chairperson Jason Aufdenberg stated that he is not eligible to continue as Chairperson as he has served two terms.

Mr. Harris explained the bylaws for the election of a new Chairperson and noted that it is effective as of July 1st. The Chairperson also serves as a non-voting member of the TPO Board for a term of 1 year.

The following people were nominated for the position of BPAC Chairperson: Mr. Larry Coletti, Mr. Nic Mostert, and Mr. Ted Wendler. Mr. Coletti and Mr. Mostert declined.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Belin to elect Mr. Wendler as the BPAC Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mostert and carried unanimously.

C. Nomination and Election of BPAC Vice Chairperson

Mr. Harris stated that the current BPAC Vice Chairperson is Mr. Wendler.

The following members were nominated for the position of BPAC Vice Chairperson: Ms. Gail Belin, Chairperson Aufdenberg, and Mr. Terry Lodge. Ms. Belin and Chairperson Aufdenberg declined to serve.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Belin to elect Mr. Lodge as the BPAC Vice Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leal and carried unanimously.

D. Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2023-## Adopting the FY 2023/24 to FY 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Roll Call Vote Required

Ms. Nicoulin stated that TPO gave a presentation and discussion at last month's meeting about the development of the TIP and the bicycle and pedestrian projects that were in the TIP. She went on to say that the TPO compiled the final document and provided a link (due to the size of the document) in the agenda packet. She explained what is included in the TIP and discussed how the TIP is formatted differently this year due to not using the TIP tool platform going into the new fiscal year. She explained that the TPO will have the General Planning Consultant begin the activities to maintain the TIP. They will also create a dashboard for the TPO so that

everyone will be able to map the projects within the TIP. She noted that the TIP will be presented to the CAC/TCC and the Board for adoption next week and it is required to be submitted to FDOT by July 15, 2023.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Storke to approve Resolution 2023-## adopting the FY 2023/24 to FY 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Mr. Mostert and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Review and Recommend Approval of the Draft List of Prioritized Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects

Mr. Harris discussed the List of Prioritized Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects and stated that there have been no changes to the list since last month's meeting.

Chairperson Aufdenberg asked about the Navy Canal Trail; if there is any way the BPAC could hear from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)about their concerns about runway protection. They have had other concerns in the past such as funding and he is trying to understand why they haven't mentioned runway protection in the past.

Mr. Harris stated that he has discussed the project with the Daytona Beach staff. He stated that there is a long history with this project and the city began working on a design but the trail that ends at Clyde Morris Boulevard is in a protected airport area, and the city is not allowed to encroach on that area. He stated that they will have to redesign the trail for another alignment. Mr. Harris has asked if the city could give a report on the status in August.

Ms. Sharp asked for clarification of whom they were talking about when referring to the city.

Mr. Harris stated that it is the Engineering Department and that the city wanted to perform the design in-house with the intention of having the TPO fund construction. The design must be accepted by the city, Volusia County, the FAA, and FHWA, which is one of the reasons this project has been taking so long.

Discussion continued on the trail and the airport property.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Hall to approve the Draft List of Prioritized Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried unanimously.

F. Review and Recommend Approval of the Draft List of Shared-Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Projects

Mr. Harris explained the changes to the List of SUN Trail projects including the deletions and additions.

Discussion continued.

Ms. Ardito asked when the trail on SR 40 going east from Highway 17 would be added to the Priority List,

Mr. Harris responded that the TPO asked Volusia County and Ormond Beach if they had any trails to be added to the Priority List and they responded that they did not. It is up to them to submit the project.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Coletti to approve the Draft List of Shared-Use Non-Motorized (SUN)
Trail Projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oebbecke and carried unanimously.

G. Cancellation of the July 12, 2023 BPAC Meeting

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Hall to approve the cancellation of the July 12, 2023 BPAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mostert and carried unanimously.

IV. Presentation and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of the SunRail Deland Station Groundbreaking

Mr. Harris gave a PowerPoint presentation on SunRail. The groundbreaking occurred on May 22, 2023, and over three hundred (300) people were in attendance. The grand opening is expected in the Summer of 2024.

Ms. Ardito asked when or how we will see the improved platform design.

Mr. Harris stated he did not know but would find out. He stated that the platform for needs to be ADA-compatible.

Discussion continued regarding the timing of SunRail service and future plans.

B. Presentation and Discussion on the Neighborhood Center Of West Volusia

Ms. Savannah-Jane Griffin and Mr. Waylon Niece gave a presentation on the Neighborhood Center of West Volusia (NHCWV). They explained their mission, the services that they offer and their facilities. They discussed the benefits of a partnership with the TPO including education, bicycle helmets for their clients, reflective vests, and bicycle light distribution.

Ms. Sharp asked what needs the NHCWV has.

Mr. Niece explained that they need bus passes, bicycles, bicycle lights, and reflective vests.

Discussion continued regarding homeless veterans and the effect of COVID-19 on the number of homeless.

V. Staff Comments

Ms. Moss asked for suggestions on how to help those who walk and bike along US 92 from DeLand to Daytona. She stated that FDOT has a partnership with the Volusia County Sheriff's Department, and she has spoken to Votran and Ms. Blankenship with the TPO; also the Crisis Center. Ms. Moss also talked about all the safety materials that can be provided to walkers/bikers to help.

Mr. Lodge stated that he has biked that road a few times and the shoulder is horrible as well as the transitions for roads. He asked if the shoulders could be maintained.

Ms. Moss stated she would have FDOT look at that.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Harris introduced Ms. Donna King, the TPO's new Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Nicoulin noted that after this meeting the Federal Certification public meeting will be held. This is completed every four years. She encouraged the members to attend the public meeting. The public comment period is open through July 14th.

VII. BPAC Member Comments

Mr. Mostert thanked Chairperson Aufdenberg for serving as Chair of the BPAC committee.

Mr. Hall mentioned that there is a coalition being developed for Disability Awareness Day in October. They are looking for volunteers and will have a meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Coletti stated that he was saddened to hear that Mr. Paul Eik was no longer on the BPAC.

Chairperson Aufdenberg advised that the Governor signed a school zone speed enforcement bill in April, that allows counties to use speed detection systems for violations over 10 mph. They must enact a local ordinance and provide signage and public awareness campaigns.

Mr. Lodge asked about the Sunshine Law presentation the TPO was planning to provide to the committee.

Ms. Nicoulin stated that it would most likely be in August.

VIII. BPAC Chairperson Comments

Chairperson Aufdenberg gave an update on his trip to New York City and the congestion.

IX. Information Items

- → BPAC Attendance Record
- → TPO Board Report
- → TPO Outreach and Activities

X. Adjournment

The BPAC meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization

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 <u>June 14, 2023</u> regular meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), approved and duly signed this 9th day of August 2023.

Donna King, Recording Secretary

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization

** A recording of the June 14, 2023 BPAC meeting is available upon request.

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