



MPO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

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Chief Scott Melanson, City of Fellsmere Representative

Libby Harrow - Chairman

AGENDA

THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC) WILL MEET AT 2:00 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010, IN CONFERENCE ROOM B1-501 IN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING B, 1800 27TH STREET, VERO BEACH, FL.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes –
January 26, 2010**
Action Required
- 3. Status Report on East Coast Greenway Issues**
Action Required
- 4. Discussion of Future Bicycle Safety Events and Bicycle and Helmet Distribution.**
No Action Required
- 5. Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees**
No Action Required
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Comments from the Public**
- 8. Adjournment**
- 9. Next Meeting**
BAC – July 27, 2010

To view the BAC Agenda packet on-line please go to the following link:

<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/BAC/2010/agendas/BAC042710A.pdf>

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA, PLEASE CONTACT MPO STAFF AT (772) 226-1455.

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

A meeting of the MPO BAC was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2010, in Conference Room B1-501 of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the agenda and the minutes on the IRC website - <http://www.irccgov.com/Boards/BAC/2010.htm>.

Present were members: **Chairman Libby Harrow**, IRC Representative; **George Sharpe**, Town of Indian River Shores Representative; **Terry Goff**, City of Vero Beach Representative; **Maria Sanchez**, City of Fellsmere Representative; **Chris McCarthy**, City of Sebastian Representative; and **John-Mark Palacios**, non-voting FDOT Representative.

Absent was **Barbara Tilney**, Town of Indian River Shores Representative; **Chief Scott Melanson**, City of Fellsmere Representative; and **Susan Mulcahy**, City of Sebastian Representative (all excused); and **George Sipp**, Town of Orchid Representative (unexcused).

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director, and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3.

Call to Order

Chairman Harrow called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Election of Officers

Mr. Matson asked for nominations for the 2010 MPOBAC Chairman.

ON MOTION by Mr. Sharpe, SECONDED by Mr. Goff, the members voted unanimously (5-0) to re-elect Libby Harrow as the 2010 Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Advisory Committee Chairman.

The floor was opened for nominations for 2010 Vice Chairman of the MPOBAC.

ON MOTION by Ms. Harrow, SECONDED by Mr. McCarthy, the members voted unanimously (5-0) to elect Terry Goff as the 2010 Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Advisory Committee Vice Chairman.

Approval of Minutes from the November 3, 2009 Joint MPO, MPOBAC, MPOCAC and MPOTAC Meeting

ON MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, SECONDED by Ms. Sanchez, the members voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the November 3, 2009 Joint MPO, MPOBAC, MPOCAC and MPOTAC meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion of Bike/Ped Safety Issues in Indian River County

Mr. Matson gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Bike Safety Awareness events held in Fellsmere January 14, 18, 19 and 20, 2010. A copy of this presentation is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Matson related while discussing the issue of bike/ped safety with the MPOCAC, the committee identified bicycle visibility as a contributing factor, particularly in the north county area in the winter months. In response, the City of Fellsmere organized a series of bicycle safety events to address the problem. At these events, the MPO Board members, CAC members, BAC members, and MPO staff registered over 100 bicycles through the City's bicycle licensing program and installed front and rear lights on the bicycles. The lights, as well as reflective vests, ponchos, brochures, and other safety-related materials, were donated by the Community Traffic Safety Committee of FDOT. On January 14, 2010, the Fellsmere City Council presented the MPO with a Proclamation declaring that day Bicycle Safety Day.

Mr. Matson continued, since that event, a number of other jurisdictions had expressed an interest in hosting bike/ped safety events.

Ms. Sanchez participated in the Fellsmere Bike Safety event and related the advertising the City did with posting of flyers and distributing vouchers for free bike lights. She announced police officers would be stopping bikers without lights and giving them one for a period of time and eventually would begin issuing citations.

Discussion was held regarding bike lanes throughout the county and the need for better maintenance as grass overtakes many of them which narrows the actual riding space.

Chairman Harrow reported the City of Vero Beach would engrave the serial number on bikes and she recommends her customers to take advantage of the service.

Mr. Matson asked the members to compile a list of bicycle safety items to use in a Public Service announcement. The members came up with the following list:

- Ride with traffic
- Use lights
- A bicycle is a vehicle, obey traffic laws
- Use reflectors or wear light colored clothing
- Look both ways at intersections
- Always wear a helmet while riding a bike
- Be aware of bicycle signs
- Obey the 3-foot distance between vehicles and bike riders law

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees – *No Action Required*

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum dated January 19, 2010, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Other Business

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Adjournment

ON MOTION by Mr. Goff, SECONDED by Mr. Sharpe, the members voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Indian River County MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

THROUGH: Robert M. Keating, AICP *RMK*
Community Development Director

FROM: Phillip J. Matson *PM*
MPO Staff Director

DATE: April 20, 2010

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON EAST COAST GREENWAY ISSUES

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Indian River County MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) at the meeting of April 27, 2010

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

The East Coast Greenway is an attempt by outdoor enthusiasts across the country to identify a Bicycle and Hiker-friendly trail that would span the eastern seaboard of the United States from Maine to Florida.

Recently, the MPO received a number of correspondences from state and local officials regarding the MPO's preferences for the Indian River County portion of the Greenway. The most recent correspondence is attached to this agenda item (Attachment 1).

The attached e-mail, which was forwarded by the St. Lucie County Bicycle Coordinator, contains a link to the East Coast Greenway website. That website is regularly updated with news and information on development of the Greenway in each state. Also included in the e-mail is a request by a citizen-advocate seeking the name of a local representative to coordinate with other agencies on East Coast Greenway issues.

It should be noted that, locally, SR A1A is the preferred alignment for the Greenway because of its continuity and recreational and scenic possibilities. A number of projects are being undertaken that could support the Greenway. These projects include sidewalks and bicycle lanes on the south portion of SR A1A, which are currently being developed in conjunction with a proposed resurfacing project. Some other facilities that could support the Greenway either as destinations or as scenic trail segments include Historic Jungle Trail; the Pelican Island Visitor's Center and trail; and the many Parks and Beach Access points along A1A.

At the April 27th, 2010 meeting, MPO staff will update the BAC on the development of the East Coast Greenway.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the BAC consider the MPO presentation on the East Coast Greenway and also consider appointing an informal representative to coordinate with the East Coast Greenway Trail Council.

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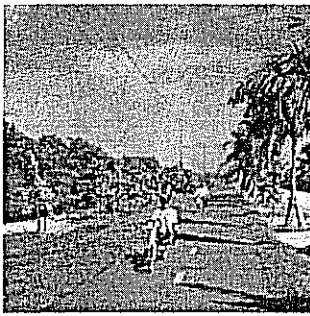
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Welcome to the East Coast Greenway in Florida



Cyclists travel along the Overseas Heritage Trail from Key Largo to Key West

Florida boasts the longest portion of Greenway with the most miles of completed trail. North to south, the Greenway enters Fernandina Beach, Florida (from St. Marys, Georgia, via the Cumberland Sound Ferry) then continues 585 miles to Key West, the United States' southernmost mainland point. The Greenway travels largely along the coast, through seaside villages, America's earliest historic sites, through vast nature preserves, and major cities that include Jacksonville and Miami. The route is currently 28% on traffic-free paths and includes the most bridges of any Greenway state.

Much of the Greenway through Florida is on wide sidepath that runs along route A1A. The ECG concludes with the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail, which hops from island to island for 106 miles (about half of which is completed

trail). The Alliance also plans an alternate route that will provide access to Florida's Gulf Coast.

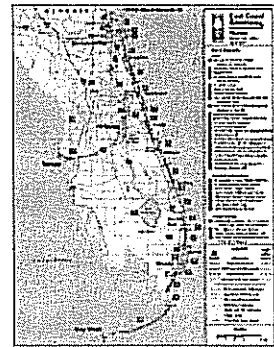
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28% of the route is Florida is completed trail, 26% is currently in development, 42% is in public control and awaiting development, and only 25 miles, or 4%, is considered "gap" where no potential route location has been found.

The ECGA is at work with regional and county planning agencies, trail developers, developments of regional impact, and trail advocates all along the coast to advance the Greenway, and as a result, progress is steady. To learn more about the trail progress and activities in Florida, visit the [Florida Committee page](#).

- Trail Council member Steve Davis's thorough review of the importance of the Greenway to Florida and especially Jacksonville published in the [Florida Times-Union December 12th](#)
- Florida Times-Union, November 30 2009 story on [ECGA Executive Director Dennis Markatos-Soriano](#)
- Amella Island Bike Path plans in the [April 17, 2009 News Leader](#)
- Read up on the inaugural St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop ride in November

[Committee Trip Planner](#)



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2008 in the January/February 2009 edition of *American bicyclist*, the League of American Bicyclists' bimonthly magazine. You'll want to make plans to ride it or walk it yourself. For touring information, log onto www.bikeflorida.org.

- See the [St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop on video](#).

[Google maps](#), [turn-by-turn cue sheets](#), and [overview maps](#) are also available to help plan your trip and find your way through the route in Florida.

First Coast Florida East Coast Greenway Map

This handy, foldable brochure includes a map and descriptions of sites along the ECG in the First Coast region of Florida.

[Contact us for a free copy of the brochure!](#)

[Florida Keys ECG Guide](#)

This one page guide outlines options for a one or two day trip along the East Coast Greenway in the Florida Keys.

The ECGA is proud to be working with many partners to complete the project in Florida. Partners include but are not limited to:

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[First Coast Trail Coalition](#)
[Florida Bicycle Association](#)
[Florida DEP Office of Greenways & Trails](#)
[Florida Department of Transportation, Enhancements Office](#)
[Florida Trail Association](#)
[Florida Wildflower Foundation](#)
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[North Florida Bicycle Club](#)
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Sharon Schalm

From: Phil Matson [pmatson@ircgov.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:34 PM
To: Sharon Schalm
Subject: FW: Florida Committee getting organized

FYI – For next Bicycle Committee meeting

From: Edward DeFini [mailto:DeFiniE@stlucieco.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:12 PM
To: 'Boyd Lawrence'
Cc: Phil Matson
Subject: FW: Florida Committee getting organized

Boyd and Phil,

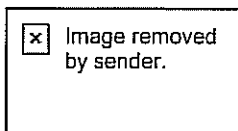
FYI.

Florida Committee for the East Coast Greenway getting organized (see e-mail thread from Herb Hiller below).

From: jeffrey.lynne@akerman.com [mailto:jeffrey.lynne@akerman.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:03 PM
To: hiller@funport.net; Edward DeFini; luciaross@hotmail.com; afeagle31@aol.com; phaydt@sjrwmd.com; drbobeepe@bellsouth.net; stevendavisasla@bellsouth.net; vsfteach@bellsouth.net; raphaelclemente@mac.com
Cc: dennis@greenway.org; eric@greenway.org; kathrynreid@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Florida Committee getting organized

Thanks Herb. My firm has a 1-800# we can use for a teleconference.

Also, the South Florida Bike Coalition, with our new Executive Director, Kathryn Moore, has access to elected leaders and local government staff from the Keys up to Martin County.



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From: Herb Hiller [mailto:hiller@funport.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:48 AM
To: Edward DeFini ; Herb Hiller; Lynne, Jeffrey (Sh-Ftl); Lucia Ross; Mike Pikula; Paul Haydt; Robert Gillespie, Ph.D.; Steven Davis ASLA; Victoria Freeman
Cc: Dennis Markatos-Soriano; Eric Weis
Subject: Florida Committee getting organized

Thanks for your encouragement. I hope to reward each of us. I will work to keep things simple.

Here is a 12-month overview for the Greenway in Florida:

Focus is October launch of the Visit Florida trails website. For the first time, one site will include detailed information about trails combined with GPS-assisted information about where to stay overnight, where to eat, where to find outfitters, tour operators, repairs, law enforcement, etc. This site makes trails a realm of Florida tourism along with beaches, golf and theme parks. People around America and beyond will learn about Florida trails and come to Florida to use them. Publicity that follows the launch will greatly encourage Floridians onto trails. We will promote fitness/health, alternative transportation, green economic development, and improved quality of life.

Ahead of the launch, I have meetings with DEP Secretary Mike Sole, Florida League of Women Voters Deirdre MacNab, and in the works with State Sen. Tony Hill, who loves the idea of the East Coast Greenway and wants to help organize tours that link Florida with Georgia. Overall, the plan is to benefit as many interests as possible tied to the launch.

From the launch, it's fewer than three years to the Spain-Florida Quincentennial. I am interacting with the España Florida Foundation to make 2013 a year of Spain-Florida cycling exchange that would put 500 Spanish touring cyclists on some of our destination Florida trails.

Meanwhile, the Office of Greenways and Trails has newly prioritized the development of destination trails. I am attaching a copy of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council resolution that set the new priority, and also my concurrent comment that OGT had asked for.

I have these immediate questions:

1. Do you have solid contacts in health/fitness that would listen to a message about how to partner with the East Coast Greenway and more fully with Florida trails?
2. Does anyone have an 800# that we could use for a call among us? We are too few to bother with meeting at ProBike/ProWalk in May, though please tell me if you plan to attend. Please give me a phone # for you. I will welcome your contributions toward an agenda. Please also send a 1-¶ statement about what you do and what motivates you about the Greenway. Tell us a website that you maintain.
3. Do you know of others in Greenway counties that we ourselves do not cover? So far, we cover Nassau (Mike), Duval (Victoria and Steve), St. Johns (Bob), Flagler (Paul), St. Lucie (Edward), Palm Beach and Broward (Jeffrey). So we need Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Miami-Dade and Monroe. Preferred are folks in the private sector, advocates, and elected officials, though in Edward we have someone exemplary in government. Note that Lucia is from the Tampa Bay area. She seeks a role.
4. Do you have projects already in mind for advancing the Greenway: an event, a hearing, a program/meeting or other occasion?
5. How shall we best stay in touch as a group? By the occasional email among all of us?

Please note that I cc: Greenway Alliance Executive Director Dennis Markatos-Soriano and also Trails Council Manager Eric Weis on all communications.

Grateful for your willingness to engage,

Herb

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2/16/2010

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Indian River County MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

THROUGH: Robert M. Keating, AICP
Community Development Director

FROM: Phillip J. Matson 
MPO Staff Director

DATE: April 20, 2010

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF FUTURE BICYCLE SAFETY EVENTS AND BICYCLE AND HELMET DISTRIBUTION

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Indian River County MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) at the meeting of April 27, 2010

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

Recently, the Florida Department of Transportation, through the Safe Routes to School grant program, has obtained a number of children's bicycles and bicycle helmets to be distributed in each of the counties in the District. It is anticipated that 32 bicycles may be made available in Indian River County. FDOT has asked local governments for a recommendation with respect to establishing a distribution process for the bicycles and helmets. FDOT has suggested that the distribution occur as part of a safety event or educational outreach project.

At the April 27th, 2010 meeting, MPO staff will discuss ideas for distributing the bicycles and helmets with the BAC.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is being presented for informational purposes.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Indian River County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

THROUGH: Robert M. Keating, AICP
Community Development Director

FROM: Phillip J. Matson
MPO Staff Director

DATE: April 20, 2010

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT OF MPO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration at the BAC meeting of April 27, 2010.

MPO MEETINGS

The MPO met on March 10, 2010. The primary issue of consideration was the Draft 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan – Needs Plan. As structured, the Draft Needs Plan contains roadway grid densification projects as well as roadway widening projects. After considering the Draft 2035 Plan, the MPO approved the Plan.

The MPO also met on April 14, 2010. At that time, the MPO considered a proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment adding the resurfacing of Old Dixie Highway from 12th Street to Old Dixie Highway to the FDOT work program. The project was the MPO's highest unfunded American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus) priority of 2009. After considering the TIP amendment, the MPO approved the amendment.

JOINT TAC/CAC MEETING

The TAC and CAC met jointly on March 2, 2010. The primary topic of consideration was the Draft 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan – Needs Plan Executive Summary. After discussing the Draft Needs Plan, the TAC and CAC provided the MPO with comments on the Needs Plan and recommended that the MPO approve the Needs Plan Executive Summary.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The MPO and its advisory committees will next meet as follows:

MPO Meeting: May 12, 2010 – 10:00 am
TAC Meeting: May 28, 2010 – 10:00 am
BAC Meeting: July 27, 2010 – 2:00 pm
CAC Meeting: May 4, 2010 – 2:00 pm