

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) was held at 2:00 PM on April 26, 2022 in the County Administration Building "B", Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Note: Audio and video recordings of the meeting can be found at <http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/MPO/2022.htm>

BAC Members Present:

Frank Blaisdell, Indian River Shores Representative
Robert Loring, City of Fellsmere Representative
William Kennedy, Town of Orchid Representative
Solana Morris, BCC Appointee

BAC Members Absent:

Chair Chris McCarthy, Sebastian Representative (Excused)
Terry Goff, City of Vero Beach Representative (Excused)

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Freeman, MPO Staff Director
Jim Mann, MPO Senior Planner
Jon Howard, MPO Senior Planner
Patti Johnson, MPO Staff Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Hugh Aaron, David Cerchie, Danny Jaye & Paul Morris, Bike Walk Indian River County (BWIRC)

Others Present via Zoom:

Gevin McDaniel & Larry Wallace, FDOT

Call to Order

MPO Staff Director, Brian Freeman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM at which time it was noted that a quorum was present.

In light of the addition of new members, Mr. Freeman asked everyone present to introduce themselves, committee members and those in the audience.

Election of Officers.

Action Required

ON MOTION by Mr. Blaisdell, SECONDED by Mr. Loring, the members voted (4-0) to re-elect Chris McCarthy as Chairman for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Advisory Committee for 2022.

ON MOTION by Mr. Blaisdell, SECONDED by Mr. Loring, the members voted (4-0) to re-elect Terry Goff as Vice Chairman for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Advisory Committee for 2022.

ON MOTION by Ms. Morris, SECONDED by Mr. Loring, the members voted (4-0) to elect Frank Blaisdell as Chair Pro Tem for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the BAC Meeting of July 27, 2021.

Action Required

Chair Pro Tem Blaisdell asked if there were any additions or corrections to the BAC Meeting minutes of July 27, 2021. There were none.

ON MOTION by Mr. Kennedy and SECONDED by Ms. Morris, the members voted (4-0) to approve the July 27, 2021 Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

Approval of Minutes of the BAC Meeting of October 26, 2021.

Action Required

Chair Pro Tem Blaisdell asked if there were any additions or corrections to the BAC Meeting minutes of October 26, 2021. There were none.

ON MOTION by Mr. Loring and SECONDED by Ms. Morris, the members voted (4-0) to approve the October 26, 2021 Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

FDOT Presentation on Audible & Vibratory Treatment (AVT) for Bike Lanes.

No Action Required

Mr. Danny Jaye with Bike Walk Indian River County, (BWIRC), opened this item with a power point presentation. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office. Mr. Jaye stated that BWIRC's goal is to make Indian River County safer for bicycle riders and pedestrians.

Mr. Jaye reviewed the recent bicycle/pedestrian accidents and highlighted the topic of AVTs (rumble strips), stating there are many different designs and the concerns that bicyclists have with them. BWIRC asked FDOT and others to investigate designs and find the ones that are bicycle and motorist tolerable, and community friendly.

Mr. Gevin McDaniel, with FDOT, continued the discussion with a power point presentation on Audible and Vibratory Treatments. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office. During the presentation, Mr. McDaniel covered the benefit/cost analysis of AVTs, the various types (cylindrical and sinusoidal) and pointed out the differences between the two.

After this presentation, the floor was open for discussion and Chair Pro Tem Blaisdell asked if these AVT's could be installed on the recently redone seven-foot bike lane on A1A, or could it be retrofitted. Mr. McDaniel advised the group to contact the district office and make that request.

Mr. Freeman stated he would talk with FDOT staff to see about doing a test run using these strips.

This is an informational item only and does not require an approval or motion.

Staff Update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman provided a power point presentation on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office. Mr. Freeman explained the evaluation methodology and showed maps on pedestrian prioritization. In the near future the MPO will be going out for bid for a new General Planning Consultant (GPC). The GPC will be responsible for putting together an updated bicycle and pedestrian master plan.

Mr. Freeman stated the MPO recently approved the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) adding that one of the major projects included in this will be the bicycle/pedestrian plan update.

This is an informational item only and does not require approval or motion.

MPO Scheduling Report from FDOT.

No Action Required

Mr. Larry Wallace, FDOT's Bicycle/Pedestrian/Complete Streets Coordinator, provided this presentation on upcoming projects and scheduled activities. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office. Mr. Wallace highlighted the locations in Indian River County that are listed in this report providing an explanation of those pertinent.

Mr. Wallace directed attention to the multi-modal scoping checklist date. If there are any forecasted out in 2023/24 that would be a good opportunity to meet with MPO staff and possibly the FDOT project manager to add any potential scope elements such as the sinusoidal, avt markings, mid-block crosswalks, buffered bike lanes, etc. Once you pass that date, the scope of work is defined and already funded

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated April 18, 2022, which was included in the agenda packet and on file in the MPO Office. He also noted the next meeting dates for the MPO and its advisory committees.

Other Business

Informational Item: FDOT will conduct a webinar on April 27 and an in-person workshop on April 28 on the resurfacing project on US #1, north of 6th Avenue to 12th Street.

Mr. Wallace added information concerning the Triple R candidate list. This is basically to give a heads up to let the public know there is an upcoming Triple R project coming up in the work program. Mr. Wallace stated when the Triple R list comes out it should be sent to the various committees to obtain their feedback on these time sensitive projects. Mr. Freeman stated he will reach out to FDOT to find out when this information is public.

Mr. Hugh Aaron, concerned citizen with Bike Walk Indian River County, would like to have the MPO group consider the presentation and conversations concerning the AVT's. Mr. Freeman agreed and feels that a recommendation from the MPO Board will carry weight with FDOT. At that time, the BAC offered the following motion:

ON MOTION by Mr. Kennedy and SECONDED by Mr. Loring, the members voted (4-0) for the BAC to make a formal request to the MPO recommending participation in FDOT's pilot installation of Sinusoidal Ground-In Rumble Strips along A1A.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM.