

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Martin County Administrative Building
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Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

Monday, November 09, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 PM

Chairwoman Joan Moore called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Joan Moore, Chairman
Bill Martz, Vice Chairman
Joseph DeFronzo
Kevin B. Edwards
Hal Forslund
Jim Hudson
Jim Mottram
Dee Spera
Ken Natoli
Officer Dan Pantel
Larry Hymowitz, FDOT

Excused Members

Robert Taylor
Eric Cerniglia
Barbara Timmerman

Members Not In Attendance:

Officer James C. Brooks

Staff in Attendance:

Ann Perrotta, MPO Director
Boyd Lawrence, Planner II
Beth Beltran, Senior Planner
Lisa Sanders, Associate Planner

A quorum was present for this meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Ken Natoli moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Bill Martz. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES – July 13, 2009 - BPAC Meeting

Mr. Jim Mottram moved to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Jim Hudson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Natoli commented about the motion made by Mr. Mottram on July 13, 2009 recommending that the MPO Board ask the County Engineering to bring reconstruction and repaving projects to the BPAC for review. Mr. Natoli said that the intent was that all County transportation projects be brought to the BPAC for review. **Mr. Natoli made a motion to request that all County transportation projects be brought to the BPAC for review. Seconded by Mr. Robert Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Natoli left the meeting at 5:15 p.m. to attend a previous engagement.

5. FDOT COMMENTS

None.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. 2035 REGIONAL LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

MEMO: temp10BPACa03.01

Mr. Boyd Lawrence introduced this Item. He said that on May 27, 2009, the Joint Martin & St. Lucie Policy Board approved retaining the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) to complete the 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) update. An agreement was executed on June 23, 2009. The tasks explained in the agreement were to be completed within a timeframe of 18 months. He stated that Mr. Mike Busha, Executive Director of the TCRPC for the RLRTP update, has assembled a Project Team. The TCRPC would like to make a presentation to the BPAC and obtain their input. Mr. Lawrence introduced Mr. Dana Little, TCRPC Project Manager.

Mr. Little presented the update on their activities and implementation schedule. He offered a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file).

He said that the continued public input and outreach plan on the schedule was to be carried on throughout the update process. Mr. Little mentioned the RLRTP Public Workshop held in Martin County on Saturday, September 26 in the Blake Library, and the Public Workshop held for St. Lucie County on Saturday, November 07, 2009 at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center.

Mr. Little mentioned some facts posted in the Transportation for America and the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership magazine on November 09, 2009. The report called "Dangerous by Design" revealed the most dangerous U.S. cities for pedestrian. The top four cities in this report were in Florida. A discussion ensued regarding the percentages, fair comparisons and factors considered in the development of this list.

Chairwoman Moore stated that several BPAC members have participated in Focus Group discussions organized by the TCRPC and have provided input.

B. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)UPDATE

MEMO: temp10BPACa03.02

Mr. Lawrence provided background on this Item. He stated that the MPO retained TranSystems to complete a draft of the PIP by November 6, 2009 and complete a final draft for the MPO Policy Board on December 21. Part of the PIP update process outlined in the contract directed the consultant to obtain comments and feedback from the MPO Advisory Committees in the development of the updated PIP.

Mr. Lawrence introduced TranSystems consultants, Ms. Lynne Whately and Ms. Teresa Townsend, who were present to obtain comments and feedback from the BPAC members. Ms. Whately offered a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file).

After the presentation, the members were asked to provide input for the development of the PIP update:

- Chairman Moore suggested educating the public about what the MPO does. Chairman Moore felt that there was lack of public knowledge regarding the purpose and objective of the MPO.
- Mr. Kevin Edwards said that there was need to establish a distinction between State projects and MPO projects.
- Mr. Mottram commented that it would help to use fewer acronyms.
- Mr. Martz mentioned that broadcasting through Cable TV, using Public Service Announcements and radio stations would reach more public than using MCTV.
- Mr. Martz also suggested reaching the Neighborhood Advisory Committees (NAC).
- Mr. Mottram suggested not relying so much on advertising via the newspaper since he felt this media is becoming less used by the general public.
- Ms. Dee Spera mentioned effectiveness on how public comments and suggestions were handled. Timely responses was also mentioned.

Mr. Martz asked members of the general public present at the meeting about how they found out about today's BPAC meeting. Ms. Stacey Jones, from S.T.A.Rbots Lego League – Martin County 4-H robotics club, replied that she found the meeting via the internet when she keyed-in "bike safety". Ms. Jones mentioned their upcoming Bike Safety Event that will take place on December 19th. Ms. Jones and the members present were invited to attend future BCAP meetings.

Mr. Mottram reiterated the importance of starting early safety related education at the elementary school level.

- Another suggestion provided by Mr. Edwards was to contact the various commercial entities, no matter their size, because they might have a number of employees bicycling to and from the workplace.
- Mr. Edwards recommended that TranSystems reach out for the non-English speaking population.

- Mr. Hal Forslund mentioned the use of a suggestion box in the County Building and/or at the various committee meetings.
- Ms. Spera also recommended communication via the public library system.
- The Committee also suggested reaching the public through the different local bike shops and other shops catering to pedestrians, i.e., stores that would sell tennis/sport shoes.
- Mr. Hymowitz said that the response rate from the public should be balanced with the demographics of the area.

Ms. Townsend asked that the members review the Draft PIP located on the MPO website.

C. BICYCLE FACILITIES MAP UPDATE

MEMO: temp10BPACa03.03

Mr. Lawrence said that the map was being refined to develop a final map for production. Mr. Lawrence presented the printer's hard copy proof of the Bicycle Facilities Map. It included cover and detailed map sides from the most recent edits of October 28, 2009. The Committee proceeded to review the copy.

The BPAC Committee provided the following suggestions:

- Make the yellow bike lanes and shoulder facilities bolder
- Add Stuart Museum as Point of Interest in downtown Stuart
- Add Allapattah Flats and DuPuis Mgt Area in western Martin County to full size map.
- "Rocky Point Hamock" park should be "Rocky Point Hammock" park (one "m" missing)
- Add "Jock Leighton" Park to the green area park across the street from "Danforth Preserve" (Martin Hwy and Mapp Rd.)

Mr. Martz made a motion to approve the final copy of the Bicycle Facilities Map after the suggestions provided have been implemented. Seconded by Ms. Spera. The motion passed unanimously.

7. NOTES (on file)

a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Signs & Markings (October 21, 2009 Webinar Presentation)

8. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Spera said that the "Share the Road" sign on Monterey Road and Dixie Highway should be removed. Mr. Hymowitz replied that this sign was left there after the bike lane was created.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

10. NEXT MEETING

- **December 14, 2009 (Subcommittee)**
- **January 11, 2010 (Regular)**

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Recorded and Prepared by:

Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II

Date

Approved by:

Joan Moore, BPAC Chair

Date

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

MEMO: temp10BPACa04.01	MEETING DATE: January 11, 2010	DUE DATE: January 04, 2010	UPWP#: 5.10, 5.7
WORDING: 2010 BPAC TOPICS			6 A
REQUESTED BY: Boyd Lawrence	PREPARED BY: Boyd Lawrence	DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION: None	

BACKGROUND

As this is the first meeting of the new year, and with the Bike Map project successfully concluded, it provides an ideal time to discuss new topics for the upcoming year. In past meetings we have had discussions about these potential projects: developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, coordinating a marketing campaign for bicycle and pedestrian safety, and providing ongoing volunteer support for the Build-a-Bike event during the Stuart Cycling Classic.

ISSUES

Discuss these and other potential projects and activites for 2010.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommendation
Discussion.

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