

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

MEETING SUMMARY – SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 11, 2010 - 5:00 P.M.

Martin County Administration Building
Back Room – Commission Chambers, 1st Floor
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996
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Members in Attendance:

Joan Moore, Chairwoman
Jim Mottram
Dee Spera
Ken Natoli
Officer Dan Pantel
Ed Vossen
Cheryl Lenartiene

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

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Mr. Ken Natoli began the discussion with specific elements that were critical linkages, destinations, and origins. He then mentioned that it might be helpful to identify what is currently in place, what may be needed, and then asked for other suggestions.

A question was asked about the maintenance of bicycle routes, specifically on sections of Martin Downs Boulevard. Ms. Beltran said that she would check on this matter. She then mentioned that the maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian routes is a goal under the revised goals and objectives. Inquires were made about the sidewalk projects on Commerce Avenue and Ruhnke Street.

Another issue was raised regarding the reprioritizing of a project on A1A from Cove Road to the railroad tracks. Ms. Beltran stated the project was part of the 2010 enhancement project applications, which were considered for the most recent cycle of enhancement funds. She then stated that project would be considered as a priority for possible off-cycle enhancement funds.

Ms. Beltran stated that once goals and objectives were developed and approved by the Board, specific projects could then be identified and better justified.

Ms. Cheryl Lenartiene mentioned several locations she thought were going to be enhanced with intersection improvements. She then discussed specific issues with signalized intersections, including objects that may obstruct the view of pedestrians, dog guides, and motorists.

Ms. Lenartiene mentioned that the maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian routes would be a good goal. Ms. Beltran and Chairwoman Moore also discussed the benefit of this goal, as well as additional signage. Mr. Pantel mentioned that too many signs may serve more as an obstruction than a benefit to pedestrians or bicyclists.

Mr. Natoli then began to discuss destination points within the area. Members identified specific locations, including state parks, schools, hospitals, and large retail areas. Mr. Natoli then asked about trails within state parks and if those should be included for greenway connectivity. Ms. Beltran discussed two phases of the Seabranck Park multimodal path project, but currently, they were not included in the park management plan. Therefore, identifying the park management plan cycles would be the first step in obtaining funds for these and other trail projects. There was additional discussion on the location of these and other potential trail projects. Other destination sites were identified, including Port Salerno, the airport, and employment centers.

Chairwoman Moore then stated that there was a need to go back to the goals and objectives. Ms. Beltran stated she revised the draft goals and objectives. She mentioned that trying to become the most bicycle and pedestrian friendly community may be more of a purpose rather than a goal. Chairwoman Moore and Ms. Lenartiene agreed stating that it sounded like more of a mission statement. Chairwoman Moore stated that the goals and objectives should be discussed at the next BPAC Subcommittee meeting, along with measures of effectiveness.

NEXT MEETING

- November 08, 2010 (Regular)
- December 13, 2010 (Subcommittee) Note: The location will be as usual in the Growth Management Conference Room, 1st Floor.