



Bicycle and Pedestrian Partnership Council Meeting

FDOT Auditorium, Tallahassee
March 1, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerrie Lindsey, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Loewen, Cycling Savvy	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FDOT Support Staff

Melanie Weaver Carr (FDOT Office of Policy Planning); Trenda McPherson (FDOT Safety Office); Paula San Gregorio (FDOT Office of Policy Planning); Vanessa Christiansen (Cambridge Systematics).

Meeting Highlights

Please refer to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Partnership Council page on the FDOT website, <http://www.FDOTBikePed.org>, for all meeting materials, including agenda, and summary documentation.

Chair's opening remarks

Carmen Monroy welcomed the Council members, thanked them for their participation, and provided an overview of the Council's progression.

Welcome and Introductions

Melanie Weaver Carr asked each member to introduce themselves.

Public comment

No public comments were offered.

2016 Work Plan and 2016 Annual Report Update

Melanie led the council through a review of the 2016 Work Plan. The following comments are related to the 2016 Work Plan:

Task 1 – Implement Recommendation #1

- We should consider incorporating professions not currently represented on the Council as well as continuing diversification efforts by reaching out to landscape architects, builders association, faith-based organizations, and additional local bicycle shops.
- We should incorporate Safe Routes to School efforts in this task.

Task 2 – Implement Recommendation #2

- What are the next steps for the proposed plans and what is the time frame for these?
 - *Similar to the process for the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), there will be opportunity for the Council to provide feedback.*

Task 3 – Implement Recommendation #3

- The fatality numbers are increasing quickly (especially for bicyclist commuters), which is partly based off a growing population but also due to a lack of facilities and inadequate facilities.

Task 4 – Continue Committee Work

- Performance measures need to be outcome-driven, for example Rails to Trails pilot program for Limited Access Bridges.

- Data collection on the SUNTrail network numbers would provide an additional measure. The importance of increasing data for bicycle and pedestrian measure is as significant as the development of state bicycle and pedestrian plans.

Ed Hutchinson and Steve Bentz, Transportation Data and Analytics Office, provided updates on performance measures. This office collects data and data analysis of all modes, works closely with Safety Office.

Key points:

- FDOT is evaluating different types of counting equipment to develop a 'toolbox' for data collection for non-motorized road users.
- FDOT recognizes that the council can provide guidance and input on methodology, data, technology, and other aspects of the new statewide program.
- FDOT staff are currently working on a bicycle data analysis using data from 21 different sites (currently conducting tests).
- FDOT staff are using new technology for problem-solving including using third-party data through sources such as Strava and Waze.

Member questions and comments:

- There is a research program from Rails-to-Trails, currently on the final year of the three year initiative, which will provide free tools. These will include applications for phones to perform counts; tools to use data for projections; a connectivity analysis tool to measure investment and ROI of facilities; and tools to predict economic impact of facilities.
- The City of Tallahassee can be a resource for best practices in using third-party data since they use data from Strava.
- There is a need for a city-level discussion on where the gaps are for new facilities and which facilities may benefit from additional improvements.

Task 5 – Program Management

No comments/questions

Following the discussion in the work plan, Melanie led the council through a review of the 2016 Annual Report. The following comments are related to this annual report:

- The new format of the annual report is good because it focuses on accomplishments.
- Concern about new District 1 leadership shifting priorities away from Complete Streets implementation.
 - *FDOT District 1 Secretary LK Nandam is the new statewide champion for bicycle and pedestrian safety.*

Roundtable Discussion

St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance, Herb Hiller

Key points:

- Loop Summit will be held in Deland May 8.

Member questions and comments:

- Congratulations to St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance, one of our Florida Bicycle month winners.

Safety Mobility for life, Gail Holley

Key points:

- Provided a Bicycling is Golden and Safe Mobility for Life update.
- The targeted online survey for aging road users has received an overall positive response, targeting the 50-64 age range.
- Pilot of Bicycling is Golden program in the Villages includes a 4-hour training, all of the materials will be tailored to the different audiences.

Member questions and comments:

- Have you reached out to YMCAs for distribution?
 - *We have not. Good suggestion.*
- How are you targeting rural communities?
 - *Through FDOT's Office of Policy Planning Rural / Rural Economic Development Initiative and partners.*
- Given the prominence of Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) in Florida, are ALFs included in outreach efforts?
 - *We will gladly work together to ensure we target the appropriate facilities.*

Department of Environmental Protection, Samantha Browne

Key points:

- Update on priority network, SunTrail.
- Office of Greenways and Trails 5-year plan to be completed by December 2017.

No member questions or comments.

Florida Bicycle Association, Becky Afonso

Key points:

- March is Florida Bicycle month, a signed proclamation is on the website and awards will be announced.
- Part of the 2017 Florida Bicycle month efforts include an Alert Today Alive Tomorrow baton that will travel the state at different functions starting at the kick-off event March 1.

No member questions or comments.

Florida Public Transportation Association, Lisa Bacot

Key points:

- Hosting Transportation Disadvantaged Day March 15 at Florida's Capitol, encouraging transit use. Can provide more information if needed.
- Videos of bicyclists accessing transit safely are available.

No member questions or comments.

Gulf Winds Track Club, Tom Perkins

Key points:

- Overview of Gulf Winds Track Club, a 501c3 volunteer-run organization with a focus on safe facilities and education for cyclists and pedestrians.

No member questions or comments.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Council, Trenda McPherson

Key points:

- Florida Bicycle month proclamation was signed and can be viewed on the Alert Today Alive Tomorrow website.
- FDOT Safety office is using a variety of methods to monitor progress with bicycle and pedestrian safety efforts including using data, communications and marketing; enforcement; community development and engagement; and collaboration.
- FDOT Safety Office efforts are focused on ensuring sufficient resources to underserved, vulnerable populations including safety and healthy connections for all users.
- Diversifying partnerships including new and continuing partnerships with Jacksonville Jaguars to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety as well as Daytona International Speedway.

Member questions and comments:

- What are the takeaways from Daytona International Speedway program?
 - Continuing partnership at Daytona International Speedway continues to be successful with messaging integrated into their marketing yearlong and a reduction in incidents in Volusia County (originally on top 10 priority list of counties in Florida).

Department of Elder Affairs, Anne Avery

Key points:

- We are updating our resource page on transportation for seniors.
- We will host Senior Day at the Capitol on March 28.

No member questions or comments.

Florida Department of Education, Tracy Sutter

Key points:

- New staff to manage school bus coordination.

No member questions or comments.

Department of Highway Safety Motor Vehicle, Taaka D. Fields

Key points:

- We have updated the Driver's License Handbook to reflect the emphasis on sharing the road laws and integrated this into the Driver's License test.
- We are looking at underserved areas and figuring out how to best to reach them.
- We are figuring out ways to educate population on new changes and laws.
- Outreach efforts also include Florida Licensing Office-on-Wheels (FLOW Mobile).

Member questions and comments:

- Bicycle House in Tallahassee is a good community resource for underserved populations.

Department of Economic Opportunity, Adam Biblio

Key points:

- Technical assistance planning grants overview and update, which includes grants for trails such as the Coast-to-Coast Trail planning grant.

No member questions or comments.

Florida Department of Health, Ernie Bradley

Key points:

- Florida Department of Health is working on state health improvement plan which is supporting Complete Streets implementation.
- We are also working on policy guidance for local government with University of South Florida Center for Urban and Transportation Research which will include online resources to showcase the connection between health and the built environment.
- We are supporting technical assistance pilot program for five at-risk communities to implement Complete Streets.
- We are also in the process of revamping Healthy Community Policy Partner program through creating a Champion element.

Member questions and comments:

- Working to build comprehensive study on connection between health and nature. Will there be opportunity to present on findings for relationship between environment/health?
 - *There will be opportunities for information sharing at the May 2017 meeting.*
- Planning a Health Equity Summit along with FDOT Safety Coalition, which will include a walking audit.

Other comments

- Cities are struggling and support is needed for bicyclists and pedestrians to accommodate Millennials and Gen X. Tallahassee has the funds to invest in bicycle and pedestrian efforts through the two penny sales tax but is not able to access these funds until 2020.
- There are places that have leveraged USDOT Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans to access funding before sales tax funds are accessible.
- Use comprehensive plan as a tool to articulate what you want to do to support access through TIFIA loans.
- City of Tallahassee needs signage for Bike routes in Tallahassee.
- Becky Afonso, Florida Bicycle Association, offered to assist Florida League of Cities with lobbying efforts this Legislative Session.
- As part of Complete Streets, Jerrie Lindsey, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, would like FDOT to be mindful of the need for safe B/P access surrounding boat ramps and various water bodies.

2017 Draft Work Plan and 2017 Webinar Work Plan

In the interest of time, Melanie reviewed the 2017 Work Plan and asked members to provide comments at a later date. No member questions or comments at the time of the meeting.

Public comment

No public comments were offered.

Adjourn

Melanie thanked members for their participation. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Action items

- Highlight economic development in BPPC documents (Work Plan, Annual Report, etc.).
- Look into offering Cycling Savvy course for BPPC.
- Schedule a date for a visit to the FDOT Non-motorized Project Count site.
- Help disseminate Safe Mobility for Life, Aging Road User survey.
- Council members will provide Melanie with feedback on any of the documents by March 8, 2017.
- If BPPC has items for distribution, members will provide to Melanie to disseminate.
- Consider adding new Council members from Florida Community Developers Association, Landscape Architects, Faith-based groups, Downtown Improvement Authority, Local Bike Shops.
- Include Autonomous Vehicle update at next meeting.
- Explore funding for connection from SunTrail to St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop trail.