



2016 Annual Report

Introduction

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Bicycle and Pedestrian Partnership Council is a statewide “Partnership Council” on bicycle and pedestrian mobility. The Council includes key partners and other stakeholders. The function of the Florida Bicycle and Pedestrian Partnership Council includes advising the FDOT, partners, and stakeholders on all transportation planning and safety activities, including the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), through increased coordination and collaboration.

For more information visit: <http://www.fdot.gov/planning/policy/bikeped/Charge.pdf>

Executive Summary

The Florida Bicycle and Pedestrian Partnership Council was formed to provide policy recommendations to FDOT and its transportation partners on the state’s walking, bicycling and trail policies, programs, and facilities. The Council’s mission is to promote the livability, health, and economic benefits of bicycle and pedestrian activity by providing guidance on policy matters and issues affecting bicycle and pedestrian needs in the State of Florida.

Over the past year, the Council has worked with its partners to accomplish many of the recommendations set forth in the 2016 Work Plan. Highlights of these accomplishments include providing:

- Valuable input into FDOT’s Complete Streets policy to assist the Department as it moves forward with Complete Streets implementation; and
- Feedback to assist in developing a new statewide transportation plan focusing on Transportation Choices, including bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users.

The Council’s 2016 summarized accomplishments and recommendations are presented below.

Guiding Principles

Safety - Promote bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Completing the System - Pursue opportunities that contribute to the development of guidance for local governments on providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities for use in appropriate design manuals and documents.

Cultural Change - Promote comprehensive and coordinated efforts to support the implementation of Complete Streets, as well as on-going bicycle and pedestrian safety initiatives.

Health - Promote outreach and coordination with partners to encourage their participation in bicycle and pedestrian issues.

Status		Accomplishments/Notes
Task 1 - Implement Recommendation #1		
All partners in bicycle and pedestrian facility planning in Florida will advance principles that support implementation of the Florida Transportation Plan.		
Task 1 Action Items		
Develop educational webinars	In progress	The first webinar on Collaboration was held December 7, 2016; three remaining webinars are scheduled for 2017. Refer to Webinar work plan for additional details.
Diversify membership	Complete	The Council expanded its membership by recruiting members from the private sector, various non-profits, advocacy groups, and other state agencies. These include Walmart, Bicycle House, Cycle Savvy, Gulf Winds Track Club (invited) and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (invited).

Schedule a joint meeting with the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Coalition	Complete	The joint meeting was held August 2-3, 2016 in Tampa. Webinar topics were developed during interactive sessions with Coalition and Council members. New networks have been formed between the two groups, including members of Council now serving on Coalition.
Task 2 - Implement Recommendation #2		
FDOT, in collaboration with its partners, will develop a statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan as part of implementation of the FTP.		
Task 2 Action Items		
Research	Ongoing	<p>FDOT conducted research to collect best practices on existing bicycle and pedestrian plans nationwide.</p> <p>FDOT is currently working to identify existing bicycle, pedestrian or transportation choices plans adopted by MPOs and local governments in Florida.</p>

Task 3 - Implement Recommendation #3

FDOT and other partners in transportation planning will support implementation of Complete Streets policy.

Task 3 Action Items

Support Complete Streets	Ongoing	The Council broadened perspective on who has rights to streets. Complete Streets means the right street for the right place and considers the roadway's most vulnerable users. FDOT's Complete Streets Handbook is in development and will be released Spring 2017 for comments. BPPC will review at its May meeting.
--------------------------	---------	---

Task 4 - Continue Committee Work

The Council is charged with promoting the livability, health and economic benefits of bicycle and pedestrian activity by serving as a forum to provide guidance on policy matters and issues affecting the bicycle and pedestrian transportation needs of Florida.

Task 4 Action Items

Adopt 2016 Work Plan	Complete	The 2016 Work Plan was adopted in BPPC's June 22, 2016 meeting.
Refine guiding principles/focus areas	Complete	The guiding principles/focus areas were refined as part of the 2016 Work Plan.
Develop performance measures.	For Discussion	FDOT's 2016 Annual Performance Report includes measures related to bicyclists and pedestrians.
2016 Annual Report	In progress	The Council reviewed 2016 Annual Report draft at March 1, 2017 meeting.

Task 5 - Program Management

The FDOT staff and consultants will assist the Council with their meetings; support technical and information needs; and draft recommendation language as directed for full Council considerations.

Task 5 Action Items

Provide meeting support and logistics	Completed	Three meetings were held during the 2016 calendar year. The Florida Bicycle and Pedestrian Partnership Council met in Tallahassee on March 1, 2016; June 22, 2016 in Tallahassee; and August 2-3, 2016 in Tampa.
Finalize meeting notes	Completed	The meeting notes are completed and posted on the BPPC web site within 30 days of each meeting.
Maintain website materials and refresh content as needed	Ongoing	FDOT maintains the BPPC web site and updates it with meeting information and pertinent articles as needed.
Identify resource opportunities for communities and local governments		http://www.fdot.gov/planning/policy/bikeped/

Recommendations

Draft 2017 Work Plan Action Items:

- The Council and its partners will continue supporting bicycle and pedestrian facility planning in Florida to advance principles that support implementation of the Florida Transportation Plan.
- The Council is charged with continuing to promote the livability, health and economic benefits of bicycle and pedestrian activity by serving as a forum to provide guidance on policy matters and issues affecting the bicycle and pedestrian transportation needs of Florida in 2017.
- FDOT, in collaboration with its partners, will develop a statewide transportation choices plan as part of implementation of the FTP.
- For 2017 FDOT staff and consultants will continue to assist the Council with their meetings; support technical and information needs; and draft recommendation language as directed for full Council considerations.