

**JOINT HILLSBOROUGH, PASCO & PINELLAS
BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, January 23, 2019 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
West Tampa Library - 2312 W Union St, Tampa, FL 33607**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. PUBLIC INPUT / COMMENT

III. APPROVAL OF TRI-COUNTY BPAC MEETING SUMMARY- May 23, 2018

IV. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MPO

- Multimodal Level of Service Update
- West Tampa Multimodal Plan
- All for Transportation

V. PASCO COUNTY MPO

- Projects Update

VI. FORWARD PINELLAS

- Projects Update
- Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Next Meeting – May 22, 2019 – Forward Pinellas Hosting, Location TBD

VIII. ADJOURN

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**TRI-COUNTY
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
HILLSBOROUGH, PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES**

Brooker Creek Preserve (BCP) Environmental Education Center, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

May 23, 2018 Meeting Summary

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Brian K. Smith, Forward Pinellas BPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6 pm and self-introductions were provided.

Pinellas Members:

Brian K. Smith
Becky Afonso
Rodney Chatman
Mike Siebel
Donna Siebel
Kimberly Cooper
Lynn Bosco
Lucas Cruse
Susan Miller

Pasco Members:

Randy Stovall
Corey Denninger
Mark Pinson
Gunther Flaig
Morgan Gaynor
Joel Jackson
Ross Kevlin

Hillsborough Members:

Allan Howell
Calvin Thornton
Wade Reynolds

Others:

Brian Beaty, FDOT
Pam Brown, Friends of BCP
Kaay Williams, citizen
Therese Williams, citizen

2. FRIENDS OF BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE – WELCOME

Ms. Pam Brown, Friends of the Brooker Creek Preserve (BCP), welcomed everyone to the Environmental Education Center and the Brooker Creek Preserve. She provided information about how this beautiful area of land was set aside as a preserve, and the recreational and educational services offered at the Environmental Education Center.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments offered at this meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF TRI-COUNTY BPAC MEETING SUMMARY – January 24, 2018

The January 24, 2018 meeting summary was approved unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION: Florida Trail Town Program

Mr. Smith provided background information for the Florida Trail Town Program, along with a brief history of Dunedin. He explained how the Pinellas Trail transformed downtown Dunedin, and how Dunedin created the pedestrian friendly community around the Trail. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) selected Dunedin as the first designated Trail Town, to highlight examples of communities that have seen revitalization or economic benefits from trails. More information may be found online: <https://floridadep.gov/parks/ogt/content/florida-trail-town-program>

6. PRESENTATION: Safety Harbor Walkability Audit

Mr. Rodney Chatman, Forward Pinellas Division Manager, provided a power point presentation on the value of walkability audits, what to look for, how to improve pedestrian access and encourage more walking. Walking audits allow communities to evaluate neighborhood accessibility to destinations within a 20-minute walking distance. Forward Pinellas and the City of Safety Harbor partnered on the walkability audit of two corridors leading into the downtown area in mid-October 2017. Observations and findings were documented through field notes and recommendations were developed and summarized in the final report, which was distributed around the room. Several photos examples of well-designed pedestrian facilities and areas where improvements could be made were shared with those in attendance.

7. PRESENTATION: St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Program

Mr. Lucas Cruse, St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator, updated the group on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the city. He focused on the Complete Streets Pilot Project on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. north of downtown, from 5th Avenue North to 34th Avenue North during resurfacing. Resurfacing project provide the opportunity to implement changes to the roadway striping, that will enable the corridor to be safer for all modes of transportation as it supports local economic stability. The roadway design changes will address excessive speeding, include additional pedestrian crosswalks and bicycle facilities. Mr. Cruse explained several design tools used such as Level of Traffic Stress, Level of Service, and corridor travel times.

After discussion, the Tri-County BPAC voted unanimously to send a letter of support for the Complete Streets Pilot Project on Dr. MLK Jr. Street.

8. FLORIDA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION (FBA)

Ms. Becky Afonso, Florida Bicycle Association Executive Director, provided a detailed update on current activities, education, community events and proposed legislation. She announced the Inaugural Ride Leader/Ride Marshal Program Public Certification Session would take place in Auburndale on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Details can be found here: <http://floridabicycle.org/inaugural-ride-leader-ride-marshal-program-public-certification-session/>. Ms. Afonso explained that contacting local elected officials and their staff during the session break has been most effective, in her experience, and allows relationships to be established with the staff. FBA continues to support texting as a primary driving offense, which may morph towards a hand-held phone ban. She also shared efforts by the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA, <http://www.nationalmtb.org/>) to bring mountain biking to interscholastic programs. Ms. Afonso responded to a question about dockless bike share systems, saying that FBA would prefer allowing existing bike share programs to continue to be permitted.

9. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

A. Forward Pinellas

Ms. Susan Miller, Forward Pinellas Bicycle Pedestrian Planner, reviewed the current trail projects scheduled for construction in Pinellas County. The Pinellas section of the Florida Coast to Coast Connector Trail was completed in June 2017; the Pinellas Trail Loop crossing at S.R. 590 is scheduled for construction this year, as is Loop connection from S.R. 590 to Sunset Point Road. Also scheduled for construction this year is the North Gap of the Duke Energy Trail from Enterprise Road to Chesnut Sr. Park. The PD&E for the San Martin Bridge connection is scheduled for late this fall, as is the Old Coachman Bridge. The Orange Street Overpass is expected to be completed by the end of this year. The design for the Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass at Bayshore Drive will also be completed this year. FDOT hopes to be able to fund construction of this overpass sooner than currently scheduled in Five Year Work Program.

B. Hillsborough MPO

Mr. Wade Reynolds, Hillsborough MPO Senior Planner, updated the group on the bicycle pedestrian projects in Hillsborough County.

C. Pasco MPO

Mr. Gunther Flaig, Pasco County BPAC, requested that Hillsborough County prioritize a trail connection between the Upper Tampa Bay Trail (UTBT) and the Florida Coast to Coast Connector (C2C). He suggested a trail along Keystone Road/Tarpon Springs Road seemed the most logical. After discussion, the group voted to request that Hillsborough County prioritize a connection between the UTBT and the C2C Trail.

Mr. Ross Kevlin, Pasco County MPO, provided a few updates for the group. He said that he was working with FDOT to update Pasco's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) and Bicycle Safety Action Plan (BSAP). He added that the land development code was being updated, and that staff is also working on a Bicycle Friendly Community application through the League of American Bicyclists, www.bikeleague.org/. Mr. Kevlin announced that the construction bid to complete the Starkey Gap of the C2C Trail was accepted, and that construction should begin soon. He also said the trail along the west side of Pasco that will connect to the Elfers Spur would be completed soon, and asked about the construction in Pinellas. Mr. Chatman explained that the discovery of an eagle's nest along the corridor has forced a delay in the project.

D. FDOT

Mr. Brian Beaty, FDOT, attended the meeting. During this item, Mr. Flaig requested that the Tri-County BPAC recommend that FDOT prioritize funding for an overpass at Starkey Boulevard for the C2C Trail. The group requested this recommendation first be brought to the Pasco County MPO.

10. NEW BUSINESS | OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion RE: Tri-County Trail Map
This item was discussed during the Pasco County update.
- Discussion RE: Courtney Campbell Trail / Skyway Park Connection Trail
Mr. Reynolds displayed an aerial map of the east side of the Courtney Campbell Causeway. He explained that an adjacent neighborhood has requested that a sidewalk or trail be installed at the flow bridge for a safe connection to Skyway Park.

11. NEXT TRI-COUNTY BPAC MEETING – September 26, 2018

The next Tri-County meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2018, with Pasco BPAC hosting.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Hillsborough MPO

Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

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Agenda Item

Multimodal Level of Service Update

Presenter

Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff

Summary

In 2017 the MPO created a White Paper looking into methodologies and best practices in calculating Level of Service (LOS) for bicycle, pedestrian and transit. From the recommendations in that report the MPO has been working with a consultant to update the methodologies used for calculating bicycle and pedestrian LOS. The effort has focused on establishing a Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) standard and apply this to the transportation network. The goal was to have a new minimum standard, and through the database maintained by the MPO, highlight corridors and intersections that could be enhanced for safety.

The MPO currently uses Florida Department of Transportation guidance that was established over 20 years ago. With new minimum design standards, it became time to revisit the methodology. The updated standards will better reflect the new innovations in bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The task has culminated in the creation of a technical report, the Bicycle Facility Selection Toolkit, and pedestrian crossing guidance.

Recommended Action

Recommend approval of the MMLoS Update to the MPO Board

Prepared By

Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff

Attachments

[Evaluating Bicycle and Pedestrian Quality of Service DRAFT Report](#)

[Bicycle and Pedestrian Toolkit DRAFT](#)

[Pedestrian Crossing Guidance Guide DRAFT](#)





Hillsborough MPO Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

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West Tampa Multimodal Plan

Presenter

Chris Keller, Tindale- Oliver

Summary

The West Tampa Multimodal Plan is an effort to identify opportunities to enhance the multimodal transportation network, improve connections between existing and planned pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and identify opportunities to implement complete streets strategies throughout West Tampa.

The study area includes the neighborhoods of North Hyde Park, Old West Tampa, West Tampa, West Riverfront, Macfarlane Park, Armory Gardens, Carver City/Lincoln Gardens, North Bon Air, and Oakford Park. The neighborhoods and study area have a rich historical context and includes a National Historic District and a well-established street grid. The study area is home to a significant amount of historic and contributing structures including the first public library in Hillsborough County, the West Tampa Free Public Library. Enhance the multimodal environment throughout West Tampa will help to reinforce and reestablish a sense of place, create new connections, and improve economic opportunity.

The Plan's Objectives are:

- **Enhance Connections:** Explore opportunities to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections between existing and planned facilities and to/from destinations within West Tampa.
- **Complete Streets:** Integrate complete streets strategies and develop concept improvements along corridors such as Main Street and Columbus Drive.
- **Bicycle Boulevards:** Explore bicycle boulevard/neighborhood greenway/bikeway opportunities along streets such as Gray Street, Beach Street, and Palmetto Street.
- **Safety and Mobility Improvements:** Identify general safety and mobility improvements that support the City's "Livable City" vision and provide a safe, comfortable, and convenient environment for all users.

Recommended Action

Support for the Plan's recommendations and forward to the MPO Board for approval.

Prepared By

Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff

Attachments

West Tampa Multi Modal Plan Draft.

