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BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

5:30 P.M.

STEPHEN P. CLARK GOVERNMENT CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

18th FLOOR - CONFERENCE ROOM 2

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 23, 2008
- III. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. M-PATH EXTENSION – C. Read, MDT
 - B. METROBUS RACKS – S. Chayt, MDT
 - C. BIKE & RIDE PROGRAM – E. Muntan, MDT
 - D. SW 152 ST CORRIDOR STUDY – J. Guerra, MPO
 - E. FDOT PROJECT UPDATE – K. Jeffries, FDOT
 - F. MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – J. Cohen, MDPW
 - G. BIKE/PED PLAN UPDATE – D. Henderson, MPO
 - H. FDOT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM – D. Henderson, MPO
 - I. AMELIA EARHART PARK TRAILS – D. Henderson, MPO
 - J. BIKE MONTH – D. Henderson, MPO
- IV. INFORMATION
 - A. BIKE LIGHT ORDINANCE
 - B. BIKE SAFETY POSTERS
 - C. GREAT PARKS SUMMIT
 - D. BIKE FACILITIES BROCHURE
 - E. MONTHLY REPORT
 - F. BPAC ATTENDANCE
- V. MEMBER COMMENTS
 - A. T. KARANTALIS PRESENTATION



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MINUTES

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PRESENT

Susan Kairalla Larry Thorson
Theodore Karantsalis Matt Toro
Ted Silver, Chairman Eric Tullberg

MEMBERS

ABSENT

Brett Bibeau Lee Marks
Steve Greenberg Betty Trueba

OTHERS PRESENT

David Henderson - Staff John O'Brien - City of N. Miami Rick Horton – Green Dadeland Station
Jae Manzella - Staff Odalys Delgado - Gannett Fleming Seth Ruse – Fritz's Skate Shop
Eric Muntan - MDT Gorky Charpentier - HNTB Tom Blazejack - Team Hammerhead
Steve Chayt - MDT Michael Lee - PBSJ Bill Best - cyclist

The meeting began at 5:40 p.m.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	- TS: <i>Declared the Agenda approved.</i>
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	- TS: <i>Deferred approval of January 23, 2008 Minutes to the next meeting.</i>
M-PATH EXTENSION	- RH: <i>The 1st phase is an improvement to Snapper Creek, which runs thru Dadeland North Metrorail station. Users would utilize the southern canal bank. Another phase would be constructing a path along the parking area of Dadeland South Metrorail station leading to Dadeland North. There is no room to create a separate path thru the Dadeland South station to connect to the So. Dade Trl.; so, cyclists will be told to walk thru the station. M-DPW's Snapper Crk. project would tie in with the new Dadeland North facility. The car dealership has committed to this project. The final phase is connecting the Dadeland North facility to the existing end of the M-Path. Alternatives include west on SW 80 St., and south on SW 70 Av.; or, following the Metrorail guideway and signalize the Snapper Crk. Expwy. ramp; or, going beneath the SR 878 embankment. Another less-preferred option is crossing US-1 at SW 67 Av., then utilizing the existing sidewalk.</i> ET: <i>A bridge over SR 878 may be easier and not as expensive as purchasing ROW.</i> RH: <i>A bridge would actually be the more expensive and lengthy (time-wise) option. Adding a signal to the SR 878 on-ramp is the most economical and quickly done.</i> TS: <i>Inquired about the alternative to utilize the north embankment of the ramp.</i> RH: <i>That was an original proposal. MDX owns all that land. However, the BPAC stated the preferred route was to stay parallel to US-1. Suggested a refuge area in between the expwy. ramp lanes would be required, because of timing. The consultants should be able to provide adequate explanation why any option is deemed unfeasible.</i> RH: <i>Most of the work to date has been designing phase 1.</i>
METROBUS RACKS	- TK: <i>Many bus racks are broken. Some lever handles won't disengage. Routes he has witnessed in need of repair are: J, 7, 36, 37, 42, 54, and 83.</i> SC: <i>In charge of racks at stations. He will forward this concern to the appropriate staff.</i> DH: <i>It is important to note the bus numbers, rather than routes.</i> EM: <i>Recommended calling 311 for these concerns.</i> TK: <i>Inquired if there is a plan to equip all Metrorail stations with bike racks.</i> DH: <i>Funding was recently approved for new racks at northern stations.</i> TK: <i>Concerned that there are limited spaces for bicycles on Metrorail trains.</i>

	<p>EM: He personally did the Hazard Analysis. Although time restrictions were eliminated, it was deemed acceptable that bicycles would be allowed in the last train-car, since these typically have less passenger volume. <i>New trains will have bike holders in every rail-car.</i></p> <p>MT: Inquired if MDT performs incident tracking.</p> <p>EM: Yes, but many small incidents are not reported. Bicycle complaints turn-up every day. Many don't use the back; others lay their bike down in the aisle. This weekend a girl was riding on a platform and fell onto the tracks, about 2 feet away from the electric rail. Fewer train-cars are being used, so congestion is going up. Most hours of the day, the trains are congested. Therefore, weekdays will not be considered for eased restrictions.</p> <p>TS: Easing weekend restrictions would, at least, target recreational riders. This would also prod people to use bikes to attend events/attractions. <i>Marketing the change is an opportunity to teach requirements, as well as introduce the service to more passengers.</i></p> <p>SK: Cyclists are being put in harms way when sharing the last train-car with delinquents.</p> <p>EM: Each car has an emergency call button to the Metrorail operator, whom can have security personnel waiting at the next station.</p> <p>ET: Inquired if bicycles could be allowed in the first as well as the last car, as that would double the number permitted on a train.</p> <p>EM: Replied that the front of the train was too close to the elevator & stairs.</p> <p>JM: Inquired if it was considered to place guards on the trains.</p> <p>EM: There isn't a budget for that. Sometimes Miami Undercover Police ride trains. <i>The new trains will have cameras.</i></p> <p>MT: Often there are several guards around station gates, unaware of platform activities.</p> <p>DH: <i>Suggested recorded messages could mention using the last train-car.</i></p> <p>EM: The concern is that the messages will become too long; but, <i>he can suggest this.</i></p> <p>JM: A few complaints were made that multiple stations don't have permits/applications.</p> <p>EM: <i>Tomorrow, he will ensure every supervisor distributes these materials to stations.</i></p>
<p>SW 152 ST. CORRIDOR STUDY</p>	<p>- OD: The MPO requested a comprehensive analysis of transportation and land-use plans within this area. The HEFT and US-1 are the only major north/south access corridors. There are several subdivisions that have their own grid system. Bicycle/pedestrian mobility is limited. The only dedicated facilities are a path along the south side of SW 152 St., and a planned Black Creek Greenway. The path is only a sidewalk. The So. Dade Trl. links-up on the eastern edge of the study area. Most motor vehicle travel destinations are to central Miami-Dade. Historically, there have been a higher-than-average amount of B/P crashes. Several schools, MetroZoo, and US-1 retail areas are nearby. Due to the low-density, even up to the year 2015, this area's low density does not justify the cost for rapid transit; however, express bus service could be considered. <i>Intersection improvements would accommodate bicycling. If widening is done on SW 152 St., bicycle facilities are recommended up to SW 177 Av.</i></p> <p>TS: <i>A major focus should be connection between proposed and existing intersecting bikeways. These connections should be seamless and enhanced.</i></p> <p>ET: <i>One improvement should be the placement of bus stops.</i> Even on this dedicated bikeway, shelters are placed directly where cyclists are expected to travel.</p> <p>OD: <i>The FDOT is planning to perform a PD&E study to directly focus upon details.</i></p>
<p>BIKE/PED PLAN UPDATE</p>	<p>- OD: These materials represent a 1st review of the existing document. Previously, there weren't specific goals and objectives; <i>this update includes them. She asked the group to think of issues where b/p mobility needs to be enhanced/improved/developed. Some money has been earmarked for a marketing program. There will be coordination with</i></p>

	<p><i>the Safe-Routes-to-Schools program, as well as outreach educational efforts; Bike to Work Week; Clean Air Month; and, So. Fl. Commuter Services. Coordination between local municipalities, including BPAC participation, is an objective. All transportation projects should consider B/P improvements. Funding opportunities will be researched, including the possibility of a "Bicycle Authority". Performance Measures will be introduced, such as the distance from any destination to a bikeway. Another major criteria is access to transit facilities, including routes.</i></p> <p>TS: <i>Distribute these materials to all members; then compile any suggestions.</i></p> <p>OD: <i>Rankings will be done by various groups, including the BPAC; as well as a review of existing projects to determine if they are still viable, or need tweaking. Other examples of objectives include: ensuring MDT considers b/p mobility in their projects; and, providing training to engineers, police, etc. Some objectives may not be quantifiable. The LRTP is being updated at the same time; so, this is a good opportunity.</i></p>
AMELIA EARHART TRAILS	- DH: <i>Apparently, all A. Earhart Park off-road cycling trails have been reopened.</i>
TENTATIVE FDOT WORK PROGRAM	- DH: <i>Distributed a list of projects from the tentative FDOT Work Program that have paved shoulders or wide curb-lanes.</i>
BIKE MONTH	- DH: <i>Events are listed on So. Fl. Commuter Services' website: www.1800234ride.com.</i>
BIKE LIGHT ORDINANCE	- DH: <i>The Ordinance requires any new bike sold to have proper lights to ride at night. Out-of-county-bound bicycles, owners professing light ownership or swearing not to ride at light are exempt. This will be going for subcommittee review on March 12th.</i>
BIKE SAFETY POSTERS	- DH: <i>These will be distributed to local bike shops, schools, libraries, parks, etc.</i> SK: <i>Suggested using the bulletin boards at Publix markets.</i>
GREAT PARKS SUMMIT	- DH: <i>This event will be held on 3/14/6 at Fairchild Gardens.</i>
BIKE FACILITIES BROCHURE	- DH: <i>This has been finalized and ready for distribution.</i>
MONTHLY REPORT	- DH: <i>The February report will be distributed with the March Agenda.</i>
BPAC ATTENDANCE	- DH: <i>This will be a new item every month, in order to ensure members are aware of their status.</i>
SNAKE CREEK MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP	- DH: <i>This workshop will be held on February 27, 2008.</i>
MEMBER COMMENTS	- ET: <i>Although the So. Dade Trl. is finished, crosswalk enhancements are needed at Palm Dr. and Krome Av. There is a hole north of the C-103 canal.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Cutler Trl. extension along the north side of SW 216 St. is being constructed. It will connect to Black Crk. Trl.</i> • <i>He participated in the field review of Snapper Crk., a prelude to the meeting being held on 2/27/08.</i> • <i>An 8' path is being constructed along SW 328 St., between SW 152/162 Aves.</i> • <i>He attended a BCC subcommittee meeting on bike racks.</i>

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- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*