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## BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008

5:30 P.M.

STEPHEN P. CLARK GOVERNMENT CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

18<sup>th</sup> FLOOR - CONFERENCE ROOM 2

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

### AGENDA

- I. GROUP PHOTO
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 19, 2008
- IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS (5 minutes)
- V. PRESENTATIONS
  - A. RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY UPDATE – M. Bauman, MDPW
  - B. FDOT PROJECT UPDATE – K. Jeffries, FDOT
  - C. MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – J. Cohen, MDPW
- VI. INFORMATION
  - A. BICYCLE TOWN HALL MEETING
  - B. ROZENZWEIG V. FDOT
  - C. BIKE LID DEMONSTRATION
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  - E. BPAC ATTENDANCE
- VII. MEMBER COMMENTS



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## MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008

### MEMBERS

#### PRESENT

Brett Bibeau Steve Greenberg, Chair  
 Susan Kairalla Lee Marks  
 Eric Tullberg Betty Trueba

### MEMBERS

#### ABSENT

Ted Silver Theodore Karantsalis  
 Matt Toro Larry Thorson  
 John O'Brien

### OTHERS PRESENT

David Henderson - Staff Ana Sandoval - URS Tom Blazejack - Team Hammerhead  
 Priscilla Morales - M-DPW Julio Boucle - URS Barry Wright - Cyclist  
 Mike Bauman - M-DPW - Cswys. John Hopkins - Green Mobility  
 Jim Martincak - M-DPW - Cswys. Ignacio Riveira - Cyclist

*The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.*

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
<b>CITIZEN COMMENTS</b>	- <b>JH:</b> Requested the BPAC to formally adopt the M-Path and South Dade Trail as portions of the East Coast Greenway. <b>DH:</b> <i>He would like to get approval from MDT before this action is carried-out. He will place it on the May Agenda; and in the meantime, talk to MDT staff.</i>
<b>RICKEN-BACKER CSWY. UPDATE</b>	- <b>MB:</b> <i>Phase 3 has begun, involving resurfacing the roadway, including the Powell bridge and the adjacent paths. The western-most bridge and the Bear Cut bridge will receive joint repairs, using a new product. All the bridges will have bicycle-height railings installed on the north sides. The west-bound non-motorized exit will be redesigned to allow a smooth transition to access either the Brickell Av. path or the underpass to the south side of the toll plaza. Signage and markings will enhance the entire route from the toll plaza to the Crandon Blvd. bike lanes. The toll plaza is undergoing upgrades. Once upgrades are final, cyclists will be allowed exclusive use of Lane 8 on weekdays. On weekends, this (free) access will terminate at 9 am. The project will take 6 months. Future plans include a barrier separating the bicycle and motorist lanes.</i>
<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>	- <b>BPAC:</b> <i>The Agenda approved unanimously.</i>
<b>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</b>	- <b>BB:</b> <i>Motion to approve the Minutes of 3/19/'08; seconded by ET; vote – unanimous.</i>
<b>FDOT PROJECTS UPDATE</b>	- <b>AS:</b> <i>Requested the members to note locations on State roads where the sidewalks do not connect to the street. Previously, the BPAC took issue in reviewing projects which are at 100% design. For instance, the MacArthur Cswy. resurfacing. This project was reviewed by FDOT divisions in 2004. However, the regular BPAC Project Review didn't start until 2008. This was a catch-up procedure; and future Project Reviews should be done in a timely manner. FDOT designers will now document why bicycle accommodations are not included in projects, instead of her review team trying to figure it out. There should only be 3 reasons: 1) contrary to public safety, 2) excessive costs compared to use, and 3) other factors that constitute an absence of need.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving on to project reviews (she handed-out a list of projects): Normandy Dr./71 St. resurfacing project. <i>Each will receive bike lanes via a lane width reduction. The business district segment will not have a bike lane.</i></li> <li>• Pedestrian Safety Evaluation Report for Flagler St., from NW 72 Av. to NW 27 Av. The results indicated high amounts of B/P crashes: 107 between 2001-2005, including</li> </ul>

	<p>12 fatalities. The conclusion was that there wasn't enough time to cross the road. <i>Medians and refuge islands will be installed. Experimental HAWK beacons will be installed at SW 38 St.</i></p> <p><b>SG:</b> Requested this project to be presented to the group at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>AS:</b> The last project is NW 74 St., from the Palmetto Expwy. to NW 87 Av. It is a reconstruction project at 60%, and will have 13' outside lanes.</p>
<b>ROZENZWEIG V. FDOT</b>	<p>- <b>DH:</b> Mr. Rozenzweig was a co-plaintiff in Palm Beach Co. who argued that the FDOT was required to provide bicycle accommodations in their A1A redesign because there was enough ROW to do so. Residents in the area, didn't want bike lanes. The most important part is that it reaffirms the statute regarding the development of bike facilities, and mandates the FDOT to provide reasons these facilities can't be included in some projects.</p>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE</b>	<p>- <b>PM:</b> Many of her projects have already been seen by the BPAC. The 1<sup>st</sup> is for SW 27 Av. It is at 100% design; there are ROW issues, <i>which may take 2 years to resolve.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SW 264, from US-1 to SW 137 Av.: as a PTP project, there is limited funding. <i>The BPAC's bike lanes recommendation will replace the existing wide sidewalk.</i></li> <li>• SW 328 St., from SW 152 to SW 137 Av., is under design, including a 10' bike path; construction is underway between SW 162 to 152 Aves.; the portion from US-1 to SW 162 is at 95% design. ROW is being acquired.</li> <li>• SW 176 St.: as a PTP project, there is limited funding.</li> <li>• SW 216 St. , from the HEFT to Old Cutler Rd., is under construction.</li> <li>• SW 211 St. will have bike lanes in Cutler Bay. Funding is in place.</li> <li>• Crandon Blvd. has been redesigned with bike lanes. Construction is complete.</li> <li>• SW 56 St., from SW 158 to 152 Aves., is finished with wide curb-lanes.</li> <li>• SW 117 Av., from SW 94 to 152 Sts., is under construction with wide curb-lanes.</li> <li>• SW 160 St., from SW 137 to 147 Aves., is being bid on. It will have bike lanes.</li> <li>• SW 127 Av., from SW 88 to 107 Sts., is under construction with wide curb-lanes; then, a bike path from SW 107 to 120 Sts.</li> <li>• SW 137 Av., from US-1 to SW 184 St., is under design with bike lanes.</li> <li>• S. Miami Av. bike lanes have been completed.</li> <li>• SW 328 St., from US-1 to SW 162 St., will receive wide curb-lanes.</li> <li>• SW 147 Av., from SW 8 to 10 Sts. will receive wide curb-lanes.</li> <li>• SW 97 Av., from SW 72 to 40x Aves. will receive bike lanes.</li> </ul> <p><b>SK:</b> Concerned with the magnificent trees along SW 97 Av. near Glades Middle School. They seem to be in the way of a new sidewalk.</p> <p><b>PM:</b> Asked her to send an e-mail to this effect; and, she will forward it to RAAM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting will be held at 7pm for the Commodore Trail at Miami City Hall on June 30, 2008. Since most of the funding will go towards the Coral Gables Waterway bridge, improvements consist mostly of curb-ramp installations along the Trail. The design should be ready by September; and under construction early next year.</li> <li>• A contract is being negotiated for a portion of the Miami River Greenway.</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN HALL MEETING</b>	<p>- <b>DH:</b> The meeting was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>; it was a positive meeting with about 70 people attending, including Key Biscayne Police, Commissioners Gimenez and Cabrarra, as well as M-DPW staff.</p>
<b>BIKE LID DEMONSTRATION</b>	<p>- <b>DH:</b> The lid is more than a bike rack and less than a locker. It is bolted to the ground; and, users supply locks. With a gap at the bottom, it is less desirable for users to store personal items. This is a problem experienced with the existing locker inventory. The</p>

	<p>width accommodates 2 bikes. <i>They would be available upon a 1<sup>st</sup>-come-1<sup>st</sup>-serve basis, without the need of a long-term contract.</i> Currently, the MPO has over 100 lockers, and many of them are reaching the end of useful life and <i>will be replaced.</i> Opening a lid is spring-assisted. One has been installed at Palmetto Metrorail station. The advantages of a covered parking devise is mainly security and weather protection. <i>They cost \$1800.</i></p> <p><b>BB:</b> Inquired about a schedule/funding to replace the Metrorail lockers.</p> <p><b>DH:</b> <i>MDT has funding this year to install racks and replace some lockers. One priority is demolition of the berm at Coconut Grove Metrorail station, where many homeless sleep. The material is graffiti-resistant; the paint makes mars less noticeable.</i> Logos, etc. can be applied to the surface. MDT is also considering traditional bike lockers, which are available in various materials.</p> <p><b>SG:</b> Considers the cost prohibitive; more racks would better serve the community.</p> <p><b>SK:</b> Suggested charging for bike lid use.</p> <p><b>JH:</b> That would discourage use.</p> <p><b>BT:</b> Many cyclists have lights and other bike features they would like to have protected.</p>
<p><b>MEMBER COMMENTS</b></p>	<p>- <b>BT:</b> Requested changing the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting date, it conflicts with the Ride of Silence.</p> <p><b>LM:</b> <i>Motion to move the May BPAC to May 28<sup>th</sup>; seconded by ET; vote – unanimous.</i></p> <p><b>BB:</b> Thanked Green Mobility for providing free bike valets during Miami River Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Miami Herald had a transportation challenge: 1 person drove, 1 took the Metromover, and 1 walked to a Downtown restaurant. The walker won.</li> <li>• The City of Miami has developed a Bike Action Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>DH:</b> He has asked the BAC Coordinator to attend a BPAC meeting.</p> <p><b>ET:</b> <i>Bike Valet parking will be available at the Love-In at Greynolds Pk. on May 18<sup>th</sup>.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Krome Av. shoulder was relocated to a proper position. Wiring was removed from the South Dade Trl. surface. The pavement is in poor condition near the end.</li> </ul>

- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*