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BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008

5:30 P.M.

STEPHEN P. CLARK GOVERNMENT CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

18th FLOOR - CONFERENCE ROOM 2

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

AGENDA

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- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 23, 2008
- IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS (5 minutes)
- V. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. WALK TO SCHOOL DAY (OCT 8) – V.VILLAAMIL, MDCPS
 - B. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – J. CORRADINO, MPO
 - C. MIAMI BICYCLE ACTION COMMITTEE – A. ADAMS, CITY of MIAMI
 - D. GREENWAY SIGNAGE PROJECT – A. TURTLETAUB, MDPR
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ABSENT

Matt Toro Theodore Karantsalis

OTHERS PRESENT

David Henderson - Staff Mark Heinicke – MDP&R Tom Blazejack – SF Triathletes
 Jae Manzella - Staff Alex Adams – City of Miami Shelley Paterson – Buddy Bike
 Vivian Villaamil - MDCPS Marija Surev – City of Miami Bch. John Hopkins - Green Mobility
 Alissa Turteltaub – MDP&R Joe Corradino – Corradino Group

The meeting began at 5:40 p.m.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	- <i>Note: BB served as acting-Chair for the meeting. ET: Motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by RR; vote: unanimous.</i>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	- <i>LT: Motion approving the 4/23/08 Minutes, as amended; seconded by ET; vote: unanimous.</i>
CITIZEN COMMENTS	- <i>SP: About 186 acres near Hialeah Gardens is being planned for development. At a public meeting, her suggestion for bike trails was favorable to the group. She suggested BPAC and staff follow this issue in the future. BB: Requested DH to research this and make it an item for next month's Agenda.</i>
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY	- <i>VV: The MPO has already endorsed this year's participation; yet, she requested the BPAC's endorsement, as well. ET: Emphasis for biking to school should focus on the middle schools. VV: Although there is some bicycle education, most of the focus is on walking. JO: Motion endorsing Walk to School efforts; seconded by BT; vote: unanimous.</i>
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	- <i>JC: (Handed-out diagrams) As a transportation planner, he is dismayed that more children don't walk/bike to school. The scope of work includes 10 schools, mostly in southern M-Dade. The only highly-developed areas are along the US-1 corridor; just blocks off, it can become rural. He tried to develop several routes for each school. Infrastructure improvements are identified; then, funding for them is determined; nearly all of it coming from the Federal Safe Routes To School program. While safety is a main concern; getting children to walk or bike to school aids their health, and reduces gas consumption. This project requires a lot of communication between many various agencies. After reviewing maps, aerials, traffic counts, etc., several candidate routes are identified. Field reviews filter-out some of these, as well as reveal infrastructure needs; such as: missing sidewalks, crosswalks, obstructions, etc. The program features various project types, such as: new sidewalks, safer crosswalks, and enhanced signage/signals. The final draft was submitted to the FDOT on April 30, 2008. SK: Children, (including kindergarteners), within 2 miles of a school don't have buses to pick them up. Some have to cross dangerous roads, like Kendall Dr.; the entrance to the HEFT; and/or, canals and railroad tracks. This is a necessary component for the future. TB: There is a Gas Surtax fund for sidewalk extensions. DH: (Handed-out a map.) These are all the schools that were reviewed since the beginning of the program several years ago. The 1st round of schools was determined by the number of crashes. Hopefully, this will be a continuing process.</i>

VV: Nearly 45 schools have plans.
BB: Inquired if the next round of schools had been identified.
VV: *Preliminary reviews are being done by the Traffic Safety Team subcommittee.*
BB: Noticed that most of the urban core schools haven't been planned. Considering the density and traffic in this area, *he suggested the next round includes some of them.*
VV: Crash statistics play a major role in the selection.
JC: This round represents roughly \$10 million in improvements.
VV: The Town of Miami Lakes was generous enough to provide consulting fees to incorporate routes for their two elementary schools into their Trails Master Plan.
LT: Inquired about crash statistics.
VV: In 2006, 117 children were injured; 4 were killed – an increase from 2005.
LT: Inquired if R/R ROWs will be fenced, if along a route.
JC: *This is a consideration that is being contemplated. Sometimes, the route will be diverted to avoid hazardous areas such as these and canals.*

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- **AA:** *This directive came from Mayor Diaz, who wants to emphasize bicycling throughout the City. His team added SRTS to the scope. The BAC was formed approx. 2 months ago. There are 2 committees: the 1st is the public side; the other – comprised of internal staff. A short-list of projects has been developed; and, other projects are being reviewed for modification to see what can be done relatively quickly. The Mayor has asked the FDOT to add bike lanes to their Coral Way project: they originally proposed 4' shoulders. In the past, the City has considered bicycling a recreational endeavor. Several commuting cyclists have voiced concern; and, the City is rethinking the role of bicycles in transportation. (He presented a map of projects.) Destinations, such as schools, parks, NET offices employment centers, as well as Commission Districts are identified. Major centers, just outside of the City have also been taken into consideration. A couple of projects have been identified as quick fixes. Along with the map will be a Master Plan that will delve into other support services, like parking and bicycle education. On June 3rd, there will be a joint open house for the County's Master Plan update, as well as the City's 1st draft of its Master Plan. He hopes BPAC members will provide input for route suggestions within the City. Many people don't realize that bike lane inclusion can be difficult. The City is built-out and ROW is restricted; bike lanes require a minimum of 8' on the road. Approx. 75% of the costs goes towards moving drainage pipes. That is why several shared-lanes are proposed. About a year ago, the City adopted a Parks and Open-Space Master Plan. The 2nd- most requested item for "needs" from the citizenry was bikeways and trails. To him, this is a call for these facilities outside the parks as well, (to get to/from parks). Although a main focus is to upgrade the roadway system, schools are usually better served with wider sidewalks than with bike lanes.*
ET: *Suggested a comprehensive sidewalk plan to help alleviate congestion from news racks, poles/signs, benches and other street furniture by requiring specific clearances. It should include: landscaping requirements, restrictions for automobile parking on these facilities; as well as a section focusing on greenways, such as the M-Path.*
LM: Concerned that government works in a vacuum; the City doesn't know what the County is doing, etc. If these efforts are publicly noticed, there would be more true representation of the public's expectations.

SP: *Suggested that a Bicycle Coordinator would help get projects implemented, and a bicycle suitability map would benefit many cyclists. The City of Pittsburg has a great website for bicycle information. The City should consider many of the innovations listed, as well as producing their own bicycling site.*

	<p>SK: <i>Suggested providing a summary of progress to the public as encouragement.</i></p> <p>BB: <i>On the existing projects map, two of the projects identified are part of the Miami River Greenway. The funding was awarded 5 years ago. He urged the City to enter a LAP agreement to access these funds (\$1 million each), post haste. Suggested AA to e-mail notices to B/P staff to forward to appropriate parties.</i></p>
GREENWAY SIGNAGE PROJECT	<p>AT: <i>The scope involves a standard, countywide design for way-finding signs. Plans for 6 trails have been developed. Several people from various agencies helped in this endeavor. Clear directions to destinations, interpretive information on cultural, ecological and historical sites; routes to public transportation systems; safety; and design consistency were focuses. The trails are: Snake Creek, Commodore, Rickenbacker, Old Cutler, Biscayne and Black Creek Trails. Field reviews categorized them into trail types: greenways, side-paths, and on-street lanes. Existing conditions were inventoried. Mile markers, the M-D logo, route numbers, directional symbols, nearby destinations/routes, a map, warning areas, trail etiquette, and interpretive language are all sign standards. Park rules make up another set of dual-language signage.</i></p> <p>ET: <i>He has already provided comments to the consultants.</i></p> <p>SG: <i>Bus stops should be depicted on the maps.</i></p> <p>AT: <i>Issues still need to be resolved, and all destinations identified. It will be over a year before signs are installed. Biscayne Trl. segments A&B will be 1st to receive signage.</i></p> <p>JM: <i>Suggested using color to indicate major retail areas on the maps.</i></p> <p>AT: <i>Will take this into consideration. This project does not have full funding.</i></p> <p>ET: <i>Suggested a sign for the transition at Old Cutler Trl. to the route on SW 105 St.</i></p> <p>BB: <i>The Miami River Greenway uses porcelain enamel to combat graffiti. A protective coating can also be used to clean the signs easier.</i></p> <p>AT: <i>She has found a high-pressured laminate and a baked coating that will be tested.</i></p> <p>BB: <i>Requested that no signs obstruct the facilities. Also, all types of groups around each area, including local officials should be sought for input.</i></p>
FDOT PROJECTS UPDATE	<p>DH: <i>There is a project on Coral Way, from SW 12 Av. to Brickell Av.; and the City is asking FDOT to upgrade the resurfacing to include bike lanes.</i></p> <p>AA: <i>The slope is 6%; bicyclists would prefer 2%. The City sent a change request last week; but, the project is expected to be awarded next week.</i></p> <p>SG: <i>Motion endorsing bike lanes within the FDOT's Coral Way project, from SW 12 Av. to Brickell Av., as requested by the City of Miami; seconded by SK; vote unanimous.</i></p> <p>AA: <i>The City has a project that will compliment this construction, connecting it to the M-Path; Bikes lanes along SW 15 Rd, would tie into this as well.</i></p> <p>BB: <i>The resolution should state 4'; so, there is no misunderstanding that 2' is adequate.</i></p>
PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE	<p>DH: <i>There will be a public workshop on June 30th, for the Commodore Trl. This will include designs for the area between Cocoplum Cir. to Aviation Av.</i></p>
SNAPPER CREEK MASTER PLAN	<p>DH: <i>The Parks Dept. will host a public open house on June 4th. This will provide information on Segment A, which includes the existing portion at FIU, then following the canal to K-Land Pk.</i></p> <p>ET: <i>He has provided comments to MDP&R staff.</i></p>
BIKE/PED. PLAN WORKSHOPS	<p>DH: <i>Two are being planned in separate areas to obtain ideas. They will be held on June 3rd at Miami City Hall, and the 7th at the South Dade Regional Library. Existing and planned projects will be mapped-out. This is being done in conjunction with the City of Miami's Bike Plan outreach.</i></p> <p>BB: <i>Suggested providing copies of the TIP to help identify candidate projects.</i></p>

	- DH: <i>Will bring maps depicting existing and planned facilities.</i>
MPO PSA CONTEST	- DH: This year's theme was Pedestrian Safety. Three High Schools participated. <i>He will present them next month.</i>
BICYCLING MAGAZINE ITEM	- SG: The article focuses on the best cities for cycling; but, Miami is mentioned as one of the worst, even though the terrain is flat and weather accommodating. SK: The oversaturation of on-street parking doesn't help. DH: Aggressive drivers were one main reason. SG: <i>Suggested using this as a way to get influential people, such as the County Mgr., Mayors, etc. to think more seriously about the impact cycling has on the local economy. An e-mail drive could spread the article around.</i>
MEETING LOCATION	- DH: <i>The BPAC will be meeting in alternative rooms on the 18th floor a few times.</i> BB: <i>Requested AA to provide the BPAC meeting schedule to his group members.</i>
MEETING ATTENDANCE	- DH: This was left out of the Agenda pkg. <i>He will send this out soon, so everyone is aware of their status.</i>
MEMBER COMMENTS	- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ET: <i>Requested an update on the East Coast Greenway for the next BPAC meeting.</i> • SK: <i>Noted that the trees along the SW 97 Av.. project have been saved from removal.</i> • <i>Inquired about the 3' clearance campaign.</i> <p>DH: <i>The idea originated out of the Town Hall meeting. He has been discussing this with the ad agency that handles banners along US-1. It isn't as simple as one would expect. "Share the Road" posters have been placed at the Rickenbacker Toll Plaza.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ET: <i>Green Mobility Net. operated a bike valet at the Greynolds Pk. Love-In.</i> • <i>(Displaying photos) The SW 216 St. project has stalled, and pedestrian mobility continues to be undermined, e.g., a mound of concrete he chiseled away. There is a dangerous intersection at the HEFT's east frontage road; sight distance is very limited.</i> • <i>SW 328 St. had some gaps filled.</i> • <i>He sent out a report regarding converting the Ludlam Rd. R/R Bridge to solely non-motorized use.</i> • <i>He provided the MDP&R staff with maintenance cost estimates for the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway.</i> • <i>The Village of Palmetto Bay hosted a 4-mile community bike ride on April 26th.</i>
ELECTION OF CHAIR	- DH: <i>Ted Silver has relocated and resigned from the BPAC. He sent a note thanking the everyone on the BPAC, reminding the incoming Chair of the importance of attending MPO meetings and being assessable for staff; as well as asking everyone to keep determined to make changes for the better. A plaque was presented to him at the last MPO meeting.</i> ET: <i>Motion commending Ted Silver for his 14 years of participation with the BPAC - 8 as Chair; seconded by SK; vote unanimous.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nominates BB.</i> BT: <i>Nominates LM.</i> BB: <i>The By-laws require a Vice-Chair.</i> LM: <i>Would be willing to serve in that capacity, since he may not be able to serve as Chair. There is a lawsuit against the County that he is counsel to.</i> BPAC: <i>Approved unanimously.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.</i>