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BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

5:30 P.M.

STEPHEN P. CLARK GOVERNMENT CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

18th FLOOR - CONFERENCE ROOM 4

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 16, 2008
- III. CITIZEN COMMENTS (5 minutes)
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI U-BIKE PROGRAM – M. Bunster, UM
 - B. SNAPPER CREEK TRAIL SEGMENT “A” MASTER PLAN – M. Heinicke, M-D Park and Recreation Dept
 - C. FDOT PROJECT UPDATE – K. Jeffries, FDOT
 - D. MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – J. Cohen, MDPW
 - E. PRO WALK/PRO BIKE CONFERENCE – D. Henderson
- V. INFORMATION
 - A. 2009 BPAC MEETING DATES
 - B. MPO COMMITTEE BOAT TOUR
 - C. 2007 TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS
 - D. BIKE RACKS AT METRORAIL STATIONS
 - E. MONTHLY REPORT
 - F. BPAC ATTENDANCE
- VI. MEMBER COMMENTS



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MINUTES

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OTHERS PRESENT

David Henderson - Staff	Julio Boucle, URS Corp.	Collin Worth, Cyclist
Jae Manzella - Staff	Stuart Robinson, Kimely-Horn Assoc.	Michael Rohdin, Cyclist
Mark Heinicke, M-DP&R	Max Bunster – Univ. of Miami	Jeremy C-Gauger, Cyclist
Jeff Cohen, M-DPW	John Hopkins, Green Mobility Network	Adam Schadner, Cyclist

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	- ET: <i>Motion approving the prepared Agenda; seconded by JO; vote: unanimous.</i>
APPROVAL OF 7/16/8 MINUTES	TK: <i>Motion approving the 7/16/8 Minutes; seconded by ET; vote: unanimous.</i>
CITIZEN COMMENTS	- None.
UofM U-BIKE PROGRAM	- MB: President D. Shalala urged the University Board to develop this and other “green” initiatives through the President’s Climate Commitment. <i>He is implementing a Bicycle Commuter Program.</i> One stipulation is that the Freshman class cannot park automobiles at the main campus. There is enthusiasm for the project; which is adding more bike racks, widening and constructing more sidewalks, etc. Significant benefits are already visible by less congested parking lots and reduced dependency on shuttles, (which clog interior roads). <i>Transit permits are subsidized by 50%; employees are also eligible. Bicycle events are planned.</i> A cornerstone of the program consists of providing single-gear bikes at a significant discount (under 50% of the retail price). Even before they were delivered, 310 bikes were sold; another 300 have been ordered. These \$59 bikes are well built and come with a free U-lock and safety brochures. Buyers must register with the Campus Security. The 1300 bike parking locations are being studied to determine where more are needed and other factors. <i>Shelters are a future consideration under phase 2.</i> Two parking garages have air supply; and, the existing Rider Assistance Program aids immobilized bicyclists. An area bike shop has pledged a discounted Service Agreement, with free pick-up/delivery. Glatting, Jackson consultants were hired to develop a campus plan. <i>Lighting improvements are being made for safety. Every quarter, progress will be evaluated;</i> for instance: the need for bike lockers. Students are allowed to comment/suggest improvements. He hopes the BPAC becomes a part of this endeavor. CW: Inquired as to the educational component of the project. MB: A UBike webpage was developed; the student newspaper and radio station have information; student orientation mentions the program; and, brochures are available. AS: Inquired if this project will expand to other campuses. MB: <i>The Medical campus is being planned to become more pedestrian-friendly; more like a village. The Key Biscayne campus is fairly small.</i>

	<p>BB: Inquired as to the status of the US-1 Overpass.</p> <p>DH: <i>Will provide an update as an informational item at the next meeting.</i></p> <p>JM: Inquired if Bike&Ride brochures are handed to students when they buy bikes.</p> <p>MB: Unsure. Welcomed the chance to include these in the UBike Information Kits.</p>
<p>SNAPPER CREEK TRAIL - SEGMENT A MASTER PLAN</p>	<p>- MH: The project limits are from FIU to the Boys & Girls Club Park – a total distance of 5.6 miles. Already 2.6 miles exists, from Bird Rd. to SW 107 Av., <i>which will also be improved.</i> There are attempts to link to other existing bikeways as well. GO Bonds fund approx. \$500,000; <i>\$450,000 of which will be available in FY 2014-17. This is allocated for improvements from SW 16 St. to SW 107 Av. The other \$50,000 is allocated for improvements from SW 16 St. to Coral Way.</i> M-DPW has a guardrail project along Snapper Crk. Dr.; <i>this will realign a portion of the existing trail.</i></p> <p>SR: Public participation is a cornerstone of the MPO process. Neighborhoods in the area were very supportive of this project. Not just a recreational corridor, this trail serves as a linkage to several existing/planned trails; so, bicycle mobility is significantly increased. <i>Existing sections will be widened to 10’.</i> A section of the trail runs within Britannia Homeowners Assoc. property. The County has agreed to maintain that area. <i>Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise will be relocating their off-ramp; this will allow the path to extend to Bird Rd.</i> The northern end of the project connects to Finley Elementary School sidewalk. <i>The project proposes improvements to some internal facilities within TamiamiPar; towards SW 114 Av., which has low-volume/speed; then, install sharrows along SW 114 Av. to connect to Concord Pk. West of that park, SW 32 St. will be provided with sharrows to connect back to Snapper Crk. Trl.</i> The configuration eliminates one of the existing two required SW 117 Av. crossings in the area.</p> <p>JC: There are several alternatives for the Snapper Crk./Sunset Drs. area. Existing conditions, traffic patterns and signalization all need to be reviewed thoroughly.</p> <p>SR: <i>A new B/P bridge is proposed at SW 112 Av. The 1st phase would create a path, east of SW 107 Av., along the south side of the canal. A future north path may be built much later. A new bridge at the Cutler Canal is planned. Local streets are used to connect to Kendall Dr. The route east, along Kendall Dr., will connect to the Boys & Girls Club Pk.</i> A total estimate for all these improvements is \$4.5 million.</p> <p>BB: Concerned that GO Bond funds will not have the same purchasing power by 2014. <i>Some the \$500,000 in funds will go towards other activities involved in the construction, such as design plans.</i> Inquired how long a typical contract negotiation/signing takes.</p> <p>JB: Often 1 year, on average.</p> <p>MH: M-DP&R has a PSA for trails contracts. This expedites the process.</p> <p>ET: <i>Motion for the Snapper Crk. Trl. (phase a) project be expedited, and that the scope is extended to link with Tamiami Trl.; seconded by SK; vote – unanimous.</i></p>
<p>M-DPW PROJECT UPDATE</p>	<p>- JC: <i>Baywalk, south of Port Blvd. is being constructed. This will connect with Parcel B of the AArena, routing users under the Port bridge, as well as to Biscayne Blvd.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Commodore Trl. project staff are reviewing types of bridges to connect the southern side of Snapper Crk. to the northern side near Cocoplum Cir. The City of Coral Gables has agreed to allow a path inside Ingrahm Pk. connecting to Edgewater Dr. A LAP Agreement is being prepared for \$250,000 in Federal funds.</i> • BB: <i>A firm was hired to design 6 County-owned sites along the Miami River; however, the process has stalled. Requested staff to provide an update on this project.</i> <p>JC: <i>The County has small segments to build. The PSA is being reviewed by the Co. Attorney’s Office, and must have Commission approval. The project is in pre-design.</i></p> <p>BB: <i>Requested a timeline, as well as the Co. Attorney’s name working on the project.</i></p>

	<p>JC: Will provide these to DH for dissemination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC: The Old Cutler Trl. resurfacing project runs from Cocoplum Cir. to SW 216 St. The survey is underway. Design will be done by M-DPW. Commissioners Sorenson and Gimenez will be provided details of this resurfacing project. The existing path travels into Matheson Hammock Pk.; but, the exit becomes constrained by a rock wall. Plans are to extend the path further along the park land to avoid this. Certain intersections need bicycle-friendly ramps, rather than pedestrian ramps. <p>ET: Would like to tour with anyone to point out deficiencies; as well as offered his compiled data of the area; he also has information from the Cutler Bay subcommittee that analyzed their portion of the facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC: M-Path/transit bicycle improvements will be designed by Kimely-Horn. This is basically a M-DP&R/MDT project, MDPW is assisting with the survey. • SW 48 St. bicycle bridges are a compromise solution. The project was to construct bike lanes along the SW 48 St. corridor, (connecting to Tropical Pk.); however, residents in the area didn't want them. So, MDPW is constructing new B/P bridges on both side of the existing 10900 block bridge, with bike lane approaches. The design is 100% complete, and the BCC approved the LAP agreement. • A project along Old Cutler Trl. is fairly complete. Along SW 216 St., a new path has been constructed that connects to the Black Crk. Trl., just west of the HEFT. • The Rickenbacker phase 3 construction project has been underway while he was on vacation, so he hasn't been able to review progress. <p>BB: Recommends a ribbon-cutting ceremony for this widely-used, long-awaited improvement. Every bike group should be invited. This includes a press release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SK: Concerned with the space provided along SW 97 Av. The construction of islands constricts vehicle movement. Mirrors on her SUV extend out, and may hit a cyclist. <p>JC: The residents indicated they wanted the islands at the public meetings.</p>
<p>FDOT PROJECTS UPDATE</p>	<p>- JB: (Handed out two lists of projects: Design Plans and Scoping Reports.) Regarding the Scoping Reports: the 1st focuses upon the NE 81/82 St. one-way pair, from SW 13 Ct. to Biscayne Blvd. He proposed bike lanes, (following the direction of motor vehicle travel), which the Proj. Mgr. (PM) agreed to. A landscaped buffer will also be introduced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2nd report calls for various intersection improvements; he doubtful any bicycle enhancements can be made. • The 3rd report focuses upon SW 107 Av., from SW 88 to 104 Sts. The sidewalk will be widened to serve as a multi-use path. • The 4th report focuses upon Coral Way, from SW 13 to 37 Aves. ROW constraints obstruct bike lane construction. • The 5th report focuses upon Miami Gardens Dr., from NW 47 to 57 Aves. ROW constraints obstruct bike lane construction. <p>TK: Several businesses and a post office are along NW 57 Av. Many students use it to reach Carol City Jr. High and the library. The community deserves bike access.</p> <p>JB: The frontage road helps bicycle mobility. Red Rd. lanes are less than 11' wide. There are ROW constraints. RRR projects do not include ROW acquisition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB: The 6th & 7th reports concern US-1 in Monroe Co., which has the Oversees Heritage (OSH) Trl. That facility and the bike-lane portion will be resurfaced. • The 8th report focuses upon Collins Av., from Lincoln Rd. to 26th St. ROW constraints obstruct bike lane construction. • The 9th report focuses upon US 441 ramps at the Golden Glades Int. So, he did not

request a PM response.

JM: These ramps are not Limited Access.

- **JB:** The next 2 reports concern US-1 in Monroe Co. *The OSH Trl. will be resurfaced.* In some parts, there are paved shoulders.
- The 12th project focuses upon NW 7 Av., from NW 6 to 32 Sts. ROW constraints obstruct bike lane construction.
- The 13th report focuses upon Kane Concourse, from a bridge to Collins Av. *Wide outside-lanes will be introduced.*

ET: Suggested the use of sharrows within wide outside-lanes. These educate everyone about proper lane position.

JB: As of yet, the MUTCD has not approved sharrows; and, FDOT has its own design guidelines, which do not include sharrows. *Will discuss this with FDOT staff.*

JO: This is a widely-used beach connection.

- **JB:** The 14th project focuses upon Indian Crk., from 41st to 44th Sts. *The existing wide sidewalk will be widened to 10'.*
- He had personally managed the last 2 reports: The 1st focuses upon Tamiami Trl., from the Palmetto Expwy. to the HEFT. *He recommends bike lanes.*
- The last scoping report focuses upon NW 27 Av., from NW 103 to 116 Sts. *The inside lanes will be narrowed to 11', providing 12.5' outside lanes.*

- Moving on to the Design Plans; the 1st five projects follow-up on PM responses to BPAC concerns. For the 1st: Biscayne Blvd. – the PM states there aren't bikeways on either end of the project to connect to; additionally ROW would need to be purchased; as well as landscaping removed for bike lanes.

ET: Inquired if there are any planned bikeways in this area.

DH: The 3rd project connects to this 1st project; but, bike lanes have been dismissed.

- **JB:** For the 2nd project: Krome Av. – the PM cannot provide wider paved shoulders, due to drainage requirements. However, the BPAC's request for vibrolines is under consideration. *The proposed shoulders will enhance bicycle mobility.*
- For the 3rd project: Biscayne Blvd. – the PM suggested that the existing wide sidewalks negate the need for bike lanes. He responded that the FDOT bike design handbook states that such use is unsatisfactory and poses extreme risk.

ET: *Requested the sidewalks to be as free from impediments as possible.*

JH: Even though the sidewalks are very wide in the (newly redesigned) section, south of the Performing Arts Center, cyclists still swerve to and fro to avoid trees.

SK: Palm trees placed near bikeways pose a hazard when the fronds fall.

- **JB:** For the 4th project: Collins Av. – he has not received a response; but, expects that the proposal would be considered reconstruction, due to the existing configuration.
- The last follow-up project: Krome Av. – has the same constraints as the 2nd project.
- The 1st new Design project is Miami Gardens Dr., from NW 57 to 68 Aves. He is awaiting a response from the PM.
- The 2nd project continues resurfacing Miami Gardens Dr., from NW 68 St. to 84 Ct. He is awaiting a response from the PM.
- **JB:** The 3rd and 4th projects concern US-1 in Monroe Co., which has the OSH Trl.
- The 5th project concerns US-1, from SE 4 St. to 25 Rd. He is awaiting a response from the PM. He expects bike lanes would require reconstruction.
- The 6th project is an intersection improvement at NW 138 St./Hialeah Gardens Blvd. He does not ask for bicycle treatments in these cases.
- The 7th project is a Kennedy Cswy. bridge repair. He does not ask for bicycle treatments in these cases.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 8th project is W Flagler St., from SW 76 Ct. to Galloway Rd. He is awaiting a response from the PM. • The 9th project concerns bridge repairs along I-95. He does not ask for bicycle treatments in these cases. • The 10th project is SW 87 Av., from NW 74 to 103 St. <i>Bike lanes are proposed only from SW 74 to 90 Sts., then from SW 93 to 103 Sts.</i> This is a County project. <i>Funds should be secured to purchase ROW; at least to provide wide outside-lanes.</i> BB: Noted that the blocks with B-lanes have donated this land. It is possible that there may have been a change in ownership. <i>This should be re-approached.</i> ET: <i>Information on bikeways generating more businesses and propping-up land values should be distributed to those holding out.</i> JB: <i>He will review the PD&E plans again.</i> • JB: The 11th project is the Flagler/SW 1 Sts. one-way pair, from W 2 to 27 Aves. ROW constraints obstruct bikeway construction. DH: The City of Miami's <u>Bicycle Action Plan</u> calls for improvements in conjunction with this project. <i>Suggested JB to re-approach the design team and Miami staff.</i> JB: <i>Requested DH to participate in negotiations.</i> Preliminary design alternatives included bike lanes. BB: The Miami River Commission also requested a more pedestrian-friendly design. • JB: The 12th project is Harding Av., from Bal Harbor Shops to 94th St. He provided the PM with a typical section of 6' parking stalls on each side, as well as 11' travel lanes to allow a one-way bike lane. The PM stated that 11' lanes are not acceptable. This is not true. Since the design is only at 60%, <i>he will continue to push for B-lanes.</i> JM: <i>The City of Miami Beach is planning B-lanes along their portion of Harding Av.</i> • JB: The 13th project is a Park&Ride lot at NW 186 St./73 Av. <i>Bike racks and ramps are planned.</i> • The 14th project is Krome Av., from NW 177 Av. to Tamiami Trl. <i>It will have a 5' paved shoulder with vibrolines.</i> • The last project is US-1 in Monroe Co., which has the OSH Trl.
PRO-BIKE/PRO-WALK CONFERENCE	- DH: Due to time restraints, <i>this item will be deferred for next month.</i>
2009 MEETING DATES	- DH: The October 2008 meeting will have to be rescheduled, because he will be out-of-town. He inquired if October 29 th would be suitable. BPAC: <i>Agrees to the new date.</i> DH: The Agenda includes the 2009 BPAC meeting dates.
MIAMI RIVER BOAT TOUR	- BB: This date has not been set. <i>Everyone will be notified when it becomes available.</i>
2007 CRASH STATISTICS	- BB: The Agenda includes charts regarding bicycle and pedestrian crashes from 1990-2007.
METRORAIL BIKE RACKS	- BB: Due to time restraints, <i>this item will be deferred for next month.</i>
MONTHLY REPORT	- BB: The Agenda includes a B/P Program progress report.
BPAC ATTENDANCE	- DH: <i>The up-to-date attendance sheet will be e-mailed.</i>

**MEMBER
COMMENTS**

- • **BB:** MacArthur Cswy. bulb-outs recently forced a group of cyclists out of the shoulder and into the travel lane. A taxi driver hit some of them. He inquired as to the purpose of the bulb-out and if could be removed.
JB: He assessed the site recently. The bulb-out serves a bus stop. The driver claimed he fell asleep. He concluded curb-cuts on both ends of the bulb-out could provide a transition from the paved shoulders. *This can be done at all bulb-outs along the cswy.*
DH: *Suggested to wait for the response of this proposal before the BPAC comments.*
- **ET:** *Requested the next Agenda to include the M-Path Connector.*
DH: *Has a little bit of information; but, due to time restraints, this item will be deferred for next month.*
- **ET:** *SW 87 Av., from SW 88 to 96 Sts., has been marked and signed as 6' bike lanes.*
- **ET:** *SW 127 Av. now includes an 8' sidewalk from SW 107 to 120 Sts.*
- **ET:** He sent e-mails to PMs on various projects, including Krome Av.
- **JB:** In reference to the Krome Av. project mentioned in the 7/16/8 Minutes, page 4: *no sidewalks are planned for Krome Av.*
- **SK:** *Will bring photos of SW 97 Av. islands.* She is concerned with falling palm fronds and required maintenance of the landscaping. It already obstructs vision when backing out of driveways. She is unaware of anyone in the neighborhood who likes them. The extra space could have been provided for a bike path. *She plans to circulate a petition to have the islands removed and construct a bike path.*
- **TK:** Filed a Federal lawsuit against the City of Miami Springs, Miami-Dade County and the FDOT. He alleges that he is being denied full, safe and equal access to Miami Springs roads, sidewalks and bicycle paths, in violation of the ADA Act of 1973.

- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.*