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BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009

5:30 P.M.

STEPHEN P. CLARK GOVERNMENT CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

18th FLOOR - CONFERENCE ROOM 3

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 27, 2009
- III. CITIZEN COMMENTS (5 minutes)
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – J. Cohen, MDPW
 - B. FDOT PROJECT UPDATE – K. Jeffries, FDOT
 - C. RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY OPEN ROAD TOLLING – M. Bauman, MDPW
 - D. US-1/BIRD ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT – L-F Chow, FDOT
 - E. GABLES STATION DEVELOPMENT/M-PATH DRIVEWAY – S. Helfman
- V. INFORMATION
 - A. ELDERLY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 - B. FDOT DESIGN BULLETIN – BICYCLIST NEEDS ON RESURFACING, RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION (RRR) PROJECTS
 - C. LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES GUIDELINES UPDATE
 - D. MONTHLY REPORT
 - E. BPAC ATTENDANCE
- VI. MEMBER COMMENTS

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Brett Bibeau (Chair), Gabrielle Redfern (Vice Chair), Javier Betancourt, Anamarie Garces de Marcilla, Ken Groce, Steve Greenberg, John O'Brien, Eric Tullberg, Paul Yavis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeremy Gauger, Susan Kairalla, Lee Marks, Larry Thorson

OTHERS PRESENT

David Henderson, MPO

Jeff Cohen, MDPW

Mike Bauman, MDPW

Julio Boucle, URS/FDOT

Tony Recio, WSH/Gables Station

Ramon Castella, C3TS/Gables Station

Carlos Francis, CH Perez/FDOT

Lee-Fang Chow, FDOT

Colin Worth – City of Miami

Mike Lydon – Street Plans Collaborate

Dina Weinstein - Resident

John Hopkins – Green Mobility Network

Brad Knoefler – Omni Park West CRA

Steve Helfman, WSH/Gables Station

Alicia Gonzalez, MRG

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	- Motion to approve by Anamarie Garces, seconded by Eric Tullberg; approved unanimously.
APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES	- Motion to approved as amended by Tullberg, seconded by John O'Brien; approved unanimously.
CITIZEN COMMENTS	- Mike Lydon reported that the second Miami Bike Summit will be held in late August. A suggestion was made to hold it after school is back in session to improve attendance.
M-DPW UPDATE	- Jeff Cohen reported that MDPW is planning for the future repair or replacement of the Venetian Causeway bridges. They would like to include a representative from BPAC on a committee of stakeholders. Gabrielle Redfern and Ken Groce volunteer to participate. Repairs to the Old Cutler Road bike path west of SW 62 Ave are being designed. East of SW 62 Ave the improvements are being scoped with the preservation of trees an important consideration. A new alignment through Matheson Hammock Park will be used instead of widening the path through the protected area.
FDOT PROJECT UPDATE	- The FDOT design plans and scoping report update project summary report were distributed and reviewed.
RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY OPEN ROAD TOLLING	- Mike Bauman (MDPW) discussed the MDPW plan to convert the Rickenbacker Causeway toll plaza to the Sunpass system and the proposal to turn over operation of the causeway to the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX). MDX would use "open road tolling" with overhead sensors and remove the plaza. If the plaza is removed, vehicle speeds are expected to be higher. Higher auto speeds could lead to more conflicts with bicyclists

	<p>that ride circuits on the causeway by turning through the plaza parking lot. The previous Saturday 950 bicyclists were counted at the plaza between 6:00 am and 9:30 am. Discussion followed regarding the existing underpass near the plaza and alternative ways for bicyclists to return from the westbound to the eastbound direction. The underpass is not designed for the speed or the number of cyclists observed.</p> <p>Motion to recommend against open road tolling on the Rickenbacker Causeway unless it includes a bicycle circulation plan by John O'Brien and seconded by Steve Greenberg. Motion not approved (Aye: O'Brien, Greenberg and Tullberg. Nay: Bibeau, Redfern, Betancourt, Garces, Groce, Yavis).</p> <p>Motion to request that the open road tolling report be sent to the BPAC members and presented at a future BPAC meeting by Betancourt, seconded by Groce and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to request that MDPW prepare a feasibility study of bicycle circulation improvements from the westbound to eastbound directions of the causeway considering the capacity of the transportation system by Steve Greenberg, seconded by Ken Groce and passed unanimously.</p>
<p>US-1/BIRD ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT</p>	<p>- Lee-Fang Chow (FDOT) and Carlos Francis (CH Perez, Inc) presented the project to extend the southbound to westbound right-turn lane from US-1 to Bird Road. Currently, right turns are allowed from both the through and right-only lanes which causes confusion for people using the crosswalk. Right-turns will only be allowed from the new lane.</p> <p>Motion to oppose the proposed project unless it is modified to include a raised island to separate the right-turn only lane and a "STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK" sign made by Eric Tullberg and seconded by John O'Brien. Motion not approved (AYE: Bibeau, O'Brien, Tullberg. NAY: Redfern, Betancourt, Garces, Greenberg, Groce, Yavis).</p> <p>Motion to request that FDOT perform a study of bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility at the US-1/Bird Road intersection made by Javier Betancourt, seconded by Paul Yavis and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to oppose the FDOT project made by Gabrielle Redfern and seconded by Paul Yavis. Motion not approved (AYE: Greenberg, Redfern, Yavis. NAY: Bibeau, Betancourt, Garces, Groce, O'Brien, Tullberg).</p>
<p>GABLES STATION DEVELOPMENT/M-PATH</p>	<p>- Steve Helfman (WSH) presented the revised plan for a proposed driveway from Ponce de Leon Blvd to the new Gables Station</p>

DRIVEWAY	<p>development at 251 So. Dixie Highway which will include an intersection at the M-Path. Miami-Dade Transit has not approved the proposal and wants input from the BPAC.</p> <p>Based on the previous BPAC input the developer presented the “Gables Station Bike Path Improvements” plan which includes reconstruction of the M-Path (to 12-foot wide) and lighting and pavement markings from Ponce de Leon Blvd to Lejeune Rd, a new pedestrian crossing and access point to the development, and a new driveway across the M-Path to the development. The driveway crossing is proposed to include in-pavement flashers and STOP signs with warning lights activated by automatic bike/ped detection, traffic mirrors, M-Path elevation, M-Path surface treatment, a median between the vehicular directions of travel, and 6-inch speed cushions to prevent speeding by vehicles. The final design of the intersection and M-Path treatments will be approved by MDPW and MDT. A “Declaration of Restrictions” is proposed to ensure that the commitments are adhered to.</p> <p>Motion to recommend approval of the new Gables Station driveway across the M-Path following the design shown in the May 27, 2009, “Gables Station Bike Path Improvements” plan and execution of the declaration of restrictions submitted with that plan (with the name and date of that plan corrected) made by Eric Tullberg, seconded by Javier Betancourt and approved (YEA: Bibeau, Betancourt, Garces, Greenberg, Groce, O’Brien, Tullberg, Yavis; NAY: Redfern).</p>
ELDERLY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>- David Henderson reported that the Board of County Commissioners approved the creation of the “Elderly Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee” and that he has been asked to coordinate that effort. The committee is to include a representative from the BPAC. Paul Yavis and Anamarie Garces volunteer to participate.</p>
FDOT DESIGN BULLETIN – BICYCLIST NEEDS ON RRR PROJECTS	<p>- The subject document was presented and reviewed. This design bulletin requires that consideration be given to reducing lane widths to provide bicycle lanes (to 11-foot on roads \geq 40 mph and 10-foot on roads \leq 35 mph).</p>
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GUIDELINES UPDATE	<p>- David Henderson reported that, FDOT has decided to revise their Transportation Design for Livable Communities Guidelines to remove sections that duplicate other FDOT documents. The revised document will be presented to the BPAC when it is ready.</p>
MONTHLY REPORT	<p>The March monthly report will be provided in the next agenda package.</p>
BPAC ATTENDANCE	<p>- Report distributed and reviewed.</p>
MEMBER COMMENTS	<p>- Gabrielle Redfern: The City of Miami Beach is considering an ordinance to ban bicycles from South Pointe Park and the Lincoln Road Mall. Motion to oppose any ban on bicycle access to South Pointe Park or Lincoln Road made by Paul Yavis, seconded by</p>

	<p>Eric Tullberg and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Eric Tullberg: Attended a meeting on the proposed Tamiami Trail bridge across the Shark River Slough to support a separate path and bike lanes for the River of Grass Greenway. Attended the Palmetto Bay Bike/Ped Plan Committee meeting. Attended the Miami Bike Summit. Participated in the M-Path Ride. Met with MDPW staff regarding curbed intersections on Old Cutler Road. SW 127 Ave south of SW 104 St has a wide sidewalk on the east side near Arvida Middle School. Motion to recommend that MDCPS encourage students to use the new sidewalks to walk and bike to school, seconded by Paul Yavis and approved unanimously. SW 127 Ave (from SW 72 St to SW 82 St) and the Killian Parkway westbound bridge over SR 874 are wide enough to stripe with bike lanes.</p> <p>Javier Betancourt: Suggests that the BPAC develop priorities and a strategic plan so it can be pro-active on issues instead of reactive. Motion to hold a BPAC retreat in August to develop priorities and a strategic plan, seconded by John O'Brien and approved unanimously.</p>
NEXT MEETING DATE	- BB: <i>The next meeting will be July 22, 2009.</i>

- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*