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BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

5:30 P.M.

STEPHEN P CLARK GOVERNMENT CENTER
111 NORTHWEST FIRST STREET ROOM 18-3
MIAMI, FL 33128

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 24, 2009
July 22, 2009
- III. CITIZEN COMMENTS (5 minutes)
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY BIKE/PED PLAN – J. Corradino
 - B. MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – J. Cohen, MDPW
 - C. FDOT PROJECT UPDATE – K. Jeffries, FDOT
 - D. M-PATH EXTENSION UPDATE – R. Horton, Green Companies
 - E. MPO BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE – D. Henderson
 - F. BPAC RETREAT
- V. INFORMATION
 - A. BPAC BY-LAWS REVIEW
 - B. BIKE MIAMI DAYS: OCT 4TH
 - C. WALK TO SCHOOL DAY: OCT 7TH
 - D. BICYCLE BLVD PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP: OCT 7TH
 - E. FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS MONTH
 - F. MIAMI/MPO BIKE SAFETY POSTERS
 - G. QUARTERLY REPORT
 - H. BPAC ATTENDANCE
- VI. MEMBER COMMENTS

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BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brett Bibeau (Chair), Gabrielle Redfern (Vice Chair), Javier Betancourt, Anamarie Garces de Marcilla, Jeremy Gauger, Steve Greenberg, Ken Groce, Susan Kairalla, Bernadette Pardo, Larry Thorson, Eric Tullberg, Paul Yavis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee Marks, John O'Brien,

OTHERS PRESENT

David Henderson, MPO

Stewart Robertson, KHA/FDOT

Jitender Ramchandani, Gannett Fleming

Orlando Raez, Gannett Fleming, Inc

Tom Blazejack, Green Mobility Network

John Hopkins, Green Mobility Network

Jamie Caulkins, UM Bikesafe Coordinator

Carol Wilson, MDT

Colin Worth – City of Miami

Richard Horton, Green Companies

Joseph Corradino, The Corradino Group

Matthew Toro

Jeffrey Hall

Ignacio Rivera

Dina Weinstein

Dario Gonzalez

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>		<u>NOTES</u>
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	-	Motion to approve by Paul Yavis, seconded by Eric Tullberg; approved unanimously.
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 24, 2009	-	Motion to approve as amended by Eric Tullberg, seconded by Larry Thorson and approved unanimously.
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES, JULY 22, 2009	-	Motion to approve by Eric Tullberg, seconded by Larry Thorson and approved unanimously.
CITIZEN COMMENTS	-	<p>Matthew Toro expressed concern about security on Metrorail. Tom Blazejack reported that the M-Path surface repairs were a big improvement. The property at 405 So. Dixie Highway is for sale. The owner had requested a driveway connection across the M-Path from MDT and had come to the BPAC requesting support. A status report on this and the other 2 driveways requests in the area should be given at a future BPAC meeting.</p> <p>Jamie Caulkins introduced himself as the new BikeSafe Program Coordinator at the UM Miller School of Medicine. There will be a BikeSafe Task Force meeting on November 5 and all members are invited to attend.</p> <p>Ignacio Rivera expressed concern about bicyclist and pedestrian safety on Biscayne Blvd at the SR 836 underpass and at the entrance to the Port of Miami. The City of Miami is working with FDOT on Biscayne Blvd improvements in that area.</p> <p>Collin Worth said that the City of Miami Bike Plan will be going to their commission for approval on October 8. Brett</p>

		Bibeau asked that the City's bicycle planning efforts be better coordinated with the BPAC and that he be informed of future meetings of the Bicycle Action Committee.
VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY BIKE/PED PLAN	-	Joe Corradino described the network of sidewalks, on-road bike lanes and off-road paths and canal bridges that have been identified to connect the village for commuters, recreationalists and students. Eric Tullberg was a plan steering committee member and provided a lot of input. The bridges were deleted from the final plan when the plan was approved by the Village Council but implementation of the other items will begin in 2010.
M-DPW UPDATE	-	Deferred to next meeting.
FDOT PROJECT UPDATE	-	Stewart Robertson introduced himself as the new contractor reviewing plans for the FDOT Bike/Ped Program. He will be attending BPAC meetings and reporting on the projects that are assigned to him. The FDOT policies and design standards are very supportive of sidewalks and bike facilities if they are applied correctly. The projects he has commented on include NE 6 Ave @ NE 159 St, Collins Ave from 13 St to Espanola Way, NW 36 St bridge replacement, Collins Ave from 75 St to Harding Ave, SW 1 st St bridge replacement and SW 88 St @ SW 142 Ave. Members asked for information on the following projects: Collins Ave from 23 St to 41 St, Biscayne Blvd pedestrian features from NE 50 St to 75 St, Harding Ave @ 96 St crosswalk, Biscayne Blvd from NE 14 St to the River, US-1 at Bird Road, standards for sign placement, and policy on open grate decking on drawbridges.
M-PATH EXTENSION UPDATE	-	Richard Horton presented copies of the plans for the M-Path extension from SW 67 Ave to Dadeland Blvd. The project is divided into three phases: 1) along the Snapper Creek Canal at the Dadeland North Metrorail Station, 2) Dadeland South Metrorail Station to Dadeland North Metrorail Station, and 3) Dadeland North Metrorail Station to SW 67 Ave (includes a new crosswalk across the SR 878 on-ramp). Design plans that are 60% complete for all phases must be submitted to FDOT by Oct 1. The design of phases 1 and 2 are complete and phase 3 will be at 60% by the deadline. Phase 3 includes widening the SR 878 on-ramp to two lanes which will be done by FDOT through a separate project. Construction is expected to begin in 2010 and be complete in 2011. John Hopkins said that the route should follow SW 84 St through the Dadeland North development to SW 70 Ave instead of going through the station and across the bridge.
MPO BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE	-	David Henderson passed out copies of the project list and maps for the bike/ped plan update. The plan is being updated as part of the Long Range Transportation Plan to the year 2035. Projects were prioritized based on access to transit,

		<p>population and employment centers, schools and parks, system connectivity and local support. Funding was projected based on the MPO policy of 1.5% of surface transportation funds for non-motorized transportation, Transportation Enhancement program funds and the Safe Routes to School program. The plan includes 115 miles of bike facilities (bike lanes, shared-use paths, the Bicycle Blvd demo project), and 48 miles of pedestrian projects (sidewalks, safe routes to school, pedestrian improvements within Urban Centers). The revised maps include the prioritized projects and existing facilities so it is easy to see how the network is connected. Chairperson Brett Bibeau gave control of the meeting to Vice Chair Gabrielle Redfern. Motion to advance the Miami River Greenway (NW 12 Ave to NW 36 St) from priority 4 to priority 2 made by Brett Bibeau, seconded by Javier Betancourt and approved unanimously. Control of the meeting was returned to Chairman Brett Bibeau. Motion to show the Atlantic Trail through Surfside and Bal Harbour as an existing facility was made by Larry Thorson, seconded by Gabrielle Redfern and approved unanimously.</p>
BPAC RETREAT	-	The BPAC retreat was held on September 3 rd at the DDA offices and the meeting notes, BPAC vacancy list and BPAC fact sheet have been distributed.
BPAC BY-LAWS REVIEW	-	The BPAC by-laws have not been reviewed in more than a year and will be included as an agenda item in October.
BIKE MIAMI DAYS: OCT 4TH	-	The next Bike Miami Days event will be held on Sunday, October 4 th in downtown Miami.
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY: OCT 7TH	-	Walk to School Day will be held on Wednesday, October 7 th . Members are encouraged to work with their schools to participate in an event. MPO member Hantman will be leading an event at Twin Lakes Elementary in Hialeah. The WalkSafe program will be hosting an event at Peskoe Elementary in Homestead.
BICYCLE BLVD PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP: OCT 7TH	-	The MPO and Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Dept will be holding a community workshop for the "Bike Blvd" plan on Wednesday, October 7 th at 7:00 pm at the Arcola Lakes Park.
FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS MONTH	-	October is Florida Greenways and Trails month. A list of scheduled events is available on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's website.
MIAMI/MPO BIKE SAFETY POSTERS	-	The three bike safety posters that were presented at the July BPAC meeting have been revised, printed and installed at 45 bus shelters around the city. Brett Bibeau said that they would also be appropriate in the sign space along the Miami River Greenway.
QUARTERLY REPORT	-	The April-June quarterly report was distributed.
BPAC ATTENDANCE	-	The January-July attendance report distributed.

MEMBER COMMENTS

- Eric Tullberg reported on the Palmetto Bay Bike/Ped Plan, the Biscayne Trail segment “C” and “D” workshop, the curb cuts on Old Cutler Road, the Snake Creek Trail overpass study, and the Green Mobility Network M-Path ride on 9/26. Ken Groce has developed a concept for a bicycle turnaround on the Rickenbacker Causeway away from the toll plaza. Motion by Ken Groce to recommend that the Public Works Department study the feasibility of a bicycle turnaround beneath the east end of the low toll plaza bridge, seconded by Steve Greenberg and approved unanimously.

Javier Betancourt requested a presentation the Planning and Zoning Department’s Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process at a future meeting.

Brett Bibeau asked about the status of the Venetian Causeway Advisory Committee, the Elderly Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee and that he be informed of the Miami Beach City Commission meeting when restrictions on bicycling on Lincoln Road or South Pointe Park are discussed.

- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.*