



Bicycle/Pedestrian & Trails Advisory Committee

Brevard County Government Center
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, Florida
Building B, 1st Floor, Magnolia Room

Meeting Date: Monday, September 21, 2015

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 2. Approval of Minutes- May 18, 2015
- Old Business:**
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3. Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Updates
- New Business:**
4. Clearlake Road Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study, FDOT
 5. Space Coast Pathways Project, Katrina Morrell
 6. Eco-Tourism Plan for Brevard County, Herb Hiller
 7. Roundtable Discussion
 8. Public Comment
 9. Adjourn

BPTAC Committee Members Present:

Joan Carter	Florida Department of Transportation
Joann Gulliver	Citizen, Brevard County
Janet Metz	Town of Grant-Valkaria
Dan Gallagher	Citizen, Brevard County
Murray Hann	Citizen, South Brevard County
Alan Woolwich	Brevard County Housing, Human Services
Steve Buhk	Citizen, Viera
Alix Bernard	City of Rockledge
Todd Corwin	City of Melbourne

Others Present:

Georganna Gillette	Space Coast TPO Staff
Carol Holden	Space Coast TPO Staff
Kim Smith	Space Coast TPO Staff
Katrina Morrell	Space Coast TPO Staff
J.D. Whitaker	Scalar Consulting Group
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Jeri Blanco	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Phil Moore	Citizen

Item 1. Call to Order of the Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee

Chairman Hann called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2015

Ms. Bernard stated her name is recorded as Alix Townsend, but should be Alix Bernard.

Motion by Ms. Carter, second by Mr. Gallagher, to approve the May 18, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Updates

Ms. Smith provided an update on ongoing bicycle safety and education programs, including Walk to School Day.

Ms. Morell provided an update on the Rail Trail.

Ms. Gillette provided an update on the SR A1A sidewalks

Item 4. Clearlake Road Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

J.D. Whitaker, Scalar Consulting Group, summarized the Clearlake Road PD&E Study. The goals for the project include enhancing safety and mobility for the community while accommodating traffic growth. Mr. Whitaker provided current conditions on Clearlake Road from Michigan Avenue to Industry Road, discussed design alternatives, costs and informed the group of upcoming meeting dates and times for public workshops and hearings. All the study documents are available online at www.clearlakestudy.com.

Mr. Woolwich asked for clarification on pedestrian crossings.

Mr. Whitaker stated pedestrian crossings are at the signal lights, but are not shown on the diagram.

Ms. Carter stated FDOT is looking at mid-block crossing and transit as well.

Mr. Woolwich stated pedestrian crossings are vital to this community.

Ms. Gillette remarked the TPO recently performed a Bicycle/Pedestrian Road Safety Audit on Clearlake Road, just south of Michigan Ave. to Dixon Blvd., due to high pedestrian fatalities. The FDOT project manager from the Road Safety Audit is interested in correlating information from this study with that project.

Mr. Buhk remarked continuity for bicyclists/pedestrians is important throughout the corridor.

Ms. Gillette replied sidewalk continuity is an issue for the corridor.

Mr. Whitaker stated the sidewalk terminates at the Michigan Avenue intersection.

Mr. Woolwich stated the west side of Clearlake Road includes a neighborhood strategy area to be studied by the county's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mr. Hann suggested a lower speed, traffic calming curve would be a good safety option for pedestrians at the curve section, while allowing traffic to flow smoothly.

Mr. Whitaker replied the bulb out alternative is preferred as it allows continuous 45 miles per hour vehicular traffic through the area.

Mr. Buhk recommended slowing the traffic at the curve to provide safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Ms. Jeri Blanco concurred the speed should be limited as the curve is near a signal light so traffic should not be traveling at 45 mph anyway.

Mr. Woolwich recommended a pedestrian crossing be installed at the Walmart entrance.

Motion by Mr. Buhk, second by Ms. Gulliver, to emphasize pedestrian and bicycle safety and recommends a design that lowers vehicular speeds through the curve on the Clearlake Road project. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Space Coast Pathways Project, Katrina Morrell

Ms. Morrell introduced the new Space Coast Pathways Project as an interactive guide for Brevard's pathways that supports all modes of travel including bicyclists, pedestrians, equestrians, boaters, transit, and combined travel of all the above. Ms. Morrell requested ideas and suggestions for the Pathways Project and events to be submitted to the TPO for inclusion in the project.

Mr. Buhk requested the ideas submitted to the TPO should be shared with all users. He further requested a list of submitted ideas and comments regarding the project.

Item 6. Eco-Tourism Plan for Brevard County, Herb Hiller

Mr. Hiller was not present, so this item was not discussed.

Item 7. Roundtable Discussion

Mr. Buhk provided an update on the Hacienda Trail near Fox Lake, and asked the group for guidance on next steps.

Ms. Gillette offered to discuss the matter with Commissioner Fisher's office.

Ms. Bernard provided an update on a 2.37 mile trail the City of Rockledge is working on.

Ms. Carter provided an update on current FDOT projects.

Item 8. Public Comment

No discussion was heard on this item.

Item 9. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.