



## Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Advisory Committee

Viera Government Center  
Florida Room, Bldg. C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor



Meeting Date: Monday, June 24, 2024  
5:30 P.M.

### MEETING MINUTES

#### Agenda

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#### 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

#### 2. Public Comment (non-agenda items only)

*Anyone wishing to make a comment on an item not on the agenda should complete a "speaker card" at the sign-in desk. For items on the agenda, please fill out a "speaker card" and you will be called upon when the item is discussed. Comments are limited to three minutes.*

#### 3. Reports

- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. Trails Report
- C. FDOT Report

#### 4. Consent Agenda (The entire Consent Agenda will be passed in one motion and read aloud for the record)

- A. Approval RE: SCTPO BPTAC Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2024

#### 5. Action Items

- A. Approval RE: Draft FY 25 List of Project Priorities

#### 6. Presentations

- A. Brevard County Housing & Human Services Sharpes Greenway Trail Project

#### 7. Member Comment

#### 8. Adjourn

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***BPTAC Committee Members Present:***

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Todd Corwin, *City of Melbourne*  
Carl Kaiserman, *Citizen of Melbourne*  
Angelika Keene, *UFIFAS Extension*  
Lexi Miller, *City of Cape Canaveral*  
Pete Petyk, *City of Titusville*  
Jim Scherff, *Space Coast Area Transit*  
Craig Smith, *Town of Grant-Valkaria*  
Devin Swanson, *BOCC Public Works*  
Drew Thompson, *Citizen of Malabar*  
Frank Watanabe, *City of Palm Bay*  
Alan Woolwich, *BOCC Housing/Human Services*

***Others Present:***

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Laura Carter, *Space Coast TPO Staff*  
Lindsay Carter, *City of West Melbourne*  
Debbie Flynn, *Space Coast TPO Staff*  
Georganna Gillette, *Space Coast TPO Staff*  
Tonya Holder, *City of Palm Bay*  
Sarah Kraum, *Space Coast TPO Staff*  
Zoe McNeely, *Space Coast TPO Staff*  
Stephanie Phillips, *FDOT*

***Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance***

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Angelika Keene, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Item 2. Public Comment***

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None.

***Item 3A. Director's Report***

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Georganna Gillette, Executive Director, advised the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Advisory Committee of any pertinent items not covered on the agenda.

Georganna Gillette shared that the FY 25 – 29 Transportation Improvement Program and List of Project Priorities will be taken to the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committee and TPO Governing Board meetings in July for approval and adoption. A project status update highlighting current TPO projects, timelines, and project managers was included in the agenda package.

### ***Item 3B. Trails Report***

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Debbie Flynn, Transportation Planner, provided the Trails Report and discussed updates on current trails projects that were recently completed and upcoming activities.

Activities for the North Merritt Island Pioneer Trail Feasibility Study include a field review of preliminary alternatives, refining alignments, and a review of utilities and drainage. Activities for the Southern Brevard Trails Master Plan include developing a draft trail network recommendation and conducting stakeholder meetings.

Alan Woolwich asked if there are preliminary maps for the study area. Debbie Flynn replied that the maps will be reviewed by the working group and then posted to the project website.

Drew Thompson asked for an update on the conversations with project entities. Debbie Flynn replied that the coordination and communication is going well with guidelines from entities such as Florida Power & Light. Sarah Kraum commented that there are working group meetings and public meetings taking place in July and that a more detailed update will be received by the BPTAC in August.

Pete Petyk asked if the trails can be in low lying areas. Debbie Flynn replied that they are working through the typology and that some trails may have water that prevents access to the trail during certain times of year.

### ***Item 3C. FDOT Report***

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FDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, Stephanie Phillips, provided any pertinent information and was available for questions. Updates included the Mobility Week bike lane design contest wrap up. Golfview Elementary School in Rockledge was a winner, and a bike safety presentation took place at the school. Nominations are being accepted for school to be considered for the next Mobility Week in October. In May, FDOT held the inaugural Central Florida Safety Summit. In July, the Florida Pedestrian Bicycle Safety Coalition will meet at in Orlando at the City Hall.

### ***Consent Agenda***

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#### **Item 4A. Approval SCTPO BPTAC Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2024.**

Staff has prepared draft minutes for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) from their meeting conducted on April 29, 2024.

***Motion by Drew Thompson, seconded by Carl Kaiserman to pass the Consent Agenda. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.***

## **Action Items**

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### **Item 5A. Approval RE: Draft FY 25 List of Project Priorities**

Sarah Kraum, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the Draft FY 25 List of Project Priorities. The SCTPO List of Project Priorities (LoPP) are consistent with the goals, objectives, and values of the TPO's adopted Long Range Transportation Plan. Annually the TPO solicits requests for state and federally funded candidate projects from local governments and transportation agencies. Projects are then scored and ranked based upon quantitative criteria.

Pete Petyk asked construction on SR 528 in relation to the SR 401 Bridge. After review of the documentation, it was realized that the project in question is unfunded and there is not a date for construction. Georganna Gillette commented that SR 401 Bridge is in the Cost Feasible Plan but construction on SR 528 is not included in the Cost Feasible Plan. Gillette commented that multiple options are being looked at to gather funding for SR 528 including a potential "mega grant".

***Motion by Devin Swanson, second by Frank Watanabe to approve the FY 25 Draft List of Project Priorities. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.***

## **Presentations**

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### **Item 6A. Brevard County Housing & Human Services Sharpes Greenway Trail Project**

Alan Woolwich, Brevard County Housing & Human Services, presented on the Sharpes Greenway Trail Project. The Sharpes Greenway Trail was recently constructed by Brevard County Housing & Human Services to provide a safe off-road linkage from the surrounding neighborhoods and elementary school to the Walter Butler Community Center. The Sharpes Greenway Trail project was funded by the Brevard County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Drew Thompson asked if the lighting was done with solar or through Florida, Power & Light. Alan Woolwich replied that the project used existing electric grid with the community center (FPL) and that energy efficient lighting was used.

Craig Smith commented that it is important to keep in mind that small projects like this make a big impact. Multiple small projects have the potential to connect to each other and have a larger impact on the entire Brevard community.

Pete Petyk commented that the Walter Butler Community Center seems to be an active hub. Alan Woolwich commented about the potential for connectivity to stem from the Community Center.

***Item 7. Member Comment***

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Drew Thompson shared that the Malabar Trails and Greenways Committee was pleased to learn that a fire well installation was approved at the Eagles Nest trailhead in Malabar. The fire well would protect the area and serve as a backup station for immediate water in the event of a wildfire.

Craig Smith commented kudos on the Eagles Nest trailhead fire well project.

***Item 7. Adjourn***

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Hearing no further comment the meeting was adjourned by Angelika Keene at 6:22 p.m.