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**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA**

DATE: *Monday, August 19, 2013* **TIME:** *5:30 -7:00 p.m.*

LOCATION: **BREVARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
 2725 JUDGE FRAN JAMIESON WAY, MELBOURNE
 BUILDING B, MAGNOLIA ROOM, FIRST FLOOR**

MURRAY HANN, CHAIRMAN

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes- June 17, 2013** *(page 1)*
- 3. Approval of New BPTAC Members**
- 4. New Business:**
 - a) **St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Trail Presentation, Leigh Holt,** *(to be distributed at meeting)*
 - b) **All Aboard Florida Trails Proposal, Leigh Holt**
- 5. Old Business**
 - a) **Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan Update, Georganna Gillette**
 - b) **Derek Hogeland, BMBA and Glen Hawks, BMBA membership approved by TPO Board**
- 6. Informational Material**
 - a) **Pineda Bike Lanes Press Release,** *(page 6)*
 - b) **BPTAC 2013 Attendance Record,** *(page 7)*
- 7. Roundtable Discussion**
The chairman is authorized to limit discussion, as necessary, with each commentary limited to 3 minutes.
- 8. Public Comment**
The chairman is authorized to limit discussion, as necessary, with each commentary limited to 3 minutes.
- 9. Adjourn**

Public Comment: Comments will be heard on items that do not appear on the agenda of this meeting. Public comments are solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Note, however, that state law and administrative rules prevent the TPO from taking any formal action on any item discussed at this time. The BPTAC may schedule such items as regular agenda items and act upon them in the future. The chairman is authorized to limit discussion, as necessary, with each commentary limited to 3 minutes.

Any person who desires or decides to appeal any decision made by this agency with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings. For such purpose, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, at his own expense, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any questions about this meeting should be directed to Georganna Gillette, (321)690-6890 or Email: tpostaff@spacecoasttpo.com.

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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, June 17, 2013

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Agenda

- Item 1. Call to Order
- Item 2. Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2013
- Item 3. Approval of New BPTAC Member
 - a) Tracy Cafiero
- Item 4. New Business
 - a) South Brevard Linear Trail, Murray Hann
 - b) Malabar Road Project Development and Environmental Study Presentation, Lance Decuir, Atkins
- Item 5. Old Business
 - a) Pineda Causeway Construction Update
 - b) Brevard Zoo Linear Park Update
- Item 5. Roundtable Discussion
- Item 6. Public Comment
- Item 7. Adjourn

BPTAC Committee Members:

Lisette Kolar	Town of Grant-Valkaria
Jimmy Karp	SCVS
Murray Hann	BMBA
Dan Gallagher	Citizen, Central Brevard
Joann Gulliver	Citizen, South Brevard
Joan Carter	FDOT
Alan Woolwich	Housing and Human Services, Government Representative
Heidi Lapin	City of Palm Bay
Cynthia Matthews	Citizen, North/Central Brevard

Others Present:

Kim Smith	Space Coast TPO Staff
Carol Holden	Space Coast TPO Staff
Leigh Holt	Space Coast TPO Staff
Devin Swanson	Brevard County Public Works
Tracy Cafiero	Brevard County Public Works
Ginger Twigg	Revolutions Cyclery
Lance DeCuir	Atkins, FDOT

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

Chairman Hann called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2013

Motion by Ms. Carter, second by Ms. Kolar, to approve the April 15, 2013 meeting minutes. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of New BPTAC Members:

- a) Tracy Cafiero

Motion by Ms. Gulliver, second by Ms. Lapin to approve the Committee Appointment. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hann stated the Brevard Mountain Bike Association (BMBA) has requested a member and an alternate member be approved for representation on the BPTAC.

- b) Glen Hawks – BMBA
c) Derek Hogeland (alternate) – BMBA

Motion by Ms. Lapin, second by Mr. Karp to approve the Committee Appointments. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4a. South Brevard Linear Trail, Murray Hann

Mr. Hann provided a presentation of the South Brevard Linear Trail and its location in the larger Al Tuttle Trail.

Ms. Twigg inquired if the trail will connect to Marie Street in Malabar.

Mr. Hann responded there are no immediate plans to extend to Marie Street.

Item 4b. Malabar Road Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study Presentation, Lance Decuir, Atkins

Mr. Decuir provided a presentation on the Malabar Road PD&E Study, including the study process, overview, funding, schedule, next steps, and contact information.

Mr. Hann asked if Glatter Road was being considered as an alternative to Malabar Road for right of way acquisition availability.

Mr. Decuir replied Glatter Road will be considered if Malabar Road doesn't prove feasible.

Mr. Hann inquired if a flyover was being considered for the rail crossing.

Mr. Decuir responded not at this time.

Mr. Gallagher asked if All Aboard Florida's plans for double or triple tracking will affect this project.

Mr. Decuir replied double tracking should not affect this project.

Ms. Holt stated AAF intends to schedule 34 high-speed trains per day between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for passengers only, which will entail a 3-4 car train every 30 minutes.

Mr. Hann stated slow moving freight trains seem to be causing half mile traffic delays now.

Ms. Holt reported local freight traffic is expected to triple or quadruple in the near future with the completion of the Panama Canal widening project and expanded Port of Miami in 2014.

Mr. Hann suggested more analysis concerning future rail traffic be conducted for the Malabar PD&E.

Mr. Woolwich asked for a detailed cross-section map of the Florida East Coast (FEC) railroad corridor.

Mr. Decuir responded he has requested a detailed cross-section map from FEC but has not received one yet. He further stated FEC can prevent widening of the roadway, but FDOT considers that unlikely.

Ms. Holt stated FEC has prevented roadway expansion at Pineda Causeway.

Mr. Hann inquired why the corridor has a varying number of lanes.

Mr. Decuir replied the west end of the corridor has higher traffic and warrants additional lanes.

Mr. Hann asked what the standard bike lane width is.

Ms. Carter responded FDOT's standard is four foot lanes, with five foot lanes required in congested areas and near parked cars.

Ms. Twigg inquired if bike lane markings are required by law.

Ms. Carter replied bike lane markings are in FDOT standards but are not required by law.

Mr. Woolwich requested the 12 foot lanes being discussed be reduced to 10 or 11 foot lanes to improve traffic flow.

Mr. Decuir responded the 12 foot lanes shown in the diagrams are concepts, not decisions.

Ms. Carter inquired if any schools existed in the corridor as a two mile walk zone surrounds schools.

Mr. Decuir replied he was unaware of any schools in the corridor.

Ms. Carter suggested the study look closely at the intersection of Malabar Road and I-95 to ensure safe pedestrian routes.

Mr. Hann requested an AI Tuttle trail crossing of Malabar Road be proposed in the study. He further requested a trail crossing at Weber Road be considered.

Mr. Decuir responded trail crossings would be considered.

Mr. Hann requested traffic safety issues at the intersection of Corey Road and Malabar Road be addressed in the study.

Mr. Decuir concurred the intersection is problematic and will be addressed in the study.

Mr. Hann stated the corridor is prevalent for road bike riders and requested wider bike lanes be accommodated in the study.

Mr. Woolwich suggested decreasing vehicular lane width and increasing bike lane width through the corridor to accommodate all users and reduce speeds. He further requested a lane analysis be performed in the study.

Mr. Hann stated excessive vehicular speeds are a source of concern for the corridor.

Item 5. Old Business

a) Pineda Causeway Construction Update

Ms. Carter informed the group of a new bicycle lane marking scheme being adopted by FDOT. The effectiveness of the marking scheme will be observed and monitored. The Pineda Causeway is receiving the new markings, raised railings to meet FDOT standards, and grate retrofitting.

Mr. Hann described the new striping installed on Pineda Causeway as very thick, perhaps five millimeters, not the thin markings promised by FDOT. He further stated the BPTAC's upmost concern is the thickness of the striping.

Ms. Carter responded FDOT standards must be complied with.

Ms. Smith reviewed the pilot program's objectives, provided a construction status update, and stated a project review process will follow.

Mr. Hann asked for a contact person to report the debris scattered along the bike lane.

Ms. Carter suggested calling the project manager, Todd Alexander.

Ms. Smith proposed providing public awareness regarding the Pineda Causeway bike lanes being appropriate for advanced riders only.

Ms. Carter responded FDOT does not provide difficulty distinction for bike lanes.

Mr. Karp asked if FDOT is requesting feedback on the project from the BPTAC.

Ms. Carter responded the goal is to finish the job and monitor the results.

Mr. Karp stated the striping design error is putting bicyclists' safety at risk. He further stated BPTAC endeavored to alleviate the situation by providing striping design input at the onset of the project.

Ms. Holt replied if the group complains, FDOT may cancel it once the pilot program is finished.

Mr. Woolwich asked why the situation is being considered all or nothing.

Mr. Hann stated he is concerned about the advise the BPTAC received. He further stated providing a legal bike lane is desirable but not at the risk of bikers' safety. The BPTAC conveyed striping thickness concerns to FDOT at the beginning of the project, and were informed the striping would be limited to two millimeters, which it clearly is not.

Ms. Holt inquired if BPTAC considered the roadway less safe now than prior to the pilot project for bicyclists.

The group responded yes, the corridor is now unsafe for bicyclists.

Ms. Holt asked why the roadway is considered unsafe for bicyclists.

The group responded the striping is unsafe as it results in dangerous rumble strips for bicyclists and will be avoided, which results in bicyclists traveling further into vehicular lanes.

Ms. Smith stated FDOT is open to feedback, so perhaps the program won't be an all or nothing proposition.

Ms. Holt stated the feedback process won't begin until after the project officially opens in October.

Mr. Karp stated BPTAC tried constructive criticism during the design, but was stifled. He further stated the Pineda Causeway Pilot Program design is a public safety risk and a waste of taxpayer monies as the wall design deposits all road debris in the bike lane, and the striping creates rumble strips for bicyclists. The project is not conducive for beach access for the general public as it was advertised.

Ms. Twigg stated the facility was built for the public but is not appropriate for the general public due to safety concerns.

Mr. Karp stated the roadway is mainly a commute way and the speed limit should not be reduced. He further stated road debris naturally collects along any roadway wall barrier, which is where the bike lane is located on the Pineda Causeway.

Ms. Holt asked for clarification on obstacles for bicyclists.

Mr. Karp responded road debris is a problem for bike lanes whenever safety walls are present.

Mr. Hann summarized by stating BPTAC provided constructive criticism at the beginning of the Pineda Pilot Program plan, which was completely ignored.

b) Brevard Zoo Linear Park Update

Ms. Smith reported the Brevard Zoo Linear Park held a groundbreaking ceremony on May 31st.

Item 6. Roundtable Discussion

Motion by Ms. Gulliver, second by Ms. Lapin, to adjust the BPTAC meeting times from the current 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

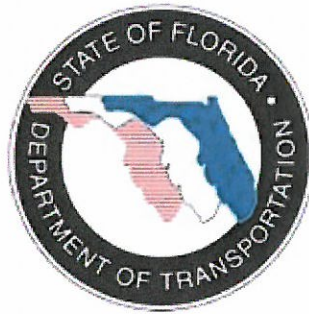
Ms. Holt provided an update on the Rail Trail from downtown Titusville to the county line.

Item 10. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Gillette, Georganna

From: Olson, Steve <Steve.Olson@dot.state.fl.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 4:17 PM
To: Gillette, Georganna
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Subject: FW: Pineda Causeway Bike Lanes Now Open



July 31, 2013

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Pineda Causeway Bike Lanes Now Open *Pilot Project Underway*

Brevard County/South Patrick Shores - A pilot project is now underway in Brevard County which allows bicyclists to ride on the Pineda Causeway legally and safely.

Bike lane construction recently concluded on the Pineda Causeway. Upgrades include designated bike lanes as well as improved safety features such as higher bridge railings, and 'green lanes' in areas where bikes and motorized vehicles could cross one another's path. The green lanes are primarily in the traffic merge areas near US 1 and State Road (SR) A1A.

Construction began on the Pineda Causeway pilot project April 1 and was completed in early July. The project cost was \$498,000.

The pilot project was authorized by the Florida Legislature. As part of the project, data will be collected using miovision-cameras. This data will be used to support a report of findings and recommendations to be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House on September 1, 2015.

The Florida Department of Transportation urges bicyclists and motor vehicle drivers to pay attention and to obey traffic safety laws.

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BPTAC Attendance Record 2013

		Attendance Record 2013					
Jurisdiction	Member Name	1/28/2013	4/15/2013	6/17/2013	8/19/2013	10/21/2013	12/16/2013
Brevard Mountain Bike Association							
Member	Murray Hann	1		1			
Member	Glen Hawks						
Alternate	Derek Hogeland						
Town of Grant Valkaria							
Member	Lisette Kolar	1		1			
Alternate	Mark Birmingham						
SCVS Cycling Club							
Member	Jimmy Karp	1		1			
Alternate		0					
City of Melbourne							
Member	Todd Corwin		1				
Alternate		0					
City of Palm Bay							
Member	Heidi Lapin	1	1	1			
Alternate							
Housing and Human Services							
Member	Alan Woolwich		1	1			
Alternate		0					
Brevard County Public Works							
Member	Tracy Cafiero			1			
Alternate							
Town of Malabar							
Member	Bob Siegmann						
Alternate	Bonilyn Wilbanks						
Citizen -							
Member	Daniel Gallagher	1	1	1			
Member	Cynthia Matthews	1		1			
Member	Alex Chamberlain	1	1				
Member	Joann Gulliver	1	1	1			
Member	Lisa Frazier	1					
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Member		9	6	9	0	0	0
Alternate							
Non-Voting Member							
Member	Joan Carter	1	1	1			
Alternate							