

# BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Brett Bibeau (Chair), Jaime Caulkins, Jeremy Gauger, Ken Groce, Anne-Marie Jonckheer, Susan Kairalla, Lee Marks, Larry Thorson, Matthew Toro, Eric Tullberg,

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Javier Betancourt, Anamarie Garces de Marcilla, Steve Greenberg, Bernadette Pardo, John Voss, Paul Yavis

### OTHERS PRESENT

David Henderson, MPO

Gabrielle Redfern

Stewart Robertson, KHA/FDOT

Jeff Cohen, MDPW

Collin Worth, City of Miami

Sgt. Charles Triana, MDPD

Carolyn Gardner, Junior League

Antonio Cotarelo, MDPW

Rene Idarraga, MDPW

Oscar Ramierez, DecoBike

Colby Reese, DecoBike

*The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.*

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>		<u>NOTES</u>
<b>I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	-	Motion to approve by Ken Groce, seconded by Eric Tullberg and approved unanimously.
<b>II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES, February 24, 2010</b>	-	Motion to approve as amended by Eric Tullberg, seconded by Jaime Caulkins and approved unanimously.
<b>III. CITIZEN COMMENTS</b>	-	
<b>IV. PRESENTATIONS</b>		
<b>a. SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM</b>	-	Antonio Cotarelo, MDPW, Asst. Director for Construction and Maintenance. Public Works maintains 3,056 miles of roads in the municipalities (County roads) and the unincorporated area (all roads). New sidewalk needs and repairs to existing sidewalks are identified through the visual inventory of road assets system, requests from the public through the 3-1-1 system, input from commission districts, and reports from field staff. Also, people with disabilities can make complaints through the ADA hotline. Problems are evaluated and cost estimates prepared. The most common problems are broken sidewalks, vertical separations from root uplift, sidewalk gaps and missing ADA ramps or sidewalk connectors. Current needs estimated at \$39M. Funding for sidewalk projects comes from the Road Impact Fee program, the Local Option Gas Tax and Secondary Road program, People's Transportation Plan (PTP), Quality Neighborhood Improvement Program (QNIP), the Building Better Communities bond program and the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). Some programs are for ADA projects only and all require coordination with commission district staff. In the last five years \$49M has been spent improving 1,480,000 linear feet of sidewalks. More than \$12M is budgeted for the next 2 years. Sidewalks are built 5-foot wide if separated from the curb and 6-foot wide if they

	<p>are against the curb. Sidewalks are 4 inches thick but 6 inches of concrete is used at driveways to prevent damage from vehicles. Grinding is used to eliminate vertical offsets of ½ inch or more.</p>
<p><b>b. MIAMI BEACH DECOBIKE PROGRAM</b></p>	<p>- Colby Reese: DecoBike is the Miami Beach public bike sharing and rental program. The goal of the program is to encourage short trips around the city by bike, replace auto trips and improve mobility for city residents and visitors. The system will begin in June with 900 bikes at 100 solar powered stations around Miami Beach. Each station holds 10-20 bikes; most stations replace on-street parking spaces. Swiping a member card or credit card releases a bike for use. The bike can be returned to any station. Members can join for \$15/month and have unlimited trips per day with the first 30 minutes of each trip free. Charges begin after 30 minutes. The bikes are beach cruisers with lights and a basket. This will be the largest bike-sharing system in the US. Users can go on-line to get real-time docking station and bike availability information. The bikes will be maintained regularly and tracked by GPS to prevent theft.</p> <p>An education campaign will be provided for drivers, bike riders and police to improve safety and reduce conflicts with pedestrians.</p> <p>DecoBike’s 5-year agreement with Miami Beach allows them to operate the system and put the docking stations on public right-of-way but they must share some of the revenue with the City. DecoBike earns income from memberships, bike rental (beyond 30 minutes), and on-bike advertising. Would like to expand the system to Miami.</p> <p>Motion by Matthew Toro to support the DecoBike program and encourage expansion to other municipalities especially Miami and along the Miami River, seconded by Eric Tullberg, and approved unanimously.</p>
<p><b>c. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT UPDATE</b></p>	<p>- Stewart Robertson: Sunset Drive resurfacing public meeting scheduled for March 30 at 6:00 pm.</p> <p>Tamiami Trail bridge over the Shark River Slough: preliminary design and environment study of bridge includes 5-foot shoulders and vibratory pavement markings. This is the same corridor as future River of Grass Greenway which will be separate from the road. As a result of discussion in Monroe County regarding the Oversea Heritage Trail, FDOT will provide on-road bike facilities even if there is a separate path in the same section to serve all types of bicyclists. Motion by Matthew Toro supporting the inclusion of bike lanes on the Tamiami Trail bridge over the Shark River</p>

	<p>Slough and the River of Grass Greenway between Naples and Miami, seconded by Eric Tullberg and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Upcoming project reviews:  SR 826 frontage road resurfacing from NW 67 Ave to NW 57 Ave: will include closing gap in sidewalk  NW 27 Ave from NW 103 to NW 116 St: Resurfacing six 11-foot lanes  S River Dr Tamiami Canal Swing Bridge: includes 10-foot sidewalk on one side. Will request 12-foot as per FDOT standards for shared-use trail.</p>
<p><b>d. MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE</b></p>	<p>- Jeff Cohen: The Public Works Dept is preparing work orders to install 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile markers on the Rickenbacker Causeway so that Fire Rescue can be more easily dispatched to an emergency. The entrance to Cape Florida State Park will be mile 0.0. Additional safety improvements are being evaluated.</p> <p>The PWD is still accepting suggestions for roads that can have bike lanes added by striping to fulfill the County Manager’s request.</p>
<p><b>e. CITY OF MIAMI UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Collin Worth: Bike lanes have been striped on SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave from SE 15 Rd to SW 8 St. Bike lanes under construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NW 1<sup>st</sup> Place from NW 11 St to NW 14 St</li> <li>• SW 16 St from SW 37 Ave to SW 32 Ave</li> </ul> <p>New “3-Foot, It’s the Law” bumper stickers will be placed on all city vehicles. Billboard messages are under development with the theme “Respect All Road Users.” On Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Miami-Dade College is hosting a “Bike-to-work College” event and there will be a City energy station for bike commuters at the Vizcaya Metrorail station. Bike Miami Days will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> in Coconut Grove. Sponsors are still needed.</p>
<p><b>f. MPO “CALL FOR IDEAS”</b></p>	<p>- This item was deferred from the last meeting. The BPAC’s request to be included in the prioritization of bike/ped-related planning projects was sent to the MPO Director and all the citizen committees will be included next year.</p> <p>Of the twelve projects to be undertaken by the MPO or through the Municipal Grant Program seven projects are bike/ped related including bike/ped plans for Surfside, Cutler Bay and the City of Miami Health District.</p>
<p><b>V. INFORMATION</b></p>	
<p><b>a. MPO INTERACTIVE MEETING, MARCH 30, 2010</b></p>	<p>- Each year the MPO holds a televised public meeting for the transportation agencies to highlight their projects that are included in the Transportation Improvement Program.</p>

<b>b. BPAC ATTENDANCE</b>	-	The current BPAC attendance report was distributed.
<b>VI. MEMBER COMMENTS</b>	-	<p>Eric Tullberg: The County Commission item regarding the East Coast Greenway Alliance designation of the M-Path and South Dade Trail will be heard on April 16. It went through the sub-committee without discussion.</p> <p>Reviewed the Parks Dept Greenway Maintenance study and submitted comments.</p> <p>March 27: Green Mobility Network showing movies on livable cities at UM Cosford cinema</p> <p>March 28: Green Mobility Network providing a bike valet at the Deering Estate Seafood Festival</p> <p>Brett Bibeau: Miami River Day at Jose Marti Park on April 10. Presented the need for municipalities to be able to fund free-standing bike and pedestrian projects through the Peoples Transportation Plan municipal program at the MPO Review Committee on March 8. The committee members, including Mayor Bower and Mayor Gibson were responsive and the County Attorney said that it was a matter of interpretation that can be handled administratively and not with a change to the ordinance. The office that manages the PTP funds has asked David for assistance developing guidelines for evaluating projects.</p>

- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.*