

**HERNANDO COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION:

Hernando County Main Library
238 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, FL 34601
(Call-in Telephone Number: 352-540-6383)

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- B. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
 - 1. Nomination and Election of 2012 BPAC Chairman
 - 2. Nomination and Election of 2012 BPAC Vice-Chairman
- C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2011**
- D. FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PRIORITY LIST**
- E. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 1. Suncoast Trail Advisory Group (STAG) – Agenda
 - 2. Upcoming Bicycle Tours/Events
 - 3. Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) / Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – Update
- F. OTHER ISSUES / CITIZENS COMMENTS**
- G. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING – The next BPAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 5:30 P.M., at the Hernando County Main Library, 238 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, Florida.**

The meeting agenda and back-up materials are available online at www.hernandocounty.us/mpo.

AGENDA ITEM B

B. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Consistent with the Committee's Bylaws, it is appropriate at this time for the BPAC to nominate and elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2012 calendar year. Please note that the current Bylaws do not restrict the number of consecutive terms a person may serve.

1. Nomination and Election of 2012 BPAC Chairman

Staff Recommendation: *It is requested that the Committee nominate and elect a Chairman for the 2012 calendar year.*

2. Nomination and Election of 2012 BPAC Vice-Chairman

Staff Recommendation: *It is requested that the Committee nominate and elect a Vice-Chairman for the 2012 calendar year.*

AGENDA ITEM C

C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2011

The minutes from the October 19, 2011 meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) are attached for review and approval.

Attachment: Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2011

HERNANDO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Minutes of the October 19, 2011 Meeting

The Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) held a meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2011, in the Planning Department Conference Room, Hernando County Government Center, 20 North Main Street, Room 261, Brooksville, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Polk, Public at Large
Eric Williams, Public at Large
Steve Gouldman, City of Brooksville
Christie Williams, Hernando County Parks and Recreation
Matt Spooner, Hernando County Sheriff's Office
Lori Marable, FDOT District 7 (non-voting) (via phone conference)
Jonathon Noll, BPAC Chairman, Public at Large

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Frances Baird, BPAC Vice-Chairman, Public at Large
J. Lisle Bozeman, Hernando County School Facilities

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Diez, MPO Transportation Planner II
Tina Duenninger, MPO Administrative Secretary II

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Diez called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. It was noted that both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were absent. The members were requested to nominate an acting Chairman to conduct the meeting. Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Polk as acting Chairman.

***Motion:** Mr. Eric Williams moved to nominate Mr. Polk as acting Chairman to conduct the BPAC meeting. Ms. Christie Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Polk assumed Chairmanship of the meeting at this time. Introductions were made and a quorum was declared.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 19, 2011

The minutes from the April 19, 2011 meeting of the BPAC was presented for review and approval. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

Motion: *Mr. Gouldman moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011 BPAC meeting as presented. Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PRIORITY LIST

A revised version of the FY 2013/14 through 2017/18 Proposed Transportation Enhancements Priority List reflecting the improvements and projects funded within the FDOT's Five-Year Work Program was distributed at the meeting. Mr. Diez indicated that the balance of the projects listed, along with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects, would need to be prioritized by the BPAC.

Mr. Polk thanked Ms. Marable and the FDOT for the opportunity to increase and add projects to Hernando County's priority list.

Mr. Diez advised that the Suncoast Trail reconstruction/rehabilitation project had been added to the list, noting subsurface issues in segments along the trail. He further advised that a land swap or lease option were no longer viable on the Gran Canyon property, and was hopeful on the possibility of purchasing the property.

Mr. Williams commented that he was glad to see the Good Neighbor Trail project on the list as it would bring potential commerce to the City of Brooksville.

[Chairman Noll arrived at the meeting at this time and assumed Chairmanship of the meeting.]

Mr. Diez clarified that the SRTS projects should remain unranked as those projects were selected through the SRTS application process and that the other projects on the list should be prioritized.

Mr. Gouldman commented that there was no reason at this time to change the order of the projects as they had been reshuffled based on the Work Program. Chairman Noll agreed.

Mr. Diez clarified that the projects listed after #13 would be numbered sequentially in the current order, with the SRTS projects listed together.

Upon query by Mr. Williams, Mr. Diez provided a brief overview of the Hernando Bikes Rehab. Program. Discussion ensued on the acquisition of bicycles for the program.

There were no further comments from the BPAC.

Motion: *Mr. Polk moved to recommend to the MPO Board the approval of the FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Proposed Transportation Enhancements Priority List as presented. Mr. Eric Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

CTST SUBCOMMITTEE – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS)

Mr. Diez advised that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects had been embraced due to the elimination of two-mile courtesy busing. A presentation was made to the Hernando County School Board on September 20, 2011 providing information about the SRTS program and the five (5) schools targeted for SRTS application submittal to FDOT. The recommended Sidewalk Project Priority List and Locations Maps were included in the agenda packet for the BPAC's information.

Mr. Diez advised that SRTS data was being collected at each of the school sites on the number of students that walk to school. Mr. Williams suggested having the school crossing guards collect the data. Mr. Diez clarified that a survey to be filled out by parents was being utilized to collect the data at each site.

Discussion ensued regarding congestion at J.D. Floyd K-8. Further discussion ensued regarding the priority given in mowing along the county right-of-way near schools.

Mr. Diez noted the pedestrian bridge indicated in the Deltona Elementary School Locations Map, and commented that sidewalks were to be constructed with the US 41 North resurfacing project scheduled for construction 2013/14.

Mr. Diez advised that the School District and MPO staff was to complete the application process on behalf of the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST), the Hernando County School Board, and the Hernando MPO.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Second Annual Brooksville Cycling Classic – Report

Mr. Diez announced that the Second Annual Brooksville Cycling Classic was held on October 15 and 16, 2011. The ride was 1 ½ mile and there was a good turnout. The event took place during Founders Week and was held during the Main Street event and festival over the weekend.

Suncoast Trail Advisory Group (STAG) – Agendas

The STAG meeting agendas of June 15 and September 28, 2011 were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Diez noted that the STAG was still pursuing the 911 counters for the trail and sponsorship funds for the decals. In response to Chairman Noll, Mr. Diez advised that the Board of County Commissioners had approved to move forward with the installation of "honor" boxes for parking fees along the trail. It was anticipated that the \$3.00 parking fee would apply at Anderson Snow, Powell Road, and SR 50 trailhead.

Upcoming Rides/Events

A list of rides and events scheduled to take place from October through December 2011 was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Diez announced that the Blueberry Festival was scheduled to take place in Brooksville in May 2012. A bicycle race and casual ride were being discussed for the event.

OTHER ISSUES / UPDATES / CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bike/Ped Crash Data

Mr. Diez distributed maps indicating bike/ped crashes in Hernando County from 2008 through 2010 and noted the 2010 Vulnerable Road Users Crash Data/Ratio included in the agenda packet. He reviewed the 2010 statistics for Hernando County.

Mr. Polk commented that it was discerning to him that the Tampa Bay area was among the most dangerous areas and that the top four locations listed were in Florida. Mr. Williams commented that education was the key in educating motorists that cyclists have rights on the roads as well.

Discussion ensued regarding cyclist signs on the road and cyclist safety v. motorists.

Mr. Polk commented that he had seen a lot of improvements on bike trails in the past 16 years and that the BPAC had made great progress.

2012 BPAC Meeting Dates

Mr. Diez advised that the BPAC would continue to meet twice a year in 2012, unless an emergency meeting was needed beforehand. The BPAC meetings for 2012 were scheduled to occur on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, and Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 5:30 p.m.

There were no other issues; no citizens' comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

These minutes were approved on _____, 2012.

AGENDA ITEM D

D. FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PRIORITY LIST

The MPO formally adopts the priority list in August of each year. The process then starts over with the FDOT “gaming cycle” for recommendations to next year’s Work Program.

The BPAC now has the opportunity to make its final review and recommendations. These will then be forwarded to the other MPO subcommittees and then to the MPO Board for its review and adoption in August. Once formally adopted by the MPO, FDOT will begin the process to review and program the projects into the next Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

As you can see from the list, many of the existing projects have been approved and funded. Additionally, the applications for the SRTS projects have been submitted for both SRTS funding and enhancement funding. This was done to increase the opportunity for project selection and funding. As always, it is important for the BPAC to take a close look at the list and determine which new projects are most needed, and the types of facilities to focus on.

Staff Recommendation: *It is requested that the Committee review and recommend any additions/deletions to the FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Proposed Transportation Enhancements Priority List.*

Attachment: FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Proposed Transportation Enhancements Priority List

Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2013/14 – 2017/18
Proposed Transportation Enhancements Priority List

<i>Proposed Project Ranking</i>	<i>Current Project Ranking</i>	<i>Project/Corridor</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Project Length (feet)</i>	<i>Project Phase/Year (Estimated CST)</i>	<i>Project Cost Estimates*</i>	<i>Project Status</i>	<i>Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Projects</i>
1	1	MLK Blvd. – sidewalk	Main St.	U.S. 41	7,920	PE/2012-CST/2014	\$375,000	Work Program	
2	2	Linden Dr. – sidewalk	Mariner Blvd.	Coronado Dr.	8,500	CST/2013	\$380,900	Work Program	
3	3	G.N. Trail (Phase IIB) – extend trail**	Mondon Hill Rd.	Weatherly Rd.	7,068	CST/2012	\$476,960	Work Program	
4	4	Shoal Line Blvd. (C.R. 597) – boardwalk/sidewalk	Rogers Park	Richard Dr.	3,900	PE/2012-CST/2014	\$406,000	Work Program	
5	5	Shoal Line Blvd. (C.R. 597) – paved shoulders	Jewfish Dr.	Osoaw Blvd.	6,600	PE/2012-CST/2014	\$282,300	Work Program	
6	6	Osoaw Blvd. – paved shoulders	Shoal Line Blvd.	Tarpon Blvd.	7,790	PE/2012-CST/2015	\$263,750	Work Program	
7	7	Waterfall Dr. – sidewalk	Spring Hill Dr.	County Line Rd.	8,620	CST/2013	\$275,300	Work Program	
8	8	G.N. Trail (Phase III) – extend trail	Weatherly Rd.	WSF Trail	13,000	PE/2012-CST/2015	\$1,031,350	Work Program	
9	9	G.N. Trail (Phase IV) – extend trail (thru WSF)	Richbarn Rd.	WSF Trail	22,000	PE/2012-CST/2015	\$1,149,700	Work Program	
10	10	Howell Ave. Sidewalk (sub-standard sidewalk/improve/interconnect)	Ft. Dade Ave.	Irene St.	500	PE/2012-CST/2015	\$490,800	Work Program	
11	11	Exultant Dr. – sidewalk	Pacific Ave.	Lake-in-the Woods Dr.	5550	PE/2012-CST/2014	\$335,750	Work Program	
12	12	Pinehurst Dr. (improve/interconnect sidewalks)	Spring Hill Dr.	Pioneer Park	500	PE/2012-CST2014	\$96,000	Work Program	
13	13	Spring Hill Dr. (add sidewalks)	Spring Hill Dr. – Kass Circle		500	PE/2012-CST/2014	\$144,900	Work Program	
	SRTS 1	Spring Hill Elementary – sidewalks (SRTS application-see attached map)	Streets w/n two-mile radius of school		varies		\$533,000	FDOT Review	✓
14	SRTS 2	Explorer K-5 – sidewalks	See attached description		varies		\$1,040,000	Submit as LAP project	
	SRTS 3	JD Floyd K-8 – sidewalks (SRTS application-see attached map)	Streets w/n two-mile radius of school		varies		\$605,000	FDOT Review	
15	SRTS 4	Deltona Elementary – sidewalks	See attached description		varies		\$595,300	Submit as LAP project	✓
16	SRTS 5	Westside Elementary – sidewalks	See attached description		varies		\$340,000	Submit as LAP project	
17	SRTS 6	Brooksville Elementary – sidewalks	See attached description		varies		\$200,200	Submit as LAP project	
18	26	Suncoast Trail – reconstruction/rehabilitation (segments along trail)	County Line Rd.	US 98	20 miles		TBD	Submit application	
19	14	Powell Rd. – sidewalk	California St.	Spring Park Way	2,840		\$128,000	Submit application	
20	16	Linden Dr. – sidewalk	Coronado Dr.	Spring Hill Dr.	3,850		\$175,000	Submit application	
21	17	Deltona Blvd. – sidewalk	Deltona E.S	Delta Woods Park	2.1 miles		\$490,000	Submit application	
22	15	GNT/Jefferson Ave. and Suncoast Trail/Powell Rd. Bike/Pedestrian Signal Crossing	GNT/Jefferson Ave. and Suncoast Trail/Powell Rd. intersections		n/a		\$50,000	FDOT Review	
23	18	Meadowlark Rd. Connector – bike/pedestrian crossing	Meadowlark Rd.	Waterfall Dr.	300		\$200,000	Submit application	
24	22	Shoal Line Blvd. (C.R. 597)	Richard Dr.	C.R. 550	3,550		\$250,000	FDOT Review	
25	19	North Ave. – sidewalk	Howell Ave.	Ponce de Leon	4,000		TBD	Not ROW certified	
26	20	Lamar Ave. – GNT/U.S. 41 Connector	Main St.	U.S. 41	2,960		\$133,200	Resubmit	
27	21	Hernando Bike Rehab. Program	Countywide		n/a		\$50,000	Re-evaluate	
28	23	Suncoast Trail/U.S. 98 – trailhead/restroom	Northern terminus of Suncoast Trail/U.S. 98		n/a		\$200,000	Defer to outer years	
29	24	Suncoast Trail/GNT Trail Connector – Wiscon Rd. bike lanes	S.R. 50	U.S. 41	21,000		\$600,000	Re-evaluate	
30	25	Gran Canyon – Mountain Bike/GNT Trailhead and Site Facilities	Mondon Hill Rd.	Cooper Terrace	n/a		TBD	Defer to outer years	

Key:
OGT Office of Greenways and Trails WSF Withlacoochee State Forest In production
ROW Right of Way STR Share the Road PE Preliminary Engineering/Design
GNT Good Neighbor Trail SRTS Safe Routes to School CST Construction
Not programmed – new projects

* Cost estimates based on \$45 p/linear ft. for concrete sidewalks and \$60 p/linear ft. for asphalt trail.

** Cost estimates based on ROW ownership by County of 40% and by Developer/City of 60%.

Blue denotes projects under review.

Green denotes projects w/n City of Brooksville.

Bolded projects are funded in FY 2012/13 – 2016/17 Tentative Work Program.

Proposed: 4/18/2012

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	SRTS 1	Spring Hill Elementary – sidewalks (SRTS application-see attached map)	Streets w/n two-mile radius of school		varies		\$533,000	FDOT Review	✓
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along Colchester St.	Elgin Blvd.	Shafton Rd.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along Roble St.	Elgin Blvd.	Pillar Ave.					
14	SRTS 2	Explorer K-5 – sidewalks				Submit as LAP project	\$1,040,000	FDOT Review	
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along east side of Landover Blvd.	Northcliffe Blvd.	Norvell Rd.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along east side of Lamson Ave.	Hearth Rd.	Norvell Rd.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along east side of Elwood Ave.	Mariner Blvd.	Norvell Rd.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along south side of Timbercrest Rd.	Landover Blvd.	Elwood Rd.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along north side of Chalmer St.	Landover Blvd.	Jason Rd.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along west side of Jason Rd.	Chalmer St.	Tillery Rd.					
	SRTS 3	JD Floyd K-8 – sidewalks (SRTS application-see attached map)	Streets w/n two-mile radius of school		varies		\$605,000	FDOT Review	✓
15	SRTS 4	Deltona Elementary – sidewalks				Submit as LAP project	\$595,300	FDOT Review	
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalks along both sides of Deltona Blvd.	School entrance	Spring Hill Dr.					
		Construct 10-foot wide bike/ped bridge	Meadowlark Rd.	Waterfall Dr.					
16	SRTS 5	Westside Elementary – sidewalks				Submit as LAP project	\$340,000	FDOT Review	
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along west side of Kenlake Ave.	Applegate Dr.	Spring Hill Dr.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along south side of Airmont Dr.	Kenlake Dr.	Tyler Ave.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along west side of Tyler Ave.	Airmont Dr.	Applegate Dr.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along north side of Applegate Dr.	Tyler Ave.	Halstead St.					
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along south side of Halstead St.	Applegate Dr.	Treehaven Dr.					
17	SRTS 6	Brooksville Elementary – sidewalks				Submit as LAP project	\$200,200	FDOT Review	
		Construct 5-foot wide sidewalk along west side of Howell Ave.	Croom Rd.	US 41					

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Proposed: 4/18/2012

AGENDA ITEM E

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Suncoast Trail Advisory Group (STAG) – Agenda

Attached is the Suncoast Trail Advisory Group (STAG) meeting agenda of September 28, 2011.

Attachment: STAG Agenda of September 28, 2011.

2. Upcoming Bicycle Tours/Events

As the temperatures climb, so do the cyclists in Florida. The bike tour and event calendar begins to fill up with monthly events that will keep you riding all season. You can review the options available both in and out of the State by visiting www.floridabicycle.org/fbtc.

3. Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) / Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – Update

All five (5) of the SRTS applications have been forwarded to FDOT for review. The following schools were submitted: Brooksville Elementary, Deltona Elementary, Explorer K-8, J.D. Floyd K-8 and Westside Elementary. These projects were submitted for both SRTS and enhancement funding with the intent to expand the opportunities for being programmed.

Suncoast Trail Advisory Group (STAG)
AGENDA
Wednesday, September 28, 2011
1:00 – 3:00
Turnpike Office – Anclote Toll Plaza
Pasco County

I. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Current balance: \$102.69
- Still waiting on approval from Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union to become a member and open checking account.

III. SUNCOAST TRAIL INC.

No issues.

IV. SUNCOAST TRAIL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Upcoming Events/Rides:
 - 2011 Century of Hope; October 14 and 15
 - 2011 Cystic Fibrosis Ride; October 22
- Discussion of STAG rides in the fall or spring to support trail.

V. TRAIL STEWARD & TRAIL PROGRAMS

- 911 Program – Coordination efforts continue between the three counties and the 911 numbering system.

Sponsorship opportunities along the trail will provide the funding mechanism for the 911 program, and will be discussed.

VI. TRAIL CONNECTIONS/MAINTENANCE

- The FDOT now maintains that the coring reports indicated there are subsurface issues associated with the cracks along the trail. As such, it is their opinion that these cracks are not due to the re-surfacing project and therefore not covered under the contractors warranty or obligation. FDOT is open to solutions regarding mitigation efforts.
- Parking fees at the trailheads in Hernando County still under review.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next STAG meeting is proposed for December ____, 2011, at the Turnpike Office, Anclote Toll Plaza.