

Jacksonville Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Notes
Hybrid Meeting
May 2, 2024 @ 5:30 PM
Ed Ball Building – 3rd Floor Conference Room
214 N Hogan Street – Jacksonville FL

Attendees:

In person: Kelly Jones, Peter Borenstein, Daniel Ashworth, Barry Cotter, Wiatt Bowers, Lauren Rushing, Stephanie McCaffrey, Matt Fall,

Virtual: Larry Roberts, Van Christiansen, Austin Kelm, Derek Dixon

Peter Borenstein chaired the meeting.

II. Presentation and Discussion – Viva Labs Sensors, Chad Jacobs

- Viva is a global safety technology company that provides insights into modal shift, road safety, congestion and equity
- The typical approach is reactive—to crashes or community reported near misses
- The issue is not really knowing what is going on the streets - Viva wants to make data omnipresent, and provide real time data
- There are two sensors running in Jacksonville
- Viva sensors use AI - neural networks, and can collect 10 different vehicle classes
- Near miss data is a measure of road user interaction
- Viva technology renders road users into 3D - understand dimensions of road users, allows them to understand behaviors
- Each sensor costs approx. \$5,000. \$1,000 to install for each, \$600-700 per year per sensor to access data
 - Viva Software as a service company
- Data helps inform decisions about to how make safety improvements
- Mr. Jacobs provided a demo of the Viva near miss data - it can be filtered by interaction pair, vehicle class, category (behavior)
- BPAC members asked Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Fall to share a one-pager of data from the Jacksonville sensors at Beach Blvd and St Johns Bluff

III. Discussion – Core 2 Coast Survey Update, Matt Fall, COJ Bike/Ped Coordinator

- Alignment study underway
- Benesch working on behalf of NFTPO as part of the UPWP
- Route will travel from the east side of Fuller Warren Bridge SUP to the Beaches
- Public Survey closes May 20, 2024
- Study completion by June 30, 2024
- Study will identify preferred alignment and general engineering feasibility
- Route will be mostly a shared use path along roadways

IV. World Day of Remembrance 2024 Event Planning, Lauren Rushing

- Motion to officially pursue hosting the WDoR event in November 2024. Peter Borenstein tabled and Kelly Jones seconded the motion
- Mr. Fall recommends BPAC fill out mayoral involvement event form

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- Potential co-hosts include: SORBA Jax, NFBC, Blue Zones, Major Taylor, Tucker, SPAR, RAP, APA, ZenCog, ArtBikes, JTC Running
- Liability for a post event walk or ride was discussed
- City can host the event in JWJ park for free
- Attendees were assigned groups to reach out to to gauge initial interest:
 - Kelly - Tucker and ArtBike
 - Daniel - RAP and SPAR, Blue Zones/Major Taylor
 - Wiatt - APA
- Costs - BPAC will see if we can get donations/sponsors for a few event materials
- Other potential attendees: Mount Acosta bike ride/groups, JSO, families of victims - need to be sensitive in our approach
- Matt Fall can connect BPAC with a speaker from an FDOT event
- We will have an introductory planning meeting in June
- Event will be on November 17th, 2024
- Opportunity to talk about City's and JTA's Vision Zero efforts

V. Discussion – Feedback on Post Street - SR 228 at Old Roosevelt Blvd Intersection Improvement Project

- Written comments are due by May 6, Lauren Rushing led discussion
- Add bicycle lane on Post Street from intersection west to Edgewood Avenue - there is sufficient space, and bike lanes are proposed as part of COJ's 2017 Bike/Ped Master Plan (could show existing and planned network using map tool: <https://coj-planning.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=693bf590abdd451e9968b13fa3b1952b>)
- BPAC will send an official comment but members can send individual messages
- Add bike ramps leading onto shared use path - particularly for east/west movements
- Add island or median to serve as a protected turn for bikes at the northwest corner of McDuff and Post Street - refer to Peter's markup
- Remove slip lane and right turn at the corner of Post and Old Roosevelt - opportunity to repurpose into greenspace, plaza, or potential development site - refer to Peter's markup
- Consider adding material on train tracks so bicycle wheels won't get stuck
- FDOT has a Bicycle Ramp 'Standard Detail' design
- Example: Bike Ramp on Lone Star Road near Tree Hill Preserve <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PeBdPhbYYabUAtak9>
- Consider opportunity for landscaping/beautification instead of just railroad ballast/gravel in the center

- The committee briefly discussed an updated COJ Complete Streets Policy that could be added as a future agenda item. BPAC could provide feedback - and potentially a form a subcommittee to discuss further.

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Announcements:

- Coffee Outside Bike Ride, May 25
- TPO Surveys due soon
- Monday, May 6 @ 10am Ribbon Cutting for the LaVilla Link
- Next BPAC meeting: Thursday, June 6