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

Attendees:

In-person: Peter Borenstein (BPAC Chair), Len Burroughs (NFBC), Wiatt Bowers, Lauren Rushing (BPAC Vice-Chair), Stephanie McCaffrey (BPAC Secretary), Matt Fall (COJ), Monty Selim, Martha Moore, Fatuma Sheikh Mohammed (COJ), Jotan Borms (FDOT)

<u>Virtual</u>: Lauren Chapell (COJ), Larry Roberts (JTC Running), Patrick Moore (CNU), Kelly Jones

Peter Borenstein moved to approve September meeting minutes, Lauren Rushing seconded. Minutes approved.

East Coast Greenway Update

Robert Barto, the Florida East Coast Greenway Representative is leaving that role. Allison Burson is taking over on an interim basis. For Florida specific questions email: allison@greenway.org

<u>I. Presentation and Discussion – FDOT Non-Motorized Traffic Monitoring Program Update, Jotan Borms, FDOT</u>

- Non-Motorized Traffic Monitoring Program Data Dashboard
- Ther are 96 permanent non-motorized count sites and a total 103 counters throughout Florida
- Duval County has 5 continuous count sites
 - Fuller Warren SUP
 - University Blvd at JU
 - Baldwin Trail at Commonwealth Ave
 - S Line at Emmett Reed Community Center
 - East Coast Greenway at Hopkins Creek
- Mr. Borms reviewed highlights from the count sites across Duval County.
 - o Fuller Warren SUP Counts
 - Over 500 average daily traffic
 - High counts on Saturdays, due to Riverside Arts Markets
 - FDOT looking into eco-counters or temporary counters on the San Marco side of the bridge
 - University Blvd near JU
 - 86 average daily traffic
 - Complete streets project is planned for the area
 - Will be useful for before after counts
 - Installed on a COJ road
 - o Baldwin Trail at Commonwealth Ave
 - 220 avg daily traffic, 353 weekend average
 - 4 to 5 times higher usage than St Marks Trail
 - FDOT interested in installing second counter closer towards Baldwin
 - S Line Urban Greenway @ Emmett Reed Community Center

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- 215 avg daily traffic
- High volumes, mostly pedestrians at this location
- East Coast Greenway at Hopkins Creek
 - Installed March 2024
 - 211 weekday average traffic, slightly higher on weekends
 - 60% bicyclists
- Data can be viewed by site. Many data views are available, more data filters are being added to the dashboard.
- For data requests, email Jotan.Borms@dot.state.fl.us.
- New Installation Cycle TDA is getting another \$1M in funding, 100 additional sites
- <u>Propose a New Count Site</u> Open for Continuous Count Site Proposals anyone can propose sites
- Proposed count location needs to be on the FDOT SUN Trail Network

II. Presentation and Discussion - Core 2 Coast Study Update, Martha Moore, Benesch

- Benesch conducted this study for NFTPO
- Study to identify a route for a trail/shared use path that connects the Fuller Warren SUP to the Beaches
- Proposed trail would be 10 to 12 ft wide following the SUN Trail typical section
- Sharrows or cycle track may be used in constrained areas such as low volume reside street
- Study looked at existing, funded and planned facilities
- Considered using utility corridors High Power Transmission Corridors but there are often Land Ownership constraints
- The study considered several potential alignments. The route will not be direct but will meander across the eastern part of the city.
- Alignment evaluation criteria included: Shared Use Path Status, Available Right of Way,
 Number of Adjacent Lanes, Speed Limit of Adjacent Facilities
- 3 distinct crossing points of the Intracoastal were considered the only crossing currently wide enough for a shared use path is Wonderwood/Mt Pleasant
- Equity considerations included: Minority Households, Zero Vehicle Households, Household Poverty, Proximity to Transit
- Potential alignments were scored based on alignment and equity evaluation criteria on a scale of 0 to 23 points
- Routes following Atlantic Blvd and Beach Blvd did not score highly
- Recommended alignment would travel through Spring Park to Gate Parkway, though UNF, on the Kernan Shared Use Path then connect to the Intracoastal Bridge at Mt Pleasant/Wonderwood/SR116
 - SR116 already has an 8-foot-wide path possibility to move the barrier on the bridge to make it wider

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- Public Engagement: Survey had nearly 1,500 respondents. Strong interest in the study.
- Recommended Next Steps
 - Prioritize trail gaps in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - o Coordinate internally within COJ
 - Get CMs interested
 - Coordinate with neighborhoods and property owners along their street
 - Beaches/East Coast Greenway Coordination
 - Seek opportunities for SUN Trail FDOT funding
 - RAISE grant funding opportunities
 - SS4A demonstration project
 - o City could have specific branding for this trail

World Day of Remembrance Update, Lauren Rushing, BPAC Chair

DATE: Friday, November 15 @ Noon, JWJ Park

- Discussed confirmed speakers
- Event promotion will begin 10/15
- Next volunteer meeting 10/22
- Creating promotion toolkit for community partners
- Discussed Call to Action: 1. Adoption of vision zero policy with a definitive date 2.
 Implement automated school zone cameras by end of 2025
- Ghost bike for event Kelly can assist

Upcoming events, Matt Fall, COJ Bike/Ped Coordinator

- SRTS conference Colorado, October 2024
- Washington DC NACTO, May 2025

Next meeting November 7.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.