Jacksonville BPAC Meeting Notes Hybrid Meeting February 6, 2025 @ 5:30 PM Ed Ball Building – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room 214 N Hogan Street – Jacksonville FL

## Attendees:

**In-Person:** Steve Tocknell, Barry Cotter, Len Burroughs, John Nooney, Peter Borenstein, Fatuma Mohammed, Kelly Jones, Tanner Pletzke, Stephanie McCaffrey, Matt Fall, Lori Hooper **Virtual:** Larry Roberts, Lauren Chapell

Meeting started at 5:32

I. Discussion – Fuller Warren Shared Use Path Southbank On-Ramp Maintenance, Kelly Jones

- Sand continues to build up on-ramp to the SUP on the Southbank. A request with FDOT was entered and drains were cleared but needs to be cleaned again.
- Kelly discussed a few options, including using DT Ambassadors or a Mini Street Sweeper (approximately \$250K).
- Matt Fall recommended connecting with Andrea Atran FDOT D2 Community Traffic Safety Team they will keep this item on their agenda until it is resolved
- Kelly mentioned another option Electronic bike pulled street sweeper (approx. \$5K) could fundraise through a non-profit such as NFBC
- FDOT currently has jurisdiction under the Fuller Warren Bridge in the next year to 6 months this will transfer to COJ Parks. In the future landscaping will be added which should help mitigate the sand.

Peter Borenstein moved to approve the January minutes. Stephanie McCaffrey seconded; minutes approved.

## II. Presentation - Pedaling for Safety and DCPS Youth Safety Partnership Update Steve Tocknell, North Florida Bicycle Club

- NFBC has 1,000+ members, Pedaling For Safety (PFS) is the non-profit arm of the club
- PFS is responding to a Duval County Public School (DCPS) Bike Trailer Maintenance request their bike trailer (includes approx. 30 bicycles) only has 5 working bikes
- PFS is coordinating and supporting having all DCPS Bikes maintained 2x/year. PFS coordinating with Honey Pot Bike Collective.
  - Bikes will go through Honey Pot PFS will contribute from the net revenue from bicycling events to help cover maintenance
- Other PFS programs include:
  - Bicycle Friendly Driver (BFD) Training using guidance from Fort Collins, CO, DCPS may require High School students to pass a BFD test to get a school parking permit. PFS is looking into expanding this training for motorists
    - Bicycle Friendly Driver Program recommended in VZAP action plan
  - **Traffic Gardens (under consideration) -** PFS may consider donation of materials or labor
    - Bike rodeos or traffic gardens don't have to be permanent they can pop -up
- Honey Pot Bike Collective will accept all bike types in any condition as donations

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III. Presentation - Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Update, Matt Fall, COJ Bike/Ped Coordinator

- Signal 4 Crash Reporting looks like pedestrian and bicyclists fatalities are trending downwards, based on preliminary data from 2024.
- Protected/Separated Bicycle Lanes Design Examples from Denver, CO
  - The group watched a short video: <u>Touring Denver's Newest Protected Bike</u> <u>Lanes</u>
  - Attendees discussed the benefits of having separated, connected bicycle facilities as part of an overall bike network
  - When JWJ Park is renovated, the extra planters will be used for protected bike lanes
  - Denver used micromobility data to support the development of new bicycle infrastructure. The group discussed looking into whether COJ has access to the Lime Scooter Data to better understand travel patterns downtown.
  - The group discussed getting City leadership to try out protected bicycle facilities
- Group Discussion Right-Hook Crash Prevention
  - The group discussed Florida's traffic laws related to right-turns, and how that relates to bicycle/driver interactions.
  - There are split opinions on the issue of whether to drive across a bicycle lane to make a right turn, and how much buffer space is required between a driver and bicycle when a driver moves to make a right turn.
  - It is important to slow right turning drivers down as they approach the intersection
  - Options to improve visibility at intersections include bike boxes or creating a protected intersection.

Next Meeting: March 6, 2025 @ 5:30pm. The meeting will include officer elections. BPAC encourages anyone interested in serving as an officer to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm