

Jacksonville BPAC Meeting Notes
Hybrid Meeting
April 6, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
Ed Ball Building – 3rd Floor Conference Room
214 N Hogan Street – Jacksonville FL

Copies of presentation materials from the March 3, 2023 BPAC meeting may be viewed or downloaded from the COJ BPAC page on the City of Jacksonville website. A link to the COJ BPAC page is [HERE](#)

Meeting Attendees:

(in person): Peter Borenstein (Chair), Steve Tocknell (Vice Chair), Lauren Rushing (Secretary), Matt Fall (COJ Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator), Wiatt Bowers, Cantrece Jones, Todd Addicott, Stacy Addicott, Don Redman, Len Burroughs, Lewan Brunson, Tyler Blair, Jonathan Cagel, Juan Burnson,

(virtual): April Bacchus, Derek Dixon, Lauren Christiansen, Leny Huaman, Larry Roberts, Losa Rajan

Peter Borenstein chaired the meeting.

I. Introductions and Adoption of Minutes

Peter Borenstein moved for the adoption of the notes for the BPAC meeting that was held on March 2, 2023. Lauren Rushing seconded the motion. The vote to approve the meeting notes was unanimous.

II. Presentation – Venture Out! Interactive Project Mapping Tool *Cantrece Jones, President, Acuity Design Group (ADG), Board Member Jax Chamber*

Acuity Design Group is a public relations and communications company that is working with Atkins on transit and transportation projects. In the past, they have worked on the North Florida Transportation Planning Organizations (TPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), COJ's Resilience Strategy Plan, and the widening of Alta Drive.

The Venture Out! Interactive Project Mapping Tool is a project that is conducting outreach on infrastructure and safety issues (sidewalks, flooding, bike/ped etc.) and is being managed by the City of Jacksonville's Transportation Planning Division.

The project offers an interactive website where users can make comments on issues that need to be addressed throughout the city. Cantrece walked BPAC attendees through the website and demonstrated how to leave comments. She also shared that multiple comments on the same topic or at the same location will help the project team prioritize projects. Projects will be fed into the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the NFTPO's LRTP. The project is ongoing and will be accepting comments at least through the end of the fiscal year. Once comments have been received, the project team will review and process the feedback through a study and develop a list of priority projects for implementation. The project team is also making effort to reach out to communities that may not have digital access

Peter Borenstein asked how one should make a comment if they don't know the exact issue that is occurring, but it feels like something is wrong in a particular location. Cantrece responded that it is important to flag the location however you can, and the project team will follow up.

Matt Fall asked about making comments about things such as debris in a bike lane. Cantrece

answered, yes.

Peter Borenstein asked if the results will be shared. Cantrece answered that the results of the study will be public information.

Cantrece shared information cards about the project with BPAC attendees and asked that we share with other groups. She is happy to attend and give presentations to other Jacksonville groups.

Those interested can visit ventureoutjax.com to submit comments.

III. Presentation – Sunbeam Road Corridor Study – April Bacchus, Senior Transportation Planner, England-Thims and Miller

The Sunbeam Road Corridor Study is being carried out by the City of Jacksonville with assistance from the North Florida TPO. The limits of the study are 2.4 miles of Sunbeam Rd in the Southside area between San Jose Blvd and Philips Highway. It is a city-owned collector road.

The goal of the project is to enhance travel conditions for all roadway users, especially safety and comfort for bicyclists and pedestrians and to reduce conflicts between road users. Sunbeam Rd was designed and built in the 1980s and needs to be brought up to current standards. The final road design will potentially include bike lanes, a shared-use path, and looks at connectivity to other multimodal facilities. The project looks at public engagement, crash history, corridor conditions, options to enhance, and will prepare a draft and final study. The project includes an electronic survey that will be open from March 17th-April 14th. The project team has had a briefing with Councilman Boylan and has contacted other council members for stakeholder engagement.

Peter Borenstein asked April if the survey is open for people who don't live in the study area. April answers that, yes, one of the questions in the survey first established if the responder lives in the area.

Peter Borenstein asked if bike/ped is the focus or just a component of the study. April answered that safety improvements for bike/ped is the focus, but the study will also focus on aspects related to traffic operations.

Matt Fall noted that the study includes the intersections that bookend the corridor even though they're owned by FDOT. The project team plans to coordinate with FDOT and get their feedback.

Todd Addicot, who has an engineering background, and works for SORBA in Jacksonville interjected to create awareness of an off-road trail that is being built in the project's study area off of Sunbeam Rd at the old landfill. The trail is expected to have 1000's of people visiting when completed and will be a recreational attraction that will bring visitors to Jacksonville. The trail will include 10-12 miles of mountain biking trail, a 5k running trail, and some walking paths that are existing. The project is being built in phases with grant funding.

Jacksonville does not currently have a robust trail system, and the goal is for this trail to be a part of the tourism industry in Jacksonville. The trail is being built by volunteers on private land. SORBA is

set to sign a 20-year lease on the property at no cost and the landowner will retain the maintenance responsibility. The trail project will go to Tallahassee next week to seek designation as a greenway.

Todd mentions that the issue will be to ensure connectivity to other trails, bike paths, etc. to form a larger multimodal network. Todd expressed interest in coordination with Sunbeam Rd Corridor Study. Those interested can visit the SORBA Jax Facebook to see videos of the trail.

BPAC sent a list of priorities for Sunbeam Rd that were part of recommendations that were given to the City for Mobility Plan projects back in 2018. April ensured that they will be incorporated into the feedback for the study.

Matt Fall mentioned that the interactive COJ bike lane inventory would also be a good resource for the study.

Derek Dixon, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator for FDOT D2 mentioned that in May 2024 FDOT will be adding green keyhole lanes at the intersection with San Jose south of Sunbeam. Richard Prindiville is the project manager for this FDOT project.

Next steps for the study include data collection through April 2023, data analysis through May 2023, and the final report will wrap up in June 2023.

IV. Bicycle Inventory – Matt Fall, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, City of Jacksonville

Matt Fall shared recent statistics from the City's bicycle inventory.

- 80% of existing facilities are unbuffered bike lanes
- 59 miles of existing shared-use paths
- 25 miles of proposed future shared-use paths

Data can be downloaded from the City of Jacksonville website [here](#).

V. Wrap-up / Announcements / Next Meeting Info

JTA is setting up a temporary water taxi service between Mayport and Fort George for the month of April while the St. Johns River Ferry is out of service for maintenance. The water taxi is too small for vehicles, but great for pedestrians and bicyclists. The service will be running Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

The S-Line bike ride was on March 11 – Tyler Blair mentions that EXP has created a story map from information that was taken through an audit during the ride. Tyler expressed interest in presenting this information at a future BPAC meeting. Matt Fall expressed the need for a “Friends of” organization for this neglected trail.

Registration is still open for the Tour de Forts bike ride, which starts in Fernandina, and will take

place on April 16th Sunday. Visit the www.nfbc.us to register.

RAP is having an event at 10AM on Saturday, April 8th, for the Fuller Warren SUP. The event/parade starts with announcements on both sides of the bridge.

Comments can be submitted for the Shipyards West project at www.shipyardswest.com or call 904-800-8685.

Clay County is hiring Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator.

Lauren Rushing and Steve Tocknell gave input into the St Johns Avenue (SR 11) FDOT Resurfacing project. To find more detail on this project, visit:

<https://nflroads.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?p=5530#publicEvents>

The next BPAC meeting is scheduled for May 4th, 2023, beginning at 5:30 PM. It will again be a hybrid meeting.

VI. Open Floor Discussion

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VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.