BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021 3:00 pm

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Comments from the Public
- 4. Approval of Agenda
- 5. Approval of Meeting Summary
 - July 22, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 6. <u>Action I tems</u>
 - 6a. 2022 Meeting Dates: Approval of the proposed 2022 meeting dates for the St. Lucie TPO BPAC.

Action: Approve the proposed 2022 meeting dates, approve with conditions, or do not approve.

6b. Micro-Mobility Study Scope of Services: Review of the Scope of Services for the Micro-Mobility Study.

Action: Review and recommend approval of the Scope of Services, recommend approval with conditions, or do not recommend approval.

7. <u>Discussion I tems</u>

7a. Speed Kills Analysis: An update of the Speed Kills Analysis of the St. Lucie TPO area.

Action: Discuss and provide comments to Staff.

7b. FY 2022/23 – 2023/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Call for Planning Projects: Initial discussion of the development of the FY 2022/23 – 2023/24 UPWP for the St. Lucie TPO.

Action: Discuss and propose planning projects for potential inclusion in the FY 2022/23 - 2023/24 UPWP.

- 8. Recommendations/Comments by Members
- 9. Staff Comments
- 10. Next Meeting: Subject to the approval of Agenda Item 6a, the next St. Lucie TPO BPAC meeting is a regular meeting scheduled for 3:00 pm on Thursday, January 20, 2022.
- 11. Adjourn

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BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, July 22, 2021

TIME: 3:00 pm

LOCATION: St. Lucie TPO

Coco Vista Centre

466 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Suite 111

Port St. Lucie, Florida

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. He welcomed Ms. Yeschek as a new member of the committee.

2. Roll Call

The roll call was conducted via sign-in sheet, and a quorum was confirmed with the following members present:

Members Present Representing

Vennis Gilmore, Chairman Fort Pierce Public Works

Jennifer McGee, Vice Chairwoman St. Lucie County Environmental

Resources Department

Jackie Fitzpatrick Resident Running/Hiking
Anna Santacroce St. Lucie County Disability

Representative

Monica Yeschek Resident Bicycling

<u>Others Present</u> <u>Representing</u>
Kyle Bowman St. Lucie TPO

Peter Buchwald St. Lucie TPO
Yi Ding St. Lucie TPO
Marceia Lathou (via web) St. Lucie TPO
Description

Rachel Harrison Recording Specialist

Laura Dodd (via web) Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation Rax Jung Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Jarrett Walker + Associates

Larry Wallace (via web) Florida Department of transportation (FDOT)

3. Comments from the Public – None.

Emily Thomason (via web)

4. Approval of Agenda

* MOTION by Vice Chairwoman McGee to approve the agenda.

** SECONDED by Ms. Fitzpatrick

Carried UNANI MOUSLY

- 5. Approval of Meeting Summary
 - May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting
- * MOTION by Vice Chairwoman McGee to approve the Meeting Summary.
- ** SECONDED by Ms. Fitzpatrick

Carried UNANI MOUSLY

6. <u>Action I tems</u>

6a. Florida's Turnpike Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study: Presentation by the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise of the PD&E Study being conducted from Jupiter to Fort Pierce.

Mr. Buchwald introduced the agenda item and invited Mr. Jung to continue. Mr. Jung described the Study location and limits before explaining the 'No-Build Alternative.' He then turned to the 'Preferred Alternative,' detailing the improvements being proposed for the mainline as well as the existing and new interchanges within the Turnpike segment under study. He outlined several widening and interchange projects within the segment that are funded for design,

noted the date and time of the Study's public hearing, and concluded by explaining several methods for providing comments.

Ms. Yeschek commended Mr. Jung on his presentation.

Chairman Gilmore inquired as to why 13 out of 14 mainline bridges were being replaced while one was only being widened. Mr. Jung indicated that he would investigate the matter and report back.

Vice Chairwoman McGee asked about the conceptual designs for the two new interchanges being proposed, and Mr. Jung indicated that they had been posted to the project's website.

Vice Chairwoman McGee also requested coordination to preserve a local trail extending beneath the Turnpike's bridge over Ten Mile Creek, and Mr. Jung assured her that the subject had been considered during the PD&E process.

- * MOTION by Vice Chairwoman McGee to recommend endorsement of the PD&E Study.
- ** SECONDED by Ms. Fitzpatrick

Carried UNANI MOUSLY

6b. Transit Route Optimization Study Draft Choices & Concept Report: Presentation of the Transit Route Optimization Study Draft Choices & Concept Report.

Mr. Buchwald explained the purpose of the Transit Route Optimization Study and introduced Ms. Lathou, who noted the Study's origins in the present Transit Development Plan before describing its two phases. Ms. Lathou invited Ms. Thomason to continue, and Ms. Thomason began by explaining the rationale for the Study along with the tasks completed during its first phase. She detailed the two concepts being proposed, one aimed more toward ridership and the other toward coverage, and then outlined the performance measures of proximity and access. Ms. Thomason presented several diagrams illustrating the differences in travel time and coverage among the existing network and the individual concepts and concluded with the next steps in the process.

Vice Chairwoman McGee inquired about the availability of ridership data for the northern and southern parts of the County. Ms. Lathou noted that the County's Transit Division had ridership data for individual bus stops, with Ms. Thomason adding that boarding data

had been taken into account when developing the concepts under discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate balance to pursue in St. Lucie County with respect to ridership and coverage. Chairman Gilmore noted that funding is typically driven by ridership numbers, with Mr. Buchwald explaining that taking a more ridership-oriented approach would leave large portions of the County without service despite all property owners paying equally for transit. Members agreed that it would be preferable to begin with a ridership network model and then supplement its service with microtransit along with an expansion of other modes of transportation.

- * MOTION by Ms. Yeschek to recommend acceptance of the Report and recommend the ridership concept with the condition that an informational brochure be placed on buses to explain the network design.
- ** SECONDED by Vice Chairwoman McGee Carried UNANI MOUSLY
 - 6c. Draft Electric Vehicle Charging Station Plan: Review of the draft Electric Vehicle Charging Station Plan.

Mr. Buchwald introduced the agenda item and invited Ms. Lathou to continue. Ms. Lathou presented a map of existing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in St. Lucie County and explained the need for more publicly-available stations, using the battery capacity of the Nissan Leaf as an example. She described a number of factors to consider when selecting appropriate locations for charging stations before highlighting the three screening criteria developed in the Plan for siting such stations in St. Lucie County: highway intersections, Retail Major Activity Centers (MACs), and Title VI/Environmental Justice (EJ) areas. Ms. Lathou presented the proposed list of locations, reported a number of projections for EV usage in 2030, and concluded with the recommendations made by the other Advisory Committees at their meetings earlier in the week.

Ms. Fitzpatrick questioned whether funding for charging stations might be allocated according to the number of EVs registered in St. Lucie County. Ms. Lathou indicated that the present agenda item had been based on the Biden administration's EV charging station initiative, FDOT's recently published EV charging master plan, and the needs of tourists and visitors as well as resident owners. In response to another question by Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Lathou explained that most existing charging stations are funded by private companies like ChargePoint or

Florida Power & Light. Mr. Buchwald also clarified that the present Plan was for local planning efforts and did not include the allocation of funding for the charging stations.

In answer to Vice Chairwoman McGee's question, Ms. Lathou explained that the U.S. Department of Energy website had location information for publicly and privately-operated charging stations. Vice Chairwoman McGee suggested that the Plan map be amended to include the location of stations not included on the U.S. DOE website such as shown on Google Maps.

In response to Chairman Gilmore's question, Ms. Lathou reported on Turnpike service plazas that featured charging stations as well as plans to install stations along other Florida highways.

- * MOTION by Vice Chairwoman McGee to recommend acceptance of the Plan with the condition that the included map be amended to incorporate other sources of EV charging station locations.
- ** SECONDED by Ms. Fitzpatrick

Carried UNANI MOUSLY

7. <u>Discussion I tems</u>

7a. Transportation Asset/Service Vulnerability Assessment Update: An update of the Transportation Asset/Service Vulnerability Assessment for the St. Lucie TPO.

Mr. Buchwald indicated that TPO staff had completed Sea Level Rise Mapping in November 2019 to identify the transportation infrastructure in the TPO area that could potentially be exposed to future flooding, explaining the present agenda item as a continuation of the effort to integrate environmental considerations into the TPO's metropolitan planning program. Mr. Ding continued the presentation by noting the TPO's involvement with St. Lucie County's Resilience Planning Steering entity funded by a Florida Department Committee, an Environmental Protection grant to produce a Vulnerability Assessment Report on potential impacts to assets and services within the County. He indicated that the Report showed the possibility of minor impacts to the County's transportation features in 2070, a finding consistent with those of the 2019 Sea Level Rise Study. Mr. Ding concluded by reporting the County's receipt of another grant that would fund a three-year scope of work to develop a Regional Resilience Plan aimed at mitigating the effects of future natural disasters and climate change.

In response to Ms. Yeschek's question, Mr. Buchwald clarified the time horizon of the grant as three years, noting that St. Lucie County appeared to be in a better position than the counties to the south in terms of climate resilience.

Vice Charwoman McGee noted that the Report did not include information on variables like storm surge, rainfall, or king tides.

8. Recommendations/Comments by Members – Mr. Buchwald referenced Chairman Gilmore's request during the May BPAC Meeting for information on a sidewalk gap near the intersection of Edwards Road and U.S. 1 and invited Mr. Wallace to provide an update. Mr. Wallace clarified the location of the sidewalk gap with the aid of maps and photos and described some of the challenges to filling the gap in, citing the adjacent railroad crossing as being particularly problematic. He also reported that there were no projects in FDOT's work program in that vicinity which would require the sidewalk gap mitigation to be a standalone project. Mr. Wallace indicated that he would continue to provide updates on the gap at future BPAC meetings.

In response to Vice Chairwoman McGee's question, Mr. Buchwald explained that the Florida East Coast Railway was reluctant to have sidewalks installed at railroad crossings.

- 9. Staff Comments Mr. Buchwald thanked the members for their participation.
- 10. Next Meeting: The next St. Lucie TPO BPAC meeting is a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee scheduled for 1:30 pm on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.
- 11. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:	Approved by:		
Rachel Harrison	Vennis Gilmore		
Recording Specialist	Chairman		



AGENDA I TEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee: Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Meeting Date: November 18, 2021

Item Number: 6a

I tem Title: 2022 Meeting Dates

I tem Origination: Annual administrative business

UPWP Reference: Task 1.1 - Program Management

Requested Action: Approve the proposed 2022 meeting dates,

approve with conditions, or do not approve.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the proposed

2022 meeting dates be approved.

<u>Attachments</u>

• BPAC Proposed 2022 Meeting Dates

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) **PROPOSED**

2022 Meeting Dates (Approved: _____)

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 3:00 pm

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 3:00 pm

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 3:00 pm

Thursday, July 21, 2022, 3:00 pm

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 3:00 pm

Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 1:30 pm (Joint Meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee)

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AGENDA I TEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee: Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Meeting Date: November 18, 2021

Item Number: 6b

Item Title: Micro-Mobility Study Scope of Services

Item Origination: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

UPWP Reference: Task 3.2 – Transit Planning

Requested Action: Review and recommend approval of the Scope of

Services, recommend approval with conditions,

or do not recommend approval.

Staff Recommendation: Because the Micro-Mobility Study would address

connectivity to the fixed-route bus system and the Study is consistent with Task 3.2 of the UPWP, it is recommended that the Micro-Mobility Study Scope of Services be recommended for

approval by the TPO Board.

<u>Attachments</u>

- Staff Report
- Micro-Mobility Scope of Services

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

THROUGH: Peter Buchwald

Executive Director

FROM: Marceia Lathou

Transit Program Manager

DATE: November 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Micro-Mobility Study Scope of Services

BACKGROUND

Trips on fixed route buses begin and end with travel to and from bus stops. Such access is known as "first-last mile" micro-mobility: walking, bicycling or shared-ride travel.

The St. Lucie TPO uses a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive approach to micro-mobility planning. To unify prior, current, and future efforts into a single plan, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes a Micro-Mobility Study which will analyze the deployment of micro-transit, e-scooters, car sharing, and bike sharing in selected areas of St. Lucie County. The goal of the Micro-Mobility Study is to enhance mobility for persons who don't have access to single-occupancy automobiles or who do not wish to use such vehicles.

<u>ANALYSIS</u>

The Micro-Mobility Study will assess past and existing micro-mobility programs as well as the potential for new technologies. The Study will analyze context-sensitive solutions for the Gatlin Boulevard/Tradition Parkway area, the Torino Parkway area, and downtown Fort Pierce, focusing on the following methods of travel:

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- Ø Pedestrian:
 - o Walking
 - o Special needs for persons with disabilities
- **Ø** Bicycle, Board & Skate:
 - o Personal bicycles and e-bikes
 - Bike sharing
 - Skateboards and e-skateboards
 - Shared e-scooters
- Ø Vehicular:
 - o Park-and-Ride, both conventional and electric vehicles
 - o Kiss-and-Ride, drop-off transfer points
 - o Neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV)
 - Car sharing
 - o Ride sharing and traditional taxis
- **Ø** Transit:
 - o Conventional public bus service
 - o Micro-transit partnerships
 - Micro-transit with autonomous vehicles

The Micro-Mobility Study will be conducted by The Corradino Group, one of the TPO's General Planning Consultants. The Study will be completed in June 2022 with a lump sum budget of \$30,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Because the Micro-Mobility Study would address connectivity to the fixed-route bus system and the Study is consistent with Task 3.2 of the UPWP, it is recommended that the Micro-Mobility Study Scope of Services be recommended for approval by the TPO Board.

ENGINEERS · PLANNERS · PROGRAM MANAGERS · ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS

St. Lucie TPO Micro-Mobility Study

Scope of Services

Prepared by The Corradino Group, Inc.

October 21, 2021

INTRODUCTION

For persons that rely on public transportation, the first and last part of their trip is often perceived as the longest, the most time consuming, the most uncomfortable, and the least reliable. Their journey does not start when they board a bus or train and does not end where they alight. Their trip begins when they walk to or from the transit stop, or ride a bike, take a taxi, share a car ride or use some other transportation for the connecting parts of their journey.

The connecting journeys, before and after the transit ride, are influential enough to encourage or discourage a person to ride transit again. A transit traveler evaluates the desirability of a transit trip based on multiple criteria for the entirety of the door-to-door journey. The satisfaction of each part of the journey is not evenly weighted based on actual distance or time, but perceptually weighted based on a person's own needs and comfort levels for each part of the trip. In this way, the 5-minute walk in undesirable or high level-of-transportation-stress conditions can discourage a 15-minute transit journey. The resulting dilemma is ubiquitous: near empty transit services on roads congested with singleoccupant vehicles.

Not only are the first and last legs of the trip disproportionate in their effect on transit demand, but their impact on transit providers is also disproportionate. For mass transit providers, and especially for major fixed right-of-way investments like rail, productivity and efficiency depend on large numbers of people moving along linear transit sheds with comfortable connections to destinations. The more complete the network, the higher the utilization that can be expected. To complete the network with conventional transit, services become inefficient and difficult to sustain without higher-than-average subsidies.

Successful fixed-route transit services rely on direct alignments through high-density corridors. Traditionally, it was left to individual riders to get themselves to and from transit stops by walking, bicycling, driving, or getting dropped off or picked up. Starting in the 1970's, public agencies, employers, and transportation management associations have been providing shuttle connections, dial-a-ride and car-pooling services to facilitate "first-and-last-mile" (FLM) mobility, and, more recently, private companies have begun to provide FLM services that connect to transit lines.

The need for new FLM strategies to support competing needs for greater utilization and expansion of urban mass transit has never been greater. From traditional to the cutting-edge, the range of FLM connective modes, technologies and delivery models include many options that can be organized into 4 modal groups:

Pedestrian Modal Group:

- Walking
- o Special needs for disabled persons

· Bicycle, Board & Skate Modal Group:

- o Personal Bicycles and E-Bikes
- o Bike Sharing: dock-based or dockless
- Skateboards and E-Skateboards
- Shared E-Scooters

· Vehicular Modal Group:

- Park-and-Ride (conventional)
- o Park-and-Ride with Plug-In Electric Vehicles (PEV)
- o Kiss-and-Ride
- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV)
- o Car Sharing, including pod-based, free floating, station cars and peer-to-peer networks
- Ride Sharing & Traditional Taxi

Transit Modal Group:

- Conventional Transit Services Public Provider
- o Micro Transit: Private Providers and Public-Private Partnerships (P3's)
- Micro Transit with Autonomous Vehicles (AV)











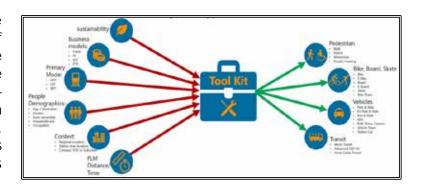
Each mode has its own characteristics of suitability that are context sensitive. Whether owned or operated by governmental entities or not, each mode has specific needs for infrastructure, regulatory support, funding, and integration with primary fixed-route transit. Each is affected by level of acceptance from end-users and continued innovation in technology and business models.

The St. Lucie TPO has been at the forefront of planning for effective mobility services. The TPO and its partner agencies wish to leverage and unify prior, current, and planned micro-mobility and micro-transit efforts into a single plan to enhance mobility for persons that don't have access to single-occupancy automobiles or do not wish to use such vehicles.

At Corradino, with 50 years of experience in multimodal transportation, we understand transit and mobility planning, and we understand the changes that are happening in response to our changing lifestyles, economy and technologies. We performed the First-and-Last Mile Study for the Miami-Dade TPO to develop the range of technologies and business models for the network of mobility options that is essential to developing its fixed-guideway rail and BRT SMART Plan. We developed a toolbox of context-sensitive solutions and performed two case studies.



The Director for this study will be Mark Alvarez, with 30 years of transit, mobility and land use planning experience. He was the Project Manager for the *First-and-Last Mile Study*, He has in-depth understanding of micro-mobility, how it differs from and integrates with traditional public transit, and its advantages and challenges.



In 2013, Mark Alvarez co-authored the *Drive Electric Florida*, *US-1 Corridor Pilot Project* for the South Florida Regional Planning Council and Florida Power & Light, to develop the infrastructure plan for shared, plug-in-electric vehicles at Metro-Rail stations for first-last-mile trips.

Srinivas ("Srin") Varanasi will work with Mark on this project. Srin is Vice President in Corradino's nationwide transportation systems planning practice. He has 16 years of experience in corridor/ subarea modeling, area wide transportation planning, travel demand forecasts, model applications, and GIS database development projects.

We are pleased to provide this scope of services to assist the TPO develop its unified short-term *Micro-Mobility Plan*, using a planning horizon of 3 years. Four tasks will be undertaken to deliver this plan. These tasks, their schedule and costs are described on the following pages.

- § Task 1. Review Existing Plans and Affirm Study Area
- § Task 2. Opportunities for Success and Micro-Mobility Provider Needs
- **§** Task 3. Existing Conditions & Analysis
- § Task 4. Recommendations

TASKS

Task 1. Review Existing Plans and Affirm Study Area

We will meet with St. Lucie TPO staff and relevant City/County staff to fully identify and review past micro-mobility plans and related efforts, transit plans, and existing performance levels. With TPO staff, we will determine other information sources to review. The information will be documented in a Technical Memorandum to include a summary of key findings.

The three areas of study currently identified for micro-mobility programs are: 1) the Tradition Area, 2) Torino Parkway, and 3) Downtown Fort Pierce. We understand that the County's Transit Division is actively implementing micro-mobility solutions, and so as part of Task 1 we will work with City/County staff to confirm the areas of study for the *Micro-Mobility Study*.

Staff Meetings: 2 TPO staff virtual meetings after kick-off meeting

Product: Technical Memorandum summarizing key findings and the history of micro-

mobility efforts in St. Lucie County

Start: After Project Kick-Off Meeting – assumed in January 2022

Complete: February 2022

Task Cost \$4,800

Task 2. Opportunities for Success and Micro-Mobility Provider Needs

We will contact three micro-mobility program managers that have operated in St Lucie County to determine the key market factors and other metrics by modal type for sustainable micro-mobility systems. Key benchmarks will be sought for: entering and exiting a market area; sustaining operations; infrastructure needs; regulatory needs or barriers; experience with market area geography; and, integration with fixed-route transit systems.

Staff Meetings: 3 virtual meetings or phone interviews with micro-transit program managers

with experience in St. Lucie County and County staff; 2 meetings with TPO staff to discuss lessons learned Technical Memorandum summarizing key findings After Project Kick-Off Meeting - assumed in January 2022

Complete: February 2022

Task Cost \$5,600

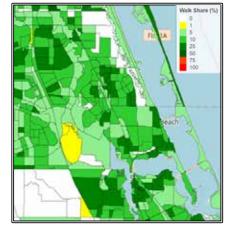
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Task 3. Existing Conditions & Analysis

Concurrent with Task 1, we will collect and analyze data to measure transportation system performance. We understand that the Transit Division is working with contractors to provide dynamic information systems for their transit and mobility operations, including: TransLoc information systems, and Optym's RouteMax; we will coordinate with those systems and the Via dashboard to gain available data for *this study*.

Based on data collection efforts and using available data from the St Lucie County transportation planning model as needed, we will identify pertinent information for micro-mobility utilization for the identified areas as confirmed in Task 1. We will analyze these areas for predominant trip patterns to determine where micro-mobility will serve: 1) local trips, not requiring first-last-mile connections; 2) non-local trips that do not require transit connections, such as recreational trips; and, 3) non-local trips that do require first-last-mile transit connections, such as work, shopping, medical trips, and other necessary travel. We will analyze each area for indicators with which to recommend different micro-mobility mode combinations that are pertinent to the projected mobility needs of each area.



Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure for the identified micro-mobility areas will be assessed using County GIS information, then verified by aerials and site visits. We will review transit operations for schedules, service spans and stop locations to assess the viability of transit connections, and local mobility hubs for effective first-last-mile connections.

Staff Meetings: 2 meetings: 1 methodology meeting and 1 meeting to review findings

Product: Technical Memorandum summarizing key findings, GIS files, and presentation

Start: After Project Kick-Off Meeting - assumed in January 2022

Complete: April 2022 Task Cost \$14,000

Task 4. Recommendations

Recommendations will be developed based on the findings of Tasks 1, 2 and 3 to answer four questions:

- 1) What micro-mobility mode, or combination of modes can best address the needs of each of the study areas?
- 2) Should the micro-mobility choices be managed and operated by private providers, or should they be publicly-owned/operated, or are Public-Private Partnership models better suited?
- 3) What infrastructure investments; policy and regulatory changes; and transit operations/ equipment modifications could be programmed to match the needs for each area and assure long-term viability and growth of the micro-mobility services?
- 4) For first-and-last-mile connections, where are the locations for potential transit hubs, and what are the specifications for the hubs?

The draft report, along with a presentation will be provided to St. Lucie TPO staff for review by April 22, 2021, ready for inclusion on the agendas of the three St. Lucie TPO advisory committees. After receiving input from the advisory committees, we will include summaries of comments and requests from each committee, and provide to the TPO staff for their input regarding any changes that should be made to the final report. The final report will be provided to the TPO staff by May 20 for inclusion on the June 2022 agenda of the St. Lucie TPO board.

Staff Meetings: 2 meetings: 1) review draft report; 2) review final advisory committee comments

Public Presentations: 1) St. Lucie TPO Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), May 2022

2) St. Lucie TPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), May 2022

3) St. Lucie TPO Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), May 2022

4) St. Lucie TPO Board, June 2022

Products: Draft Report, presentations and Final Report

Start: April 2022 Complete: June 2022 Task Cost \$5,600

PROJECT SCHEDULE

St. Lucie TPO Micro-Mobility Study	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	Cost
Task 1 Plans and Documents Review							\$ 4,800
Task 2. Opportunities for Success and Micro- Mobility Provider Needs			1				\$ 5,600
Task 3. Existing Conditions & Analysis				1			\$ 14,000
Task 4. Recommendations			L		***	\star	\$ 5,600
TOTAL							\$ 30,000

St. Lucie TPO Advisory Committee Public Meetings: CAC, TAC, BPAC St. Lucie TPO Board Meeting

PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Task 1. Plans and Documents Review	\$ 4,800
Task 2. Opportunities for Success and Micro-Mobility Provider Needs	\$ 5,600
Task 3. Existing Conditions & Analysis	\$14,000
Task 4. Recommendations	\$ 5,600
Total	\$30,000



AGENDA I TEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee: Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Meeting Date: November 18, 2021

Item Number: 7a

Item Title: Speed Kills Analysis

I tem Origination: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

UPWP Reference: Task 3.7 – Safety and Security Planning

Requested Action: Discuss and provide comments to Staff.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Speed Kills Analysis

is discussed and comments are provided to Staff.

Attachments

- Staff Report
- St. Lucie TPO Fatal Crash Fact Sheet and Map

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

FROM: Yi Ding, Transportation Systems Manager

and

Peter Buchwald, Executive Director

DATE: November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Speed Kills Analysis

BACKGROUND

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), one of the top reasons for traffic accidents and fatalities is driving too fast for the road conditions. High speeds make crashes more likely and increase the risk of fatal injuries at an alarming rate according to NHTSA. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation and as depicted in the following graphic, a pedestrian who is hit by a car moving at 20 miles per hour has an 90 percent chance of survival, while that person only has a 20 percent chance of survival if hit by a car moving at 40 miles per hour:



The St. Lucie TPO supports the national and Statewide "Vision Zero" efforts to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries on the transportation

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network. Managing travel speeds is an effective strategy and a critical tenet of Vision Zero.

Therefore, Task 3.7, *Safety and Security Planning*, of the St. Lucie TPO FY 2020/21 – 2021/22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes a Speed Kills Analysis to examine the link between vehicle speed and crash risk and severity on the roadway network in the TPO area.

ANALYSIS

For this analysis, the fatal crashes and the speed limits on the roadway network in the TPO area were reviewed to identify any consistencies. Crash data was obtained from the Signal Four Analytics database for the years 2011 through 2021.

The attached St. Lucie TPO Fatal Crash Fact Sheet and Map summarizes the findings and illustrate the distribution of the fatal crashes for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists in the St. Lucie TPO area. In addition, vehicle and bicycle-pedestrian high crash locations are summarized as follows:

Vehicle High Crash Locations							
Street Name	From	То	Segment Length (miles)	Crash Number	Speed Limit (MPH)	State Highway System	
U.S. Highway 1	Edward Rd	Dixieland Dr	0.74	7	40	Yes	
U.S. Highway 1	Brazilian Cir	Prima Vista Blvd	0.8	6	45	Yes	
Airoso Blvd	Lakehurst Dr	Prima Vista Blvd	0.66	5	40	No	
Port St. Lucie Blvd	Cameo Blvd	Dalton Ave	0.89	5	45	No	
St. Lucie West Blvd	Peacock Blvd	California Blvd	0.45	5	45	No	

Bicycle-Pedestrian High Crash Locations							
Street Name	From	То	Segment Length (miles)	Crash Number	Speed Limit (MPH)	State Highway System	
25th St	Ave G	Nebraska Ave	1.6	8	40	Yes	
U.S. Highway 1	Tennessee Ave	Southland Dr	1.8	7	40	Yes	

After examining the fatal crashes at the high crash locations, TPO staff did not find any consistencies between the crashes and the specific, identified causes of the crashes. The only consistency identified is that these high crash locations are on roadways with posted speeds of 40 miles per hour or higher.

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In fact, 75 percent of all fatal crashes in the TPO area occur on roadways with posted speeds of 40 miles per hour or higher.

Serious injuries and fatal crashes in the TPO area may be reduced most significantly by reducing the travel speeds on these roadways with high crash locations by reducing the speed limits, also known as setting "target speeds", on these roadways. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is responsible for setting the target speeds on the roadways of the State Highway System, and the local jurisdictions are responsible for setting the target speeds on the local roadways.

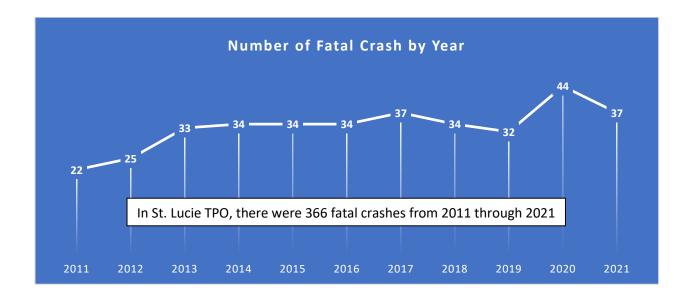
To better support their Vision Zero efforts, FDOT now is implementing a "Safe Systems" approach to setting target speeds. Rather than expecting perfect behavior from drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, this approach recognizes that people will make mistakes, and systems will fail with the goal that target speeds should be established so that when someone does err, the penalty is not death. Meanwhile, to improve traffic safety and address speeding issues, the City of Port St. Lucie is proposing to reduce the speed limit on all residential/neighborhood roads to 25 miles per hour.

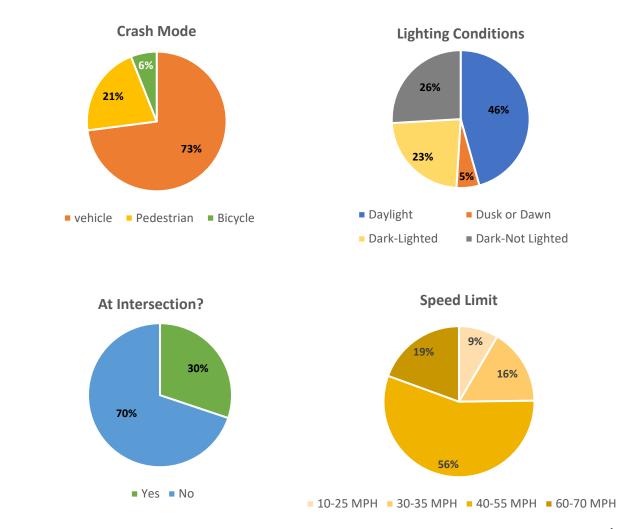
While the effect of reducing travel speeds on traffic congestion is the subject of much debate in the latest literature, physical improvements to the roadways, known as deflection, engagement, and enclosure, may be needed to most effectively implement the target speeds. In addition, coordination with local law enforcement agencies and education of the general public will be necessary to ensure commitment to the target speeds.

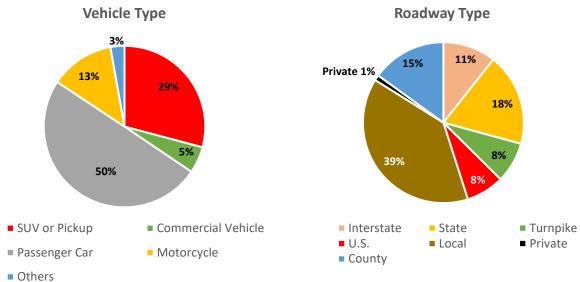
RECOMMENDATION

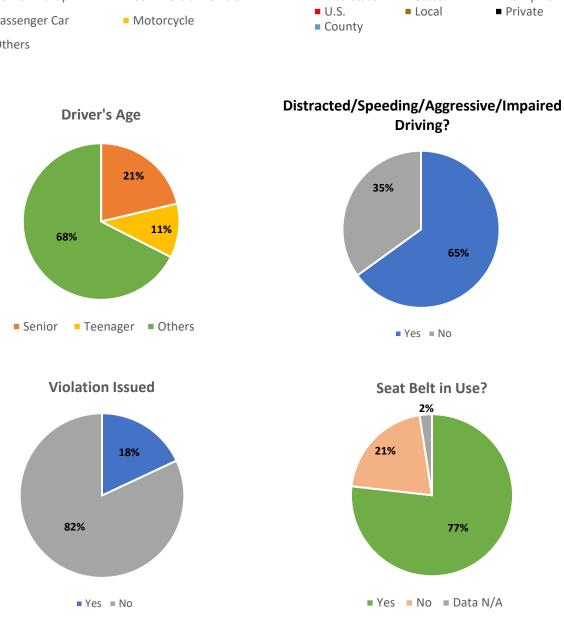
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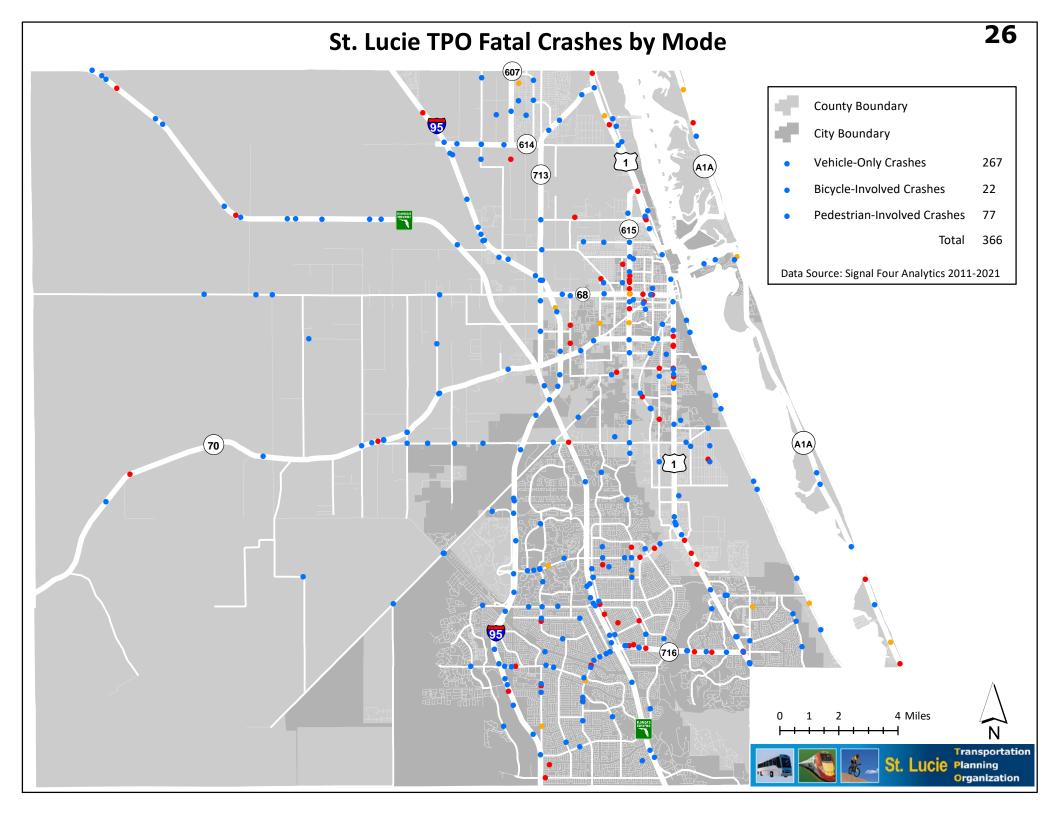
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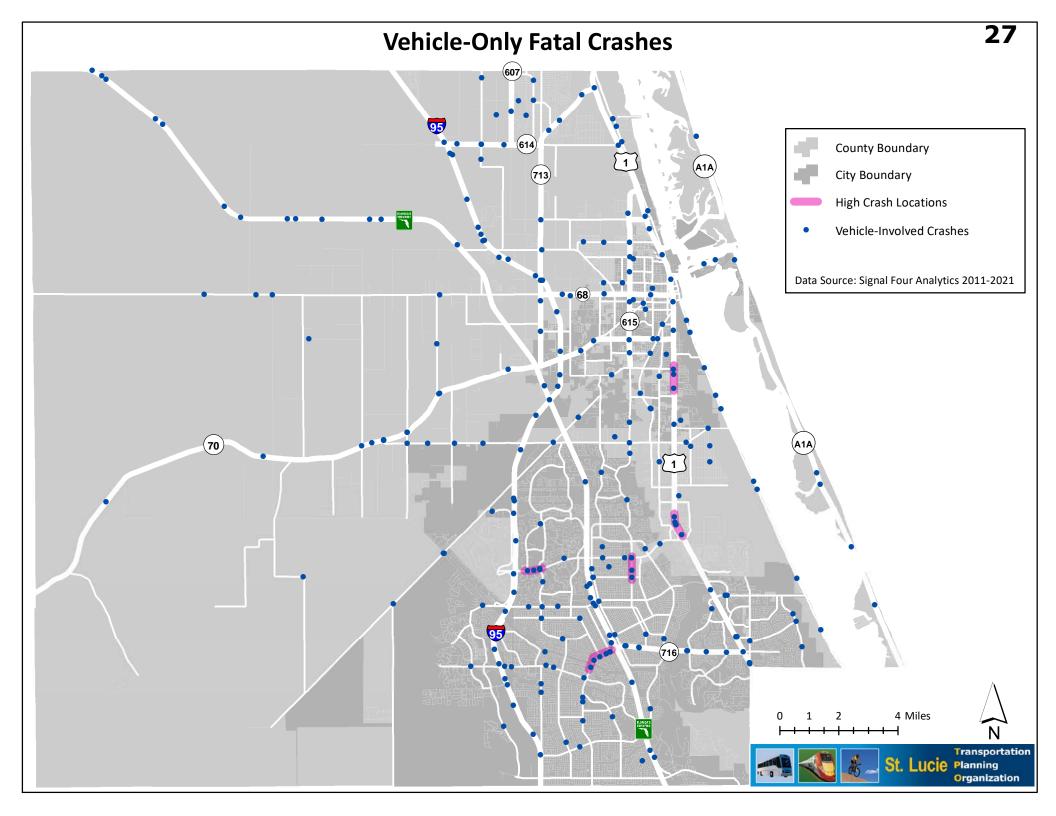


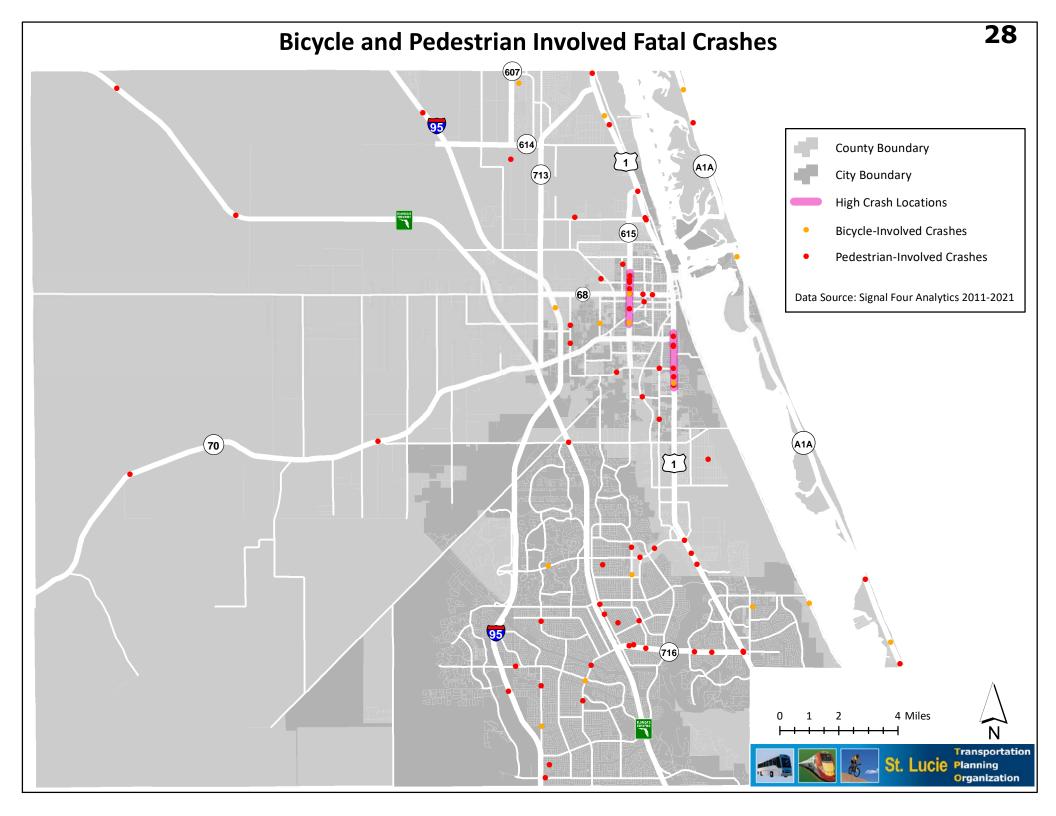














AGENDA I TEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee: Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Meeting Date: November 18, 2021

Item Number: 7b

Item Title: FY 2022/23 - 2023/24 Unified Planning Work

Program (UPWP) Call for Planning Projects

Item Origination: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

UPWP Reference: Task 1.2 – UPWP Development

Requested Action: Discuss and propose planning projects for

potential inclusion in the FY 2022/23 -

2023/24 UPWP.

Staff Recommendation: Because the draft UPWP is developed based on

comments received from the TPO Advisory Committees and other sources, it is recommended that the draft UPWP is discussed, and planning projects are proposed to Staff.

<u>Attachment</u>

Staff Report



MEMORANDUM

TO: Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

THROUGH: Peter Buchwald

Executive Director

FROM: Marceia Lathou

Transit Program Manager

DATE: November 2, 2021

SUBJECT: FY 2022/23 - 2023/24 Unified Planning Work

Program (UPWP) Call for Planning Projects

BACKGROUND

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the two-year program supported by State and Federal funds of transportation planning activities undertaken by the TPO. The UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, timeframes for completion, costs, and funding sources. The UPWP serves as the foundational document for carrying out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process within the TPO area.

The UPWP is required for the TPO to receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Planning projects are included in the UPWP based on TPO priorities, the need to satisfy State/Federal requirements, and funding constraints. Projects may involve any aspect of surface transportation including roads, transit, bicycle/pedestrian, and the needs of the transportation disadvantaged.

The current UPWP for FY 2020/21 – FY 2021/22 ends on June 30, 2022. Therefore, it is necessary to initiate the development of the UPWP for FY 2022/23 – FY 2023/24.

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ANALYSIS

An initial discussion of the proposed FY 2022/23 – FY 2023/24 UPWP is requested at this time. The discussion should consist of the identification and discussion of the planning priorities, tasks, projects, and activities that should comprise the proposed UPWP. The Call for Planning Projects is being announced to the public through the TPO website/social media and discussions at meetings.

The Call for UPWP Projects has already resulted in several project ideas which are proposed to be included in the draft FY 2022/23 - FY 2023/24 UPWP. These projects include:

- Sustainable Transportation Plan planning for and encouraging less gasoline-dependent and single-occupancy methods of transportation.
- Transit Development Plan Major Update assisting the St. Lucie County Transit Division in developing its strategic plan for the future bus network.
- Community Profile Updates an update of the existing Community Profiles based on the most current U.S. Census data.
- Transit Center Visioning Workshop an exploration of concepts to improve the public transportation system and to build consensus for funding strategies.
- Transportation Performance Measures 2.0 enhancement of the UPWP task devoted to transportation and public transportation performance measures.

The draft UPWP will be submitted to various Federal agencies for their review and comment, and a formal public comment period will be initiated. The TPO Board will review the draft UPWP for adoption at its April 2022 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Because the draft UPWP is developed based on comments received from the TPO Advisory Committees and other sources, it is recommended that the draft UPWP is discussed, and planning projects are proposed to Staff.