

Jacksonville Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Notes
Hybrid Meeting
July 11, 2024 @ 5:30 PM
Ed Ball Building – 3rd Floor Conference Room
214 N Hogan Street – Jacksonville FL

Attendees:

In-person: Peter Borenstein, Len Burroughs, Steve Tocknell, Barry Cotter, Fatuma Sheikh Mohammed (COJ), Stephanie McCaffrey, Lauren Rushing, Larry Roberts (JTC Running), Matt Fall (COJ), Lee Durban (COJ)

Virtual: Kelly Jones, Marlo Zarka (Blue Zones), Van Christiansen, Craig Riley (TreeTop), Amy Jendruzek (TreeTop)

II. Presentation and Discussion – TreeTop Products - Left and Right Turn Calming, Lee Durban, COJ Traffic Engineering

- Turns in urban areas are challenging. Drivers and pedestrians must navigate many variables at once.
- Mr. Durban shared a [Left Turn Calming Video](#) produced by TreeTop that demonstrates how TreeTop products are used to improve safety at intersections.
- TreeTop offers left turn and right turn calming products. Trucks and large vehicles can roll over them and they are unlikely to contribute to crashes if hit at high speeds.
- TreeTop offered to provide their products to the City as a pilot project at a few intersections.
- Mr. Durban discussed an opportunity to add TreeTop products at the intersection of Park Street and Post Street in Five Points.
 - The preliminary concept includes right turn wedges on the corners to reduce turning radii and encourage slower turning movements.
- The committee discussed how these products could fit into the built environment, considering aesthetics and placemaking.
- COJ will be talking to Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) and area merchants about the proposed design concept.
- Mr Durban discussed how TreeTop products are flexible, quick to build and cost effective.
- Another proposed location is McDuff Ave and Lenox Ave. This location has high bicyclist and pedestrian crash rate.
- Bicycle and pedestrian crash hotspots and areas with many left turn crashes informed the selection of pilot projects.
- If the pilot projects prove to be effective, this design treatment could work in many locations across the City.
- Could serve as an interim solution before a permanent intersection re-design can be constructed.
- Matt Fall is open to suggestions from BPAC and meeting attendees on methodology for before and after data collection of these pilot projects. Viva data, manual counts, surveys, and before and after crash statistics are all under consideration.
- Next steps
 - Public engagement
 - Implementation - hopefully within the next 6 to 8 months.

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- Cost is approx. \$1,000 for an intersection for materials only.
- The planned demonstration projects are solely focused on COJ roads but could use data from pilots to help make the case to FDOT to consider using on their roads.
 - BPAC could encourage FDOT to investigate these treatments.

II. Update and Discussion – World Day of Remembrance Planning, Lauren Rushing, BPAC Vice Chair

- BPAC held a planning kick-off meeting in mid-June.
- The event will take place on Sunday November 17 at James Weldon Johnson Park
- BPAC received a grant of \$1,500 for event planning from the First Coast Section of the American Planning Association.
- Arc Printing is donating banners and posters.
- WdoR Trainings will be available in the Fall.
- BPAC is still sorting out if a post-event bike ride is feasible.
- NFBC will not be able to host the ride.
- BPAC discussed options for a post-event ride or walk.
- BPAC discussed a draft agenda for the WDoR event and worked on gathering details to submit the Mayor's speaking request form.
- NFBC would still like to be involved in the event and will discuss internally how they could participate.

Next Steps/Action Items

- BPAC officers will complete the Mayor's request form ASAP, by August at the latest.
- Lauren Rushing will continue to reach out to potential cohosting organizations.
- Matt Fall will assist BPAC in connecting with victim families/advocates.

Peter Borenstein moved to approve the June minutes and Lauren Rushing seconded.

Next meeting will be August 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm