

Jacksonville BPAC Meeting Notes
Hybrid Meeting
April 3, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
Ed Ball Building – 3rd Floor Conference Room
214 N Hogan Street – Jacksonville FL

Attendees

In-person: Peter Borenstein (Vice-Chair), Stephanie McCaffrey (Secretary), Len Burroughs (NFBC), Jackie Morrison (NICA), John Morrison (NICA), Barry Cotter, Lori Hooper, Matt Fall (COJ), Lee Durban (COJ)

Virtual: Jeremy Chrzan, Monty Selim, Kelly Jones, Daniel Ashworth

I. Introductions and Adoption of Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Peter Borenstein, acting as presiding officer due to the absence of Chair.
- March 2025 meeting minutes were posted online prior to the meeting.
- Motion to approve March minutes made by Peter Borenstein. Seconded by Lori Hooper.
- Minutes approved unanimously.

II. AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 5th Edition (2024) Update, Jeremy Chrzan, PE, PTO, Multimodal Design Practice Lead, Toole Design

- Jeremy Chrzan, based in Silver Spring, MD, introduced himself as the lead engineer and co-author of the 5th Edition AASHTO Bike Guide. He provided a comprehensive overview of the guide's updates:
 - Expanded from 200 to over 600 pages, with 16 chapters (up from 7), over 230 figures, and twice as many tables/charts.
 - Focus on designing for all ages and abilities ("interested but concerned" cyclists), with flexibility for local contexts.
 - Key changes: Emphasis on recommended design ranges over minimums, integration with FHWA documents, and introduction of experimental treatments (e.g., advisory bike lanes).
- Chapters highlighted:
 - Chapter 1 (Introduction): Sets framework, emphasizes recommended ranges for safety and comfort.
 - Chapter 2 (Operations and Safety): Research-based, addresses perceived vs. actual safety and prefers separated bike lanes.
 - Chapter 5 (Common Elements): New chapter on sight distances and mutual yielding principles.
 - Chapter 6 (Shared Use Paths): Recommends 11-15 ft widths over 10 ft, discourages routine stop signs and bollards.
 - Chapter 7 (Separated Bike Lanes): Includes recommendations for intermediate level designs and protected intersections.
 - Chapter 15 (Maintenance): Integrates maintenance considerations into design.

Discussion/Questions:

- Peter asked if CAD software integrates AASHTO rules (e.g., pop-up warnings). Jeremy noted some tools exist but vary by context, making universal rules challenging.
- Matt Fall asked about bollards on shared use paths (e.g., S-Line), citing visibility and injury risks. Jeremy suggested alternatives like signs, material changes, or mountable

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medians, emphasizing bollards as a last resort with strict design criteria (e.g., no voids, high visibility).

- Matt Fall inquired about maintenance equipment for protected bike lanes (e.g., mini street sweepers). Jeremy recommended planning for dedicated equipment but also exploring retrofitting existing vehicles.
- Matt Fall asked about drainage design for bike lanes using gutter space. Jeremy suggested reducing gutter width or extending it across the bike lane for delineation and usability.

III. Introduction to Florida NICA, Jackie Morrison, Florida Interscholastic Cycling League (FICL)

- Jackie Morrison presented on the Florida League of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA), in its 6th season.
- NICA is a national nonprofit with 32 leagues across 29 states, focused on off-road cycling for middle and high school students.
- Mission: Build strong minds, bodies, characters, and communities using bikes as a catalyst. Core values include inclusivity, equity, respect, and community.
- Florida stats: 262 athletes, 191 coaches; Duval County: 31 athletes, 27 coaches.
- Programs: Girls Riding Together (33% female participation), Teen Trail Corps (trail building), and Adventure Days (e.g., scavenger hunts).
- Practices are held at Tillie Fowler, Trek Trails, Hanna Park, and Black Creek Trail.

Discussion/Questions:

- The group noted NICA's off-road focus complements BPAC's on-road advocacy, suggesting kids transition to road cycling. Jackie agreed, citing NICA as an entry point and mentioning local athletes moving to road cycling.
- Matt Fall asked about integrating NICA with Duval County Public Schools' safety education efforts (post recent crashes). Jackie confirmed NICA improves grades, confidence, and focus, suggesting partnerships like bike rodeos with NICA kids as role models for helmet use and safety.
- Discussion on age for road riding: Jackie noted that youth eye development makes it safer for on-road riding after age 14 or 15. Current risk management restricts on-road group rides.
- Action Items:
 - Explore partnerships with Duval County schools for bike safety education and rodeos, involving NICA athletes.
 - Consider NICA athletes attending a BPAC meeting or BPAC visiting a practice to inspire career interest in bicycle advocacy/design.

IV. Springfield Traffic Calming, Vice-Chair Peter Borenstein

- Peter Borenstein reviewed traffic calming options that the City of Jacksonville is considering for the Springfield neighborhood.
- Focus on Hubbard Street. Options presented included painted bulb-outs (approx. \$3,000 each) and speed bumps (approx. \$3,600 each).
- Springfield Preservation and Revitalization (SPAR) could fund either of these options.

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- Critiques: Limited scope (Hubbard vs. broader neighborhood, one school crossing vs. others). Peter is concerned that partial fixes might reduce momentum for holistic solutions.
- Bike lanes were not proposed due to parking constraints on the 40-ft-wide street.
- The recommended traffic calming measures are pending a final decision by SPAR.

V. Ride of Silence with North Florida Bicycle Club, Len Burroughs, North Florida Bicycle Club (NFBC)

- Len Burroughs outlined the 23rd annual Ride of Silence on May 14, 2025 at 6pm - meeting at 3827 San Jose Park Dr
- Organized by NFBC locally, part of a global event to honor cyclists killed or injured.
- 7-mile silent ride: 3.5 miles up San Jose Blvd from north of Baymeadows Rd to a park then return (7-25 mph, no-drop ride).
- Helmets required, lights recommended. Register via nfbc.us or NFBC app (non-members welcome).
- NFBC provides experienced ride leaders for safety.
- Children are welcome, with helmets and adult supervision.

VI. Discussion / Rapid Fire

- Lori Hooper raised S-Line bollard visibility issues (especially on nighttime rides), inspired by Jeremy's presentation. Suggested reflective markings or alternatives be considered.
- Action Item: Matt Fall and Lee Durban to investigate bollards along the S-Line and report back.

Wrap Up / Upcoming Events / Announcements / Next Meeting Info

Upcoming Events:

- April 19: Ride or Die – bike wedding/registration event with a ride.
- April 26: Celebrate Trails Day hosted by Groundwork Jacksonville – 10:00 AM, LaVilla Link Butterfly Garden, includes bike safety outreach.
- April 5: Emerald Trail Community Meeting – 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, Emerald Station, Liberty St.
- May 28-31: NACTO Conference, Washington, DC
- April 29: FDOT District 2, North Florida Transportation Planning Summit, Live Oak

Next Meeting: May 1, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.