



BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING AGENDA

February 25, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.
310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conf. Room
Clearwater, FL 33756

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS** (8:30 – 8:35)
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Please limit comments to 3 minutes* (8:35 – 8:40)
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 28, 2019** (8:35 – 8:40)
4. **FORWARD PINELLAS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – February 13, 2019** (8:40 – 8:45)
5. **BIKE YOUR CITY 2019** (8:45 – 9:10)
6. **ADVANTAGE PINELLAS: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATE** (9:10 – 9:25)
7. **PINELLAS COUNTY TRAIL MOT POLICY** (9:25 – 9:30)
8. **PINELLAS TRAIL AUTOMATIC COUNTER SUMMARY FOR 2018** (9:30 – 9:40)
9. **SPOTlight EMPHASIS AREAS UPDATE** (9:40 – 9:45)
 - A Vision for U.S. Highway 19 Corridor
 - Gateway Area Master Plan
 - Enhancing Beach Community Access
10. **BPAC BUSINESS** (9:45 – 10:00)
 - A. Florida Bicycle Association (FBA)
 - B. Pinellas Trails, Inc.
11. **AGENCY REPORTS** (10:00 – 10:10)
12. **OTHER BUSINESS** (10:10 – 10:30)
 - A. Membership
 - B. Correspondence, Publications, Articles of Interest
 - C. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics
 - D. Other
13. **ADJOURNMENT** (10:30)

NEXT BPAC MEETING – MARCH 18, 2019

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Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – February 25, 2019

3. Approval of Minutes



SUMMARY

The meeting summary for the January 28, 2019 meeting is attached for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): BPAC Meeting Summary – January 28, 2019

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Summary

**FORWARD PINELLAS
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
JANUARY 28, 2019**

The following is a summary of the Forward Pinellas Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) held on January 28, 2019, in the Pinellas County Planning Department Conference Room, First Floor, 310 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida.

BPAC Members Present

Brian Smith, Chairman	At Large Citizen Representative
Becky Afonso, Vice Chair	North County Citizen Representative, Oldsmar
Daniel Alejandro	Largo Citizen Representative
Julie Bond	CUTR
Dr. Lynn Bosco	At Large Citizen Representative
Stephanie Carrier	Pinellas County School System Representative
Kimberly Cooper	St. Petersburg Citizen Representative
Lucas Cruse	St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator
Win Dermody	Clearwater Citizen Representative
Dr. Jan Hirschfield	Pinellas Trails, Inc.
Lyle Fowler	PC Parks & Conservation Resources (PCR)
Katrina Lunan-Gordon	City of Largo
Chip Haynes	Clearwater Citizen Representative
David Feller	North County Citizen Representative, Oldsmar
Byron Hall	Pinellas Park Citizen Representative
Edward Hawkes	At Large Citizen Representative
Alan Johnson	South Beaches Citizen Representative
Charlie Johnson	St. Petersburg Citizen Representative
Paul Kurtz	At Large Citizen Representative
Charles Martin	Dunedin Citizen Representative
Mike Milvain	St. Petersburg Citizen Representative
Ron Rasmussen	Pinellas Park Citizen Representative
Joan Rice	Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic
Michael Siebel	At Large Citizen Representative
Jim Wedlake	Seminole Citizen Representative
Robert Yunk	At Large Citizen Representative
Jacob Labutka	PSTA

BPAC Members Absent

Felicia Donnelly	City of Oldsmar
Ric Hartman	City of Clearwater
Deputy Eric Gibson	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Steve Lasky	At Large Citizen Representative
Annette Sala	At Large Citizen Representative
Bert Valery	North Beaches Citizen Representative
Rachelle Webb	Safe Routes to School
Georgia Wildrick	Largo Citizen Representative

Others Present

Alex Henry	FDOT
Brian Shroyer	FDOT
Matt Wey	H. W. Lochner
Chris Piazza	R K & K
Casey Morse	Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic
Diane Friel	City of Largo
Bob Henion	Citizen of Dunedin
Robert Young	Pinellas Trails Auxiliary Ranger
Whit Blanton	Forward Pinellas Executive Director
Chelsea Favero	Forward Pinellas Staff
Jared Austin	Forward Pinellas Staff

Rodney Chatman
Susan Miller
Maria Kelly

Forward Pinellas Staff
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1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Brian Smith, At Large Citizen Representative, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and the attendees introduced themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The summary from November 19, 2018 BPAC meeting was approved as provided with no corrections.

4. FORWARD PINELLAS ACTIONS

Mr. Rodney Chatman, Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager, reviewed the highlights from the Forward Pinellas Board January 9, 2019 meeting. The Board welcomed four new board members, Commissioner Suzy Sofer from Belleair Bluffs, Commissioner Jacob Karr from Tarpon Springs, Councilmember David Allbritton from Clearwater and County Commissioner Karen Seel. The Board did approve the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) FY 2019/20 - FY 2023/24 Draft Tentative Work Program. The Board heard a presentation by FDOT on U.S. Highway 19 and Gandy Boulevard PD&E intersection improvement study. The Board also heard a presentation by PSTA on their financial status, which led into our Board work session on January 18, 2019.

5. ADVANTAGE PINELLAS UPDATE

Ms. Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, addressed the committee regarding an update on Advantage Pinellas and the regional survey efforts. Forward Pinellas is currently developing this program with Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's (PSTA) Community Bus Plan, cobranding it Advantage Pinellas. Advantage Pinellas is the long range transportation plan, which is updated every five years to account for changing growth patterns, new technology, and changing priorities. This is a four phase planning effort, which began with data development, followed by the scenario evaluation phase and the *It's Time Tampa Bay* survey. The plan is currently in the third phase, setting priorities and identification of revenues; then the process will move into the vision strategy this summer. The statistically valid survey was completed with 844 responses and of that, over 400 responses were received from people wanting to participate in upcoming focus groups, which is the next step. The results of the survey are being reviewed by demographics and zip code. Some of the key takeaways are that Pinellas County residents want safe and efficient transportation systems, easy access from neighborhoods to destinations and to live 20 to 30 minutes from their job. Eighty-five percent of the people surveyed said that having frequent and reliable transit improves the areas economic value. Metroquest carried the *It's Time Tampa Bay* survey, which was opened from July 31st to September 30th, 2018. There were over 9,500 participants in the survey, which was a nationwide record for this type of platform. Copies of the survey presentation can be provided by Forward Pinellas staff. Public outreach will continue to be a priority throughout the development of the plan. Discussion followed where questions were taken and appropriately answered.

6. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Ms. Favero shared a presentation with the committee on the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program. This is an annual competitive grant funding program administered by Forward Pinellas to evaluate applications for the priority list. While the current TA priority list includes projects that are still in need of funding, there are projects listed that are either no longer eligible or no longer desired by the sponsoring local government. Forward Pinellas staff is currently working on restructuring the program to better meet the intent of the program and goals of the agency and is requesting the assistance of a subcommittee made up of current committee members. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. Volunteers were requested and selected to serve on the subcommittee.

7. ALTERNATE U.S. HIGHWAY 19 CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

Brian Shroyer, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Matt Wey, H. W. Lochner and Chris Piazza, R K & K shared a presentation with the committee on the Alternate 19 Corridor Study. The study covered a 29 mile section of the Alternate 19 corridor from Park Street to the Pinellas/Pasco County Line. This study is addressing short term multimodal transportation needs and the development of a long term vision for the corridor aimed at creating safe pedestrian and bicycle friendly environments. Various intersections would benefit from implementing turn lane improvements; from Park Street N to 95th Street, widen the roadway and bridge from four to six lanes to reduce bottleneck issues and improve traffic flow; lane repurposing in Largo and Clearwater along Missouri Avenue and Rosery Road to Court Street and along Myrtle Avenue from Chestnut Street to Marshall

Street. Additional recommendations including reducing Missouri Avenue to four lanes and widen the median to accommodate pedestrian traffic and add four foot bike lanes; modify signalization at various intersections and place roundabouts on Druid Road to reduce vehicle speeds and increase safety; for Myrtle Avenue, plans could reduce the corridor to two lanes, add six foot bicycle lanes and provide raised medians for vehicle and pedestrian safety. Edgewater Drive improvements could include adding a new wide sidewalk along the west side of Alternate 19, uniform width for the 11-foot travel lanes, widen the existing sidewalk on the east side to six feet, and add midblock pedestrian crosswalks at various locations; for the bridge over the Anclote River, improvements could include adding new barrier walls, a four foot bicycle lane and a six foot sidewalk; recommendations for downtown Dunedin at Main Street include roundabouts to improve traffic flow; improvements at Curlew Road could include adding lanes or other types of innovative intersection designs. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

8. MEDIA FRAMING OF FATAL BICYCLIST CRASHES

Ms. Julie Bond with Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), shared a presentation with the committee on Transportation Research: Media Framing of Fatal Bicyclist Crashes and how the words used in media reports shape our perceptions about non-motorized transportation users, and who is at fault. Language shapes our perceptions of reality and the media influences the public's understanding of a bicycle accident with selective language or "taken-for-granted" vocabulary. The research objective was to examine the vocabulary used to describe the reporting of bicycle fatalities between the bicyclist and other parties involved in the crash. Ms. Bond shared some linguistic strategies for reporting bicyclist deaths to take the emphasis off who's at fault and place it focusing more on social action and policy reform, and active versus passive constructions to clarify agency and responsibility. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

9. SPOTLIGHT EMPHASIS AREAS UPDATE

Mr. Chatman provided a brief update on SPOTlight areas. With regards to the Gateway Area Master Plan, last month's discussion was focused on climate resiliency and options to mitigate these hazards. The study should be wrapped up by the summer. With regards to enhancing beach community access, later in February there will be a joint work session with Indian Rocks Beach and Pinellas County Public Works to review safety treatment options for Gulf Boulevard.

10. BPAC BUSINESS

A. Tri-County BPAC

Ms. Susan Miler, Forward Pinellas staff, stated that the Tri-County BPAC meeting was held on January 23, 2019 in Hillsborough County. It was well attended and she thanked those members of BPAC who did attend. Hillsborough County gave a presentation regarding the Multimodal Level of Service, the West Tampa Multimodal Plan and an overview of the All for Transportation initiative. Pasco County provided an update on their trail projects and on February 6th, there will be a ground breaking for the Coastal Anclote Trail, at Anclote Gulf Park in Holiday, Florida. Forward Pinellas provided updated information for all the trail projects since November and information regarding the applications for the Complete Streets program. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2019 in which Pinellas County is hosting. Bike Your City is coming up on March 8th, in Largo.

B. Forward Pinellas Work Session January 18, 2019

Mr. Chatman provided a brief update on the Joint Transportation and Funding Workshop in partnership with Pinellas County and PSTA on January 18, 2019. The event was well attended by elected officials and key staff members who represented most municipalities in Pinellas County. The intent of the work session was to help define available revenue sources for the 2045 LRTP, branded as Advantage Pinellas. Presentations from Forward Pinellas, PSTA and Public Works aided in framing the funding challenges in Pinellas County as well as small group discussions and a stakeholder panel discussion. Attendees also participated in an interactive poll centered on funding sources they would find most appropriate to fill the gap when it comes to funding transportation challenges. Presentations were also given by CUTR and Standtech which outlined a series of recommendations to improve regional coordination and decision-making amongst the MPO's.

C. Florida Bicycle Association (FBA)

Vice-Chair Becky Afonso updated the committee on activities of the FBA. A special trails issue of The Messenger was distributed. The center spread shows the priority trail map system for SUNTrail. Annual awards nominations are being accepted until January 31st, with presentations given on March 1st, which is the beginning of Florida Bicycle month and the proclamation is at the Governor's office. Draft language for the proclamation was included with membership information for members who wish to approach their City Council to adopt a similar proclamation. Deadline for the next messenger is February 15th.

D. Pinellas Trails Inc.

Dr. Jan Hirshfield, Pinellas Trails, Inc., shared an update with the committee. The winter meeting was held on December 3 at the Largo Library. The board approved funds to purchase two or three cart batteries to replace those that are going bad on the carts used to patrol the trails and the parks. The annual Auxiliary Ranger Appreciation picnic and spring meeting will be held at Taylor Park in Largo on March 9, 2019 at 11:00 am.

11. AGENCY REPORTS

- **Pinellas Trail Loop/Duke Energy Trail (North & South Gaps)**

Ms. Joan Rice, Pinellas County Traffic Engineering, updated the committee announcing that the Orange Street overpass construction will be completed by the end of February. As for the North Loop, Public Works has received the 60% plans and after review, the contract is going for bids and they anticipate a June begin construction date. For the South Loop, different routes are still being considered due to public comments. Construction of the next segment between Haynes/Bayshore and 126th will hopefully be complete by 2025/2026.

- **Clearwater Bicycle Pedestrian Program**

Mr. Ric Hartman, City of Clearwater, was unable to attend the meeting; however Ms. Miller shared that the utility poles along the Druid Trail were moved and the trail is being used and nearly completed.

- **Largo Bicycle Pedestrian Program**

Ms. Katrina Lunan-Gordon, City of Largo, introduced Diane Friel, who will be the representative for the City of Largo at the BPAC meetings. The Highland and Rosery signal has received praise from pedestrians and bicyclist.

- **St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Program**

Mr. Lucas Cruse, St. Petersburg Transportation, provided a brief update on the Complete Streets Implementation Plan which will be going through committees in the next couple of weeks for adoption, and the MLK traffic speeds are down and the roadway is carrying more cars now than this time last year. The signal at 22nd Street is seeing some backups but not serious. Pedestrian crosswalks are being constructed, and should be complete in the next month or so. PSTA is leading the design of the Central Avenue BRT with detail design and station locations. Public outreach is being conducted regarding street and roadway configuration and how to keep the bike network in tact through the Central Avenue district. A new project, 34th Avenue Street Town Center Planning effort, will hold a public meeting Wednesday January 30th. This planning effort runs from 3rd Avenue S to 22nd Avenue N, each side of U.S. 19 / 34th Street, looking at both street scape and transportation improvements as well as land use and identifying what uses are needed and how can they complement each other.

- **FDOT District 7 Updates**

Alex Hendry, FDOT Bike/Ped Coordinator, shared an update on FDOT projects. The U.S. 19 Harn Overpass was advanced a year to 2020/2021; however the Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass was pushed back into 2024 as a result of funding adjustments from the state.

- **Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF)**

Ms. Miller shared that the agenda for the Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting held on January 8, 2019 is included in the BPAC agenda. The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2019.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Membership**

There were no comments regarding this item.

B. **Correspondence, Publications, Articles of Interest**

There were no comments regarding this item.

C. **Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics**

There were no suggestions offered at this time.

E. **Other**

There were no other comments offered at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am. The next BPAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019.

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – February 25, 2019

4. Forward Pinellas Executive Summary – February 13, 2019



SUMMARY

The February 13, 2019 Executive Summary will be provided for your information. A staff member will review actions taken by the Forward Pinellas Board at that meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S): Executive Summary for February 13, 2019

ACTION: None Required, Informational Item Only

February 13, 2019

Please note that this summary has not been approved as the official minutes of the board.

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

Much of the meeting's discussion focused on the Alternate US 19 Corridor Study report from FDOT and the project consultants

- The corridor study was divided into a south and a north section: the south study limits are from Park Street North to Belleair Road, and the north study limits are from Belleair Road to the Pinellas/Pasco County line, - around 29 miles of roadway
- The purpose of the study is twofold:
 - Address short-term multimodal and safety needs
 - Develop a long-term corridor vision
- The project included extensive public outreach, which resulted in 6 1,000 comments over two years
 - Bicycle/pedestrian safety and amenities were top concerns for every community
- The consultant discussed several areas where the study recommended major changes to the roadway
 - Park Street North to 95th Street - widening roadway and bridge from four to six lanes
 - Rosery Road to Court Street - reducing from six lanes to four lanes and adding buffered bike lanes
 - Chestnut Street to Marshall Street - going from four lanes down to two lanes and adding buffered bike lanes
 - Roundabouts at Jasper and Wyatt
 - Edgewater Drive from Sunset Point Road to Main Street - narrowing northbound lane to match southbound and expanding waterside sidewalk to a multi-use path (10 ft+)
 - Widening Anclote River bridge to include bicycle lanes and sidewalks in both directions
- Two sections of the corridor were examined as congestion-heavy points with outside-the-box solutions:
 - Downtown Dunedin and Curlew Road/Causeway Boulevard
 - Downtown Dunedin - Marina & Main Street
 - Alternative 1: "Dog-bone" double roundabout with a roundabout at each intersection, with a signalized pedestrian crossing
 - Alternative 2: Re-align Marina Plaza to increase efficiency and put in a traffic signal
 - No-build alternative provides poor levels of service by 2040
 - Curlew Road/Causeway Boulevard - high demand and congestion due to entrance to Honeymoon Island
 - Add lanes alternative - a single lane approaching the intersection, expands through the intersection, narrows to one after
 - Would improve flow but have a longer distance for pedestrians to cross
 - Displaced left alternative - puts left turn on the opposite side of the road so that left turns can be made along with through traffic to increase efficiency of intersection operations and reduce safety conflicts
 - Continuous flow alternative - all approaches have a displaced left option
 - Median U-turn alternative - Also known as a Michigan U-Turn, traffic goes past the intersection, makes a U-turn, and then makes a right turn instead of a left

- No-build would provide failing levels of service at this intersection, as well
- The board members' subsequent discussion focused mainly on the Downtown Dunedin and Curlew alternatives
 - Having seen a video of the alternatives in other communities, board members questioned whether the roundabouts and other innovative alternatives would work on heavily used, smaller roads and in areas with tourist traffic and elderly drivers
 - They emphasized the need for education of motorists and wayfinding signage
 - Much of the concern seemed to result from negative perceptions of the roundabout on Clearwater Beach
 - Commissioner Dave Eggers suggested that a roundabout pilot project be done in Pinellas County to see the benefits and issues
 - Dunedin Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski asked that a pedestrian overpass be considered at the Curlew intersection, as well as suggesting that improvements could be made at the Honeymoon Island entrance avoid backing traffic up to the road
- Next steps for the study include finalizing concepts and identifying costs, and working together as Forward Pinellas and FDOT to prioritize improvements and identify funding
 - Preliminary Engineering is currently scheduled for 2023

Board members approved a legislative policy statement drafted by the legislative committee of the board

- The policy positions included:
 - Support Urban Agriculture
 - Protect Trust Funds
 - Support Transportation Funding
 - Stop Distracted Driving
 - Maintain MPO Authority for Apportionment and Structure
 - Encourage Transportation Mobility
 - Support Home Rule
- Members specifically discussed the need for changes to HB 453 and SB 542, which would regulate the use of e-scooters, to allow for more local flexibility in regulation in order to be worthy of becoming law
 - The current legislation would make scooter regulations the same statewide and would allow them to operate wherever bicycles are allowed
 - Under the "Encourage Transportation Mobility" position, the board approved the addition of limiting local liability as an important reason that local regulation of e-scooters was needed

Staff presented safety performance measures and targets for 2019 for approval

- Performance measures were aspirational and based on trend data to ensure achievability
 - Number of fatalities : 10.8% decrease
 - Number of serious injuries: 17.7% decrease
 - Rate of fatalities: 10.7% decrease
 - Rate of serious injuries: 19.8% decrease
 - Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries: 1.7% decrease
- The Technical Coordinating Committee requested that, in future, safety targets be set specifically for motorcycle fatalities as well

- Board members approved the targets unanimously and emphasized the need for education and innovative thinking to get the public involved in safety efforts

A consultant from FDOT's regional household travel survey program gave a presentation to the board about the survey and its purpose

- The surveys collect information on household demographics, origin and destination, travel mode and trip purpose, and trip replacement
 - Tracks where people are coming from, where they are going, and why
 - The information helps update transportation models and supports planning by providing the data to the planning agencies
- The survey is being marketed via mail, email, and social media
 - A goal of 3,000-6,000 household response - so far, about 280 households have completed the survey
- Respondents can take the first part of the survey by visiting <http://tampabaysurveys.com> and also by downloading an app from that website to help track travel

The Forward Pinellas Executive Director spoke about the follow-up activities from January's transportation funding workshop

- Staff from the county, PSTA and Forward Pinellas will be having their own staff-level workshop to look at a wide range of funding options
- Forward Pinellas and PSTA are working together to look at transit strategies that prioritize access to jobs, education and workforce development
- The Board of County Commissioners is looking at holding a funding workshop later in the spring

The board approved three land use amendments to the Countywide Plan:

- A subthreshold amendment to a parcel within the St. Petersburg Country Club / Lakewood Estates neighborhood from Recreation/Open Space to Residential Low Medium to provide additional single family housing
- A regular amendment for a parcel on Roosevelt Boulevard in Largo from Residential Low Medium and Retail and Services to Retail and Services to provide more vehicle storage for CarMax
- A regular amendment for a part of the Cove Cay Marina property from Resort, Recreation/Open Space and No Designation to Resort in order to bring existing uses into conformity with the local land use plan (an alternative compromise limiting the amendment to the upper areas of the marina property)

Other Items

- County Commissioner Janet Long gave the TBARTA and PSTA activities reports, noting that PSTA had projected deficits in the upcoming fiscal year
- Forward Pinellas staff presented an update on the Complete Streets and Planning & Placemaking grant programs, which have each received four applications; subcommittee meetings are scheduled to develop recommendations that will come before the board for approval in March

- Forward Pinellas staff presented an update on the Advantage Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan, which is in the needs plan development phase - deciding what is appropriate for a specific corridor and what can be accommodated
- Former Forward Pinellas board members Doreen Caudell and Charlie Justice were recognized for their service
- Forward Pinellas staff members Brett Burks and Sarah Caper were recognized for three and five year service anniversaries

Upcoming Dates

- [Feb 21 & 23 - Lake Belleview Walk Audit](#)
- [March 8 – Bike Your City – Largo](#)

Action Sheet

February 13, 2019

At its February meeting, the Forward Pinellas Board took the following official actions:

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 11-0)
Approved to include the following:
 1. Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2019 Meeting
 2. Approval of Committee Appointments
 3. Acceptance of Quarter One Financial Report
 4. Approval of Minutes of the January 18, 2019 Joint Transportation Funding and Coordination Workshop
- **Subthreshold Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**
One case was recommended for approval:
 1. CW 19-02 – City of St. Petersburg (vote:11-0)
- **Regular Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**
One case was recommended for approval:
 1. CW 19-03 – City of Largo (vote: 11-0)
 One case was recommended for an alternative compromise amendment:
 2. CW 19-04 – City of Largo (vote: 11-0)
- **Safety Performance Measures and Targets**
Following a staff presentation, the board approved the performance targets for safety (vote: 11-0)

- **Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update**

Following an overview by the Executive Director, the board approved the legislative policy positions as recommended by the Legislative Committee with a minor adjustment to the language to account for the possibility of liability issues concerning scooters under the “Encourage Transportation Mobility” policy position. The board also authorized distribution of the policy positions to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation. (vote: 11-0)

5. Bike Your City 2019

SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas will celebrate Florida Bike Month with our third annual Bike Your City event. This year, the event will be held in the City of Largo on Friday, March 8th, which is also Bike to Work Day. Plans for this year's event will include a few minutes for registration, along with a "meet & greet", and time to enjoy light refreshments before the ride. An 8 mile bike ride will be led by the Forward Pinellas Executive Director and traffic control will be provided by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

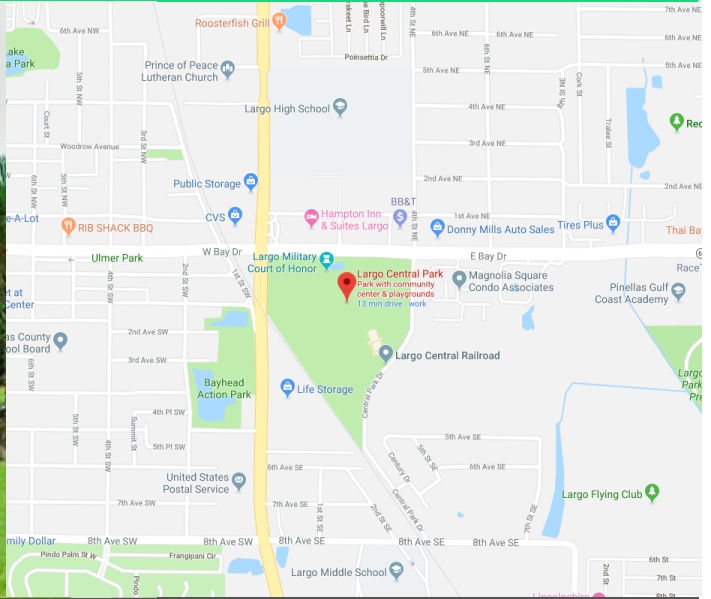
Everyone will meet at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive beginning at 7:30 am. We will have access to restrooms at this location, and displays with free promotional items and safety information. The bike ride through lovely Largo will begin at 8 am after opening remarks from local elected officials.

ATTACHMENTS: Invitation to Bike Your City 2019

ACTION: None Required, Information Item Only

JOIN US
FRIDAY, MARCH 8th
MEET & GREET @ 7:30AM
RIDE BEGINS @ 8:00AM

BIKE YOUR CITY 2019



Join us for a leisurely group bicycle ride through beautiful Largo in recognition and celebration of Florida Bicycle Month - March 2019

START/END - 9 mile route

Largo Central Park
101 Central Park Drive
Largo, FL 33771

FREE

Bicycle Lights*
Event T-shirts (While supplies last)
Safety Information
Food and Beverages
Bike Check-up

For more information please contact *Forward Pinellas* at (727) 464-8250

*(Limited supplies, must be a rider)

Please RSVP at the following the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-your-city-largo-tickets-56359669288>



6. Advantage Pinellas: Active Transportation Update

SUMMARY

The Advantage Pinellas Active Transportation Plan is being developed in conjunction with the Forward Pinellas Advantage Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan. HDR, Inc. has begun gathering information from a variety of sources, including socioeconomic data, key destinations, existing and planned facilities and preliminary information on the level of traffic stress experienced by bicyclists in Pinellas County.

We are excited to begin the public involvement phase by unveiling an online mapping tool to gather citizen bike/ped travel comments, common destinations, places of interest, etc. for the Active Transportation Plan. The BPAC will receive a demonstration of the new online tool, as we begin to engage the public with this opportunity for direct input in the progress. The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) will also be involved to provide direct input and coordination from our municipal partners.

Please be prepared for a learning session for this new online mapping tool to ensure your comments and suggestions are included in the Active Transportation Plan. The mapping tool will be available to the public after this soft launch to the Forward Pinellas advisory committees.

ATTACHMENTS: Project Schedule

ACTION: BPAC Training for Online Mapping Tool



Advantage PINELLAS

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Task	Description	2018		2019												
		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1	Existing Conditions Inventory & Analysis															
	Introduction / Context															
	Plans & Data Review															
	Equity Analysis															
	Vision, Goals, Objectives & Strategies															
	Policy & Code Best Practices															
	Evaluation Criteria															
2	Stakeholder Outreach															
	Kickoff Meeting	●														
	Half-Day Workshops w/ Local Governments (3)					●●●										
	Advisory Committee Presentations (4)															
3	Bike/Ped Safety Analysis															
	Crash Analysis Summary															
	Crash Countermeasures															
4	Proposed Bike/Ped Networks															
	Bicycle Facility Types & Related Standards															
	Gap & Demand Analysis															
	Proposed Bike/Ped Network Improvements															
	Project Prioritization															
	Project Concept Summaries															
5	Final Bike/Ped Plan Update Report															
6	Project Management															
	Project Management, Invoicing, & Accounting															
	QA/QC Reviews															
	Progress Meetings			●	●		●		●		●		●			

- Meeting
- Workshop

7. Pinellas County Trail MOT Policy

SUMMARY

At its October 15, 2018 meeting, the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) voted unanimously to request a letter be sent from Forward Pinellas to Pinellas County Public Works Transportation requesting standards be developed to provide bicyclists and trail users' adequate accommodations for safe passage around or through all roadway and other types of infrastructure construction projects.

The Florida Plans Preparations Manual (PPM) provides design criteria and procedures for all FDOT roadway and infrastructure projects. As a standard practice during construction projects, motorized roadway traffic is routed around or through the project area to maintain connectivity and traffic flow. However, the state criteria does not currently provide any direction for Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for bike lanes, side-paths or trails and the County has occasionally provided MOT plans for some of these types of closures. To ensure consistency on all projects, the County's Public Works Department is in the process of developing a policy that will require the identification and maintenance of traffic for all transportation facility closures affecting all modes of travel.

Public Works has drafted a policy to provide maintenance of traffic plans for multi-modal project closures. In addition, Public Works has committed to working with all of the municipalities to ensure consistency across Pinellas County.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter to Rahim Harji, ACA from Whit Blanton, FP ED, November 14, 2018
Letter to Whit Blanton from Rahim Harji, ACA, December 4, 2018
Draft Public Works Maintenance of Traffic for Pinellas Trail Loop and Network

ACTION: Review & Comment to Draft MOT Policy

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November 19, 2018

Rahim Harji, P.E. CFM, ENV-SP
Assistant County Administrator
County Administration
315 Court Street, Suite 601
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RE: Maintenance of Traffic Standards for Bicyclists and Other Trail Users

Dear ^{Rahim} Mr. Harji:

Forward Pinellas continues to work collaboratively with Pinellas County to develop solutions to our most pressing transportation challenges. We share many common goals and have worked together in the past to expand transportation options and increase accessibility to many of our employment centers, neighborhoods, educational institutions, and tourist destinations. Both of our organizations also share a strong, purposeful commitment to accessibility for everyone, including those who walk or bicycle, and believe that the safety of these vulnerable road users is of the utmost importance.

It is in this context that the Forward Pinellas Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) engaged in a discussion at their October 15, 2018 meeting about the need for improved Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) standards when a bicycle lane or trail is closed. It was noted that as a standard practice during construction projects, automobile traffic is routed around or through the project area to maintain connectivity and traffic flow and that the same should apply to road cyclists and trail users. This discussion led to a recommendation from the BPAC requesting that Forward Pinellas send a letter to Pinellas County Public Works Transportation requesting the development of maintenance of traffic standards that include clearly marked, safe alternative routes for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other trail users during bicycle lane and trail closures.

As part of our established advisory committee process, the Forward Pinellas Board considered the BPAC's recommendation at their November 14, 2018 meeting. After a brief discussion of the issue, the board approved a motion requesting Pinellas County Public Works Transportation develop maintenance of traffic standards to provide bicyclists and other trail users adequate accommodations for safe passage around or through roadway and/or infrastructure construction projects.

Again, thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued commitment to providing safe transportation options for the visitors and residents of Pinellas County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Whit Blanton', is written over the word 'Respectfully,'.

Whit Blanton, FAICP
Executive Director

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County Administrator

December 4, 2018

Whit Blanton, FAICP
Executive Director
Forward Pinellas
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Dear Whit:

Pinellas County is dedicated to providing, maintaining and operating a safe and efficient multi-modal transportation network. The County has always followed the Florida Department of Transportation Standard Plans for Road Construction in the design and construction of projects, including maintenance of traffic (MOT) plans for the various modes of travel. As you are aware this state criteria does not currently provide for a methodology for maintenance of traffic for bikes lanes, side-paths or trails and the County has occasionally provided MOT plans for some of these types of closures. To ensure consistency on all projects, the County's Public Works Department is in the process of developing a policy that will require the identification and maintenance of traffic for all transportation facility closures affecting all modes of travel.

Pinellas County will work with our municipal partners and Forward Pinellas as we develop a legal and acceptable MOT Policy for all modes of transportation. This policy could also be adopted by other municipalities to ensure consistency across the County.

Thank you and your team for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rahim", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Rahim Harji, P.E. CFM, ENV-SP
Assistant County Administrator

cc: Addie Javed, P.E., Public Works Director

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Public Works Department – Administrative Policy and Procedure

	Public Works Maintenance of Traffic for Pinellas Trail Loop and Network	
	Number	PWADM-12.16
	New/Revised Date	12/01/2018
	Effective Date	12/01/2018
Approved by: Adnan Javed, P.E. Public Works Director		

POLICY:

The Public Works Department is committed to assuring that all county-owned assets, including the Pinellas Trail Main Loop, have a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for times of closure, limited availability, and/or rerouting all modes of transportation that is managed in a way that aligns with the County’s Strategic Plan, specifically to “Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers”.

To ensure uniformity on all projects, the County’s Public Works Department will require the identification and maintenance of traffic for all transportation facility closures affecting all modes of travel.

Pinellas County will work with municipal partners and Forward Pinellas to maintain a legal and acceptable MOT Policy for all modes of transportation which may be adopted by other municipalities; to ensure consistency across the County.

PRACTICE:

Implementation

Each division within Public Works, is expected to abide-by and follow approved policies and the additional guidelines provided herein and is responsible for reading the policies and guidelines and asking for more information and clarification, if needed, in order to appropriately implement the policies and guidelines in their position and/or job responsibilities as it relates to material requisitioning and inventory management control. The Division Directors support the staff in the implementation of these policies and guidelines, and provide supervisory oversight as needed.

PROCEDURE:

Implementation

The Transportation Division will provide alternative routes for all modes of travel during times of construction, reconstruction, or temporary closure of any trail facility in alignment with standard Maintenance of Traffic plans to include:

- Publically publicized and posted alternative routes.
- Adequate signs and markings of alternative routes.
- Use of similar facilities will be used as the alternative routes, whenever possible.
- If a detour is required, adequate directional signage will be used to identify the safest route to bypass the conflict area, on other types of facilities (i.e. sidewalks, paths, or others.).
- Adequate protections, devices, flaggers, etc., will be used when construction activity is adjacent to a Trail facility.
- Consideration will be given to impacted road crossings required for the rerouting. This may include additional signage, signals, flashers, etc.
- Connectivity to other modes of travel will be maintained or alternative alignments identified (i.e. access to transit, sidewalks, destinations, etc.)

8. Pinellas Trail Automatic Counter Summary for 2018

SUMMARY

The first section of the Pinellas Trail opened in 1990 to connect the cities of Largo and Seminole. Today, the Pinellas Trail extends from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg, and passes through a total of eight cities as well as several unincorporated communities.

When the Trail first opened, manual user counts were conducted by staff of the Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) Department using the methodology developed by the National Park Service, (NPS). Users were counted at several intervals throughout the day and inserted into a formula to adjust for peak hour, number of daylight hours and regional monthly adjustments.

Through funding made available from the Centers of Disease Control in 2016, electromagnetic and infrared sensors have been installed along the Trail to more accurately and consistently count users, differentiate between pedestrians and bicyclists, and log the day, time and direction of travel.

The automated trail counters not only support a shift towards a performance-based, outcome-driven planning process, but provides accurate quantitative user data to taxpayers, elected officials, and other stakeholders as evidence on the economic benefits of the investment of tax dollars on trail facilities to improve health, safety, and accessibility goals. Trail user counts will also assist in obtaining transportation grants, plan future maintenance and identify where additional trails could be planned and built.

Data is collected on a monthly basis at all eight Pinellas Trail Count Stations. Monthly Summary Reports include total user counts, the daily average, highest daily total, totals per count station, average weekday and weekend distribution, and total distribution by mode (pedestrians/bicyclists). The Automatic Trail Counters Pinellas Trail 2018 Year Summary of the counter data will be presented to the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS: 2018 Year Report Summary

ACTION: None Required, Information Item Only

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection
2018 Year Report

Total Usage

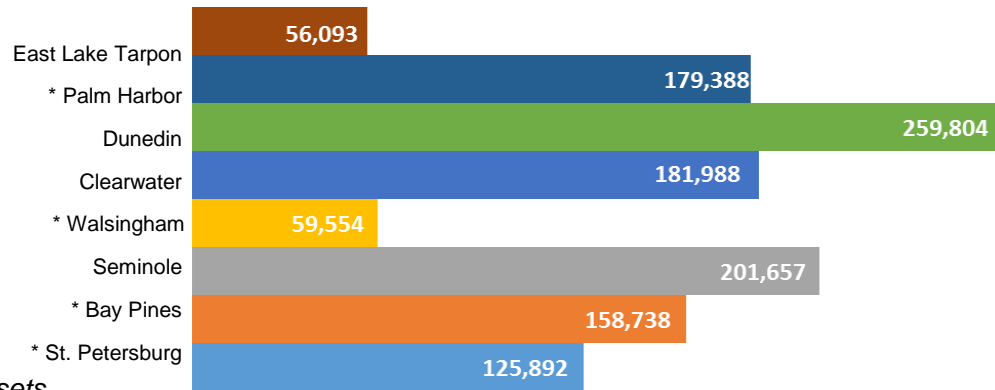
2018 Count Total: 1,223,114 *
Daily Average Users: 3,351 *

Highest Daily Totals:

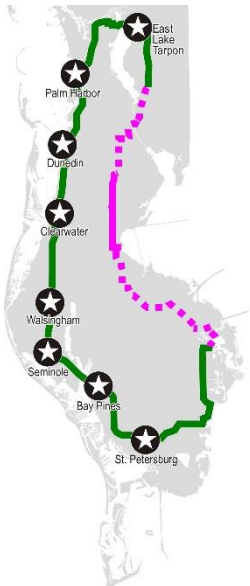
- #1 – Saturday, March 17th (Dunedin - 2,441)
- #2 – Sunday, February 11th (Palm Harbor - 1,727)
- #3 – Saturday, March 24th (Bay Pines - 1,268)

*Note: Palm Harbor, Walsingham, Bay Pines & St. Petersburg datasets are incomplete due to various technical issues. **

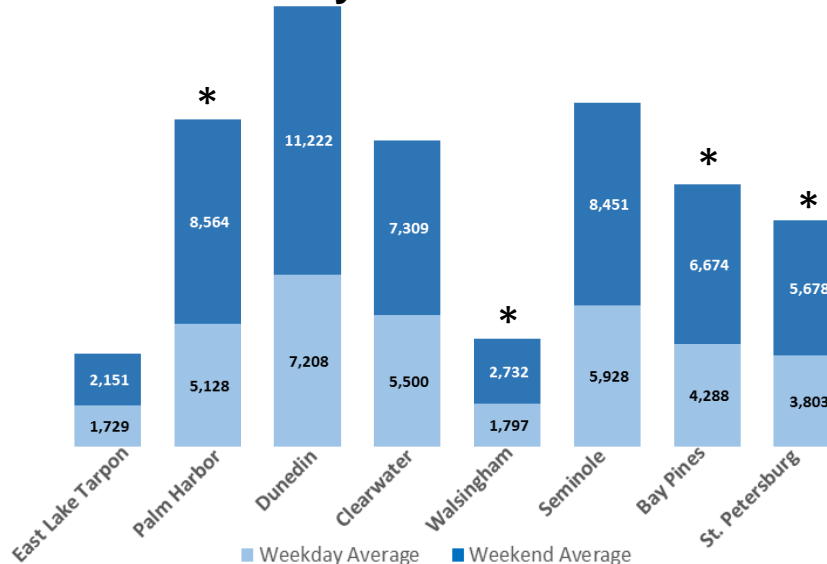
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Average Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	3%	97%
Palm Harbor: *	16%	84%
Dunedin:	19%	81%
Clearwater:	36%	64%
Walsingham: *	19%	81%
Seminole:	36%	64%
Bay Pines: *	27%	73%
St. Petersburg: *	38%	62%

9. SPOTLight Emphasis Areas Update

SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas staff will provide a brief update on the status of activities related to the three SPOTlight emphasis areas.

- Vision for U.S. Highway 19 Corridor
- Gateway Area Master Plan
- Enhancing Beach Access

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None Required; Informational Item Only

A. Florida Bicycle Association (FBA)

The Florida Bicycle Association (FBA) was created in 1997 as an advocacy organization focused on protecting and improving the bicycling environment and policies in Florida. The FBA actively supports legislative efforts in Tallahassee that improve policies for cyclists, and partners with FDOT and many other agencies with safety education for all roadway users. For more information, see the website, floridabicycle.org. Vice Chair Becky Afonso, who is also the FBA Executive Director, will provide an update regarding FBA for the BPAC.

B. Pinellas Trails, Inc.

A representative from Pinellas Trails, Inc. may take this opportunity to provide updated information for the BPAC.

11. Agency Reports

The BPAC is tasked with reviewing and advising Forward Pinellas on bicycle and pedestrian-related system development, and related issues and priorities. The Committee also may assist communities with development of bikeway and pedestrian facilities, recommend safer bicycling and walking provisions, and promote a safer roadway environment.

Updated information on the following programs or projects of interest to the BPAC will be provided at the meeting.

- Pinellas Trail Loop/Duke Energy Trail (North & South Gaps)
- Clearwater Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Largo Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- FDOT District 7
- Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF)

The PTSTF is a collaborative of law enforcement agencies responsible for patrolling sections of the Pinellas Trail. The PTSTF meets quarterly to coordinate effective strategies to improve the safety and security of Trail users.

The next meeting of the PTSTF is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None Required, Informational Item Only

12. A.-D. Other Business

A. Membership

There are currently no vacancies on the BPAC membership list.

ATTACHMENT: BPAC Membership List

ACTION: None Required, Informational Item Only

B. Correspondence, Publications, Articles of Interest

Linking Lealman Safety Changes – February 11, 2019

Pinellas Trail Usage Report – January 2019

Pinellas County Fatalities Report – January 2019

C. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics

This item is provided to allow Committee members to suggest topics for future BPAC agendas.

D. Other

If any member has other business to discuss, they may address it under this item.

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST**Voting****St. Petersburg Area (St. Pete/Gulfport/So Pasadena/Tierra Verde)**

1. Mike Milvain (06/13/18)
2. Kimberly Cooper (10/13/99) (reappointed 5/9/18)
3. Charles Johnson (06/14/17)

Clearwater Area

4. Chip Haynes (04/13/11)
5. Robert Yunk (02/09/05)
6. Win Dermody (03/12/14)

Dunedin Area

7. Charles Martin (04/08/09)

Pinellas Park and Mid-County

8. Ronald Rasmussen (12/13/06)
9. Byron Virgil Hall, Jr., (12/13/06)

Largo Area

10. Daniel Alejandro (10/12/16)
11. Georgia Wildrick (08/16/06)

North County Area (Tarpon Springs/Palm Harbor/Ozona/Oldsmar/Safety Harbor)

12. David Feller (07/11/18)
13. Becky Afonso (Vice Chair) (10/08/14)

At Large Area

14. Paul Kurtz (12/11/13)
15. Mike Siebel (03/14/12)
16. Brian Smith (Chairman) (12/12/12)
17. Lynn Bosco (11/14/12)
18. Steve Lasky (11/14/12)
19. Ed Hawkes (11/18/98)
20. Annette Sala (03/12/14)

Seminole Area

21. Jim Wedlake (05/12/10)

Beach Communities

22. Bert Valery (10/1983-10/1998) (reappointed 07/10/02)
23. Alan Johnson (05/09/18)

Technical Support

1. County Traffic Department (Joan Rice – representative; Gina Harvey and Casey Morse – alternates)
2. Pinellas County Planning Department (Caroline Lanford – representative)
3. PSTA (Jacob Labutka – representative; Heather Sobush and Kristina Tranel – alternates)
4. City of Clearwater (Ric Hartman - representative)
5. City of St. Petersburg (Lucas Cruse – representative; Cheryl Stacks - alternate)
6. City of Largo (Katrina Lunan-Gordon – representative; Richard Perez - alternate)
7. City of Oldsmar (Felicia Donnelly – representative)
8. City of Pinellas Park (Vacant – representative)
9. Pinellas County School System (Stephanie Carrier - representative)
10. Pinellas County Health Department (vacant – representative; vacant - alternate)
11. Pinellas Trails, Inc. (Scott Daniels – representative)
12. CUTR (Julie Bond - representative)
13. Safe Routes to School (Tiffany Sabiel – representative)

Sheriff's Office /Police/Law Enforcement Representatives

1. Pinellas Park Police Dept.
2. St Petersburg Police Dept.
3. Largo Police Dept.
4. Sheriff's Office – Deputy Eric Gibson
5. Clearwater Police Dept.

Non-Voting Technical Support

14. FDOT (Alex Henry - representative)
15. County Parks and Conservation Resources (Lyle Fowler – representative; Spencer Curtis – alternate)

*Dates signify appointment

ANOTHER DEADLY CRASH RENEWS PUSH FOR SAFETY CHANGES IN LEALMAN COMMUNITY

February 11, 2019
by Sarah Hollenbeck

PINELLAS COUNTY, Fla. — — Pinellas County leaders are on a mission to increase safety in the Lealman community. In Lealman, a large number of people do not own cars and rely on walking, biking or taking the bus to get to their destinations, and yet, there are huge gaps in sidewalks.



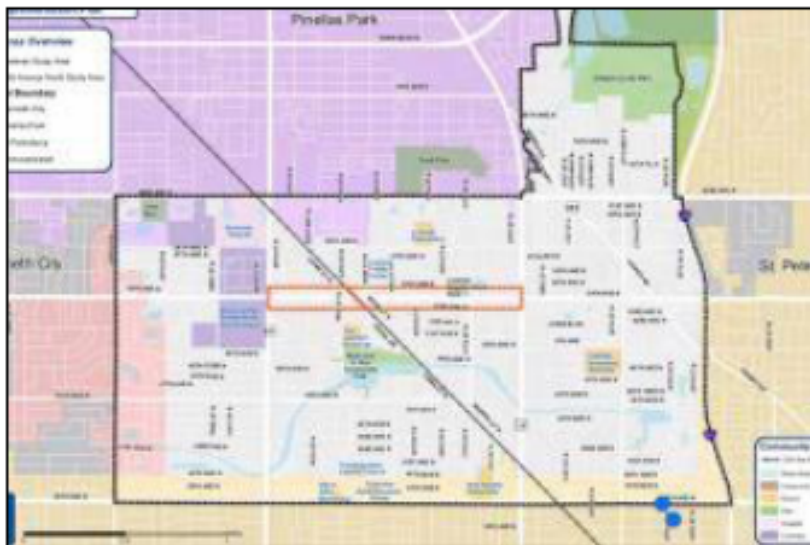
Pinellas County leaders found two-thirds of the area doesn't have sidewalks at all. Pinellas County also found large gaps in lighting, which they believe may contribute to car crashes.

County leaders are putting an emphasis on safety changes along Haines Road, 62nd Ave N, 28th St N and 46th Ave N. The county says the Lealman area sees an "abnormally high crash rate" with 3,436 crashes over the past 5 years, including 19 fatalities.

On Saturday (Feb 9), a 28-year old woman was hit and killed while riding her bicycle at 49th Street N and 54th Avenue. FHP says she tried to cross the intersection with a red light.

Also on Saturday, two people were injured on a motorcycle when a car slammed into them on Haines Road. The motorcycle riders, 63-year-old David Rankin and 60-year-old Allegro Rankin, have several broken bones but are expected to be okay. St. Pete Police say the man who hit them stopped at a stop sign but failed to yield after stopping and hit the couple on the motorcycle.

Pinellas County just received a \$50,000 grant to jump-start improvements in the Lealman area. Many residents ABC Action News spoke with said they hope the improvements happen soon before more people are hit and injured or killed.



LINKING LEALMAN: www.pinellascounty.org/plan/linking_lealman.htm

www.abcactionnews.com/news/driving-tampa-bay-forward/another-deadly-crash-renews-push-for-safety-changes-in-lealman-community

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
January 1 – January 31, 2019 (31 days)

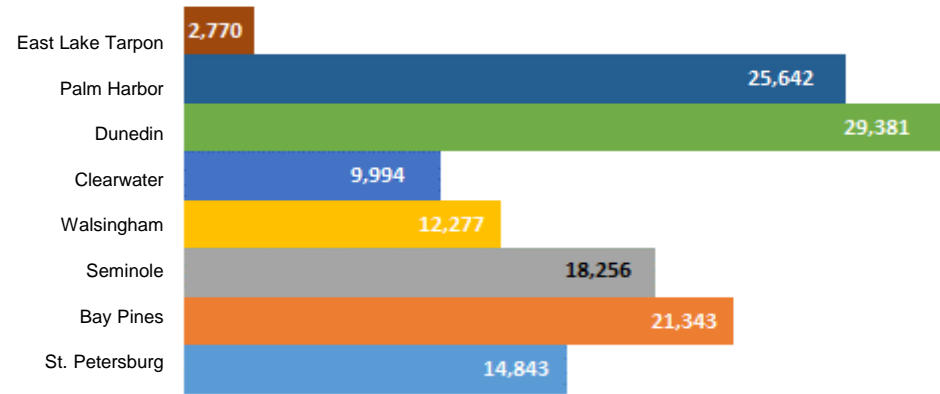
Total Usage

31-Day Count Total: 134,506
Daily Average Users: 4,339

Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Saturday, January 19th (Dunedin - 2,513)
- #2 – Saturday, January 12th (Palm Harbor - 1,648)
- #3 – Saturday, January 19th (Bay Pines - 1,219)

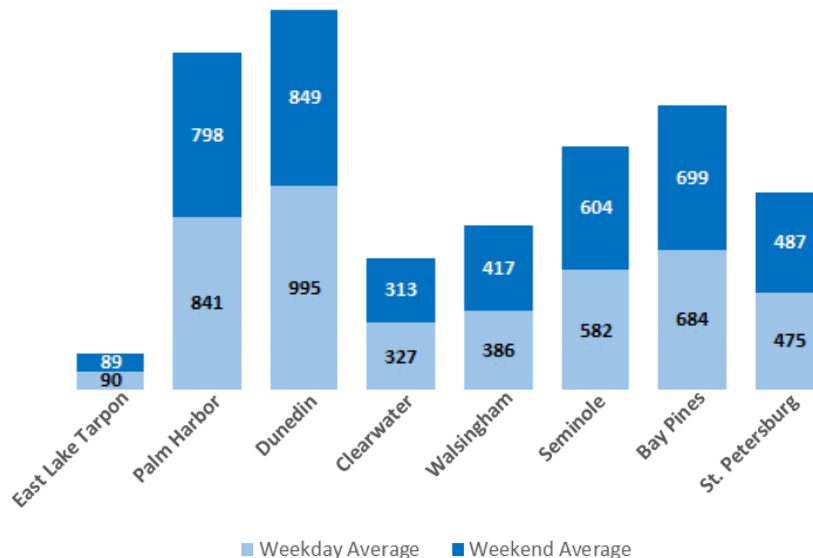
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



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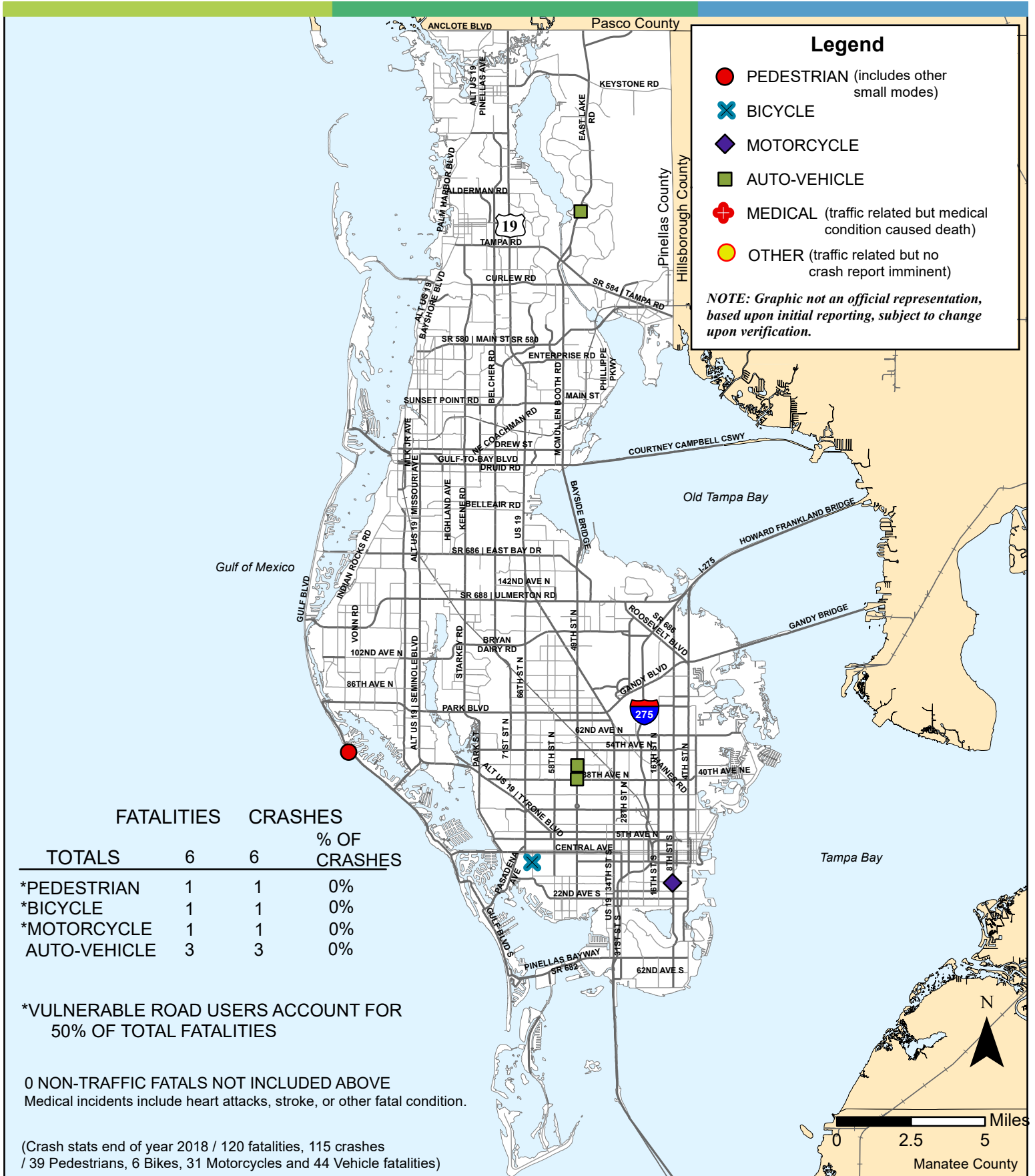


Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	4%	96%
Palm Harbor:	14%	86%
Dunedin:	26%	74%
Clearwater:	32%	68%
Walsingham:	17%	83%
Seminole:	37%	63%
Bay Pines:	42%	58%
St. Petersburg:	38%	62%

Source: Forward Pinellas January 2019
National Weather Service: [January 2019](#)

Locations of Reported Traffic Fatalities



Data Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, 2016. Map Produced: February 1, 2019.

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