

BPAC Members

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The in-person meeting will be held at 8:30 at **310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Clearwater**. Please note that Maria Kelly (mkelly@forwardpinellas.org) will need confirmation from those of you who will be attending in person, so that a quorum can be confirmed. If you confirm and cannot make it, please reach out to her so that a back-up can be found. Without a quorum, we cannot vote in the Zoom attendees.

If you will be attending by Zoom, here is the Zoom meeting information:

Topic: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting 8:30 – 10:30 am
Time: February 28, 2022 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING AGENDA**

FEBRUARY 28, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conference Room
Clearwater, FL 33756

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

FACE MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED

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 MEETING SUMMARY** (8:40 – 8:45)
4. **FORWARD PINELLAS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – February 9, 2022** (8:45 – 8:50)
5. **ST. PETERSBURG MICROMOBILITY PROGRAM UPDATE** (8:50 – 9:10)
6. **CRASH ANALYSIS DATA** (9:10 – 9:25)
7. **MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY INDEX KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SERIES UPDATE**
(9:25 – 9:45)
8. **SPOTlight EMPHASIS AREAS UPDATE** (9:45 – 9:50)
 - A Vision for U.S. Highway 19 Corridor
 - TEILS Study
 - Enhancing Beach Community Access
9. **BPAC BUSINESS** (9:50 – 10:05)
 - A. Tri-County BPAC Meeting - March 10th in Oldsmar
 - B. Bike Your City Group Ride - March 18th in Gulfport
 - C. Florida Bicycle Association (FBA)
 - D. Friends of the Pinellas Trail
10. **AGENCY REPORTS** (10:05 – 10:20)
11. **OTHER BUSINESS** (10:20 – 10:30)
 - A. Membership
 - B. Correspondence, Publications, Articles of Interest
 - C. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics
 - D. Other
12. **ADJOURNMENT** (10:30)

NEXT BPAC MEETING – MARCH 21, 2022

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SUMMARY

The meeting summary for the January 24, 2022 meeting is attached for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): BPAC Meeting Summary – January 24, 2022

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Summary

**FORWARD PINELLAS
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
JANUARY 24, 2022**

The following is a summary of the Forward Pinellas Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) held on January 24, 2022 at 310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Clearwater, FL.

BPAC Members Present

Brian Smith, Chairman	At Large Citizen Representative
Becky Afonso, Vice Chair	North County Citizen Representative, Oldsmar
Daniel Alejandro	Largo Citizen Representative
John Austin - Zoom	St. Petersburg Representative
Todd Bogner	At Large Citizen Representative
Kimberly Cooper	St. Petersburg Citizen Representative
Lucas Cruse	St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator
Scott Daniels	Friends of the Pinellas Trail
Alayna Delgado - Zoom	City of Oldsmar
Lyle Fowler - Zoom	PC Parks & Conservation Resources (PCR)
Charlie Guy	At Large Representative
Fernando Gutierrez	Clearwater Representative
Russ Hilton	Dunedin Representative
Alan Johnson – Zoom	South Beaches Citizen Representative
Paul Kurtz - Zoom	At Large Citizen Representative
Jacob Labutka - Zoom	PSTA
Gloria Lepik-Corrigan	Clearwater Representative
Derek Reeves	City of Pinellas Park
Joan Rice	Pinellas County Public Works Traffic
Annette Sala – Phone	At Large Citizen Representative
Bert Valery	North Beaches Citizen Representative
Jim Wedlake	Seminole Citizen Representative
Neil Wicks	Dunedin Representative
Paul Zagami	At Large Representative

BPAC Members Absent

Julie Bond	CUTR
Joseph Camera	Pinellas County Schools
Lisa Charest	St. Petersburg Citizen Representative
Diane Friel	City of Largo
Deputy Eric Gibson	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Lauren Matzke	City of Clearwater
Steve Moriarty	At Large Citizen Representative

Others Present

Emmeth Duran	FDOT
Peter Hsu – Zoom	FDOT
Ray Murtaugh	Guest
Rory Connors - Zoom	Guest
Bob Gallo - Zoom	Guest
George Hodgson - Zoom	Guest
Lizmg – Zoom	Tampa Bay Cycling

Marilyn Beck - Zoom
Whit Blanton
Alexis Boback – Zoom
Angela Ryan
Chelsea Favero
Maria Kelly

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brian Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and the attendees in the room introduced themselves. At this time, Chair Smith read a statement regarding allowing committee members present to make a motion to allow those members participating by Zoom (all names identified above) to participate and vote due to extenuating circumstances existing that make it impossible for some committee members to attend in person. A motion was made by Gloria Lepik-Corrigan that due to Covid-19; extenuating circumstances exist preventing members from joining in person. Therefore, virtual members will be allowed to participate and vote by phone since a quorum is represented in person. This was seconded by Lucas Cruse and passed with a unanimous vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Wedlake expressed an interest in the policy of bollards on the trail. Specifically, Mr. Wedlake explained there is an area in Clearwater where the posts are in the middle of the trail and not on the side of the trail. It is assumed these are placed in this position to prevent vehicular traffic from entering the trail as they are parallel to the street and the railroad tracks. However, this positioning of the bollards makes the trail very narrow in these sections which create more of a hazard. This concern will be forwarded to the Pinellas County Parks department for assistance in a response.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The summary from the November 15, 2021 meeting was approved with one correction, the spelling of Clermont in item 8.

4. FORWARD PINELLAS ACTIONS

Ms. Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, reviewed the highlights of the Forward Pinellas Board meeting for January 12, 2022. The Board approved the amendments to the TIP, which is the Five-Year FDOT Work Program for transportation projects. One of those amendments included the addition of a local match to help advance the Skinner Boulevard improvements at the Pinellas Trail crossing. PSTA staff provided an update on the SunRunner Rising Development Study, which will be presented to the BPAC at a future meeting. Whit Blanton, Executive Director, provided an update on the Downtown St. Petersburg Mobility Study, which will also be presented to the BPBPAC at a future meeting. Other actions included, the Board approving the Scope of Work for the TEILS Study; and welcoming two new members to the Board: Councilmember Richie Floyd, representing St. Petersburg and St. Petersburg Councilmember Gina Driscoll, representing PSTA.

5. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Alexis Boback, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a presentation with the committee on the Safety Performance Measures and Target recommendations to the committee. There are five performance measures addressing safety: number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries, rate of fatalities per 100MVMT and rate of serious injuries per 100MVMT. Staff is federally required to report on the measures each year

and set targets. In August of 2021, FDOT sets their own targets for each of the five measures and the MPO's can either support FDOT's targets or set their own. FDOT set their targets at zero at a statewide level, and while Forward Pinellas recognizes that zero is a goal that everyone should strive for, staff recommends setting targets that are realistic and achievable. Staff recommended that the 2021 targets be retained while continuing to monitor performance going forward. Discussion ensued regarding the importance of supporting a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries and the need for Forward Pinellas to work with their partners to do more to reduce these numbers countywide. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. A motion was made by Scott Daniels to recommend board approval of the Safety Performance Targets. This was seconded by Russ Hilton and passed with a unanimous vote.

6. MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY INDEX KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SERVICE

Mr. Jared Austin was unfortunately called away and will present this item at the February BPAC meeting.

7. EQUITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Ms. Angela Ryan, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a presentation to the committee on the findings of the Forward Pinellas Equity Assessment. For the past year, Forward Pinellas has been conducting an equity assessment. As a part of this assessment, Forward Pinellas conducted research, stakeholder engagement and analysis for the development of a forward-looking strategic plan to enhance equity within Forward Pinellas staff, governance, and committee structure, as well as work products. Additionally, the equity assessment has researched the systems, policies, and practices that have resulted in inequity, particularly among ethnic minorities, in Pinellas County. The agency conducted the assessment for a multitude of reasons. Through the assessment GIS-based research, it was found that 70% of high injury network and hot spots are in the equity emphasis areas while only 32% of County land mass is comprised of the Equity Emphasis Area. An internal assessment found that the high injury network within the equity emphasis areas receives only ~3.3% of Transportation Improvement Program funding. Through a robust internal analysis of several agency plans and programs, it was found that while Forward Pinellas includes equity related factors when considering project ranking, funding allocations and performance standards, there are still opportunities for improvement. Two examples of programs with equity considerations include the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Disadvantaged Program; however, the distribution of funding needs to have a larger focus on equity. Forward Pinellas has developed a series of draft actions to ensure that agency planning efforts are inclusive and result in equitable outcomes for the entire community. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

8. PINELLAS TRAIL USER ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Ryan shared information with the committee on the Pinellas Trail user count data summary for January – December 2021. The Pinellas Trail eight trail counters reported almost 2 million users in 2021, the official count being 1,945,427 people on the Pinellas Trail, with January through April seeing the highest number of visitors. The Dunedin counter reported almost 500,000 visitors, with the lowest count at East Lake Tarpon at 44,648. The East Lake Tarpon counter data is not accurate due to some issues with this counter at different times during the year. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

9. SPOTLIGHT EMPHASIS AREAS UPDATE

Ms. Ryan shared information regarding the SPOTLight emphasis areas. The Target Employment and Industrial Land Study (TEILS) will be led by Jared Austin of Forward Pinellas and will evaluate

industrial lands in Pinellas County to include several factors such as access issues and partnerships, to seek opportunities for these lands for redevelopment. The consultants will be selected in the next few weeks and the scope has already gone before the board for approval. Regarding Enhancing Beach Access, the Waterborne Transportation Subcommittee met on December 17, 2021, to work on a draft countywide policy for waterborne transportation to identify phasing, local commitment, and a method to review waterborne projects for the future. This committee will meet again in February 2022 to continue the work and to review potential waterborne amendments to the LRTP to accommodate waterborne services. Staff is working with the City of St. Pete Beach and Treasure Island to finalize the scope for a safety study on Gulf Boulevard.

10. BPAC BUSINESS

A. Tri-County BPAC Meeting

The Tri-County BPAC Meeting will be held on March 10, 2022, in Oldsmar. There will be a bike ride just prior to the meeting from 5:30 – 6:15 pm, followed by the hybrid meeting which will discuss the Tri-County Trails Map.

B. Bike Your City Group Ride

A Bike Your City Group Ride will be hosted by Gulfport on March 18, 2022. A “Save the Date” email will be sent out to allow members to register early.

C. Florida Bicycle Association (FBA)

Vice-Chair Becky Afonso shared that The Messenger is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. Ms. Afonso invited members to take the on-line bicycle safety quiz and send her the completion certificate, as in turn she will send a pair of 25th Anniversary socks. March is Florida Bicycle Month and FBA would like to challenge municipalities and Mayors to take the quiz and show their support of Florida Bicycle Month. The in-person Ride Leader Ride Marshall program will take place at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland, Florida on Saturday, February 26, 2022, and Saturday April 2, 2022, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Ms. Afonso will be attending the Florida Department of Transportation Safety Coalition on January 25th in Tallahassee and Ms. Trenda McPherson of the safety office and it is believed that she has already put in the proclamation for Florida Bicycle Month to the Governor for signature prior to March. Copies of the proclamation will be sent out to the municipalities upon request.

D. Friends of the Pinellas Trail

Mr. Scott Daniels shared greetings to the new BPAC members and explained that Friends of the Pinellas Trail is a citizens organization cooperation between the government and citizens aligned with the Pinellas Trail for over 30-years. Mr. Daniels asked new members to please visit the Friends of the Pinellas Trail Facebook page and website to view the many pictures and stories from trail users. Mr. Daniels stated that if anyone would like to make a donation to The Pinellas Trail, they can find the information on the website. Lastly, he stated that the Pinellas Trail Guidebooks are available for purchase through the website and Friends of The Pinellas Trail is currently looking for volunteers. For any questions or concerns, please send an email to: <https://friendsofthepinellastrail.org/>.

11. AGENCY REPORTS

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

Ms. Joan Rice with Pinellas County Public Works (PCPW) Traffic provided updates on current Trail projects. Regarding the South Gap between Haines Bayshore Road and 126th Ave, the next couple of sections are going to design. There is currently one segment between

Haines Bayshore and Whitney Rd where the County is working with the homeowners in that area regarding the trail sections planned for the Duke Energy corridor. Public Works is currently working with the homeowners, as this is the safest place for this segment of the trail. As for the North Gap, the section stretching from John Chesnut Park to Enterprise Road, it is under construction and this should be completed in fall 2022. Work on the East Lake segment has begun again. The “no unauthorized motorized vehicle” signs are being revised to reflect that there are certain types of motorized vehicles allowed.

There was considerable discussion on the type of motorized vehicles that should be allowed on the Trail, how to identify them and the proper speed on the Pinellas Trail.

- **Clearwater Bicycle Pedestrian Program**

Ms. Lauren Matzke was not in attendance.

- **Largo Bicycle Pedestrian Program**

Ms. Diane Friel was not in attendance.

- **St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Program**

Mr. Lucas Cruse, St. Petersburg Transportation, shared the following updates. Overall, several projects are currently in the design phase to increase active transportation within the city. In Grand Central District, on Central Avenue, there are pavement panels on the center line that stating, “motorists must stop for pedestrians”. Look for more safety changes coming to this district. A question was asked about an article in the paper announcing a new development in the St. Petersburg area under the interstate, and Mr. Cruse explained that this was a private endeavor of a local developer who is proposing to redevelop portions of the area under interstate I-275. This is not city owned property.

- **Pinellas County Schools (PCS)**

Mr. Joseph Camera was not in attendance.

- **FDOT District 7 Updates**

Mr. Emmeth Duran was in attendance and shared that he is the safety consultant for FDOT and acting as the bike/pedestrian coordinator for FDOT. With regards to SR590, Drew Street, this project is currently awaiting bids for sidewalk construction on the southside between Betty Lane and Lincoln Avenue. FDOT finalized a bicycle/pedestrian facility plan late October and FDOT is looking to complete about 40 miles of sidewalk along state roads with sidewalk gaps. More details will be provided at later meetings.

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

Ms. Ryan shared that the PTSTF meeting was well received by attending members. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2022.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Membership

It was recognized there are openings for St. Petersburg, Clearwater, and Pinellas Park/Mid-County, Largo, and At-Large with applications pending. There is also an opening for the Pinellas County Planning representative.

B. Correspondence, Publications, Articles of Interest

There were no comments regarding this item.

C. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics

Clarity of Statue for electric bicycles and distinction as to the speed on the Pinellas Trail.

D. Other

An adjunct for the Suncoast Cycle Club has been doing a ride every Saturday from Dunedin to Fred Howard Park and to Anclote Park. Within the last two months, there have been two incidents at the Anclote River Bridge, where the cyclists have been harassed by vehicles, where one motorist was following too close, and motorist was beeping. The Tarpon Springs Police were contacted and the signage on the bridge was checked to ensure it alerted motorists to the presence of bicycles. There are signs on the bridge that state "share the road". The officer is going to alert the state, since this is a state road. There was also an inquiry regarding the progress of the Elfers Trail connection. The city of Tarpon Springs has designed that piece of the trail to connect with the Elfers Spur and connect to the Anclote River. Tarpon Springs has just received the funding for this project and Joan Rice will look into more details as to a completion timeframe.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am. The next BPAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2022.

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – February 28, 2022
4. Forward Pinellas Executive Summary – February 9, 2022



SUMMARY

The February 9, 2022 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 9, 2022

ACTION: None Required, Informational Item Only



Board Meeting Summary & Action Sheet

February 9, 2022

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

The Forward Pinellas Board held this public meeting in person on February 9, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the Palm Room at the Pinellas County Communications Building.

The board unanimously adopted the Safety Performance Measures and Targets for 2022

The board adopted the Safety Performance Measures and Targets, aiming for a 20% reduction in fatalities and a five% reduction in serious injuries, with the long-term goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2045. New 2020 data for Pinellas County shows a 1% increase in fatalities and an 8.1% decrease in serious injuries (based on 2016-2020 averages compared to 2015-2019 averages). Though the five-year average showed a 3.8% decrease in pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities, 2021 has seen a record number of deaths and those numbers are not yet included. Forward Pinellas is committed to working toward our Safe Streets Pinellas Vision Zero goal through speed studies, supporting safety-related legislation, adopting priority projects in the Transportation Investment Program (TIP), and encouraging all local communities to support the implementation of the Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan.

- Commissioner Smith clarified with staff that the reason we're retaining our targets and not trying to decrease them at this point is because the existing targets have not yet been achieved, but are still considered achievable, but only if others are willing to help. To reach this goal we need legislative support, law enforcement support, and state/local partner support.
- Commissioner Eggers requested we increase the utilization of speed feedback signs throughout the county. Mr. Blanton agreed with this idea and confirmed he would look into a solution.
- Mayor Kennedy requested staff consider bringing more consistency to speed limits on corridors that go through small communities that have varying speed limits.
- Commissioner Eggers responded that speed limits should be set based on the road design and not for continuity.

Dr. Cynthia Johnson presented Private Sector Perspectives - Pinellas County's Economic Development Vision

Pinellas County Economic Development (PCED) Director Dr. Cynthia Johnson discussed their vision to build a more resilient, inclusive, and equitable Pinellas County. As a long-time key partner of Forward Pinellas, PCED helps create an environment where businesses want to move, current businesses can thrive, and where the workforce wants to live. Dr. Johnson strives to intentionally create opportunities to meet the needs of underrepresented communities, which builds a more resilient community that serves all generations. PCED is proud to promote innovation and entrepreneurship through the [ARK Innovation Center](#), committing to equitable development and job creation, which will arrive in St. Pete

in 2022. Dr. Johnson closed her presentation with her theory of Four Teambusters: Lack of Trust, Lack of Transparency, Turf Wars, and Transition. She stated, “Our goal [at PDEC] is we are trusting, we honor tradition but don’t allow us to keep us from moving forward, we are one Pinellas and we’re transparent.” Forward Pinellas is thankful for PDEC’s partnership in moving Pinellas forward.

- Commissioner Long clarified with Dr. Johnson that PCED, Forward Pinellas, and the City of St. Pete are working with a developer who has proposed a mixed-use development policy framework in the 22nd St. S. area. Discussions are ongoing and all parties are hopeful that we can work together to find a solution.
- Commissioner Merz appreciated Dr. Johnson’s perspective of “One Pinellas” and echoed the importance of incubators to the success of innovators and businesses. He asked if PCED considered working with the small business association and development centers.
- Dr. Johnson noted that PCED is the lead agency for the Florida Small Business Center and has subcenters in eight different chambers and several libraries to “meet the businesses where they are.” PCED looks forward to continuing to strengthen that relationship with our small businesses and providing access to everyone.
- Councilmember Gabbard applauded Dr. Johnson’s approach to be more intentional and meet the needs of all our businesses in Pinellas County, as well as the effort to move forward on the partnership for the proposed 22nd St. S. Project.
- Councilmember Driscoll echoed the appreciation for working on the 22nd St. S. Project, noting that when we talk about “Industry,” this is not the antiquated version of smokestacks and noisy factories – but rather, [everything from financial service offices to software developers to research labs](#).
- Mayor Kennedy clarified with Dr. Johnson that they are creating a platform where businesses can see what PCED offers and how to take advantage of these opportunities.
- Commissioner Eggers stated he was glad PCED is a partner on the [TEILS Update](#) and would like staff to be mindful that industrial land must be available for businesses to come to Pinellas County.

Forward Pinellas staff presented updates on the Advantage Pinellas Investment Corridor Transition Plan for Alternate US 19 (SR 595)

Forward Pinellas will begin the Advantage Pinellas Investment Corridor Transition Plan to develop recommendations for Alternate US 19 (SR 595). As part of the Advantage Pinellas Investment Corridor Strategy, this redevelopment effort will encourage enhanced transit service and other multimodal transportation options to link jobs, education, and housing.

The board unanimously approved a modification to the FY 21/22-25/26 Transportation Improvement Program

Forward Pinellas receives federal and state grant funds through FDOT on a two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) cycle. During the January meeting of Forward Pinellas, the board voted to

modify the UPWP. The currently adopted TIP (FY21/22-FY25/26) must be modified to reflect a reduction in available transit planning funds by \$145,332 for FY22. This reduction is a result of a new state matching policy for a particular federal planning grant.

- Mr. Blanton advised that this \$145,332 reduction in federal transit planning funds will affect Forward Pinellas' ability to provide for all the needs in Pinellas County. We appreciate Pinellas County's stated partnership to continue their 10% local contribution to help our financial position.

The board recommended approval of an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map

- The board recommended approval of the following amendment to the Countywide Plan Map:
 - An amendment from the City of Tarpon Springs to amend the property at the southwest corner of Highland Ave. and South Pinellas Ave. from Retail & Services and Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services to designate the property under one land use category, and allow for the use of the property as a medical office.

SPOTlight Updates

- Forward Pinellas kicked off the Target Employment & Industrial Lands Study (TEILS) Update, meeting with the consultants and partners, including PCED and Pinellas County Housing and Community Development, discussing goals and objectives for the project. The primary focus of the study is to identify lands that should be preserved or converted for target employers, lands that could be subject to mixed-use development in the future, and how countywide planning efforts can be adapted to suit these needs. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022. For more information on this project, visit: www.ForwardPinellas.org/TEILS
- The Town of Indian Shores approved their preferred alternative for a sidewalk on Gulf Blvd. They chose the option with a sidewalk and bike lane on both sides of the road and two travel lanes. Forward Pinellas is working with FDOT staff to add this project to the new 5th year of the state's Work Program.
- Forward Pinellas staff held individual meetings with committee members to discuss the Waterborne Transportation Policy and will present the committee's recommendations to the Forward Pinellas board this spring.

Other Items

- PSTA is moving forward with the SunRunner Rising Development Study and is continually working to replace the aging bus fleet with electric transit. They are also partnering with the City of Clearwater to provide a free Park & Ride service during spring break.
- TBARTA is completing the Urban Gondola Study but pivoting to focus on the City of Clearwater due to local support. FDOT is continuing to communicate with CSX about potential acquisition or use of those tracks.
- Mr. Blanton and Councilmember Gabbard attended meetings in Tallahassee and discussed several bills we support and some of concern, including the advancing [Senate Bill \(SB\)](#)

[962](#) and [House Bill \(HB\) 981](#). They spoke with several representatives about finding a compromise that would respect our home rule and allow Pinellas County to retain the ability to make decisions for our communities.

- Forward Pinellas would like to pursue a strategy to seek legislative approval to conduct select advisory meetings virtually to serve our citizens in a meaningful way. Mr. Blanton will bring back more information on this at a later date.
- Forward Pinellas staff are currently developing a summary of construction projects with the estimated timelines for start and completion dates that will be easy to reference.
- Pinellas County citizen Mike Riordon provided public comment and implored the board to support reducing the posted speed limit on Drew St. to 30 mph and increase enforcement for those speeding in order to increase the safety of this area.

Action Sheet

February 9, 2022

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

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 11-0)
Approved to include the following:
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the January 12, 2022 Meeting
 - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
 - C. Acceptance of Quarter One Financial Report and Budget Amendment
- **Approval of Modification to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
Following a presentation by Alexis Boback, Forward Pinellas staff, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved the modification to the TIP as outlined. (roll call vote: 11-0; Councilmember Floyd had not yet arrived)
- **Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**
One case was approved:
 - 1. CW 22-03 – City of Tarpon Springs (vote: 11-0; Councilmember Floyd had not yet arrived)
- **Safety Performance Measures and Targets**
Following a presentation by Alexis Boback, Forward Pinellas staff, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, adopted the safety performance measures and targets as outlined. (vote: 11-0; Commissioner Long had stepped out)

SUMMARY

In October 2019, the St. Petersburg adopted a micromobility ordinance to regulate motorized scooters and e-bikes while also providing support for State regulations of motorized toys such as one-wheel devices and hoverboards. The City's micromobility ordinance provides the regulatory framework for use of all motorized e-scooters and e-bikes, including any that would be made available for public use through micromobility vendors.

In August 2020, the St. Petersburg City Council approved license agreements allowing for an 18-month Scooter Share pilot program for e-scooter deployment within the city. The e-scooter pilot was designed to allow the City to introduce a new mobility option in the greater downtown core while retaining flexibility to assure the program meets the community needs and goals. Scooter Share operations began on October 29, 2020, and a report of the pilot program is in development and is expected to be provided to City Council and community stakeholders in late February-early March as the operator agreements are ready for renewal.

A representative from the City of St. Petersburg will provide an update to the e-scooter pilot program and ordinance and answer questions from the committee members.

ATTACHMENT: None

ACTION: None required; informational item

SUMMARY

At Forward Pinellas, we collect a wide variety of transportation data as part of our commitment to safety and to assist with developing transportation plans. The Forward Pinellas Crash Data Management System is a vital component to agency operations. This data is used to track progress on countywide efforts to improve safety and influence the design of transportation projects and land use decision making.

The crash data collected and analyzed is reported annually through the Countywide Trends and Conditions report and is used internally for the Safe Streets Pinellas program. This data is also provided in response to regular requests from the media, law enforcement and other agency partners. In response to a request from the committee regarding bicycle and pedestrian crashes at night, Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of these types of crashes that occurred in 2021 and discuss various strategies being employed to improve safety on our roadways. This presentation is intended to be the first in a series of conversations on roadway lighting and motorist driving behavior throughout Pinellas County.

ATTACHMENT: None

ACTION: None required; informational item

SUMMARY

In its role as the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC), Forward Pinellas evaluates proposed amendments to the Countywide Plan Map on a monthly basis. One of the key criteria for the approval of these proposed map amendments is that they meet the transportation standard outlined by the Countywide Rules. This standard focuses on the potential impacts of proposed future land use map category changes on the existing level of service (LOS) of adjacent roadways. In addition, most local governments consider the existing roadway LOS when planning for new transportation investments. Due to the limitations of using a roadway performance measure that is focused on automobile travel, Forward Pinellas has worked over the past several months to develop a new methodology referred to as the Forward Pinellas Multimodal Accessibility or “MAX” Index. This approach considers various multimodal performance criteria beyond vehicular travel conditions and is more appropriate for an urban, redeveloping county. This new index is intended to replace the traditional roadway LOS standard as the primary means of evaluating transportation impacts of proposed Countywide Plan Map amendments.

In early 2021, Forward Pinellas formed a subcommittee of land use and transportation planners to help develop and review the methodology incorporated in the MAX Index. After the methodology was developed in consultation with the subcommittee, and with consultant support from Renaissance Planning Group, Forward Pinellas provided an overview of the index to several local government planning directors and staff. These conversations provided valuable thoughts, insights, and feedback and will be used to modify the index to better meet local needs as well as develop comprehensive balancing criteria for map amendments that do not meet the scoring threshold.

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the MAX Index and answer questions from subcommittee members.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only

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
- TIELS Study
- Enhancing Beach Access

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None Required; Informational Item Only

A. Tri-County BPAC Meeting

The Tri-County BPAC Meeting will be held on March 10, 2022 in Oldsmar. Location is forthcoming

B. Bike Your City Group Ride

Bike Your City will be held in Gulfport on March 18, 2022, with an approximate 10 mile group ride. Details to follow shortly

C. Florida Bicycle Association (FBA)

Vice Chair Becky Afonso, who is also the FBA Executive Director, will provide an update on FBA activities. Information on the FBA is available at floridabicycle.org.

D. Friends of the Pinellas Trails (formerly Pinellas Trails, Inc.)

A representative from Friends of the Pinellas Trail may take this opportunity to provide an update.



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10. Agency Reports

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
- Pinellas Park Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Oldsmar Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Dunedin Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Pinellas County Schools
- FDOT District 7
- Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF)

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022 PTSTF

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None Required, informational Item Only

A. Membership

There are currently three vacancies on the BPAC membership list. One for Largo, one for Clearwater, one for Pinellas Park/Mid-County and one for the Health Department.

ATTACHMENT: BPAC Membership List

ACTION: None Required, Informational Item Only

B. Correspondence, Publications, Articles of Interest

A Dutch Adventurer Chronicles – Two Years Traveling by Bicycle – February 2022

Pinellas County Fatalities Report – February 1, 2022

Pinellas County Additional Fatalities Report – February 1, 2022

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. Lisa Charest (10/14/20)
2. Vacant
3. John Austin (11/10/21)
4. Charlie Guy (01/12/22)

Clearwater Area

5. Gloria Lepik-Corrigan (09/08/21)
6. Fernando Gutierrez (01/12/22)
7. Vacant (03/12/14)

Dunedin Area

8. Russ Hilton (09/08/21)
9. Neil Wicks (11/10/21)

Pinellas Park and Mid-County

10. Vacant
11. Vacant application pending – David Chase

Largo Area

12. Daniel Alejandro (10/12/16)
13. Vacant

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

14. Becky Afonso (Vice Chair) (10/08/14)
15. Brian Smith (Chairman) (12/12/12)

At Large Area

16. Paul Kurtz (12/11/13)
17. Todd Bogner (11/10/21)
18. Bob Gallo (02/09/22)
19. Vacant
20. Stephen Moriarty (06/09/21)
21. Vacant
22. Annette Sala (03/12/14)

Seminole Area

23. Jim Wedlake (05/12/10)

Beach Communities

24. Paul Zagami (01/12/22)
25. 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 (vacant – representative)
3. PSTA (Jacob Labutka – representative; Heather Sobush and Reid Powers – alternates)
4. City of Clearwater (Lauren Matzke - representative)
5. City of Dunedin (Molly Cord – representative; Frances Leong-Sharp – alternate)
6. City of St. Petersburg (Lucas Cruse – representative; Cheryl Stacks - alternate)
7. City of Largo (Diane Friel – representative; Taylor Hague - alternate)
8. City of Oldsmar (Alayna Delgado – representative, Tatiana Childress – alternate)
9. City of Pinellas Park (Derek Reeves – representative)
10. Pinellas County School System (Joseph Camera- representative, Autumn Westermann- alternate)
11. Friends of the Pinellas Trails (Scott Daniels – representative)
12. CUTR (Julie Bond - representative)

Sheriff's Office /Police/Law Enforcement Representatives

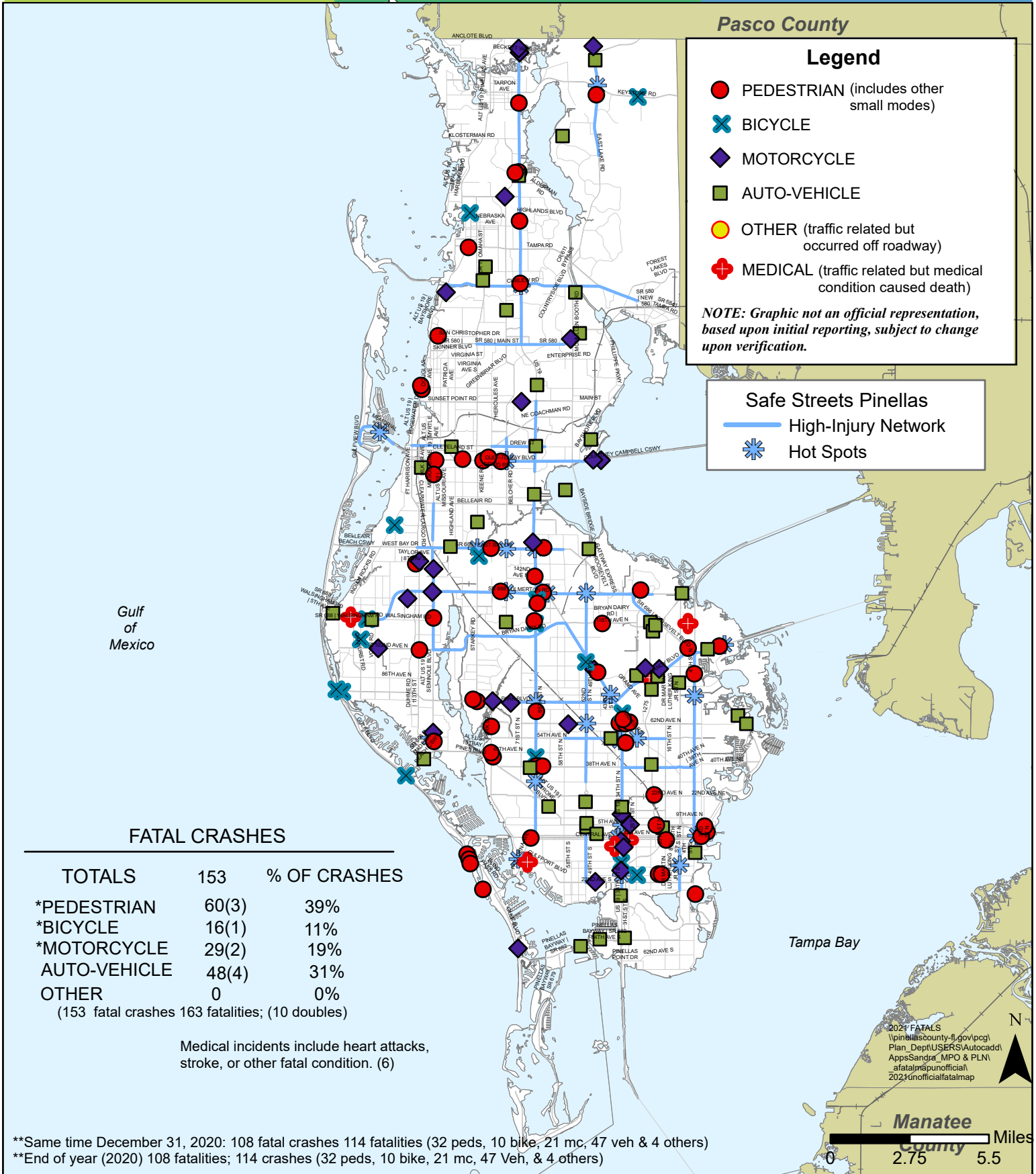
1. Pinellas Park Police Dept.
2. St Petersburg Police Dept.
3. Largo Police Dept.
4. Sheriff's Office – Deputy Eric Gibson
5. Clearwater Police Dept.

Non-Voting Technical Support

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

*Dates signify appointment

Locations of Reported Traffic Fatalities



Data Source: Forward Pinellas, 2020. Map Produced: February 1, 2022.

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1	004F21	34TH ST N	62ND AVE N	PED	1/8/2021	1	6:49AM		88425461	FHP	M/57
1	007F21	PARK ST N	CR 16 (S OF 46TH AVE N)	PED IN WC/DELAY	1/18/2021	1	6:52PM		88430141	FHP	M/68
1	012F21	COURT ST	JUST EAST OF MISSOURI AVE	PED/PED IN WC/DELAY	1/29/2021	2	7:26PM		24304614	CLW	M/37, M/59
1	013F21	ROOSEVELT BLVD/SR686	DODGE ST	PED/DELAY	1/30/2021	1	11:36PM		88451237	FHP	M/60
1	014F21	38TH AVE N	66TH ST	PED/DELAY	2/5/2021	1	8:27AM		24234848	SP	M/68
1	015F21	38TH AVE N	64TH ST N	PED	2/8/2021	1	1:10AM		24234920	SP	M/40
1	016F21	54TH AVE N	US HIGHWAY 19 N	PED IN WC	2/10/2021	1	7:54PM		88436145	FHP	M/68
1	017F21	1ST ST N	4TH AVE N	PED/WC/DELAY	2/11/2021	1	9:33AM		24235101	SP	F/85
1	019F21	US HIGHWAY 19	CURLLEW RD	PED	2/12/2021	1	8:30PM		88436801	FHP	M/61
1	022F21	US HIGHWAY 19	INNISBROOK DRIVE	PED	2/14/2021	1	7:55PM		88436805	FHP	M/65
1	023F21	HERON BLVD	WHISPERWOOD AVE N	PED/DELAY	2/14/2021	1	8:10PM		24235108	SP	M/65
1	024F21	E LAKE RD S	MAPLE TRCE	PED/OFFICER	2/17/2021	1	4:36PM		89358830	PCSO	M/30
1	025F21	ROOSEVELT BLVD/SR686	10000 BLOCK	PED	2/18/2021	1	7:41PM		24235171	SP	M/63
1	032F21	GULF TO BAY	S LAKE DR	PED	3/19/2021	1	10:20PM		24305307	CLW	M/45
1	033F21	4TH ST N	90TH AVE N	PED	3/22/2021	1	1:30PM		24235992	SP	M/52
1	037F21	118TH AVE N	44TH ST N	PED	3/31/2021	1	11:29AM		24085205	PP	F/54
1	039F21	GULF TO BAY BLVD/2100 BLK	400 FT W OF BELCHER RD	PED/DELAY	4/6/2021	1	8:24PM		24305254	CLW	M/46
1	040F21	34TH ST N	62ND AVE N	PED	4/8/2021	1	7:20PM		24085309	PP	M/43
1	042F21	CENTRAL AVE	21ST ST S	PEDS/DELAY	4/9/2021	2	8:08PM		24236480	SP	M/61, F/61
1	043F21	STARKEY RD	PARK BLVD	PED/DELAY	4/12/2021	1	8:23PM		88474350	FHP	M/64
1	044F21	GANDY BLVD	SAN MARTIN BLVD NE	PED	4/15/2021	1	5:53AM		88451285	FHP	M/54
1	046F21	PARK ST N	NEAR 62ND ST	PED	4/23/2021	1	10:05PM		89359382	PCSO	F/62
1	051F21	EDGEWATER DR	UNION ST	PED/DELAY	4/30/2021	1	6:13PM		24305972	CLW	M/82
1	057F21	66TH ST N	69TH AVE N	PED/DELAY	5/7/2021	1	12:26AM		24085512	PP	M/33
1	059F21	SB US HIGHWAY 19	62ND AVE N	PED/DELAY	5/11/2021	1	1:46AM		88469089	FHP	M/40
1	063F21	GULF BLVD 4400 BLK SPB	N. OF PUBLIC BEACH PARKING	PED/DELAY	5/13/2021	1	9:00PM		89359589	PCSO	M/77
1	066F21	PASADENA AVE N	PINELLAS WAY N	PED	5/20/2021	1	10:02PM		24237431	SP	M/55
1	068F21	SB I 275	LANE APPROACHING 22ND AVE N	PED	5/21/2021	1	6:58PM		88477000	FHP	M/62
1	078F21	US ALT 19	UNION ST	PED	6/8/2021	1	8:13PM		24305972	CLW	M/82
1	079F21	GULF TO BAY BLVD	S ORION AVE	PED/SKATEBOARD	6/10/2021	1	1:57AM		24306258	CLW	M/26
1	081F21	GULF BLVD	AT 10182	PED	6/13/2021	1	9:51PM		89359717	PCSO	M/52
1	082F21	PARK ST N	46TH AVE N	PED/DELAY	6/16/2021	1	5:40AM		88492723	FHP	M/?
1	086F21	GULF TO BAY BLVD	S AURORA AVE	PED	6/23/2021	1	3:30AM		24306247	CLW	M/24
1	091F21	SEMINOLE BLVD	WALSINGHAM RD	PED	7/10/2021	1	5:11AM		88508210	FHP	M/53
1	094F21	US HIGHWAY 19	118TH AVE N	PED	7/13/2021	1	12:19AM		24539699	PP	F/53
1	096F21	18TH AVE S	19TH ST S	PED	7/14/2021	1	10:17PM		24238676	SP	M/54
1	097F21	CLEARWATER LARGO RD	8TH AVE SW	PED	7/18/2021	1	11:13PM		24432974	LA	M/34
1	100F21	GULF BLVD	99TH AVE	PED	8/7/2021	1	10:27PM		89360074	PCSO	F/47
1	105F21	SEMINOLE BLVD	AT 5316 AREA	PED	8/28/2021	1	11:29PM		89360191	PCSO	M/44
1	106F21	34TH ST N	62ND AVE N	PED/DELAY	8/29/2021	1	8:10PM		24540027	PP	M/61
1	110F21	6TH AVE N	4TH ST N	PED/DELAY	9/17/2021	1	2:52PM		24240155	SP	F/61
1	114F21	66TH ST N	N OF 142ND AVE N	PED	10/3/2021	1	4:10AM		24433490	LA	M/29
1	115F21	1ST AVE N	16TH ST N	PED	10/3/2021	1	9:30PM		24240522	SP	M/58
1	118F21	US HIGHWAY 19 N	MAINLANDS BLVD W	PED/WHEELCHAIR/DELAY	10/6/2021	1	7:58PM		24540304	PP	M/63
1	129F21	US HIGHWAY 19 N	E MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DR	PED	10/27/2021	1	10:35PM		24651784	TS	F/59
1	130F21	SR 580	DOUGLAS AVE	PED	11/1/2021	1	7:24AM		89360601	PCSO	M/78
1	131F21	5TH AVE N	21ST ST N	PED	11/7/2021	1	7:15PM		24241645	SP	M/79
1	134F21	EAST BAY DR	3200 BLOCK	PED	11/12/2021	1	10:00PM		24807797	LA	M/40
1	133F21	ULMERTON RD	W OF BELCHER RD	PED/DELAY	11/12/2021	1	6:54AM		24807713	LA	F/37
1	135F21	MISSOURI AVE	JEFFORDS ST	PED	11/13/2021	1	7:41PM		24757364	CLW	M/63
1	136F21	34TH ST S	3RD AVE S	PED/DELAY	11/18/2021	1	8:12PM		24241715	SP	M/73
1	140F21	113TH ST N	106TH AVE N	PED	11/21/2021	1	1:42AM		89360714	PCSO	M/23
1	144F21	GULF BLVD	1ST ST E	PED/DELAY	11/27/2021	1	6:41PM		89360750	PCSO	M/48
1	145F21	66TH ST N	SOUTH OF ULMERTON RD	PED	11/29/2021	1	5:55AM		89360834	PCSO	M/44
1	146F21	TAMPA RD	ALT US HIGHWAY 19	PED/DELAY??	11/29/2021	1	7:45PM			FHP	M/23
1	151F21	PARK BLVD	STARKEY RD	PED	12/16/2021	1	12:49AM			PCSO	M/70
1	153F21	US HIGHWAY 19	INNISBROOK DRIVE	PED	12/18/2021	1	2:20AM			FHP	M/40
1	155F21	18TH AVE S	1900 BLOCK	PED	12/25/2021	1	7:10PM			SP	M/56
1	157F21	US HIGHWAY 19	CR 776 / NEBRASKA AVE	PED	12/29/2021	1	8:48PM			FHP	M/55
1	003F21	66TH ST N	42ND AVE N	BIKE	1/7/2021	1	8:16PM		88841439	KC	M/49
1	005F21	GULF BLVD	JUST N OF 150TH AVE	BIKE	1/14/2021	1	3:08PM		89358615	PCSO	F/54
1	028F21	15TH AVE S	34TH ST S	BIKE	3/6/2021	1	8:03PM		24235574	SP	M/73
1	031F21	34TH ST N	74TH AVE N	BIKE/DELAY	3/17/2021	1	12:57PM		24085087	PP	M/77
1	052F21	18TH AVE S	25TH ST S	BIKE/DELAY	5/1/2021	1	4:09PM		24236975	SP	M/25
1	058F21	STARKEY RD	SOUTH OF EAST BAY DR	BIKE/DELAY	5/10/2021	1	5:55AM		24432474	LA	M/38
1	061F21	OSCEOLA RD	GOLF VIEW DR	BIKE/DELAY	5/11/2021	1	1:41PM		87552155	BEL	M/79
1	062F21	KEYSTONE RD	MEADOWS DR	BIKE/DR & PASS	5/11/2021	2	5:48PM		88428117	FHP	M/ 58; F/50
1	074F21	66TH ST N	118TH AVE N	BIKE/DELAY	5/28/2021	1	6:08PM		24539408	PP	M/35
1	084F21	WALSINGHAM RD	OVAL DR	BIKE/DELAY	6/20/2021	1	12:13PM		24432767	LA	M/60
1	089F21	US ALT 19	DELAWARE AVE	BIKE	7/8/2021	1	4:39PM		88538336	FHP	F/63
1	092F21	66TH ST N	SOUTH OF ULMERTON RD	BIKE	7/10/2021	1	9:02PM		24432898	LA	M/66
1	116F21	ANTILLES DR	105TH TERR N	BIKE	10/4/2021	1	12:17AM		88527890	FHP	M/28
1	123F21	PARK BLVD BRIDGE	INDIAN SHORES	BIKE/DELAY	10/13/2021	1	6:00AM		89360491	PCSO	F/60
1	138F21	GULF BLVD	65TH AVE	BIKE	11/20/2021	1	10:00PM		89360713	PCSO	M/54
1	149F21	49TH ST N	IUST SOUTH OF US HIGHWAY 19	BIKE	12/11/2021	1	11:27PM		24540822	PP	F/57
1	009F21	CR 611	GREY OAKS BLVD	MC/DR	1/23/2021	1	5:22PM		88443104	FHP	F/65
1	018F21	44TH ST S	22ND AVE S	MC/DR/DELAY	2/11/2021	1	12:11PM		24234985	SP	F/20
1	035F21	PARK BLVD	75TH ST N	MC/DELAY	3/23/2021	1	5:58PM		24085137	PP	M/41
1	036F21	ALDERMAN RD	WESTLAKE BLVD	MC/DR	3/27/2021	1	6:00PM		88268515	FHP	M/24
1	038F21	18TH AVE S	34TH ST S	MC/DR	4/5/2021	1	4:35PM		24236318	SP	M/28
1	041F21	COURTNEY CAMPBELL CSWY	DAMASCUS RD	MC/DR/DELAY	4/8/2021	1	11:52PM		24305687	CLW	M/46
1	048F21	COURTNEY CAMPBELL CSWY	DAMASCUS RD	MC	4/25/2021	1	11:20PM		24305457	CLW	M/29
1	053F21	PARK BLVD	84TH LANE N	MC	5/4/2021	1	5:59AM		88498508	FHP	M/38
1	060F21	34TH ST N	11TH AVE N	MC/SCOOTER/DELAY	5/11/2021	1	1:32PM		24237196	SP	M/59
1	064F21	118TH ST N	129TH AVE N	MC/DELAY	5/14/2021	1	16:19PM		88467122	FHP	M/34
1	071F21	SEMINOLE BLVD	54TH AVE N	MC	5/22/2021	1	12:29PM		89359681	PCSO	M/56
1	070F21	SUNSET POINT	WORLD PARKWAY	MC	5/22/2021	1	4:14PM		24306096	CLW	M/33
1	073F21	US HIGHWAY 19	CENTRAL AVE	MC	5/24/2021	1	6:35PM		24432592	LA	M/28
1	075F21	US HIGHWAY 19	46TH ST N	MC	5/31/2021	1	8:35PM		24539484	PP	M/67
1	080F21	ULMERTON RD	SEMINOLE BLVD	MC/DELAY	6/12/2021	1	10:29PM		24432726	LA	M/60
1	095F21	SR 580	720FT WEST OF CHARLES	MC	7/13/2021	1	9:38AM		24306409	CLW	M/58
1	102F21	5TH AVE S	34TH ST S	MC/DR	8/14/2021	1	8:49PM		24239437	SP	M/28
1	108F21	US HIGHWAY 19	SHELL POINTE DR	MC/DR	9/8/2021	1	11:10PM		24651694	TS	M/28
1	109F21	US HIGHWAY 19	NORTH OF ROOSEVELT BLVD	MC/DR/DELAY	9/11/2021	1	2:20PM		24433318	LA	M/45
1	111F21	SB I-275	GANDY BLVD	MC/PASS/DELAY	9/19/2021	1	12:21PM		88574674	FHP	F/49
1	117F21	CR 296 (102ND AVE N)	130TH ST N	MC	10/6/2021	1	4:56PM		88554463	FHP	M/67
1	122F21	SEMINOLE BLVD	CANTERBURY LN	MC	10/10/2021	1	5:21PM		24433534	LA	M/37
1	124F21	62ND AVE N	55TH ST N	MC/PASS/DELAY	10/14/2021	1	2:44AM		24540371	PP	F/34
1	127F21	BAYSHORE BLVD	TRADE WINDS DR	MC/DELAY	10/24/2021	1	2:38PM		89360657	PCSO	M/66
1	132F21	US HIGHWAY 19	RIVER WATCH BLVD	MC	11/10/2021	1	7:30AM		24651809	TS	M/27
1	139F21	GULF BLVD	AT 3848 GULF BLVD	MC/DELAY	11/20/2021	1	10:48PM			PCSO	M/45
1	141F21	GANDY BLVD	NEAR I-275 RAMP	MC/DELAY	11/21/2021	1	10:28AM		24241779	SP	M/73
1	152F21	5TH AVE N	31ST ST N	MC/DELAY	12/17/2021	1	2:01PM		24242384	SP	M/65
1	156F21	CLEARWATER LARGO RD	9TH AVE SW	MC	12/27/2021	1	9:20PM		24808003	LA	M/37
1	001F21	EAST LAKE RD	S OF TRINITY BLVD	VEH/DR	1/1/2021	1	6:32AM		85150864	FHP	F/22
1	006F21	US HWY 19	JUST N OF MCCORMICK DR	VEH/DR/DELAY	1/17/2021	1	4:22PM		24304394	CLW	F/75
1	010F21	118TH AVE N	IN THE 2200 BLK/ 24TH CT N	VEH/DR/DELAY	1/23/2021	1	11:10PM		24234580	SP	M/31
1	011F21	CR 611/BAYSIDE BRIDGE	N OF ROOSEVELT BLVD/SR 686	VEH/PASS, MC/DR	1/24/2021	2	11:12PM		88436669	FHP	F/29, M/50

A Dutch adventurer chronicles two years traveling by bicycle

Jen Rose Smith

When Martijn Doolaard pedaled his bicycle out of Vancouver, B.C., in 2017, he knew he had a long ride ahead of him. The Dutchman had dreamed up a cycling trip from Canada to faraway Tierra del Fuego, on the southernmost tip of South America. It was a plan of mathematical elegance: A single line uniting two vast continents, 14 countries and the longest terrestrial mountain range on Earth.

“There’s something about the seeming infinity of such a route,” said Doolaard, a 38-year-old graphic designer with the shaggy blond beard and sunken eyes of a wilderness saint. “The destination was extremely far, and it seemed like a big adventure.” It would take him two years and 12,296 miles of riding to reach the end of the road; Doolaard’s written and photographic account of the journey, “Two Years on a Bike: From Vancouver to Patagonia,” was published by Gestalten in January.

At night, he often slept in ad hoc campsites scouted using satellite images from Google Earth, cooking one-pot meals over a gasoline-burning camp stove. In his book, Doolaard sometimes appears as a tiny speck in sweeping drone images: He’s dwarfed by empty stretches of Nevada desert, or picking his way up a trail to an Ecuadoran mountain pass.

Martijn Doolaard

TWO YEARS ON A BIKE

*— From Vancouver
to Patagonia*

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The cover of Doolgaard's "Two Years on a Bike: From Vancouver to Patagonia." "There's something about the seeming infinity of such a route," Doolgaard said.

Juxtaposition of tiny bicycle with big landscape underscores the scale of the undertaking, while hinting, too, at its appeal. Every bit of additional weight matters on a bike, rewarding riders who winnow their needs to a state of functional minimalism. An illustrated packing list in the front of the book reveals that, for 816 days on the road, Doolgaard ate off a titanium spork and scrubbed dishes with a dedicated toothbrush.

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How to take an overnight trip with your two-wheeled vehicle

"The simplicity of traveling the world by bike gave me focus. Everything had a purpose," he wrote of an earlier bike trip across Europe and Asia. (He documented that ride in the book "One Year on a Bike: From Amsterdam to Singapore.") In contrast with the mess and complication of life at home, riding his bike provided a quite literal sense of direction. "Once I set off, life was very clear to me."

While cycling across two continents is an extreme feat by any measure, the journey linking North America and South America has become a touchstone in the world of bicycle touring. The now-classic southbound passage across the Western Hemisphere goes from Alaska to Argentina, first completed by Americans June and Greg Siple. Their groundbreaking 18,272-mile ride, a trip they called Hemistour, began 50 years ago.

"We were very intent on using the expedition as a way to promote bicycle touring in the United States, because it really wasn't a thing at the time," said June Siple, who was 25 when she set out from Anchorage with fellow Hemistour riders in 1972. In the early '70s, it wasn't clear that

such a journey could be done at all. The distances were vast, and bicycle touring — particularly through such far-flung places — was an unfamiliar concept to many in the United States, even fellow cyclists. Siple said that disbelief was a common reaction to their plan, but that their group was confident: “I think we were all just ready for the task,” said Siple, who turns 75 in March and is hoping to clock 1,500 miles of riding this year. “I mean, it was a huge adventure!”

In the half-century since the Siples began their groundbreaking ride, bike touring has changed. In part, that’s due to the couple’s own advocacy as co-founders of the nonprofit organization now called Adventure Cycling Association, which has published more than 50,000 miles of bike routes in the United States. Even if you’re living in a place where few bike tourists pass through, you can find them all over the Internet. Doolaard and other social-media-savvy cyclists attract thousands of followers. Technology has contributed to the transformation of the sport.

June and Greg Siple corresponded with sponsors, family and friends by airmail, collecting general-delivery letters at post offices along the way. Doolaard, in contrast, had a gear list that included a DJI Mavic Air drone and mirrorless digital camera to document his adventure. He traveled with a phone and laptop, so he could pick up freelance graphic design work along the way to fund the ride.

Who knew Aspen was a great cycling destination?

It’s one thing to spend two years eating with a spork. Leaving home without a smartphone, Doolaard explained, would have been next to impossible. “You can’t do without this technology anymore,” he said. A phone is essential not just for keeping in touch. While the Siples mostly found their way using paper maps from roadside gas stations, modern bike tourists mostly navigate using digital mapping technology.

“Mobile mapping applications such as Ride with GPS and Gaia GPS provided the tools needed to navigate routes on lesser-known tracks,” veteran bike traveler Logan Watts wrote in an email. Watts’s website, *bikepacking.com*, has become the online home base for cyclists who, like Doolaard, sometimes seek out dirt roads and trails unlikely to appear on commercially available printed maps. (Today, the word “bikepacking” refers to a style of bike travel adapted to rugged places, but it was coined by National Geographic staff writer Noel Grove for a 1973 article about Hemistour.)

Bikepacking.com features itineraries created by bike travelers around the world, and they’re shared freely, so others might retrace their paths. A cyclist heading for an out-of-the-way part of the Bolivian mountains, for example, can now download a GPX mapping file following every inch

of cyclist Michael Dammer's 286-mile traverse of Andean terrain via unpaved mining roads and alpaca paths.



A shot of Ecuador from "Two Years on a Bike."

Such resources allow riders to explore ever-more-remote areas, knowing that, however arduous the trail, it will eventually lead out of the wilderness. Doolard incorporated some of these open-source tracks into his trip from Canada to Argentina, including the 1,673-mile Baja Divide through Mexico's Baja California Peninsula, and the 858-mile Trans Ecuador Mountain Bike Route. "You're assured that you're going to make it when it gets tough, because these are not easy routes," Doolard said. "Because people have done it, you think, 'I'm not going to fail on this one.'"

That assurance is welcome, in part because riding a bike often makes you feel exposed in every sense of the word. Harsh weather finds riders with nowhere to hide. Heat, cold, head winds, bugs, hunger, fatigue and loneliness can erode a traveler's resolve. But that exposure can reap generous dividends, including a sense of cultural and geographic immersion, plus hospitality encountered at every turn.

"You have a certain vulnerability and immediacy, so people will open up to you," said Greg Siple, recalling frequent offers of free campsites and strangers who handed over the keys to their homes. Doolgaard noticed this, too. "The more vulnerable I make myself, the more I feel I've tapped into something more fundamental and rewarding," he wrote of his time on a bicycle.



Cerro Torre, Aguja Poincenot and Fitz Roy peaks in Patagonia.

Those rewards helped carry Doolgaard through the final weeks of his trip, which found him exhausted and homesick, riding the tempestuous Carretera Austral across Southern Chile at the

wrong time of year. "The road is a daunting undertaking in the winter, guaranteed to test my mettle," he wrote. He sometimes slept in cabins left open for travelers in need of shelter amid a famously harsh landscape.

On the worst day of rain, he arrived at dusk, alone and cold, at one small cyclists' refuge in the tiny town of Villa Amengual. Pinned to the door was a note that the host, Ines, had typed in English. "Come in with confidence, like in your own home," it read. Doolaard did. Soon, Ines would return home and begin chopping firewood to dry his sodden clothing for yet another day on the bike.

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