



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

**February 26, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.**

310 Court Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Clearwater, FL 33756

**THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY**

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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 UPDATES** (8:45 – 9:00)
  - A. **Forward Pinellas Board Summary**
  - B. **SPOTLight Emphasis Areas**
  - C. **Other**
5. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN** (9:00 – 9:15)
6. **ADVANTAGE PINELLAS WEBSITE** (9:15 – 9:30)
7. **2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS** (9:30 – 9:45)
8. **BPAC BUSINESS** (9:45 – 10:00)
  - A. Friends of the Pinellas Trail
  - B. Tri-County BPAC
  - C. Bike Your City 2024
  - D. Pinellas Trail Targeted Enforcement Day
9. **AGENCY REPORTS** (10:00 – 10:15)
10. **OTHER BUSINESS** (10:15 – 10:30)
  - A. Membership
  - B. Correspondence, Publications, Articles of Interest
  - C. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics
  - D. Other
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

The meeting summary for the January 22, 2024, meeting is attached for review and approval.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** BPAC Meeting Summary – January 22, 2024

**ACTION:** Approval of Meeting Summary

**FORWARD PINELLAS  
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY  
JANUARY 22, 2024**

The following is a summary of the Forward Pinellas Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) held on January 22, 2024, at 310 Court Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Clearwater, FL.

**BPAC Members Present**

Paul Zagami, Chair  
Gordon Brown, Vice Chair  
Daniel Alejandro  
Joseph Camera  
Whitney Clark  
Kristen Ehrlich  
Ron Englert  
Kathy Gademer  
Charlie Guy  
Caroline Lanford  
Gloria Lepik-Corrigan  
Jayme Lopko  
Tiffany Menard  
Donovan Nickell  
Joan Rice  
Annette Sala  
Stuart Schwartzreich  
Eric Sorenson  
Elisabeth Staten  
Heather Vernillo  
Juli Worthington  
Peter Wray

Beach Communities Citizen Representative  
St. Petersburg Citizen Representative  
Largo Citizen Representative  
Pinellas County Schools  
City of Largo  
At Large Citizen Representative  
Dunedin Citizen Representative  
City of Dunedin  
St. Petersburg Citizen Representative  
City of Tarpon Springs  
Clearwater Citizen Representative  
City of Clearwater  
City of Pinellas Park  
Seminole Citizen Representative  
Pinellas County Public Works  
At Large Citizen Representative  
St. Petersburg Citizen Representative  
At Large Citizen Representative  
St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator  
North County Citizen Representative  
At Large Citizen Representative  
Beach Communities Citizen Representative

**BPAC Members Absent**

Julie Bond  
Scott Daniels  
Fernando Gutierrez  
Lyle Fowler - Zoom  
Matt Jackson  
Keely Murphy  
Deputy Dan Nocera  
James Phillips - Zoom  
Lara Wojahn  
Avera Wynne

CUTR  
Friends of the Pinellas Trail  
Clearwater Citizen Representative  
PC Parks & Conservation Resources (PCR)  
City of Oldsmar  
St. Petersburg Citizen Representative  
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
PSTA  
At Large Citizen Representative  
Clearwater Citizen Representative

**Others Present**

David Feller  
Jim Wedlake - Zoom  
Tom Washburn  
John Rieman  
David Cooper  
Krystal Burns  
Jeffery Thompson – Zoom

Friends of the Pinellas Trail  
Friends of the Pinellas Trail  
Pinellas County Public Works  
Pinellas County Public Works  
Dunedin Guest  
Oldsmar Guest  
Guest

Kaitlyn Neiman – Zoom  
Ariane Martins  
Chelsea Favero  
Whit Blanton  
Kyle Simpson  
Maria Kelly

Forward Pinellas Staff  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Paul Zagami called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and the attendees in the room introduced themselves.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Daniel Alejandro inquired as to if Brian Smith was recognized for his 10 years of service to the BPAC and it was confirmed that he was recognized at his last BPAC meeting, November 20, 2023 and at the January 10, 2024 Forward Pinellas Board meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The summary from the November 20, 2023 meeting was approved with no corrections.

**4. FORWARD PINELLAS ACTIONS & SPOTLIGHT**

Kyle Simpson, Forward Pinellas staff, reviewed the January 10, 2024, Forward Pinellas Board summary. Brian Smith was recognized for his 10-year service as Chair to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Board endorsed the Regional Transportation Priorities, from the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group, made up of Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas county MPOs. The Board also approved the Advantage Alt 19 Plan and Recommendations, looking at the Alt 19 corridor from St. Petersburg to Clearwater. The Board also approved the Complete Streets Grants, awarding St Petersburg \$100,000 in planning funds for 31<sup>st</sup> Street, and the \$1.5 million construction funds for curb extensions in the Grand Central District. Forward Pinellas staff provided an update on the Housing Action Plan, a Countywide Plan, trying to address the Affordable House challenges we see not only in the county, but in the Tampa Bay region.

Regarding the SPOTLight Emphasis areas. Staff is continuing to work with Honeymoon Island State Park on the turnarounds at the park entrance and working with Florida State Parks in hopes of getting some funding for this project. Forward Pinellas and FDOT are leading a survey, in the Gateway Area, of the major employers to form a transportation management group to help facilitate alternatives to single occupant vehicle trips for work purposes. Regarding Waterborne Transportation, PSTA received just under \$700,000 grant for ferry operations, to help restart Clearwater Ferry in the fall of 2024. Regarding US19 and the interchanges in North County, staff is working with FDOT to hold public meetings in the spring of 2024.

**5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Simpson noted this item should not have appeared here.

**6. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Ariane Martins, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a brief presentation on the Safety Performance Measures and Targets recommendation. There are five performance measures addressing safety: number and rate of fatalities, number and rate of serious

injuries, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries, combined. Staff is federally required to report on the measures each year and set targets. The data covers a five-year rolling average for 2018 – 2022. While Forward Pinellas recognizes that zero is a goal that everyone should strive for, staff recommends setting targets that are realistic and achievable. The adopted targets for nonmotorized serious injuries and fatalities has been achieved. Staff is recommending that new targets be set for this metric, utilizing the same methodology applied the last time targets were set. Given that there is still progress to be made toward achieving the targets set last year for the other measures, staff is recommending that these targets remain the same for the coming year. These targets are taken into consideration each year when Forward Pinellas advances transportation projects forward for funding. Discussion ensued where questions were taken and appropriately answered. Gordon Brown made a motion to recommend the Forward Pinellas Board approve the Safety Measures and Targets, as recommended. This was seconded by Stuart Schwartzreich and passed with a unanimous vote.

## **7. DUNEDIN CAUSEWAY**

Tom Washburn, Pinellas County Public Works, shared a brief presentation on the recent changes to signage on the Dunedin Causeway. The Dunedin Causeway starts at Alt. 19 and runs west to Honeymoon Island State Park. The Royal Stewart Arms Condominiums are located at the end of the causeway just before Honeymoon Island State Park. The Causeway, which is owned by Pinellas County, features a multiuse trail that connects the Honeymoon Island State Park trail system to the Pinellas Trail. While the trail is typically built to current standards, there are three pinch points at the two tidal bridges and drawbridge on the Causeway where the trail width reduces to six feet. These pinch points have resulted in conflicts between people on bicycles and people walking. In January 2022, a complaint was received regarding dangerous interactions of pedestrians and bicyclist on the bridges. In April 2022, enforceable signage was posted for bicyclists to dismount and walk their bicycles across the bridges. In November 2022, a follow-up meeting was held with Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County staff, Dunedin staff and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to re-evaluate the signage. In February/March 2023, updated signs and markings were installed still indicating bicyclists must dismount and walk bikes across bridge. Bicyclists have an option to ride on the road, indicated by sharrow markings, but the bridge itself could be dangerous when wet, indicated by slippery when wet signs. Construction of a new bridge is scheduled for construction in FY26, with wider bicycle/pedestrian areas, at which time dismount signs will be removed. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. At this time, Ron Englert of the BPAC shared a presentation questioning why the "Yield to Pedestrians" signs were removed, and bicyclists now had to dismount and walk their bikes across the bridge. Mr. Englert feels this is unnecessary and taxing on the elderly and very young cyclists to walk their bikes this distance. Mr. Englert also discover these changes were made due to one citizen claiming to have been hit 19 times by bicyclist passing since 2020 on the Causeway bridges. Mr. Englert shared several options for sign placement that could be less confusing to the public and submitted a resolution to the BPAC asking the BPAC to urge Pinellas County to reconsider whether the signs ordering bicyclist to dismount are necessary and/or whether other means of addressing concerns of safety of pedestrians are available which do not have such a strong deterrent effect on bicyclist with to access the Dunedin Causeway and Honeymoon Island. After discussion, it was determined that the resolution cannot come from one person on the committee, it needs to come from the committee, addressed to the Forward Pinellas Board to ask the County to look into further solutions. The motion was made stating that the BPAC urges the Forward Pinellas Board to make a recommendation to the County to reconsider whether the signs ordering the

bicyclist to dismount are necessary and/or whether other means of addressing concerns of safety of pedestrians are available which do not have such a strong deterrent effect on bicyclist wishing to access the Dunedin Causeway and Honeymoon Island.

It is resolved that the BPAC urges the Forward Pinellas Board to work with the County to reconsider whether the signs ordering the bicyclist to dismount are necessary and to reevaluate the situation including the signs and other alternatives.

A motion was made to suggest this proposal to the Forward Pinellas Board by Ron Englert. This was seconded by Eric Sorenson and was passed with a unanimous vote.

## **8. PROPOSED REGIONAL MPO**

Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, provided an overview of the merging of the MPOs for Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco counties. Federal law requires that each urban area with a population greater than 50,000, as determined by the US Census, be represented by a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to bring local input to the allocation of state and federal transportation funding and to the overall transportation planning process. Since their original designations, the developed areas of Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco have grown together and the transportation networks of the three counties have been functioning as one, regional unit, instead of three separate ones. In 2023, as the MPOs discussed even more coordination opportunities, the Legislature required that the MPOs officially explore the feasibility of merging the three into a single regional MPO for the Tampa Bay area. Local and regional officials suggested that now may be the right time to move forward with looking into the merger of the three MPOs. A request from the legislature was received to formally document the benefits, costs and feasibility of a merged MPO. A report of the same was formally submitted to the legislature just last month. A two phased approach has been put together in moving forward with a merger. Phase I is approving an Apportionment Plan, which basically says how an MPO is going to vote; who does and does not have a voting seat; how do the smaller communities retain a voice and to make sure the Apportionment Plan meets state and federal laws. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the first meeting of the TMA, to begin discussions of the Apportionment Plan, will be held at Tampa International Airport if members of the public would like to attend (there is a virtual option posted on the Forward Pinellas calendar). Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

Due to time constraints, Item 12B – 2024 Florida Legislative Session Update was presented by Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director. Mr. Blanton shared that Senate Bill (SB) 1032, filed by Senator Gruber from Sarasota, with a House Bill (HB) companion filed by Representative McFarlan from Sarasota, proposes to significantly revise MPO's and other statewide changes, requiring MPOs to adopt quality performance measures and to submit an annual report on those quality performance measures to include traffic flow and congestions and utilization transportation facilities. Also required is to submit those scores to the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) to review and rate the MPOs with an A – F score. Failure to perform up to standard will allow the DOT Secretary to take over the MPO, fire staff, merge MPO's and reconstitute the board. A high score, perform really well, the MPO will receive \$5 million dollars. This is a violation of federal law. MPOs were created by federal law to counterbalance the state's department of transportation. Senator Hooper has filed a bill, SB 266, that would cap the amount of money to spend on transit, through the state's transportation trust fund, capping it at 20%. There is a minimum spend now of 15%. This sets up more barriers to get transit projects funded. Again, violates the purpose of having an MPO. A bill filed to reconstitute the

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), changing the board from 15 to 11. On the bike/ped front, there is HB 449 speeding by motor vehicles, which would increase the fine and create a felony situation for any drivers going 30 mph over the speed limit. SB 1528 violations against vulnerable road users, increasing the penalties for people found liable to cause serious bodily injury or death of a vulnerable road user. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

## **9. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Simpson shared a presentation with the committee on the development of the current Active Transportation Plan (ATP) in conjunction with the Advantage Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) process. Like the LRTP, the ATP identified a desired trail and bicycle facility network throughout Pinellas County, and then used a scoring system to develop a cost feasible list for projects through 2045. Forward Pinellas committed to funding ten corridors (\$62 million) and four overpasses (\$24 million) with its flexible funding over the life of the plan. Since development and adoption of the ATP, multiple corridors and overpasses have advanced for design and construction, while some need to be amended due to constraints identified after initial development of the plan. In conjunction with the ongoing Advantage Pinellas LRTP work with a 2050 planning horizon; Forward Pinellas is working with one of its general planning consultants to update the plan and extend the planning horizon from 2045 to 2050. One of the initial deliverables was the development of a Level of Traffic Stress map. The Level of Traffic Stress is a way to look at how comfortable it is to bike somewhere; how bad is the traffic where biking; how comfortable is the biker on the sidewalk in the area. The Level of Traffic Stress map shared showed neighborhood streets in blue, and arterials in red. This information will help in determining where the gaps are in the network and work to close those gaps. Staff will also be reviewing the projects that were prioritized and making sure the local governments still support the recommendations due changes in the funding components. Forward Pinellas committed to funding four overpasses in the current transportation plan, however two overpass projects have been deemed infeasible, the Duke Energy Trail at Drew Street and SR60, and staff would like to get the opinion of the committee to add two more potential overpasses for funding or to add one overpass and possibly at-grade projects around the county. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

## **10. BUSINESS**

### **A. Friends of the Pinellas Trail**

Stuart Schwartzreich filled in for Scott Daniels, shared the board of directors has a meeting scheduled with the Parks and Conservation Department to discuss strategic and practical issues both groups are considering. January 30, 2024, the board of directors has an open public meeting at 6:00 pm, at the Largo Public Library. Chief Ranger Kent Cleveland will be speaking. Annual Trail Volunteers picnic will be in March, date to be determined. Friend Facebook page is approaching 10K members. Friends would be happy to advertise or promote trail events.

## **11. AGENCY REPORTS**

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

Ms. Joan Rice shared an update on the Pinellas Trail Loop. The bridge going over Lake Tarpon, construction is still planned for the spring. For the South Gap, south of Hanes Bayshore, south of Ulmerton Road is in design, construction still planned for 2026.



- **Clearwater Bicycle Pedestrian Program**  
Jayme Lopko shared there were no updates.
- **St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Program**  
Ms. Elisabeth Staten, St. Petersburg Transportation, the Safe Streets and Roads for All application did not receive full funding, but it did receive supplemental funding which will help update the Complete Streets Implementation Plan and adding a Traffic Safety in Equity component which will act as a Vision Zero component. St. Pete was also invited to submit a full proposal for the Better Bike Share program working with Lime and PSTA to help streamline the transportation disadvantaged application with Lime access program to help register people for lower cost micromobility trips in addition to their transportation disadvantage.
- **Largo Bicycle Pedestrian Program**  
Whitney Clark shared that the Rosery Road LAP project is scheduled to begin mid-October. Just a sub-set of the entire project that extends from Long Bayou Creek to Eagle Lake Park.
- **Oldsmar Bicycle Pedestrian Program**  
No one in attendance.
- **Pinellas Park Bicycle Pedestrian Program**  
Tiffany Menard shared there were no updates.
- **Dunedin Bicycle Pedestrian Program**  
Kathy Gademer shared there were no updates.
- **Tarpon Springs Bicycle Pedestrian Program**  
Caroline Lanford shared there were no updates.
- **Pinellas County Schools (PCS)**  
Joe Camera shared there were no updates.
- **FDOT District 7 Updates**  
No representative for FDOT in attendance.

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Membership**

There are four openings on the BPAC. Mr. Simpson reminded the members of the attendance policy currently in place. If you miss three consecutive meeting or four meetings in a calendar year, you may be asked to give up your seat. The County Attorney has been asked to present to the committee on the Sunshine Law.

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

There were no comments regarding this item.

### **C. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics**

### **D. Upcoming Items of Interest**

Mr. Simpson shared that Walk Audits are taking place today, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, on 49<sup>th</sup>

Street S, with the cities of Gulfport and St. Petersburg. A Forward Pinellas Safe Streets and Roads for All project. One Walk Audit will be from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and the other from 5:30 to 8:00 with the Business District Assoc., meeting at 1617 49<sup>th</sup> Street S, Gulfport Community Center.

On Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Forward Pinellas has planned a Target Enforcement Day on the Pinellas Trail. This was organized by the Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF) committee made up of law enforcement members from municipalities that touch the Pinellas Trail. Officers will be out on the trail and at intersections enforcing the rules for trail users plus motorists at trail crossings, primarily purpose is education with enforcement, if necessary, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Bike Your City will be held on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> in St. Petersburg. It will begin and end at the Childs Park Rec Center and the ride will begin at 9:30. More to come.

People for Bikes found out that FDOT did a project on the Bay Way, the Cycle Track, and it made the list of the best Bicycle Facilities in 2023.

Ms. Favero shared that Forward Pinellas is ramping up public outreach for the Long-Range Transportation Plan and trying to be at as many public events as possible. If anyone has an event, they would like to see Forward Pinellas at, please reach out to us.

Peter Wray shared on January 26 at 7:30 a speaker, Ray Delahanty, the Guy behind CityNerd, a nationally known Urbanist Transit, whom the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce will be bringing in to speak at the Chambers 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

James Phillips with PSTA shared they are well on their way with community engagement with the PSTA Community Bus Plan. He would like to work with Forward Pinellas for recommendations on their Road Show in the April-May time period.

Daniel Alejandra shared an encouraging suggestion advocating for safety on the Trail is to consider a yellow dash sign in the middle of the Pinellas Trail with signs that state every two miles to keep right and pass on the left when it is safe to do so. Mr. Simpson shared that Brian Smith met with Parks on the very reason. Public Works is working right now to determine where to place the arrows.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Zagami adjourned the meeting at 10:32am. The next BPAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024.

**4. Forward Pinellas Actions**

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**A. Forward Pinellas Board Summary**

The January 10, 2024, Executive Summary is provided for your information. A staff member will summarize actions taken by the Forward Pinellas Board at the meeting.

**ATTACHMENT:** Executive Summary for January 10, 2024 (distributed separately)

**B. SPOTLight Emphasis Areas**

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 and Enhancing Beach Access

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**5. Active Transportation Plan**

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**SUMMARY**

Forward Pinellas continues to work with Fehr & Peers, one of its general planning consultants, on the update to the Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP outlines the active transportation projects Forward Pinellas plans to fund over the next 20 years with our flexible funding sources. A representative from Fehr & Peers will provide an overview of their work to date and highlight the next steps in the update.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None, informational item only

**Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – February 26, 2024****6. Advantage Pinellas Website**

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**SUMMARY**

Advantage Pinellas is the long-range transportation plan for the Forward Pinellas MPO. Last adopted in 2019 with a horizon year of 2045, agency staff has been working with local government partners to create a new plan with a horizon year of 2050.

Forward Pinellas has begun Phase II of the Advantage Pinellas outreach activities, with a focus on prioritizing investments in various transportation projects. Staff will provide an overview of the outreach activities taking place and show the committee the updated outreach website that is gathering feedback that align with this phase of the plan development. Committee members can preview the website in advance of the meeting at [www.advantagepinellas2050.org](http://www.advantagepinellas2050.org).

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only

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**7. 2023 Accomplishments**

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**SUMMARY**

The Forward Pinellas BPAC serves as an advisory committee to the Forward Pinellas Board and provides important feedback that shapes Forward Pinellas policy and priorities. Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of priorities and projects which the BPAC had an impact on over the course of 2023.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None, informational item only

**8. BPAC Business**

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**A. Friends of the Pinellas Trails**

A representative from Friends of the Pinellas Trail may take this opportunity to provide an update. Information on the Friends of the Pinellas Trail is available at [FriendsOfThePinellasTrail.org](https://www.FriendsOfThePinellasTrail.org).

**B. Tri-County BPAC**

The Tri-County BPAC is comprised of representatives from Forward Pinellas, Pasco MPO, and Hillsborough TPO and meets three times per year with each county hosting one meeting. The meetings take place in the evening and are scheduled for Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in Pasco, Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> in Hillsborough, and Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in Pinellas this year. Forward Pinellas staff are seeking at least two BPAC members to serve as Forward Pinellas BPAC representatives at the July and October Tri-County BPAC meetings.

Forward Pinellas staff will provide a summary of items covered at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Tri-County BPAC meeting.

**C. Bike Your City 2024 – St. Petersburg – Saturday, March 2, 2024**

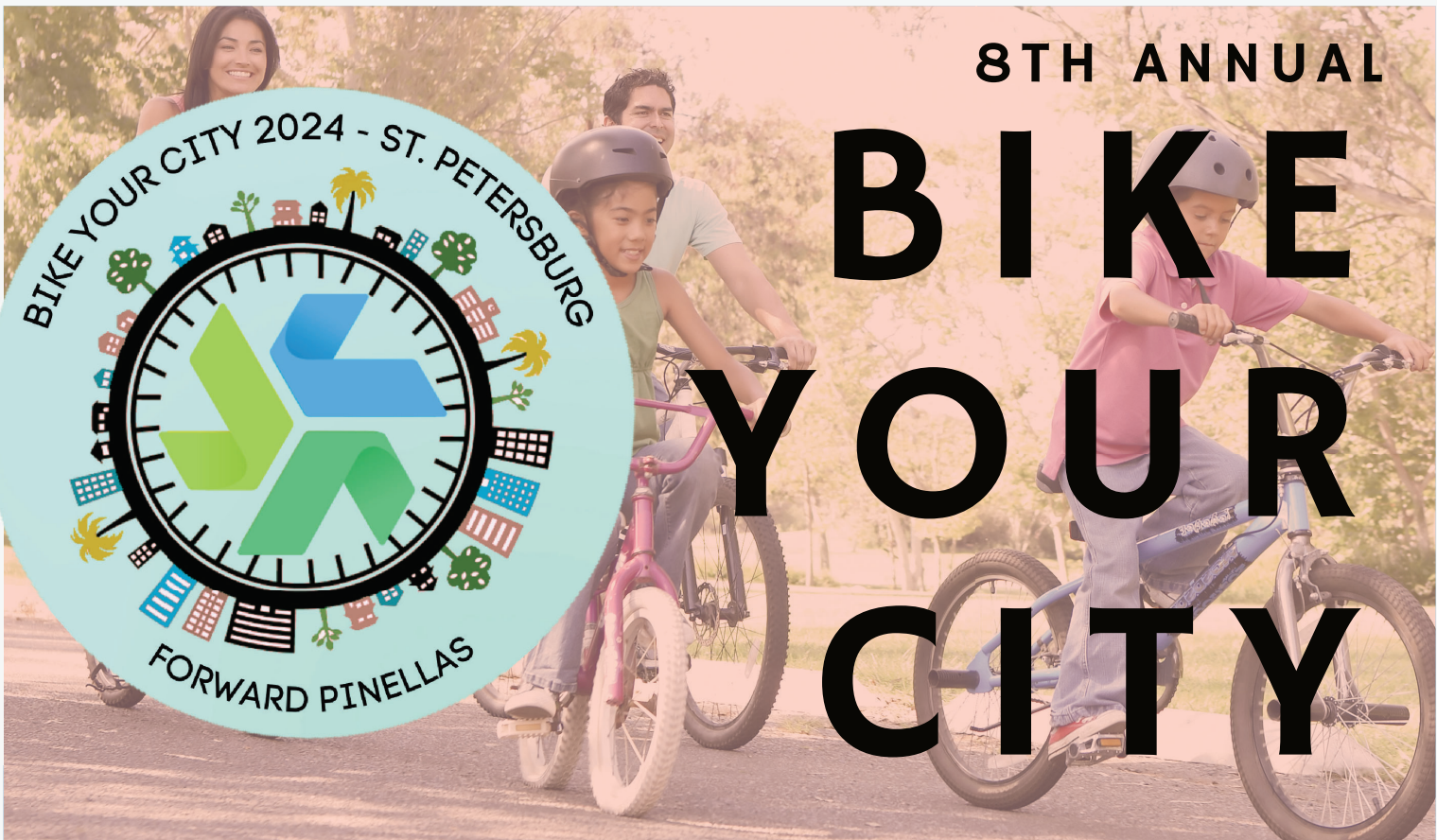
Each year for Florida Bicycle Month Forward Pinellas hosts a community bicycle ride in different communities around Pinellas County. This year's ride will be in St. Petersburg, beginning and ending at the Child's Park Recreation Center. The ride begins at 9:30am and is a 9-mile, family-friendly loop.

**D. Pinellas Trail Targeted Enforcement Day – Saturday, April 6, 2024**

The Targeted Enforcement Day along the Pinellas Trail is rescheduled for April 6, 2024, due to inclement weather forecasted for February 17, 2024. Member organizations of the Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF) are conducting a targeted education and enforcement campaign at select locations along the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail. Police Officers from the cities of Belleair, Clearwater, Largo, St. Petersburg, and Tarpon Springs, as well as Deputies with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, will be on the trail and at key roadway crossings to ensure motorist and trail users are complying with traffic laws. Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County, Friends of the Pinellas Trail, and the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) will also be in Downtown Dunedin and Downtown St. Petersburg distributing safety materials and safety devices.

8TH ANNUAL

# BIKE YOUR CITY



**MARCH 2, 2024 @ 9:30AM**

Childs Park Recreation & Fitness Center  
4301 13th Ave S St. Petersburg, FL 33711



Hop on your bike for a slow, guided 8-mile group ride in the beautiful City of St. Petersburg!

Free and family friendly. Complimentary BYC 24 t-shirts will be provided on a first-come basis the morning of the event.

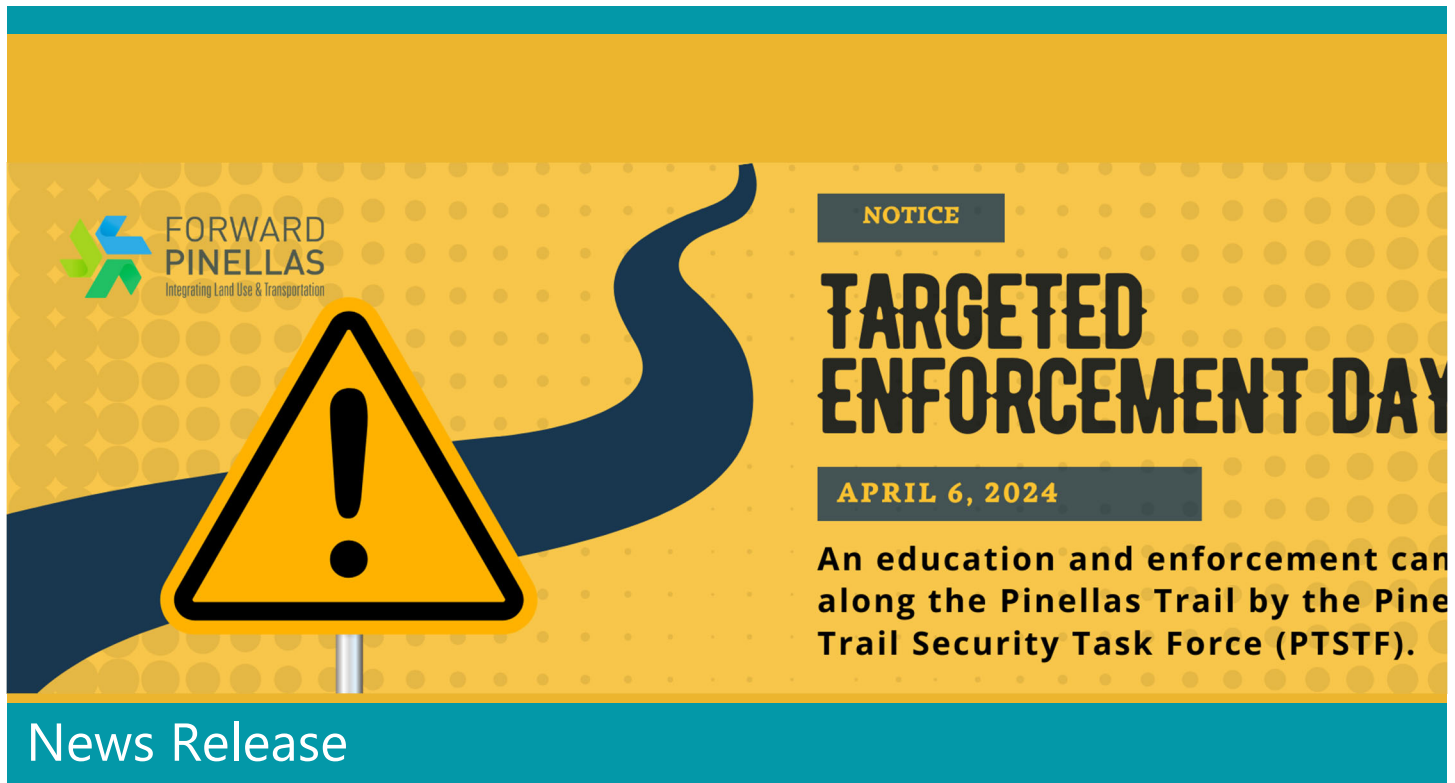
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[bit.ly/BYC24](https://bit.ly/BYC24)



Registration required. Helmets are required for ages 16 & younger and encouraged for everyone.



Subject: IMMEDIATE RELEASE: RESCHEDULED - Target Enforcement Day April 6, 2024



**Immediate Release**

February 15, 2024

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**Targeted Enforcement Day along the Pinellas Trail **RESCHEDULED for April 6, 2024****

*~~ The Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF) law enforcement agencies will be conducting a targeted education and enforcement campaign along the Pinellas Trail. ~~*

**PINELLAS COUNTY, FL** ---- The Targeted Enforcement Day along the Pinellas Trail is rescheduled for April 6, 2024, due to inclement weather. Member organizations of the Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF) are conducting a targeted education and enforcement campaign at select locations along the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail. Police Officers from the cities of Belleair, Clearwater, Largo, St. Petersburg, and Tarpon Springs, as well as Deputies with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, will be on the trail and at key roadway crossings to ensure motorist and trail users are complying with traffic laws. Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County, Friends of the Pinellas Trail, and the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) will also be in Downtown Dunedin and Downtown St. Petersburg distributing safety materials and safety devices.

The Pinellas Trail is the preeminent trail facility in Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay region, spanning from St. Petersburg to Tarpon Springs. The number of users on the Pinellas Trail increased by 51% between 2019 and 2020 to over two-million annual users. While most users have a positive experience on the trail, there has been an increase in

the number of complaints regarding trail user and driver behaviors. This effort is in tandem with Pinellas County's ongoing [Trail Courtesy Campaign](#) which reminds people how to share our trails in a courteous and safe manner.

[PTSTF](#) is comprised of all law enforcement agencies and County departments with jurisdiction over the Pinellas Trail and meets quarterly to ensure safe and comfortable conditions exist on the Trail. Any issues that are brought forth are addressed through a comprehensive, coordinated approach.

*Learn more about the work of the Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF) at: <https://forwardpinellas.org/advisory-committees/pinellas-trail-security-task-force-ptstf/>.*

*If you are interested in getting involved with Forward Pinellas' work, contact us today: [forwardpinellas.org/get-involved](https://forwardpinellas.org/get-involved).*

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**9. Agency Reports**

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

- Pinellas County Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Clearwater Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- St. Petersburg Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Largo Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Oldsmar Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Pinellas Park Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Dunedin Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Tarpon Springs Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- Pinellas County Schools
- FDOT District 7

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only

**A. Membership**

There are currently five openings: two for Pinellas Park/Mid County area, one for the Largo area, one At Large seat and one North County (Tarpon Springs/Palm Harbor/Ozona/Oldsmar/Safety Harbor) area.

**ATTACHMENT:** BPAC Membership List

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

- Pinellas County Fatalities Report thru January, 2024
- Pinellas Trail Data – January 2024
- Ray Delahanty, aka “CityNerd” video on St. Petersburg:  
<https://youtu.be/vOCHiisI9gY?si=2yhHD9OxiZYXnlft>

**C. Member Comments**

Members may bring up any topic for discussion that was not covered on the agenda.

## **BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST**

### **Voting**

#### **St. Petersburg Area (St. Pete/Gulfport/So Pasadena/Tierra Verde)**

1. Stuart Schwartzreich (05/11/22)
2. Keely Murphy (03/08/23)
3. Gordon Brown (Vice Chair) (04/12/23)
4. Charlie Guy (01/12/22)

#### **Clearwater Area**

5. Gloria Lepik-Corrigan (09/08/21)
6. Fernando Gutierrez (01/12/22)
7. William "Avera" Wynne (06/08/22)

#### **Dunedin Area**

8. Ron Englert (02/08/23)
9. David Cooper (02/14/24)

#### **Pinellas Park and Mid-County**

10. Vacant
11. Vacant

#### **Largo Area**

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

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

14. Heather Vernillo (08/10/22)
15. Vacant

#### **At Large Area**

16. Eric Sorenson (09/14/22) (Clearwater)
17. Lara Wojahn (02/08/23) (Treasure Island)
18. Julie Worthington (10/11/23) (Clearwater)
19. Annette Sala (03/12/14) (St. Petersburg)
20. Kristin Ehrlich (01/10/24) (St. Petersburg)
21. Krystal Burns (02/14/24) (St. Petersburg)
22. Vacant

#### **Seminole Area**

23. Donovan Nickell (01/11/23)

#### **Beach Communities**

24. Peter Wray (02/08/23)
25. Paul Zagami (Chair) (01/12/22)

#### **Technical Support**

1. County Traffic Department (Joan Rice – representative, John Rieman and Gina Harvey– alternates)
2. Pinellas County Planning Department (Scott Swearngen – representative)
3. PSTA (James Phillips – representative; Devan Deal – alternate)
4. City of Clearwater (Jayme Lopko - representative, Lauren Matzke - representative)
5. City of St. Petersburg (Elisabeth Staten – representative; Cheryl Stacks - alternate)
6. City of Largo (Whitney Clark – representative; Diane Friel - alternate)
7. City of Oldsmar (Matt Jackson – representative, Tatiana Childress – alternate)
8. City of Pinellas Park (Tiffany Menard – representative, Derek Reeves – alternate)
9. City of Dunedin (Kathy Gademer – representative, James Cunningham – alternate)
10. City of Tarpon Springs (Caroline Lanford – representative)
11. Pinellas County School System (Joseph Camera- representative, Autumn Westermann- alternate)
12. Friends of the Pinellas Trails (Scott Daniels – representative, Jim Wedlake - alternate)
13. 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 Dan Nocera
5. Clearwater Police Dept.

#### **Non-Voting Technical Support**

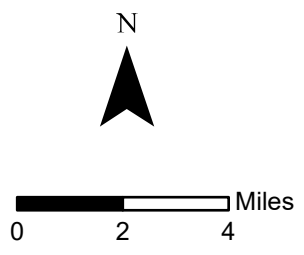
14. FDOT (Jensen Hackett - representative)
15. County Parks and Conservation Resources (Lyle Fowler – representative; Spencer Curtis – alternate)

\*Dates signify appointment

# 2024 Reported Traffic Fatalities (as of January 30)

## Crash Type

- Pedestrian
- Vehicle



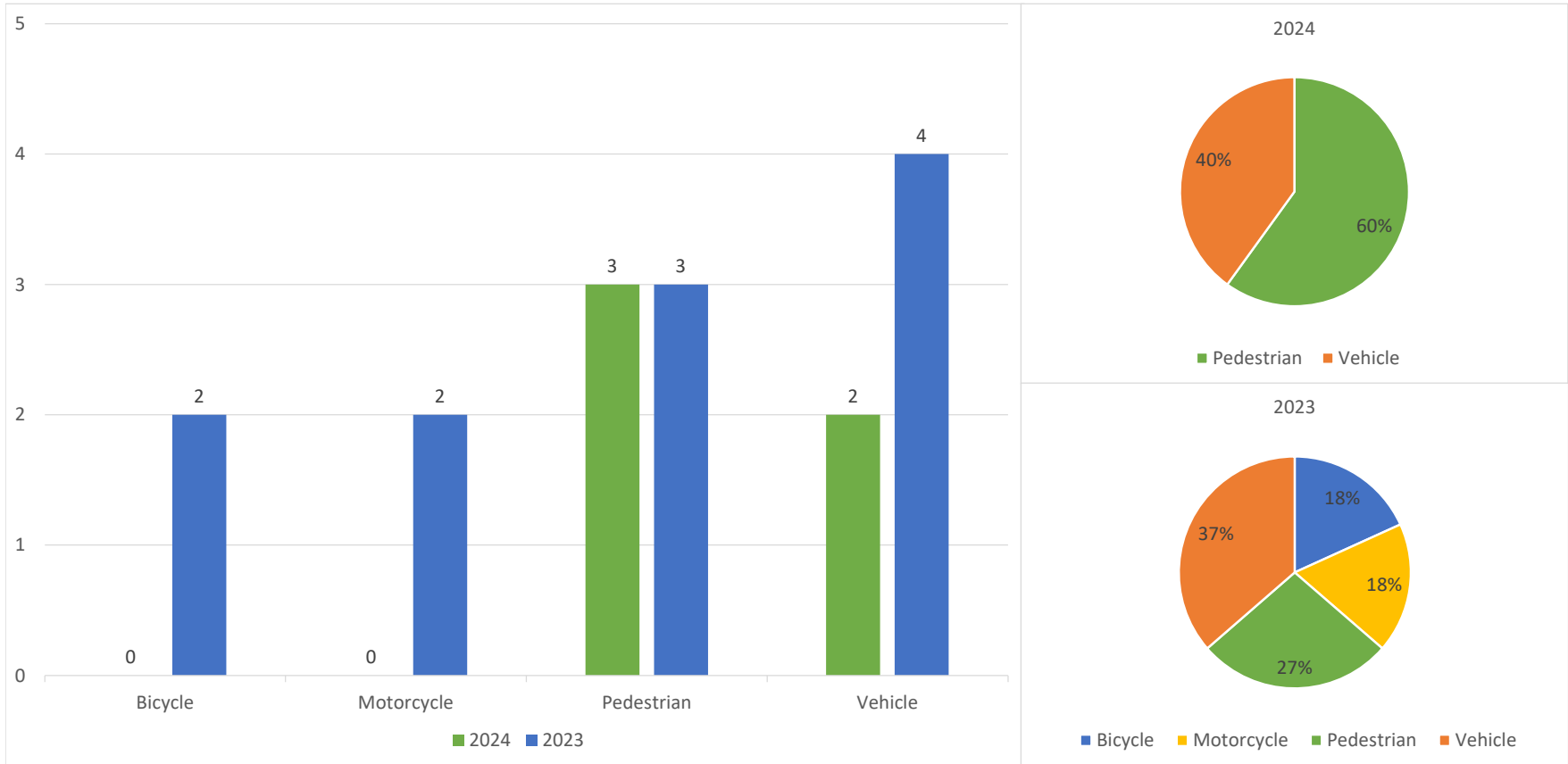
Data Source: Forward Pinellas, 2024.  
Map Produced: January 30, 2024.



Report Number	Fatalities	Date	Time	Type	On Street	Intersecting Street	Jurisdiction	Driver Age	Driver Sex
25959532	1	1/3/2024	6:45 PM	Pedestrian	22nd Ave N	41th St N	St. Petersburg	Unknown	Unknown
Unknown	1	1/23/2024	10:08 AM	Pedestrian	US 19	Beckett Way	Tarpon Springs	21	Female
Unknown	1	1/26/2024	Unknown	Vehicle	US 19	Seville Blvd	Clearwater	71	Male
Unknown	2	1/28/2024	5:15 AM	Vehicle	Starkey Rd	East Bay Dr	Largo	Unknown	Unknown
Unknown	1	1/28/2024	9:33 PM	Pedestrian	Gulf to Bay Blvd	Mercury Ave	Clearwater	25	Unknown

**Note:** Due to Florida Statute changes, there is a 60-day delay in the sharing of crash data from FLHSMV. As such, all crashes listed for the month of January are unofficial. These crash listings will be updated with official information as it becomes available.

### Reported Fatal Crashes 2023/2024 Comparison (as of January 30)



# Pinellas Trail Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:  
January 1st-31st

## January 2024

31-Day Count Total: 171,861

Daily Average Count: 5,544

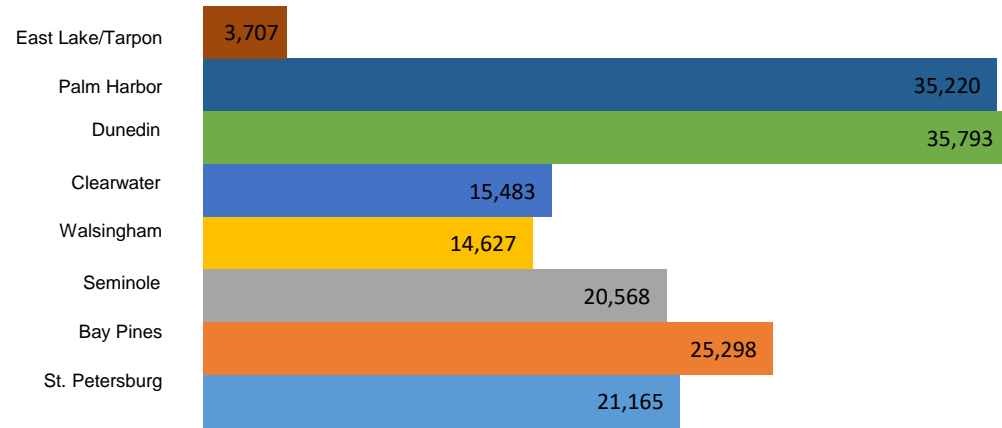
Highest Daily Totals:

#1 – Saturday, January 27th (Dunedin – 3,150)

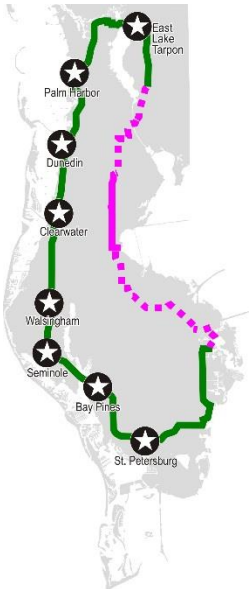
#2 – Saturday, January 27th (Bay Pines – 1,548)

#3 – Saturday, January 27th (St. Petersburg – 1,403)

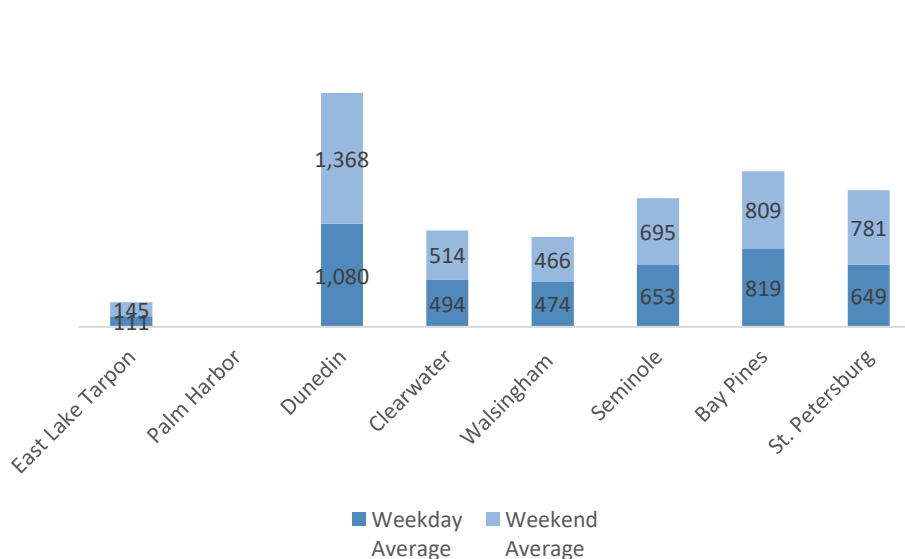
## January Totals by Counter Location\*



## Counter Locations



## Weekday & Weekend Profile\*



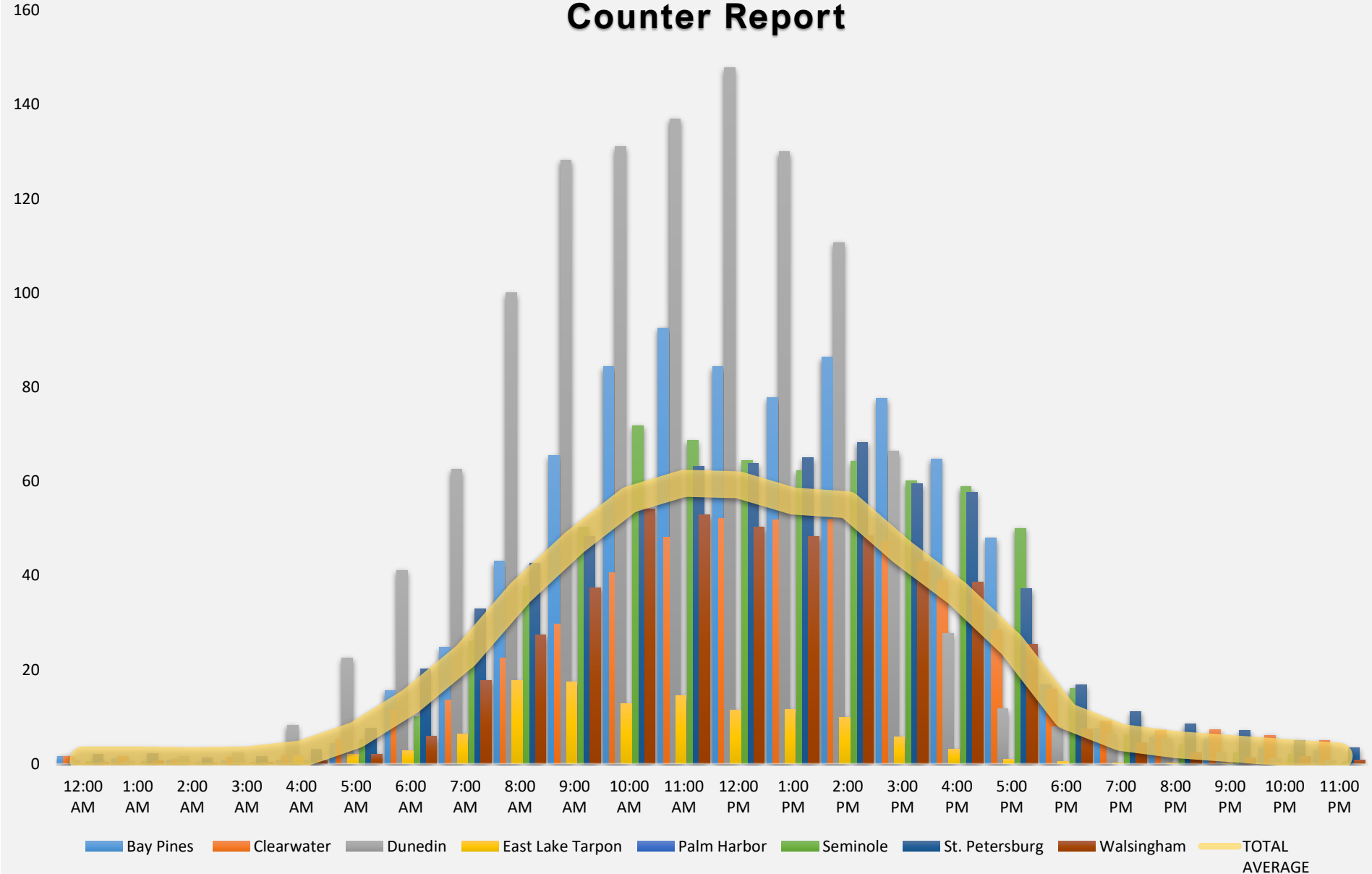
## Trail User Mode Split\*

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
Palm Harbor	N/A	N/A
Dunedin	20%	80%
Clearwater	N/A	N/A
Walsingham	N/A	N/A
Seminole	25%	75%
Bay Pines	29%	71%
St. Petersburg	29%	71%
East Lake/Tarpon	7%	93%

Source: Forward Pinellas January 2024



# January 2024 Average Hourly Counter Report



# Pinellas Trail Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection

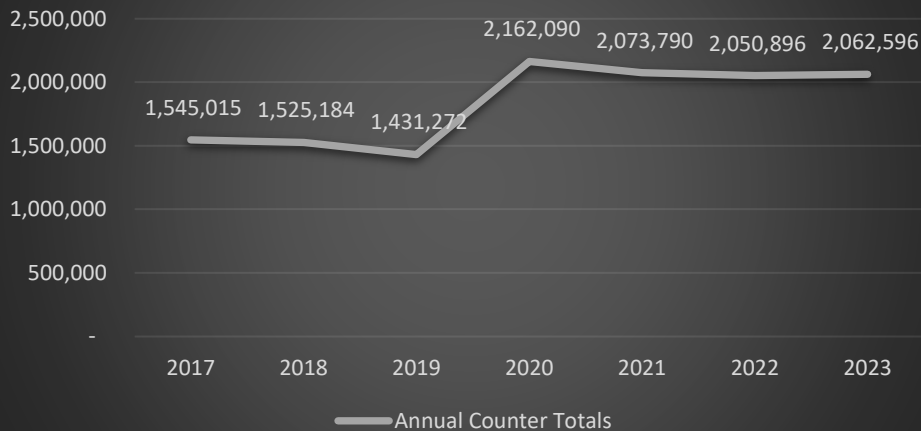
Period: January 2017 – January 2024 Data



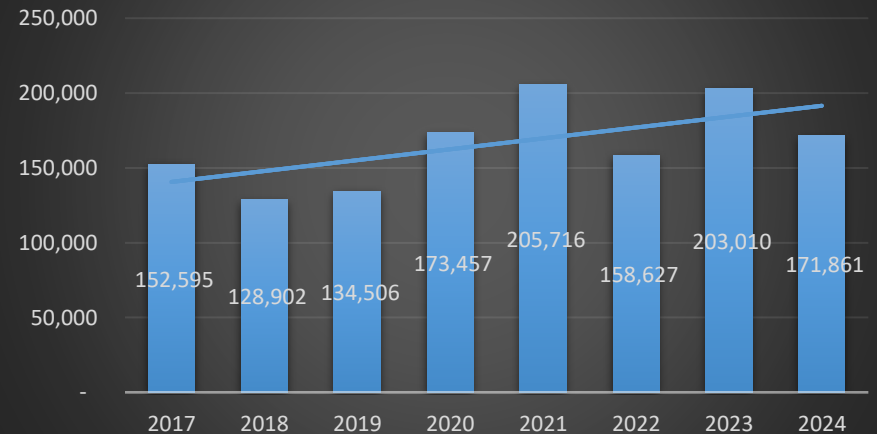
**2024 Total Count:  
171,861**

## January Monthly Trail Counts 2017 - 2024

### Pinellas Trail Use 2017 - 2023



### January Monthly Counts



#### Notes:

- \*Due to technical issues with the Palm Harbor counter, a linear regression formula was used to generate an estimated count based on historical data. Daily, hourly, and mode split data is not available. Due to technical issues with the Clearwater, and Walsingham counters, mode split data is not available.
- Data in this report represents total counts from each count station located along the Pinellas Trail system. Each datapoint does not necessarily represent a unique trail user.