Bay County TPO PedBikeTrail 2025 Master Plan – Local Working Group – 11/19/2025

Attendees:

- Jessica Walton, ECRC
- Eric Christianson, ECRC
- Tyrone Scorsone, Kittleson
- Jasmine Blais, Kittlson
- Ada Clark, ECRC
- Gary Kramer, ECRC
- Keith Bryant, Bay County
- Rodney Friend, Citizen, Former Commissioner/TPO Chair
- Cliff Johnson, Bay County
- Chris Sponseller, Bay County
- Jeff Ehret, Fleet Feet, Rotorhead Racing Company, FSU/PC Running Coach
- Cheryl Joyner, Panama City Beach
- Ben Janke, Lynn Haven

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order and attendee introductions were made. Ms. Walton gave an overview of the agenda.

Outreach Summary – Ms. Walton gave an overview of the public survey that ECRC conducted. Ms. Blais provided a summary of the key themes from the public survey comments.

Evaluation Criteria – Mr. Christianson went through the Evaluation Criteria. There was some discussion on the high number of walk/bike/public transit commuters on Tyndall AFB. The ACS data was examined and there are a high number of walking commuters reported in that area.

Project Identification – Ms. Walton stated that all projects identified in this plan have been incorporated into the Bay County LRTP Needs Plan. There were some recommendations made at the 11/5 Bay County TPO meeting:

1. #15 (CR 2323/Boat Race Rd Sidewalk from Tyndall Pkwy to Berthe Ave) – remove, as shared-use path already exists on one side of the road.
2. #16 (Tyndall AFB Multi-Use Path from Berthe Ave to S end of Dupont Bridge) – typo, Berthe Ave should be Boat Race Road.

3. #40 (Beach Drive Trail from Frankford Ave to W 6th St) – project description should be 5-12ft paved non-motorized trail.

Ms. Walton demonstrated the Interactive Project Dashboard. Mr. Janke indicated that #45 (Minnesota Ave Sidewalk from CR 2312/Baldwin Rd to Moseley Dr) has already been constructed and should be removed from the project list.

Ms. Walton proceeded to go through the list of 80 projects on the dashboard. There was discussion on #2 (Breakfast Point East Connector Multi-Use Path) – Mr. Janke expressed the importance of this connector. Mr. Bryant stated that there is a difference alignment and asked Mr. Johnson to provide the new alignment to ECRC.

Mr. Janke asked about #12 (Nehi Rd/CR 2315/Star Ave, Other Multi-Use Path) – it looks like the trail (SUN Trail gap) follows the Gulf Coast Parkway alignment, but it is unclear what the current plans are, if this project is still in the DOT Work Plan. Mr. Johnson stated that the segment where it terminates down to SR 22 is definitely in the LRTP, but is unsure of the additional segment. Ms. Walton stated that the segment is identified as a gap in FDOT's SUN Trail layer, and that is how the segment was included in the project list. May require some follow up.

Mr. Bryant indicated that #36 (Baldwin Rd Sidewalk from SR 390 to State Ave) was recently constructed and should be removed from the project list.

Next Steps/Open Discussion – Mr. Christianson went over the next steps and timeframe.

Mr. Johnson stressed again the importance of addressing e-bikes in the plan. He stated it was agreed that we would do a chapter or appendix to cast some light on the issue and provide something regionally that all municipalities and the county might buy into.

Adjournment – Being no further questions or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Action items:

- Realign #2 (Breakfast Point East Connector)
- Remove #15 from project list (per TPO recommendation)
- Remove #36 (Baldwin Rd Sidewalk from SR 390 to State Ave) from project list (already constructed)
- Remove #45 (Minnesota Ave Sidewalk from CR 2312/Baldwin Rd to Moseley Dr) from project list (already constructed)
- Update project list and send updates to Local Working Group
- Follow up on Gulf Coast Parkway status/plans (#12)
- Address e-bikes