



**BICYCLE TRAILWAYS PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BTPAC)
GREENWAYS SCORING AD HOC COMMITTEE AGENDA**

DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Pursuant to TPA Emergency Order 2020-04, this meeting is being conducted virtually. There will be no opportunity to attend the meeting in person.

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1. Roll Call
 2. August 6, 2020 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Summary
 3. Review the Committee's Charge
The TPA's BTPAC created a 5-member ad hoc committee on September 12, 2019 to assess greenway scoring.
 4. Review of Large Florida MPO Scoring of Non-Motorized Paved and Unpaved Off-Road Facilities
TPA staff will review the attached overview of Large Florida MPO scoring of non-motorized paved and unpaved off-road facilities in non-urbanized areas, specific to rural shared use paths and unpaved paths.
 5. Discussion of Potential Changes to the 2021 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Scoring
Ad Hoc Committee members will discuss and recommend potential changes to the 2021 TA Program Scoring for consideration by the full BTPAC.
 6. Adjournment

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**BICYCLE TRAILWAYS PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BTPAC)
GREENWAYS SCORING AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

August 6, 2020

Pursuant to TPA Emergency Order 2020-03,
this meeting was conducted virtually through Zoom.

This is a summary of the meeting events and may not reflect all discussion that occurred. PDF versions of the agenda, backup material and presentations as well as audio recordings are available for review at www.PalmBeachTPA.org/meeting

Chair Ferguson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Review the Committee's Charge

CHAIR FERGUSON stated the BTPAC created a 5-member ad-hoc committee on September 12, 2019 to assess greenway scoring as it relates to the TPA's Transportation Alternatives funding program.

MS. SALLY CHANNON noted there as previous discussion during the May BTPAC meeting on this matter as well.

Review Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

MS. ALYSSA FRANK, TPA Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator, reviewed scoring under the current TA Program, and provided an overview of the TPA's adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) performance measures and definitions of non-motorized facilities.

A committee discussion ensued on the lack of goals to support the development of greenways in the LRTP, other MPO examples on greenways, modification of the existing TA scoring sheet, current usage and types of trailways, and the member's perspective of how these items should score.

There was a consensus for TPA staff to research how other MPOs are handling greenways.

Discussion of Potential Changes to the 2021 TA Program Scoring

A committee discussion ensued on not changing the existing TA scoring sheet as projects will still not score appropriately, how rural projects will fare in the scoring process, FAST Act guidelines, and the appropriate next steps.

There was a lengthy discussion on the Motion language.

MOTION directing staff to research and summarize Florida MPO scoring for TA funding of facilities in the non-urbanized area, specific to non-motorized paved and unpaved off-road facilities, and present at a future Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion made by Ms. Jean Matthews and seconded by Mr. David Wiloch. A roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Ad Hoc Committee Members in Attendance:

Erik Ferguson, BTPAC Chair, City of Boca Raton
Sally Channon, Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management
Jean Matthews, Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation
Michael Howe, Palm Beach County Planning
David Wiloch, Palm Beach County Planning
Brian Ruscher, City of Delray Beach

Others in Attendance

Valerie Neilson, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Margarita Pierce, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Jason Price, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Andrew Uhlir, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

Large Florida MPO Scoring of Non-Motorized Paved and Unpaved Off-Road Facilities Overview

What is a Greenway?

Per [Section 260.013\(4\), Florida Statutes](#), “Greenway” means:

- a linear open space established along either a natural corridor, such as a riverfront, stream valet, or ridgeline, or other land along a railroad right-of-way converted to recreational use, canal, scenic road, or other route; or
- any natural or landscaped course for pedestrian or bicycle passage; or
- an open space corridor linking parks, nature preserves, cultural features, and or historic sites with each other and populated areas; or
- a local strip or linear park designated as a parkway or greenbelt.

Additionally, [Section 19.8 of the Federal Highway Administration University Course on Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation](#) defines “Greenway” as a larger corridor of land that:

- is primarily defined by its environmental features or functions, including waterways, forests, wetlands, shorelines, or other natural or restored landscapes; and
- exists for larger **environmental** purposes, such as habitat preservation, to absorb and accommodate floodwaters, or to provide parkland and recreation resources for human communities; and
- may include built natural areas, such as linear urban parks or parkways, along flood control levees, or along urban waterfronts; and
- may include natural areas, such as along beaches and shorelines, in conservation areas, or along stream or river corridors.

TPA Commentary: In Florida law and FHWA terminology, the term “greenway” is used to designate an area of land, not the type of non-motorized facility that may be constructed within that area of land. In fact, many “greenways” may exist without an improved or otherwise constructed non-motorized facility at all. For these reasons, TPA staff recommend against using the term “greenway” to define what kind of transportation facility is proposed for funding under a TPA grant program or to determine the number of points that should be assigned to the proposal.

| Agency Name | Objective or Subjective Scoring | Who scores | Special consideration given to non-motorized facilities in non-urbanized areas | Scoring System Highlights |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Broward MPO | Objective | Staff | No special consideration | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scoring does not differentiate between facility types 2. Scoring process provides points if the project connects to existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities 3. Shared-use path projects receive the maximum connection points because they service both pedestrian and cyclists |
| Forward Pinellas | Objective | Staff | No special consideration | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scoring does not differentiate between facility types 2. Scoring process provides points if the project connects to existing pedestrian, bicycle and recreational facilities 3. Only scores paved trails |
| Metroplan Orlando | Objective | Staff | Funded through SUNTrail, not TA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scoring does not differentiate between facility types 2. Scoring process provides points if the project connects to existing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure |
| Miami-Dade TPO | Subjective | Scoring Committee | No special consideration | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scoring does not differentiate between facility types 2. Scoring process provides points if the project provides safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists 3. Uses the FDOT TA scoring form |
| North Florida TPO | Objective | N/A | No special consideration | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Does not follow scoring system 2. Process allows each county to submit one shared-use path and one school sidewalk project 3. Projects are ranked and rotated each year to give each county a chance to fund their priority project (ex. Year 1 - Duval, Clay, Nassau, St. Johns; Year 2 - Clay, Nassau, St. Johns, Duval; etc.) |
| Plan Hillsborough | Objective | Staff | No special consideration | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scoring does not differentiate between facility types 2. Scoring process provides points if the project connects to existing pedestrian, bicycle and recreational facilities 3. Only scores paved trails |