

# **THE STATE ROAD 7/US 441 COLLABORATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

City of Lauderhill City Hall  
Multipurpose Room  
Lauderhill, Florida  
May 23, 2002  
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

## **REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW**

The meeting began without formalities and went directly into a discussion of member attendance. Members requested that future Agendas contain an indication of whether or not items on the agenda will require a decision. The group then discussed how they would define a “quorum” for purposes of convening meetings and making decisions. A quorum was defined as at least four (4) Steering Committee members being present at a meeting, with members recognizing that without a consensus of all Steering Committee members many important decisions concerning the corridor could not be made since those decisions would be on items that would affect all jurisdictions along the corridor. All members agreed that Steering Committee attendance and consistency at meetings were vital to building the power base and influence of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative.

The Steering Committee Chair, Commissioner Leanna “Lee” Mirsky, then announced her appointment of Vice-Mayor Edward Portner as the Committee’s Vice-Chair.

Steering Committee Members present:

Commissioner Hazelle Rogers, Alternate, Lauderdale Lakes  
Gus Zambrano, Alternate, Miramar  
Commissioner Gary Frankel, Alternate, North Lauderdale  
Sheila Rose, Designee, Coconut Creek  
Vice Mayor Joseph Varsallone, Designee, Margate  
Robert Meehan, Alternate, Margate  
Vice Mayor Edward Portner, Designee, Tamarac  
Commissioner Leanna Mirsky, Designee and Chair, Lauderhill  
Mark Kutney, Alternate, Davie  
Enrique Zelaya, Alternate, Broward County  
David Dahlstrom, Alternate, SFRPC  
James Ford, Alternate, FDOT

An updated list of Collaborative Steering Committee members can be found at [www.sfrpc.com](http://www.sfrpc.com), then go to “The Institute”, then “Projects”, then “The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative”.

Observers:

Heather Cuniff, Lauderhill  
Michael Ronskavitz, BCT

Tommie Dawson, MPO  
Rebecca Rodgers, Broward County, OED  
Brian Shields, Lauderhill  
Greg Stuart, DPEP/PSD  
Stan Edwards, Ft. Lauderdale  
Kristin Mory, Plantation

The Facilitator, Janice Fleischer, announced that future meetings would be limited to two (2) hours in recognition of members' busy schedules. The next meeting is set for June 13, 2002 in Lauderdale Lakes.

David Dahlstrom, SFRPC, reminded members that Jean Scott will be contacting them in connection with a project she is doing for the SFRPC which will highlight the accomplishments of the Collaborative. He asked that members please speak with Ms. Scott to assist her in obtaining the information she needs to complete her document.

### **BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR UPDATE**

David Dahlstrom, SFRPC, reported that the letter from the Collaborative to the Broward MPO in support of the State Road 7 alternative was sent and that State Road 7 was chosen as the preferred corridor for future bus rapid transit plans. (Exhibit A)

### **FDOT'S 2002 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Dahlstrom also reported that, pursuant to the Committee's approval and direction at the meeting in April, 2002, the SFRPC had submitted an application to the Broward County MPO for an FDOT, District IV, Year 2002 Enhancement Grant on behalf of the Collaborative. (Exhibit B)

Details about this program can be found at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te\\_final.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te_final.htm).

### **PRESENTATION BY SEMINOLE TRIBE**

Mr. Dahlstrom announced that the Seminole Tribe would like to give a presentation in the fall on the current state of their plans for the new casino to be built on State Road 7. All members agreed this presentation would be valuable. It was decided to have the presentation at the September meeting.

At this point in the meeting, members discussed how many times they would meet in the summer. It was decided to have the June 13 meeting as planned, then break for the remainder of the summer and return again in September.

### **DESIGNEE REPORTS**

The City of Lauderhill, Heather Cuniff, gave a report on the projects they have which affect their portion of the corridor.

The City of Lauderdale Lakes had previously submitted a report.

Gus Zambrano, City of Miramar, gave an oral report on their projects.

David Dahlstrom, SFRPC, discussed Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund availability at the SF Regional Planning Council. Members discussed the perceived image and stigma problems associated with both Brownfields and CRA designations. A few members asked for assistance

from the Collaborative with this issue. They stated that sometimes it is hard to get political and local support for these two potentially helpful designations due to the negative perceptions people have of them. It was suggested that those jurisdictions which have successfully adopted Brownfield Site and CRA designations do a presentation to the Collaborative to explain how they were able to overcome these hurdles. It was additionally suggested that those jurisdictions which have successfully adopted those designations assist the other member jurisdictions in their local efforts to have such designations adopted and to promote the economic benefits of each designation.

Additional discussion ensued concerning the width of the right of way and the widening plans for State Road 7. Several members expressed a desire to have the Collaborative adopt a 20-50 year vision of the corridor which would provide a basis for future issue discussion and decision making. It was discussed that the Broward MPO, Broward Planning Council and FDOT be invited to discuss future right of way widths along the corridor.

The Facilitator listed the items she has noted for future action on the part of the Steering Committee:

1. Bus Shelter design finalization
2. Collaborative position on the widening of State Road 7
3. Collaborative position on limits to the right of way
4. Drafting of a formal Vision statement for the corridor

All written jurisdiction reports can be found on the website at: [www.sfrpc.com](http://www.sfrpc.com), then go to "The Institute", then "Projects", then "The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative".

## **LOCAL ACTIVITY CENTERS**

Ms. Cuniff had provided the Collaborative with a copy of the proposed LAC designation Lauderhill had prepared in an effort to convince Broward County that the current LAC designation, while a good idea, does not accommodate a linear situation such as the State Road 7 Corridor. (Exhibit C)

It was the consensus of the group that the Steering Committee, through its Chair, should send a letter to Broward County supporting their efforts regarding the current LAC designation but encouraging them to draft another iteration that would fit a linear situation. This letter needs to be received by Broward County before June 11, therefore, it will be drafted by staff and submitted for members comments, finalized and sent prior to the June 13 meeting. It was further decided that each jurisdiction would use this letter as a basis for a similar letter from the individual municipalities.

## **FUTURE PRESENTATIONS**

Members expressed an interest in having the following presentations at future meetings:

1. An update by FDOT, the MPO and Broward Planning Council on the right of way plans for the corridor
2. A presentation on the plans for the shuttle by Broward County Transit
3. A presentation by Miramar on their State Road 7 Zoning Overlay District
4. A presentation by the Seminole Tribe on the Hotel/Casino

## **CLOSING**

The meeting was then adjourned.