

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

City of Coconut Creek
Nov 7, 2002
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Leanna "Lee" Mirsky opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the City of Coconut Creek. She asked steering committee members and observers to introduce themselves. Janice Fleischer, Facilitator, thanked the City of Coconut Creek for hosting the meeting.

Steering Committee Members present:

Chair, Leanna "Lee" Mirsky, Designee, City of Lauderdale
Vice-Chair, Vice Mayor Edward Portner, Designee, City of Tamarac
Rebecca Grohall, Designee, City of Coral Springs
Gus Zambrano, Alternate, City of Miramar
Vice Mayor Gary Frankel, Designee, City of North Lauderdale
Sheila Rose, Designee, City of Coconut Creek
Robert Meehan, Alternate, City of Margate
Rachel Bach, Alternate, City of Plantation
Bruce Wilson, Alternate, Broward MPO
Enrique Zelaya, Alternate, Broward County
David Dahlstrom, Alternate, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Commissioner Fran Russo, Designee, City of Hollywood
Steve Braun, Designee, Florida Department of Transportation

Observers/Issue Group Participants:

Dom Gentile, City of Coconut Creek
Jeff Oris, City of Margate CRA
John Zegeer, Kittelson and Assoc.
J. Gary Rogers, City of Lauderdale Lakes
David Goldman, City of Miramar
M. Debock, City of North Lauderdale
Heather Cunniff, City of Lauderdale
Marcin Gadek, FDOT
Michael Ronskavitz, BCT
Herb Vargas, PBS&J
Fred Hagy, City of Miramar

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Ms. Fleischer briefly reviewed the Agenda for the day. (Exhibit A)

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION (RTO) SOUTH FLORIDA TRANSIT ANALYSIS STUDY

David Dahlstrom, SFRPC, introduced the first speaker, Mr. Herb Vargas of the consulting firm Post, Buckley, Schuh, and Jernigan (PBS&J). Mr. Vargas delivered a presentation on the RTO's

South Florida Transit Analysis Study. The purpose of the study is to examine the feasibility of expanding mass transit options throughout Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. Based on the preliminary findings of the study, the study committee categorized transit related improvements into three planning timeframes: short-range projects (implementation in 3-5 years), mid-range projects (6-10 years) , and long-range projects (11-25 years). Specific to the State Road 7 Corridor, Mr. Vargas' presentation acknowledged:

- ❑ This study should be completed by December 2002.
- ❑ State Road 7 Transit bridge study is included in this study in year six as a mid-range project.
- ❑ First area of emphasis is south Broward for the Bus Rapid Transit.
- ❑ There is a need to finalize station locations.
- ❑ South Broward County jurisdictions need to get their ideas about where locations for stations should be to the Broward MPO. Two important areas:
 - Station planning
 - Land uses changes compatible with rapid transit
- ❑ Broward MPO will work with jurisdictions on design issues.

Members of the Collaborative Steering Committee made the following comments in reaction to the presentation:

- ❑ The Collaborative needs to go to the RTO and let them know they believe State Road 7 is of utmost importance.
- ❑ There is a need to consider the entire 25 miles of the corridor-not just consider it piecemeal.
- ❑ The Collaborative agreed to discuss further what their position would be with regard to dedicated lanes. The RTO needs to be told to consider the entire (including the northern portion) corridor in their short-range plans. The Committee agreed to have a letter prepared to the RTO expressing their desires with regard to a holistic approach.

An announcement was made that the RTO will be meeting on December 6th at 9:00 am. The Committee is welcome to send a representative to that meeting.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING (PE) STUDY UPDATE

David Dahlstrom, SFRPC, reported that a letter had been sent to the Broward MPO, signed by Chairperson Mirsky on behalf of the Committee, which expressed the Committee's support of the PE and Environmental Assessment (EA) studies for the Broward County Transit Bridge Project along State Road 7 for a proposed Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT). (Exhibit B). The study is anticipated to begin in January 2003 and continue approximately one year. Mr. Dahlstrom further encouraged each individual jurisdiction to send its own letter of support.

EVALUATION ASSESSMENT REPORT (EAR) ISSUE DISCUSSION

Mr. Dahlstrom presented members with a draft letter requesting that the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP) include the redevelopment of State Road 7 a "major issue" in the County's EAR. After discussing the draft, the consensus of the Committee was to redraft the letter with more specific language and to send it to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Dahlstrom will redraft the letter and bring it to the Committee at the next meeting on December 12, 2002.

STATE ROAD 7 COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS/INFORMATION BROCHURE

Mr. Dahlstrom reminded the Committee members that they had expressed an interest in having the finalized State Road 7 Collaborative Public Relations/Information Brochure duplicated for the member jurisdictions. He reported that the cost of duplicating would be as follows:

No. of brochures	Cost	Per brochure	Copies Per jurisdiction	Cost per Jurisdiction
2,500	\$1,900.00	.76 cents	90	\$80.00
5,000	\$2,400.00	.48 cents	267	\$100.00

Mr. Dahlstrom further informed the Committee that the SFRPC would match up to \$1,200.00 toward the cost of duplication if the member jurisdictions desired copies of the brochure and are willing to participate. The Committee agreed that each jurisdiction would notify Mr. Dahlstrom of how many copies it would be responsible for by next meeting on December 12, 2002.

ISSUE GROUP REPORTS

David Dahlstrom reported on the progress of the group working on Bus Shelters. Members of the Bus Shelter Issue Group attended a bus shelter workshop conducted by FDOT in Palm Beach County. The information will be helpful in developing strategies for State Road 7. The Bus Shelter Issue Group will continue to meet and to formalize recommendations at future meetings of the Collaborative.

Mr. Dahlstrom also reported the City of Miami had been awarded \$1 million in Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) funds and \$4 million in Section 108 loans. The City of Pompano received \$500,000 in BEDI funds and \$2.8 million in Section 108 loans. Mr. Dahlstrom encouraged the State Road 7 Communities to work with the Brownfields Coordinator, Ms. Terry Manning, in applying for future BEDI grants and designating brownfield sites.

Heather Cunniff, Lauderhill, reported on the progress of the Linear Local Activity Center Designation. Ms. Cunniff indicated that action by the Broward Planning Council that was supportive of the Collaborative’s position might be passed soon. Mr. Dahlstrom presented a letter of support for the Broward County Planning Councils efforts to adopt revisions to the land use category. After discussing the draft, the consensus of the Committee was to redraft the letter with more specific language and to send it to the Broward Planning Council. Mr. Dahlstrom will redraft the letter and bring it to the Committee at the next meeting on December 12, 2002.

CLOSING

The meeting was then adjourned.
