

THE STATE ROAD 7/US 441 COLLABORATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

South Florida Regional Planning Council
September 26, 2002
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW

South Florida Regional Planning Council Executive Director, Carolyn Dekle, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Council headquarters and congratulating the Collaborative on its many accomplishments. She spoke about the SFRPC's role in assisting the Collaborative and stated that the SRFPC would continue to work with the Collaborative to support its efforts. She then turned the meeting over to Janice Fleischer, meeting Facilitator.

Steering Committee Members present:

Vice-Chair, Vice Mayor Edward Portner, Designee, Tamarac
Commissioner Hazelle Rogers, Alternate, Lauderdale Lakes
Commissioner Carlton Moore, Designee, Ft. Lauderdale
Gus Zambrano, Alternate, Miramar
Sheila Rose, Designee, Coconut Creek
Robert Meehan, Alternate, Margate
Rachel Bach, Alternate, Plantation
Enrique Zelaya, Alternate, Broward County
David Dahlstrom, Alternate, SFRPC
Steve Braun, Designee, FDOT

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Observers:

Michael Ronskavitz, BCT
Lloyd Robinson, FDOT District 4
Earl R. Hahn, City of Lauderhill
Janet Seitlin
Jose Papa, City of Hollywood
Pamela Landi, Broward County
Feryal Retz, City of Hollywood
Charles Salas
Alan Danaher, Kittelson and Assoc.
J. Gary Rogers, City of Lauderdale Lakes
Jonathan Allen, City of Lauderdale Lakes

Ms. Fleischer reviewed the day's Agenda (Exhibit A) as well as the groups' Discussion Guidelines. She then turned the meeting over to David Dahlstrom, SFRPC Project Manager for the Collaborative.

COLLABORATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

Mr. Dahlstrom directed Steering Committee members and observers to their packets for a list of Collaborative Accomplishments to date (Exhibit B). He further indicated a table on which exhibits of many of the documents and products of the Collaborative's work were displayed.

LANDSCAPING GRANT/MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

Mr. Dahlstrom introduced Christina Miskis, SFRPC Senior Planner, who works on issues related to transportation. Ms. Miskis discussed the Collaborative's latest achievement, the Transportation Corridor Enhancement Grant from FDOT (Landscaping Grant). Ms. Miskis discussed the details of the grant and the necessity for maintenance agreements (Exhibit G powerpoint presentation).

Ms. Miskis indicated that she would be sending a sample letter of agreement to each jurisdiction indicating that jurisdiction's willingness to maintain any landscaping they may obtain through the grant. Mr. Dahlstrom and Ms. Miskis asked each committee member to have their jurisdiction contact them with a "point" person and to ensure that the public works director of each municipality is given a "heads up" about this grant and its requirements and benefits.

In response to why this would be advantageous to municipalities that have already done median landscaping, Mr. Dahlstrom responded that the grant will help pay for the planning process to do the landscape design of the median along the entire corridor. Further, the group agreed that in the overall landscaping design a "thread" that identifies the Collaborative Corridor should be evident while also allowing each municipality to maintain its own individual character/uniqueess.

Rachel Bach, City of Plantation, and Enrique Zelaya, for Broward MPO, agreed to give presentations at the next meeting, October 11, 2002 on Plantation's landscape plan and an update on the Bus Rapid Transit Plan respectively.

COLLABORATIVE FUTURE WORKPLAN

Mr. Dahlstrom introduced the Workplan for the Collaborative (Exhibit D). In discussing what issues would be considered first, he indicated that, beginning at the next meeting, Issue Focus Groups would be formed for the purpose of having member jurisdiction planning staff come together to make recommendations to the Collaborative on how those issues should be designed/resolved or otherwise dealt with. Mr. Dahlstrom reminded the members of the dates and locations of the next three meetings (see www.sfrpc.com/institute.htm) and indicated that at each of these dates there would be a short Steering Committee meeting followed by Issue Group meetings. He instructed members to notify their appropriate staff to be in attendance at these meetings. At the October meeting, the three issues to be discussed will be: Right of Way, Bus Shelters and Linear Local Activity Center Designations.

In discussing the future Workplan for the Collaborative, the following comments were made by committee members:

1. There are concerns regarding the widening of State Road 7.
2. The Collaborative needs to look at a long range transportation plan.
3. Money should not be spent without a transportation plan.
4. Any widening that is done along State Road 7 should be solely for the purpose of accommodating mass/rapid transit, not for additional auto lanes.
5. Mass transit needs to be made convenient corridor-wide.

6. Before any State Road 7 improvements are done, it is very important for each municipality to do an infrastructure evaluation and construction.
7. The Water Management District projects need to be added to the "blue" list on the Workplan.

Additionally, there was a conversation regarding the EDA Revolving Loans. Commissioner Moore, Designee, Ft. Lauderdale, volunteered to do a presentation to any Collaborative jurisdiction that desires assistance or more information on the obtaining of these loans.

DRAFT STATE ROAD 7 BROCHURE

Mr. Dahlstrom directed members to their packet for a copy of the draft edition of the State Road 7 Brochure prepared by Jean Scott, Strategies for Livable Communities, Inc. (Exhibit E). Mr. Dahlstrom asked the members if they thought it would be useful to them and asked them to please review the document for accuracy in the quotes as well as making comments.

Comments from members that were received during the meeting:

1. Lauderdale Lakes needs to be added.
2. Transit inter-relates to right of way.
3. We might want to consider having this become an annually updated publication.
4. It may be time to do a public outreach/involvement process.
5. The document needs a one page executive summary.
6. The document should contain the names and contact information for all Collaborative Steering Committee members.

JURISDICTION REPORTS

Jonathan Allen, Lauderdale Lakes, gave a report on improvements made along that jurisdiction's portion of State Road 7 (Exhibit F).

PUBLIC COMMENT

One comment card was received:

Earl Hahn:

1. Draft Workplan: Add Broward County under jurisdictional/CRA improvements, Broward is investing money in a regional park on State Road 7.
2. When maintenance agreement for landscaping is issued, coordinate changes with the Comprehensive Plan (local) and Broward County; Transportation Elements requires showing which jurisdiction maintains the roadway.
3. State Road 7 does not meet access

CLOSING

The meeting was then adjourned.
