

THE STATE ROAD 7/US 441 COLLABORATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE: MEETING SUMMARY

JUNE 10, 2010

Lauderhill City Hall

Multi-Purpose Room 2:00pm – 3:30pm

5581 West Oakland Park Boulevard

Lauderhill, FL 33313

Welcome: Brian Traylor, State Road 7 Collaborative Project Manager
Collaborative Steering Committee Vice Chair: Commissioner Thomas Dorsett

Introductions:

Designees & Alternates:

Lauderhill: Earl Hahn
Tamarac: Commissioner Pam
Bushnell
Fort Lauderdale: Michael Ciesielski
Coral Springs: Paul Carpenter
Coconut Creek: Jim Hetzel
Lauderdale Lakes: Gary Rogers
Margate: Ben Ziskal
North Lauderdale: Tanya Davis-
Hernandez
Broward County: Michael Huneke
Miramar: Lori Hall
FDOT District 6: David Korros
Broward MPO: Mario Aispuro

Others Present:

Craig Unger, Unger Engineering
Andrew Pinney, Margate
Dennis Holste, Margate CRA
Tekisha Ivy Jordan, Miramar
Renee Cross, Fort Lauderdale
Michael Willinger, SFRPC Intern

Project Manager's Report

- a. The full report for the *Common Vision for State Road 7* was included in the agenda materials (available online). The State Road 7 Mobility Studies Coordinating Committee is reviewing the document for inclusion as part of a larger effort involving Northern Broward and Southwest Palm Beach Counties. More information about the efforts to address mobility along the Corridor are available at: <http://www.seftc.org/sr7/>
- b. The *Central Broward East West Transit Study* has moved forward since the last quarterly meeting, with public meetings scheduled for five segments of the route to provide opportunities for discussion regarding alignments and facility locations. The State Road 7/Broward Blvd. Segment public meeting was held May 4th and the Davie Education Center/TOC area was held June 3rd. The FDOT is in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement process for the project. FDOT District 6 Secretary Jim Wolfe presented options for the future of the transit study to the Broward MPO the morning of the Collaborative Steering Committee meeting on June 10th. Some communities within segments of the

proposed route alignments were reported to be in opposition to the proposed premium transit, and FDOT is seeking direction from the MPO for the future of the project. After a discussion on whether to end the project, delay the project, or move forward without complete community consensus, the MPO voted to defer the item for a few months and directed staff to coordinate the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan with the Central Broward East West Transit Study and provide a recommendation. It remained unclear if FDOT would be moving forward as scheduled in the meantime. More information is available online at: <http://www.centralbrowardtransit.com/>

- c. The SFRPC staff continues to work with each jurisdiction to get the information needed for the ***10-Year Publication***. It was suggested that the Collaborative use the publication as an opportunity to hold a media event and celebrate 10-Years of coordinated planning and implementation. The next Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 9th, so we may try to combine a meeting with the event to avoid a need to travel twice.
- d. The ***DRAFT 2010-2011 Work Plan*** was presented and included in the agenda materials. Few changes were proposed to the 2009-2010 plan, but Steering Committee members are asked to provide comments or additions to btraylor@sfrpc.com . The Work Plan will be in the next meeting as an action item.

Collaborative Opportunities

- a. The South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils are coordinating an effort to secure funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the ***HUD Sustainable Communities Initiative***. A Notice of Funding Available is anticipated in June for \$100 million of competitive planning grants. The 7-County South Florida Region has formed a "Southeast Florida Regional Partnership" to apply as a region for funding to develop a "Regional Plan for Sustainable Development". The Partnership has asked the Collaborative for a resolution of support, a letter of support, and a memorandum of understanding to work together in the development of a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. The Partnership has also asked each local government within the region for their support through a resolution, letter, and MoU, so Collaborative Members can be on the look out for these items in your local commission/council meetings. The grant application is being written by a team of regional experts in issue areas ranging from land use and transportation to affordable housing and human services. More information is available online at: <http://www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership.htm>
- b. The U.S. DOT has announced funding available through the ***TIGER II*** program. Collaborative Communities should review the eligibility requirements and inform Brian Traylor at btraylor@sfrpc.com if any State Road 7 projects will be included in any individual municipal shovel-ready applications. There is also \$35 million in Planning Grants available through the program that may be helpful for projects along the corridor that are not shovel ready. More information is available in the agenda materials and online at: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/ost/tigerii/>

- c. Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties as a group are designated as an Economic Development District (EDD), and are eligible for program assistance provided under the Public Works and Economic Development Act since May 20, 1994. The program is managed by the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). The South Florida Regional Planning Council is the District's "Planning Organization," receiving annual EDA planning funding to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the District and carry out a program of planning and technical assistance for member local governments in creating and/or retaining jobs. State Road 7 Collaborative jurisdictions have received funding for planning in the past, but the program does require a 50% local match. Contact Brian Traylor at btraylor@sfrpc.com if your community may have a potential planning project that is targeted toward economic development and job creation.

Action Items

Resolution 10-1: PASSED Support for Sustainable Communities Initiative

Lauderhill Update

- a. City of Lauderhill Planning & Zoning Director Earl Hahn provided an update on the redevelopment initiatives along the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor. Recent approval of the Lauderhill Mall Development of Regional Impact, and development order conditions led to a discussion of the current lack of dedicated funding for the transit and mobility improvements identified for Corridor communities. The DRI process utilized a roadway capacity methodology that was difficult to translate into a transit capacity without the benefit of a dedicated funding source for an entire transit system. It was suggested that the Collaborative Steering Committee look into the potential for a special district to collect funds for transit along the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor. Tax Increment Financing and Community Development Districts were discussed as a method to move the Corridor closer toward the premium transit identified in the Strategic Master Plan. SFRPC Staff will work with the U.S. Economic Development Administration or other potential funding sources for a study and implementation plan for the development of such a district.
- b. Tour of the new Lauderhill City Hall by Earl Hahn. The building was designed and built to LEED Silver standards.

The Next Steering Committee Meeting & Potential 10-Year Media Event is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2010 location TBD. Please mark your calendars.