

# THE STATE ROAD 7/U.S. 441 COLLABORATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE: MEETING SUMMARY

March 24, 2011

Lauderdale Lakes, Education and Cultural Center  
Conference Room, 9:00am – 12:00pm  
3580 West Oakland Park Boulevard  
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33313

**Welcoming Remarks:** State Road 7 Collaborative Project Manager, Eric Swanson

## **Attendees:**

### Designees & Alternates:

Tamarac: Mayor Pamela Bushnell  
Broward County: Enrique Zelaya  
Miramar: Iliana Saraiva  
North Lauderdale: Tanya Hernandez  
North Miami: John O'Brian  
North Miami CRA: Tony Crapp  
Broward MPO: James Cromar  
Plantation: Carlos Andres Gonzalez  
Margate: Mayor Joseph Varsallone  
Margate CRA: Dennis Holste  
Davie: David Quigley  
Fort Lauderdale: Michael B. Ciesielski  
Lauderhill: Earl Hahn  
Miami Gardens: Bhairvi Pandya  
Lauderdale Lakes: Gary Rogers  
Lauderdale Lakes: Commissioner Benjamin Williams

### Others Present:

Bob Cambric, SFRPC  
Sheng Yang, CTS Engineering  
Andrew Riddle, FDOT IV  
James Ford, FDOT  
Josue Cruz, Lauderdale Lakes  
Intern  
Hugo Hernandez, Lauderdale  
Lakes Intern  
Gregor Senger, FDOT  
Marianne Winfield, Smart Growth  
Partnership  
Sheryl Dickey, DCS Inc.  
Paul Cherry, Kimley-Horn

## **Collaborative Structure**

### *Vice-Chair*

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director Gary Rogers, Lauderdale Lakes Designee, was selected by consensus of the Steering Committee to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Collaborative.

### **Project Manager's Report, Eric Swanson, SFRPC**

- a. SR Partnership Funding: Eric Swanson will distribute letters and invoices that were originally sent out to Mayors and City Managers for Collaborative funding.
- b. The DRAFT 2011-2012 Workplan was presented and included in the meeting materials. A Workplan Sub-Committee was established and is responsible for developing a revised Workplan that covers Strategic Development and Intergovernmental Coordination Plans for State Road 7 / U.S. 441. The Steering Committee members that will take part in the workplan review process include Commissioner Thomas Dorsett, Gary Rogers, Dennis Holste, and David Quigley. The Workplan Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 3:30pm at the Planning and Zoning Offices in the

Town of Davie. The address for Davie's Planning and Zoning Office is: 6591 Orange Drive, Davie, FL 33314. Other Steering Committee members interested in being involved are asked to provide comments by Wednesday, May 11, 2011, to [eswanson@sfrpc.com](mailto:eswanson@sfrpc.com), which will be forward to the Sub-Committee.

- c. The Conference Presentations were presented and included in the meeting agenda for March 24, 2011. Eric Swanson of Council staff reviewed the organizational structure of the '10 Years Down the Road' publication and discussed key successes of the Collaborative over the last ten years. Lauderdale Lakes CRA Director Gary Rogers, covered the land use designation changes the City of Lauderdale Lakes has undertaken in its *Master Plan*, and its city's achievement in implementing successful construction projects that were consistent with the visioning process of the SR7 charrettes - the people's vision. Sheryl Dickey of Dickey Consulting Services, presented and discussed various outreach methods for community and public involvement to specific projects along State Road 7/U.S. 441. James Ford, Florida Department of Transportation, District IV, updated the Collaborative on on-going construction projects along State Road 7. Copies of all the presentations will be available and updated to the website shortly, at <http://www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm>.

## **Collaborative Opportunities**

### Collaborative Funding:

Each shareholder community that contributes funding to the Collaborative maintains an individual schedule for payment. Funding will be tracked by fiscal year and reported to the Collaborative Steering Committee annually. A letter and invoice of dues were sent out on Monday, April 25, 2011.

### State Road 7 Green Fuel Corridor

Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition is a potential funding partner for the development of an alternative fuel corridor along State Road 7 / U.S. 441. The proposal seeks to create a corridor-long series of fueling and charging that support the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Please visit the Clean Cities Coalition Website [www.floridagoldcoastcleancities.com/index.html](http://www.floridagoldcoastcleancities.com/index.html).

### i6 Green Challenge: Proof of Concept Centers

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is soliciting competitive applications to encourage and reward innovative ideas that accelerate technology commercialization and new venture formation across the United States. The funding opportunity focuses on the nexus between economic development and environmental quality, spotlighting the best ideas that contribute to a vibrant, innovative clean economy. Applicants must address a persistent problem or an unaddressed opportunity with a sense of urgency and demonstrate how an i6 Green Proof of Concept Center will remove existing road blocks and spark sustainable economic opportunities in the applicant's region. To be eligible under i6 Green, a proposed project must be focused on one or more of the following green project outputs: renewable energy, energy efficiency, reuse/recycling/restoration; and innovation in green building technologies/manufacturing.

EDA intends to award at least six winning applicants grants of up to \$1,000,000 each for a project period of up to two years from date of award. In addition, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grantees that are part of or central to winning applications may be eligible to receive

supplemental awards from the National Science Foundation (NSF), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/FIFA).

**To be eligible to be considered for an i6 Green award, a letter of intent must be received by EDA no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 2, 2011. The complete application must be transmitted to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 26, 2011. Winning recipients should expect to receive awards by September of 2011, subject to the availability of funds. For more information, please review the available documents at the i6 Green website at [www.eda.gov/i6](http://www.eda.gov/i6).**

#### EPA Re-Powering America's Land: Siting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Land

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting applications from communities that want to evaluate the potential development of renewable energy on potentially or formerly contaminated properties. This evaluation will be in the form of a feasibility study conducted by the Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) that will determine the best renewable energy technology, potential energy generating capacity, the return on investment, and the economic feasibility of the renewable energy projects. Eligible entities are tribal, local, regional, and state governments and nonprofit organization that have demonstrated partnership with a governmental entity. EPA plans to assist approximately 20 communities. EPA anticipates announcing the selected communities in 2011, and working with the communities over a period of 12-24 months.

**The deadline for received applications to EPA is May 20, 2011. For more information on RE-Powering America's Land: Siting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Land and Mine Sites Initiative, please visit EPA's RE-Powering Website at [www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland](http://www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland).**

## **Updates to the Collaborative**

### Central Broward East-West Transit Study

The Central Broward Technical Advisory Group held a meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at the MARS Research Facility in Fort Lauderdale. A discussion arose on the various alignment options being considered in Davie and it was determined by the technical advisory group that refinements would need to be finalized before the Transit Study Environmental Impact Statement can move forward. David Schmitt of AECOM Consulting also gave an overview of Travel Demand Modeling and went over demographic projections in Broward County. For more information, please contact Jill Quigley of Jacobs Engineering, the Program Manager for the Central Broward Technical Advisory Group by email at [jill.Quigley@jacobs.com](mailto:jill.Quigley@jacobs.com) or by phone (954) 246-1251.

### Southwest Palm Beach County & Northern Broward County

The Mobility Studies Coordinating Committee is undertaking mobility studies analyzing the State Road 7 Corridor from approximately Sample Road in Broward County to Glades Road in Palm Beach County, east of Florida's Turnpike to the edge of the urban area. Discussions centered on the removal of University Drive connecting Palm Beach County and making State Road 7 more transit supportive to meet travel model demands. Council staff will be coordinating with Karen Kiselewski, Program Manager, for an update at next steering committee meeting. For

additional information, please contact Karen at [kkiselewski@ciesthatwork.com](mailto:kkiselewski@ciesthatwork.com) or visit the website for available documentation at [www.seftc.org/sr7/index.html](http://www.seftc.org/sr7/index.html).

#### Southeast Florida Regional Partnership

The first official meeting for the Executive Steering Committee for the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership commenced on Wednesday, March 25, 2011. Conversations of the meeting centered on the terms of service of the Executive Committee and ways in which the Committee can be expanded to include a manageable size of members, yet bring a diverse group of partners to the table to work with. Inquiries also arose regarding how to manage input and information from the Partnership, and the importance of respecting the work of the Partnership as it develops the regional vision and plan for the future. Two presentations were given during the meeting. The first presentation, "Southeast Florida's Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity - How Do We Get Organized?" was given by John Kaliski of Cambridge Systematics. The second presentation was given by Chris Sinclair of Renaissance Planning on the draft work plan entitled "Creating Southeast Florida's Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity."

For more information, please visit the Partnership website at <http://www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership.htm> or contact Eric Swanson at (954) 985-4416.

#### The Smart Growth Partnership

On May 24, 2011, from 8:30 to 12:30 pm at the Broward Metropolitan Organization Offices, the Smart Growth Partnership will be holding a conference entitled "Enhancing Communities," addressing street issues and initiatives that are faced and assembled right here in South Florida. Guest speakers include Rick Hall of Hall Planning and Engineering; Ken Sides, an award winning specialist in roundabout design; Bill Nesper, Program Director of Bicycle Friendly America (BFA); and Mayor Gary Resnick of Wilton Manors. For more information only, please call (954) 628-3654; to RSVP, please email [PLegue@MillerLegg.com](mailto:PLegue@MillerLegg.com).

**The Next Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2011, in Miami Gardens from 9:00-10:30 am. The site is the City of Miami Gardens Council Chambers, located at 1515 NW 167 Street, Bldg 5, Ste 200, 33169. Please mark your calendars and refer to the Collaborative Website for more information [www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm)**