

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

**City of Miami Gardens Council Chambers  
1515 NW 167 Street Miami Gardens, FL 33169  
March 12, 2009  
2:00-3:30 P.M.**

**Welcome:**

Edward Portner, Chair

**Introductions:**

*Designees & Collaborative Representatives*

Hollywood	Leander Hamilton
Lauderdale Lakes	Deputy Vice Mayor David Shomers
Coconut Creek	Jim Hetzel
Margate	Dennis Holste
Plantation	Carlos Gonzales
Miami Gardens	Councilmember Barbara Watson & Bhairvi Pandya
North Miami	John O'Brien
Town of Davie	Maria Consuelo Sanchez
Miramar	Lorri Hall
Greater 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Paul Burtell

*ExOfficio*

FDOT District IV	Sharon Cino, Sabrina Aubrey & Aldo Fritz
FDOT District VI	David Korros
BCPC	Pete Schwartz
SFRPC	Brian Traylor (SR7 Collaborative Project Manager)
Broward Co. Schools	Mohammed Rasheduzzaman

*Others present*

Jay Marder	Miami Gardens
Ben Sens	Miami Gardens
Tom Ruiz	Miami Gardens
Andrew Pinney	Margate
Ben Ziskal	Margate
James Carras	Carras Community Investment
Subrata Basu	Miami-Dade County Planning & Zoning
Gary Rogers	Lauderdale Lakes CRA
Mario Aispuro	Broward MPO

**Collaborative Structure**

*Chair*

Edward Portner currently serves as Chair of the Collaborative and indicated an interest in maintaining that position now that he is no longer an elected official or municipal designee. The Steering Committee had no objections to Mr. Portner's continued service to the Collaborative as Chair.

### *Vice-Chair*

Deputy Vice Mayor David Shomers, Lauderdale Lakes Designee, was supported by the Steering Committee to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Collaborative.

### *Sub-Committees*

- Resource & Recognition Committee: Tasked with tracking funding opportunities for the Collaborative & member units of local government as well as proposals for awards and presentations on the work of the Collaborative.
- Work Plan Committee: Responsible for developing a draft of a revised work plan based on the Strategic Redevelopment Plan for State Road 7/U.S.441
- Precedent Committee: Comprised of representatives from communities with successful implementation strategies and the resources to provide technical assistance to other Collaborative communities.
- Miami-Dade County Technical Advisory Committee: Tasked with overseeing the development of a comprehensive strategy for the corridor in Miami-Dade County. This committee will work with the designees from the municipalities in Miami-Dade County, FDOT District VI, the Miami-Dade MPO and planning staff, utilizing the resources that the Collaborative has developed and coordinating efforts to expand the success of the group and engage new partners.
- Community Network Committee: Revisit the original ambassador program and develop an active and engaged group of citizens.
- Common Vision Committee: Tasked with overseeing the potential expansion of the Collaborative into Palm-Beach County, as indicated in the adopted 2008-09 Work Plan. This group will work with SFRPC, Broward MPO and FDOT District IV as plans are developed for transit and potential roadway improvements in the North Broward and South Palm Beach County transition area of State Road 7.

### **Project Manager's Report**

- New Collaborative Designees Present: Deputy Vice Mayor Shomers
- Status of SR 7 Partnership Agreements & Funding for 2008-2009
  - Brian Traylor will distribute the letters that were originally sent to the Mayors & City Managers for Collaborative funding.
- 2008-2009 Work Plan progress
  - A committee was proposed to develop an updated Work Plan for 09/10
- Common Vision for State Road 7(Broward County & MPO)
  - A committee was proposed to work with partnering agencies & oversee plan development in the North Broward/South Palm Beach transition area of State Road 7.
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act
  - Several projects have been submitted to compile a comprehensive program list for the Corridor. Potential funding may come from a variety of sources, so Collaborative Communities are encouraged

to keep Brian Traylor of SFRPC staff informed of any projects or potential programs that support the work of the Collaborative.

- Bus Shelter Grant Presentations to Plantation & Lauderdale Lakes
  - Plantation completed its' grant. Lauderdale Lakes has funding left to invoice for bus shelter construction. Lauderdale and Margate have yet to access their funding and must invoice by June of 2009.
- Enhancement Grants (DUE APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> to **DISTRICT IV** MPO)
  - Collaborative cities must be LAP certified through FDOT to be eligible for funding. Be sure to maintain LAP status or begin the process for next year. Utilize the State Road 7 Collaborative in the application to demonstrate multi-jurisdictional cooperation (5pts) that promotes access to multi-modal transportation (35pts), preserves environmental & aesthetic quality of life (15pts), demonstrates public support (10pts), demonstrates leveraging (5pts) and enhances intense land use locations (5pts).
- State Road 7 Green Fuel Corridor
  - Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition is a potential funding source for the development of an alternative fuel corridor along State Road 7/U.S. 441. The proposal seeks to create a corridor-wide infrastructure for alternative fuels and the economic development that supports its use including new jobs and transit-oriented land uses.

#### **Broward County New Markets Tax Credit Application**

Broward County and Lauderdale have joined Carras Community Investment in an LLC to become eligible for new markets tax credits that will be coming available this year. The application deadline is approaching and the group is looking for more members to join in order to be considered for priority funding and financing.

CONTACT: *Jim Carras, Carras Community Investment, Inc.*  
954-415-2022 [carras@bellsouth.net](mailto:carras@bellsouth.net)

#### **Update from Miami Dade County**

- *Miami Gardens*: Working with FDOT on pedestrian enhancements, landscaping and improvements to coincide with resurfacing projects.
- *North Miami*: A recent Comprehensive Plan update includes the opportunity to re-designate the land uses along U.S.441 to Transit-Oriented. The Land Development Regulations in place would coincide with the use to promote redevelopment with a focus on multi-modal transportation opportunities. There was also discussion regarding the potential for light-rail along the corridor in Miami-Dade County and the importance of engaging in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) process currently under way. The adjacent parallel corridors associated with the North Metrorail extension and the I-95 BRT will need to be taken into consideration.
- *Miami-Dade County*: The Collaborative has not heard back from the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in response to their invitation to join the Collaborative and designate a representative to serve on the

Steering Committee. Brian Traylor will follow up with the office of the Chair. The MPO will be meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> with an item on the agenda to study U.S.441. Miami-Dade Planning & Zoning staff are working on base maps and land use analysis for the corridor.

### **Resolutions**

- *PASSED: Resolution 09-01* Lauderdale Lakes Transit Station Funding Request. Lauderdale Lakes CRA director Gary Rogers presented a Central Broward Transit Station request for funding through the Transportation & Community Systems Preservation (TCSP) discretionary funding program. The steering committee passed a resolution supporting the application
- *PASSED: Resolution 09-02* State Road 7 Green Fuel Corridor Support. The Steering Committee passed a resolution supporting the Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition's proposal to develop a Green Corridor initiative with an increased alternative-fuel infrastructure along State Road 7/U.S. 441.
- *PASSED: Resolution 09-03* supporting the application for smart growth implementation assistance in order to further the goals outlined in the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Master Plan. The resolution may be adjusted depending on the eligibility of the applicants referenced.

### **Corridor Issues**

The Town of Davie will be before the Broward County Commission for the adoption of the Transit Oriented Corridor land use plan amendment in June. Marcie Nolan, PA is working with the Town and will be contacting Collaborative communities for their support of the amendment.

Miramar is also moving forward with transmittal of their Transit Oriented Corridor Land Use Plan Amendment.

### **Steering Committee Meeting**

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009 in Lauderdale Lakes from 2-3:30 pm. Please mark your calendars and refer to the Collaborative Website for more information [www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm)



# RESOLUTION 09-1

**A RESOLUTION BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE STATE ROAD 7/U.S. 441 COLLABORATIVE SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR COMMUNITY AND SYSTEMS PRESERVATION (TCSP) FUNDING NECESSARY FOR THE: ENGINEERING, PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF THE CENTRAL BROWARD COUNTY MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY AT LAUDERDALE LAKES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Whereas**, the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative is a partnership of 16 jurisdictions and agencies in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties working to improve conditions along the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor; and

**Whereas**, the City of Lauderdale Lakes is an active member of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative and wishes to develop a Multi-Modal Transit Facility to serve the State Road 7 Corridor and regional transit; and

**Whereas**, funding to complete a *State Road 7/U.S. 441 Master Plan* was provided by the TSCP program for portions of the State Road 7 Corridor within Broward County Florida and provides a blueprint for transit-supportive land uses and redevelopment; and

**Whereas**, the State Road 7 Corridor is a regional transit corridor and needs to be considered in whole within the context of transit supportive infrastructure and land use; and

**Whereas**, the State Road 7 Corridor has been designated in the *Regional Long Range Transportation Plan* by the Southeast Florida Transportation Committee (SEFTC) as a Major Regional Facility; and

**Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Steering Committee of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative:**

That the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative supports the request from the City of Lauderdale Lakes to seek TCSP funding to complete: Engineering, Planning and Architectural Design for the Central Broward County Multi-Modal Transportation Facility at Lauderdale Lakes.

APPROVED ON this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

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Edward C. Portner, Chair  
The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative

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## RESOLUTION 09-2

**A RESOLUTION BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE STATE ROAD 7/U.S. 441 COLLABORATIVE SUPPORTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA GOLD COAST CLEAN CITIES COALITION PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL GREEN CORRIDOR INITIATIVE FOR THE STATE ROAD 7/U.S. 441 CORRIDOR ; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Whereas**, the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative is a regional partnership of 16 jurisdictions and agencies in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties working to improve conditions along the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor; and

**Whereas**, the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative has developed a *Master Plan* to guide corridor communities in their efforts to promote transit-oriented development and support economic redevelopment; and

**Whereas**, the mission of the South Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition is to reduce dependence on foreign oil and improve the environment by creating a sustainable alternative fuel market through the support and promotion of clean fuels; and

**Whereas**, the Clean Cities Coalition has identified a “Green Corridor” initiative along State Road 7/U.S. 441 in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties to encourage the development of an alternative fuels distribution network in connection with the transit-oriented redevelopment strategies identified by the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative; and

**Whereas**, the Green Corridor initiative identifies the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative as a partner and recognizes the potential for improvements in transit infrastructure, reduction in vehicle miles traveled and the need for aesthetic enhancements to encourage a vibrant and livable community; and

**Whereas**, the shared goals of the Clean Cities Coalition Green Corridor Initiative and The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative include a holistic approach to corridor redevelopment, support of regional economic vitality; enhanced regional social benefits; promotion of transit-oriented development, optimization of regional investment strategies, and improvement of network connections, and intermodal connectivity; and

**Whereas**, the Steering Committee members wish to support the South Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition and their efforts to identify opportunities to leverage available funding with public and private investment opportunities; and

**Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Steering Committee of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative:**

That the Collaborative wishes to support the South Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition and the development of a “Green Corridor” initiative to enhance the overall quality of the corridor and increase its inherent potential for infill redevelopment, economic vitality and multi-modal connectivity.

APPROVED ON this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.



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Edward C. Portner, Chair  
The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative

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## RESOLUTION 09-3

A RESOLUTION BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE STATE ROAD 7/U.S. 441 COLLABORATIVE SUPPORTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY COLLABORATION IN A REQUEST FOR SMART GROWTH IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE GOALS OUTLINED IN THE STATE ROAD 7 MASTER PLAN FOR THE U.S. 441 CORRIDOR WITHIN A LONG TERM REGIONAL VISION FOR SOUTHEAST FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative is a partnership of 16 jurisdictions and agencies in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties working to improve conditions along the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor; and

Whereas, the South Florida Regional Planning Council is represented in ex-officio membership of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative; and

Whereas, the South Florida Regional Planning Council provides technical support and project management services for the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative; and

Whereas, the Institute for Community Collaboration is a qualified 501(C)(3) Corporation dedicated to the provision of public policy agenda design, collaborative process and agenda design; and

Whereas, it is the vision of the Institute to build partnerships with institutions, private practitioners and organizations in fulfilling its purpose of bringing collaborative processes and consensus decision making to the communities of South Florida on the myriad issues they face in this diverse region.; and

Whereas, the Development, Community, and Environment Division (DCED) in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation is seeking applications from states, regions, and communities that want to develop in ways that reflect the principles of smart growth to meet environmental and other community goals; and

Whereas, the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative has demonstrated a commitment to the ten principals of Smart Growth including mixed land uses, compact building design, diverse housing opportunities, walkable neighborhoods, distinctive and attractive communities with a sense of place, preservation of open space, development directed within existing communities, a variety of transportation choices, the promotion of predictable, fair and cost-effective development decisions, and the collaboration of the community and stakeholders in development decisions ; and

Whereas, the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative has set a precedent for multi-jurisdictional planning, public engagement and economic redevelopment with the support and expertise of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the Institute for Community Collaboration; and





## RESOLUTION 09-3

**Whereas, the State Road 7 Corridor is a regional corridor and needs to be considered in whole and contextually within a long range vision and strategy for a sustainable Southeast Florida; and**

**Whereas, the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative Steering Committee has identified a need for funding and technical assistance to further the goals outlined in the State Road 7 Master Plan for the U.S. 441 Corridor; and**

**Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Steering Committee of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative:**

**That the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative supports the application for technical assistance from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Smart Growth Implementation to further the goals outlined in the State Road 7 Master Plan and community based redevelopment plans throughout the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor.**

**APPROVED ON this 12th day of March, 2009.**



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Edward C. Portner, Chair  
The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative

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