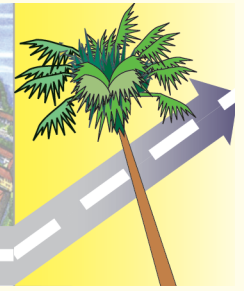


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The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative Newsletter

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On The Move! On The Move! On The Move! On The Move! On The Move

It is hard to believe that it has been almost two years since work on *The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative Strategic Master Plan* began. The federal funding secured by U.S. Congressman Alcee Hastings with the assistance and support of the South Florida Congressional Delegation is being used to create a roadmap to a brighter future for the 16 local jurisdictions that abut State Road 7 in Broward County. Their *Strategic Master Plan* will help guide economic development and redevelopment efforts, pedestrian safety and transportation improvements, and beautification efforts along the corridor. Through its work, The State Road 7 / U.S. 441 Collaborative has become a regional, state, and national model of how to meaningfully engage community stakeholders in redevelopment.



Conceptual view of West Park

Highlights of the Collaborative's work:

- The *State Road 7 / U.S. 441 Collaborative Strategic Master Plan* project is **on-budget** and **on-schedule** with a completion date of June 2007.
- The Partnership is growing. The Collaborative welcomed Broward County's newest city, the City of West Park, and the City of Miami Gardens as it expanded its efforts into Miami-Dade County.
- This planning and consensus building effort will facilitate over \$17 billion in private investment by the year 2030, promote nearly 54,000 workforce housing units, and encourage pedestrian safety and transit-oriented design.
- The Collaborative has endorsed Smart Growth & SmartCode® principles and provides the public with meaningful access to the State Road 7 planning and revitalization process.

Key to the development of the *Master Plan* is the development of community visioning plans. The community visions help to identify the specific needs of the community, including regulatory reform, schools, infrastructure, landscaping, transportation, lighting, and public-safety features.



Entranceway into Parkland

The Collaborative's *Master Plan* identifies over \$300 million in public transportation and infrastructure investments that will be needed to support this level of economic development. The Collaborative is actively seeking local, state and federal financial assistance to support future redevelopment activity. Implementing the *Master Plan* is now our mission.

State Road 7 Community Network

On January 21, 2005, the State Road 7 Community Network sponsored a "Sense of Place" Bus Tour to Abacoa, West Palm Beach, Delray Beach, and Boca Raton. The tour included elected officials, redevelopment professionals and Community Network members from Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. The tour demonstrated how urban infill development with a focus on urban design has been implemented in these communities. Participants learned how each of these jurisdictions use urban design as part of their redevelopment strategy to bring significant economic and physical improvements to the corridor.



Tour participants having fun!

During the tour, the participants were able to experience how redevelopment differed among the communities and how these examples of density and design can be applied to the State Road 7 corridor. Funding for the tour was provided by a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. For more information about the State Road 7 Community Network visit www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm.

New Transit Oriented Corridor Future Land Use Key To Implementation

On December 14, 2004, the Broward County Commission adopted a new Transit Oriented Corridor (TOC) future land use category that supports the work of the design charrettes and will be a vital plan implementation tool in promoting transit-oriented development along the corridor. Council Staff is preparing a model future land use application package for use by Collaborative communities to adopt their vision plans as part of their Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Maps. Each jurisdiction on the corridor may now apply this new category to begin the implementation of their vision plans.



State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative Receives Regional Excellence Award



The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative received the *Regional Advantage* award at the South Florida Regional Resource Center's 2nd Annual Regional Excellence Awards Luncheon held on June 3, 2005. The award was presented to the Collaborative for demonstrating achievement of regional goals. For more information about the South Florida Regional Resource Center please visit www.sfrpc.net.

State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative Highlighted at State Conferences

The work of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative was selected as a panel conference session at the annual Florida American Planning Association (FAPA) Conference held in St. Petersburg on August 30, 2005. The panel session highlighted the work of the Collaborative and how it can be used as a regional model in other communities.

The work of the Collaborative was also presented at two state-wide conferences, the Florida Department of Transportation's annual TransPlex Conference held in Orlando on June 2, 2005, and the Florida Department of Community Affairs annual Growth Management Conference in Tallahassee.

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