



MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Claudius A. Carnegie, Chair
Naomi L. Wright, First Vice Chair
Alan Fishman, Second Vice Chair
Alexander Adams
Rolando Acosta
Carol Coletta
Juan Cuba

Gary Dufek
Daniel Manichello
Ramon Ramos
Jed P. Royer
Pat Santangelo
Norman Wartman
Daniel Yglesias

OTHERS PRESENT:

Paul Chance, CTAC Administrator
Elizabeth Rockwell, Miami-Dade MPO
Carlos Roa, Miami-Dade MPO
Tewari Edmonson, Miami-Dade MPO
Stacie Blizzard, FHWA
Shundreka Givan, FHWA
Carey Shepherd, FHWA

Jeff Price, FTA
Keith Melton, FTA
Sean Santalla, FDOT D6
Lisa Colmenares, FDOT D6
Mary Tert Vilehes, FDOT D6
Jenessa Casanara, Turnpike Enterprise
Melissa Hege, DDA

I. ROLL CALL AND CELLULAR TELEPHONE MANAGEMENT

Paul Chance, CTAC Administrator, advised Dr. Claudius Carnegie, CTAC Chair, there was a quorum present. Dr. Carnegie then recognized the quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alan Fishman made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Naomi Wright made a motion to approve the March 25, 2015 minutes, which was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- A. HILARIO ROJAS RESIGNED** - Appointed by MPO Board Member Javier D. Souto
- B. ALEXANDER ADAMS** - Appointed by MPO Board Member Rebeca Sosa

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Rockwell, Miami-Dade MPO Public Involvement Manager, introduced Stacie Blizzard of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Ms. Blizzard introduced her team and explained to members they were in the process of conducting the Miami-Dade MPO's four-year certification, and attended the CTAC meeting as part their site visit. She asked the committee how the Miami-Dade MPO planning process working for the members. Members replied very well, but that we just need funding to implement the many needed projects.

IV. FY 2016-20 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) APPROVAL

Carlos Roa, Miami-Dade MPO Transportation Systems Manager, gave an overview of the TIP and requested CTAC endorse this document with a resolution. The following was requested and suggested by CTAC members:

- In addition to the TIP Citizens' version, there should be a page with all the state roads numbered. This would make it easier to search for specific roadways.
- Can there be a link made between the projects in the TIP and LRTP?
 - Yes. Staff will work on making a connection with projects in the TIP and the LRTP.
- How is new technology going to influence transportation planning?
 - New technology is going to influence the future of transportation and it is addressed in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Alan Fishman made a motion to support and adopt the FY 2016-2020 TIP as proposed, which was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

VII. FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN/STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM PLAN UPDATES

Lisa Colmenares, FDOT District 6 Project Planning Manager, provided the following presentation:

- The Florida Transportation Plan's (FTP) Purpose
- Policy Guidance for all Transportation Partners
- The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Policy Plan
- Designation Criteria
- Finance Strategy
- Statewide Transportation Plans & Programs
- Related Partner Efforts
- SIS policy defines objectives for the state's high-priority transportation network
- Prior FTP's Reshaped Florida
- Florida's Transportation System Trends:
 - Growing Population
 - Changing Travel Behavior
 - Toward A More Diverse Economy
 - Safety Improving
 - Changing Technologies
 - Statewide Plan Updates
 - Developing Vision and Policy Framework
 - More Information & Comments

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

After the presentation, the members had the following comments:

- Does Miami-Dade County have one of the biggest transit systems in the Country?
 - Yes. It is verified by the number of riders on the system.
- They suggested reviewing the average population numbers to include tourism and not just permanent residents.
 - Staff will take that suggestion back to the Department.

- Can better pedestrian and bicycle signage be funded through this plan to be placed in nontraditional areas to increase safety?
 - Yes. All the agencies are working together to improve the safety throughout Miami-Dade County.
- Why didn't the State do anything with the FEC track after studying it for 10 years?
 - FDOT is still looking at the FEC corridor. The State hasn't moved forward on any projects due to the lack of funding.
- What is being done to decrease bicycle and pedestrian fatalities?
 - The State has dedicated a bicycle and pedestrian department to address this issue in all Districts.
 - The State has developed best practices to be used with future projects, and the bicycle coordinators have been providing input on upcoming projects.
- What is being done to accommodate electrical cars?
 - FDOT is still developing a plan.
- Is Connectivity throughout Florida a priority?
 - The SIS and the FTP examine all the different modes of connectivity throughout Florida.
- How do these long term plans adjust to a current switch in transportation behavior?
 - There are different scenarios that are reviewed and taken into consideration during the planning process.
- How are autonomous vehicles being addressed in the plan?
 - Autonomous vehicles are being incorporated into the plan, as well as other technologies as they come available.
- How is the sensitivity analysis being done?
 - The sensitivity analysis will be taken back to the Department for further discussion.
- Do the plans have goals on how to reduce bicycle fatalities from year to year?
 - Right now the State is going through the process on how to best address this issue.
- Of the six regional meetings, for a state wide project, one of those meetings should have been here in Miami.
- Members would like to see the bicycle and pedestrian funding go to where the bike riders are. For example, the Rickenbacker Causeway.
- Members suggested that there be more discussion concerning energy efficient options at these meeting/workshops.

- They urged representatives to spend Federal funds transit, and less on the construction of roadways.
- Some funds should be directed towards the education of drivers.
- A representative should be working with the younger and older generations to educate them about transportation issues.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

- The 2014 MPO Annual Report, which is a federally required document to be produced by each MPO on an annual basis, was distributed.
- MPO Chairman Jean Monestime is appointing the following standing committees: the Transit Solutions Committee and the Fiscal Priorities Committee. The membership of these committees will be limited to seven (7) MPO Board Members in order to facilitate decision-making.
 - The Transit Solutions Committee (TSC) will be responsible for identifying immediate opportunities to increase the integration and utilization of existing mass transit services. The committee will be asked to forward recommendations to improve the connectivity of the current mass transit providers (municipal circulators, jitney services, Miami-Dade Transit and Tri-Rail). The TSC will also be responsible for identifying gaps in service and offering solutions to expand transit access for residents and employers throughout our community. To the extent solutions require additional dollars for capital investments for new intermodal facilities, bus rapid transit or light rail, the TSC will identify and recommend to the MPO potential funding sources.
 - The Fiscal Priorities Committee (FPC) will concentrate on the programming of transportation dollars to better reflect the immediate priorities of the community. The FPC will thoroughly evaluate the staff recommendations embedded in the planning documents routinely submitted to the MPO for approval. The FPC will be responsible for realigning the allocation of dollars within each of these planning documents to respond to the claims our citizens are placing on elected officials throughout Miami-Dade County. Until additional funding sources are available, the FPC will be expected to make the difficult recommendations to advance and defer projects in order to respond to the needs of our current demographic-employment commuting trends.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Jed Royer: Are there any in-depth discussions concerning new technology and energy efficient options taking place at the FDOT meeting/workshops.
- Norman Wartman: Requested a study be performed Florida Turnpike's HEFT, from SW 344 Street to Campbell Drive.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****

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