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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of April 29, 2009***
- III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**
 - A. ELIZABETH MCNALLY – *Appointed by Board Member Sally Heyman***
- IV. CITIZENS INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) UPDATE**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker***
- VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. 6th ANNUAL PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTEST WINNERS – *Elizabeth Rockwell, MPO Public Involvement Manager***
 - B. 2035 LRTP CITIZEN COMMENTS OVERVIEW – *Carlos Roa, MPO 2035 LRTP Project Manager***
 - C. 'AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN' FOR THE SURTAX DOLLARS DISCUSSION - *Dr. Mohammed Hadi and Mr. Tom Gustafson, Director of Government and Transportation Policy at Florida International University's Lehman Center for Transportation Research***
 - D. 95 EXPRESS LANES/RAMP METERING UPDATE – *Rory Santana, P.E., PTOE, FDOT District VI Intelligent Transportation Systems Manager***
 - E. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROJECTS - *Kenneth Jeffries, FDOT District VI Transportation Planner***
 - i. 1ST STREET BRIDGE**
 - ii. EAST BOUND SR-826 RAMP TO NORTH BOUND I-95**

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VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 Minutes Each Speaker

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MPO Committee Meeting Dates:

CTAC Subcommittee	6/10/09
CTAC Full Committee	6/24/09
MPO Governing Board	6/25/09
TPC	6/08/09
TPTAC	6/03/09
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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Naomi Wright, Chair	Lesline McKenzie
Dr. Claudius A. Carnegie, First Vice Chair	Elizabeth McNally
Barbara Walters second Vice Chair	Dr. Eric Prince
Andrew Burgess	Emma Pringle
Gary Dufek	Ramon Ramos
Daniel Fils-Aime	Lee Swerdlin
Hudson Gaulman, Jr.	Norman Wartman
Zvi Krugliak	Andrea Young
Mario Martinez-Malo	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat	Rolando Jiménez, PWD
Paul Chance, MPO	Charles Scurr, CITT
Carlos Roa, MPO	Patrice Rosemond, CITT
Bill Velez, MDT	Jose Clavell, FDOT-D6
Debra Owens, MDT	Franco Saraceno, Gannett Fleming
Ken Jeffries, FDOT	Malcolm Moyse, Citizen
Rory Santana, FDOT	
Jose Clavell, FDOT	
Jessica Josselyn, Kittelson & Associates	

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat, called the roll and advised Ms. Naomi Wright, CTAC Chair, there was a quorum present.

Chair Wright then welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Due to an emergency situation, the Chair requested item C. ‘An Alternative Plan’ for the Surtax Dollars be placed on the Wednesday, June 24, 2009 CTAC agenda.

Dr. Claudius Carnegie moved for the approval of the agenda with the modification and the motion was seconded by Barbara Walters. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barbara Walters moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Andrea Young. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A. ELIZABETH MCNALLY – Appointed by Board Member Sally Heyman

IV. CITIZENS INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) UPDATE

Charles Scurr, CITT Director, updated the Committee on the following items:

- CITT had a joint meeting with Commissioner Barbara Jordan’s Transit Infrastructure and Roads Committee. He summed up the meeting as being very productive.
- The CITT will be meeting Thursday, May 28, 2009 on the following:
 - ❖ New policies and ordinances proposed by County Commissioners
 - ❖ CITT Membership
 - ❖ Peoples Transportation Plan/amendments to the PTP
 - ❖ CTAC member Andrea Young will attend the next CITT Meeting

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. INFORMATION

A. 6th ANNUAL PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA) CONTEST WINNERS

Elizabeth Rockwell, MPO Public Involvement Manager, informed the members of the 6th Annual MPO PSA Contest, which focused on the South Florida Vanpool Program. Ms. Rockwell thanked Paul Chance, Marivi Iglesias from the Miami-Dade County Government Information Center, and Abe Jivanjee from VPSI who runs the South Florida Vanpool Program for their help with the contest.

High School students responded from John A. Ferguson Senior High School, Immaculate-La Salle High School, William Turner Technical High School, Miami High Senior High, and Hialeah High School. College students responded from Florida International University. Students were visited by MPO staff to better understand what the assignment was and to answer any questions they had. Nineteen students submitted PSA's for the contest and after being judged, three student Producers were chosen as the winners: Abed Hassan, a sophomore from Hialeah Senior High School; Karina Rico-Arango, a senior from Miami Senior High School; and Melissa Grafton, a junior from La Salle.

B. 2035 LRTP CITIZEN COMMENTS OVERVIEW

Mr. Carlos Roa, MPO 2035 LRTP Project Manager, gave a brief overview of the LRTP citizen comments. Mr. Roa explained that this is a 20-month project and, which is on its 16th month. The LRTP is up for adoption in October of this 2009. During this LRTP cycle, public meetings were increased from six to eighteen. Mr. Roa introduced Franco Saraceno, consultant from Gannett Fleming who is assisting the Miami-Dade MPO with developing the 2035 LRTP. He explained the activities that were conducted, projects that were accepted from the citizens, and the results from all the meetings. The following were the key points from the presentation:

- LRTP Development and Process
- The Needs Plan
- Making Projections
- Blocks and Ribbons Exercise
- LRTP Priorities
- Results from Survey
- Option Finder Exercise
- Sample of Survey
- Projects that were added by the Public
- Capital and noncapital improvements
- Highway expansion/highway non-expansion improvements
- Results of Steering Committee vs. Public Results
- Development of Cost Feasible Plan
- Adoption of the 2035 LRTP

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Roa and Mr. Saraceno addressed.

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

C. 95 EXPRESS LANES/RAMP METERING UPDATE

Rory Santana, P.E., PTOE, FDOT District VI Intelligent Transportation Systems Manager, gave an overview and update of the 95 Express and the Ramp Metering project. The follow are the key points from the presentation:

- 95 Express Performance
- Analyze Constantly – Assume Nothing
- March Operational Performance:

- Vehicle Trips
- Toll Revenue
- Average Speed
- Tolls Range
- Volumes
- Average speed for the past six months
- PM Peak Speed for the pass six months
- Average Weekday Traffic for the past six months
- Average Weekday Revenue for the past six months
- Ramp Signaling
 - Operational February 4, 2009
 - Travel speeds
- Implementation Phase Speeds
 - Average PM Peak Speed (4-7)
 - Performance
 - Vehicle registration to date
 - Incident Management
 - Public Information
 - Florida Highway Patrol

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Santana addressed.

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

D. CTAC TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE BRIEFING

Lee Swerdlin, Transit Subcommittee Chair, updated the Committee on the last meeting as follows:

- Unification Passed
- Commissioners are overseeing the Half Penny Surtax
- FIU could develop an alternative plan for the surtax money
- Work with Commissioner Carlos Gimenez on his plans for the PTP
- Invite the Inspector General to oversee this development of this Plan

F. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Kenneth Jeffries, FDOT District VI Transportation Planner, explained that these projects are in the planning stages and are being introduced to the 2035 LRTP. Mr. Jeffries introduced the consultant, Jose Clavell, who provided the following key points:

- **EAST BOUND SR-826 RAMP TO NORTH BOUND I-95**
 - Location and Characteristics
 - Confluence of five major State roadways
 - Observed deficiencies
 - Project description
 - Design objectives
 - Volume diversions

The following comments by members will be submitted to FDOT to be included in the ETDM process:

Norman Wartman - To rebuild the GGI would cost, easily, a couple billion dollars. It is the confluence of all the major expressways in north Dade and the current configuration from eastbound to northbound hits so many other points that it chokes the whole area up. We don't have two billion dollars to spend. I remember this study showed the ramp going east to north and curving at mid-level underneath the HOV lanes and above the second level. This would free up all the other movements and fix the mess in front of the Park & Ride lot. The cost back then was \$17 million and it has gone up, but then with these figures from the bids to MDX and FDOT, they have been coming in at 20-40% lower. This, instead of a two billion upgrade, would free up so much in the GGI, which I think right now has around 350,000 trips a day going through it from all the roads. This is something that has been needed and has been thought of, put on the sidelines, and back and forth and if this is a priority of the Department then I applaud you all on doing two billion dollars worth of improvements for under \$50 million and helping us getting moving again.

Andrew Burgess – You mention an estimate of about \$50 million to do this project. How long will it take to build? It should be constructed in a efficient and timely manner.

➤ **SW 1ST STREET BRIDGE OVER THE MIAMI RIVER**

- Purpose
- Existing conditions
- Rehabilitation vs. replacement
- Cost-benefits

The following comments by members will be submitted to FDOT to be included in the ETDM process:

Naomi Wright – Concerned about the years over its usable life and agrees with replacing the bridge over rehabbing it, especially since there was no way to make it ADA compliant if it were rehabbed It makes sense, feasibly, to replace it altogether.

Norman Wartman - When we were talking about bridges over the Miami River years ago, one of the things we asked for, including for the US-1 bridge, that the Department look into the option of tunnels because the raising of the bridges causes traffic congestion, especially near downtown Miami.

Norman Wartman made a motion to strongly support the inclusion of the eastbound SR-826/Palmetto Expressway ramp connection to northbound I-95 at the Golden Glades Interchange in the 2035 LRTP. The motion was seconded by Barbara Walters. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen Malcolm Moyse had the following four comments:

1. The state of the Golden Glades Interchange is deplorable
2. Supports the SR-826 ramp to northbound I-95

3. I-95's aesthetics are less than desirable
4. There should be an express Metrorail System along US-1 from Kendall Drive to downtown Miami

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

CTAC Chair, Naomi Wright, provide the following report to the Committee:

Reminded the committee they will be traveling next month:

- June 10th Aviation Subcommittee at MIA
- June 17th Regional CAC at the SFRTA Administrative Offices

Staff will contact each member and provided more information as well as determine member's attendance at the meeting.

During the last meeting the questioning of the status of the 'No Food & Drink on Metrorail' policy came up. In March, the BCC amended this policy to allow food and drink on the platforms. They approved a one year pilot program that allowed MDT to install vending machines at six Metrorail stations and one Metromover station. MDT will track these changes for the year to determine if there is increased debris as a result. The findings will be taken to the BCC for discussion and possible action, if deemed necessary.

VIII. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

None

IX. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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

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