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**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM**

**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128  
**COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**AGENDA**

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of July 22, 2009***
- III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**
  - A. DAVID REITER RESIGNED – *Appointed by MPO Board Member Sally Heyman***
- IV. CITIZENS INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) UPDATE**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker***
- VI. ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 12-09 RECOMMENDING THE MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) GOVERNING BOARD ADOPTS THE UPDATED MPO PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)**
- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - A. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – *Carlos Roa, Project Manager***
  - B. 2009 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN – *Maria Batista, MDT Planning and Development Division***
  - C. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING (ETDM) PROJECTS - *Kenneth Jeffries, FDOT District VI Transportation Planner***
    - 1. OKEECHOBEE ROAD FROM NW 79TH AVENUE TO KROME AVENUE**
    - 2. NE 125TH STREET/NE 6TH AVENUE/W. DIXIE HIGHWAY – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**
  - D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX) PROJECTS UPDATE – *Norman Wartman, MDX Board Member***

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**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 Minutes Each Speaker**

**IX. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**X. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**

**XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MPO Committee Meeting Dates:**

CTAC Subcommittee	10/07/09
CTAC Full Committee	10/21/09
MPO Governing Board	10/29/09
MPO Review Committee	10/05/09
TPC	10/05/09
TPTAC	10/14/09
BPAC	10/21/09
TARC	10/07/09
FTAC	TBA

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**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

**CTAC ATTENDANCE:**

Naomi L. Wright, Chair  
Claudius A. Carnegie, First Vice Chair  
Barbara Walters, Second Vice Chair  
Andrew Burgess  
Crystal Connor  
Gary Dufek  
Daniel Fils-Aime  
Alan Fishman  
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Norman Wartman  
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat  
Paul Chance, MPO  
Carlos Roa, MPO  
Wilson Fernandez, MPO  
Harpal Kapoor, MDT Director  
Clinton Forbes, MDT  
Sandra Washington, MDT  
Susanna Guzman-Arean, MDT  
Maria Batista, MDT

Monica Cejas, MDT/PMC  
John Lafferty, Parsons Brinckerhoff/MDT  
Ken Jeffries, FDOT D-6  
Jose Clavell, Jacobs/FDOT D-6  
Jessica Jocelyn, Kittelson Associations/FDOT D-6  
Mayra Diaz, MDX  
Miles Moss, CITT  
Franco Saraceno, Gannet Fleming  
Tom Gustafson, FIU LCTR

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

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

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lee Swerdlin moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

A. DAVID REITER RESIGNED – Appointed by MPO Board Member Sally Heyman

**IV. CITIZENS INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)**

Miles Moss updated the committee with the following information:

- CITT, like the CTAC, did not meet in August
- The Maintenance of Effort budget was approved by the BCC and Transit will continue to receive 3% of the half penny surtax.
- The CTAC Resolution for CITT to work with FIU in examining the PTP is moving forward and the two entities are in the process of scheduling a meeting.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 12-09 RECOMMENDING THE MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) GOVERNING BOARD ADOPTS THE UPDATED MPO PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)**

Daniel Yglesias moved the motion and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)**

Carlos Roa, MPO 2035 LRTP Project Manager, thanked CTAC members for participating in the development of the 2035 LRTP and provided an overview as follows:

- The 2035 LRTP Goals and Objective were adopted by the MPO Governing Board October 2008
- The Steering Committee Workshop was held in the fall of 2008 where project socioeconomic growth was discussed as well as system deficiencies
- Projects definitions were finalized March 2009
- Project financial resources were presented to the TPC May 2009
- The resulting 'Cost Feasible Plan' is scheduled for adoption October 2009

Mr. Roa introduced the consultant for the project, Franco Saraceno from Gannet Fleming, who then presented the process that went into updating the 2035 LRTP as follows:

- Summary of LRTP Goals:
  - Mobility, Safety, Security, Economic Vitality, Environment, Connectivity, Sound Investment, and System Preservation
- Miami-Dade County's population growth is expected to increase 39% by 2035
- Miami-Dade County's employment growth is expected to increase 45% by 2035
- Four Strategies:
  1. Technological Strategies such as Open Road Tolling
  2. Tolling Strategies such as managed lanes
  3. Congestion Management Strategies such as multimodal improvements
  4. Non-Motorized Strategies such as increases pedestrian facilities
- Freight Movement Plan incorporated into the LRTP
- Public Involvement
  - Block and Ribbons and option finder exercises
- Results of surveys
- Cost Feasible Plan Development
- Project evaluation
- Financial resource projections
- Priority I (TIP: 2010-2014)
  - 17 transit projects
  - 77 Highway projects
- Priorities II-IV (2015-2035)
  - 8 Transit projects
  - 81 Highway projects
  - 42 Congestion management projects
- Projected Cost Feasible Plan amount ~19.3 Billion
- Plan adoption timeline

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Saraceno, Mr. Roa, Ken Jeffries, FDOT D-6, and Harpal Kapoor, MDT Director, addressed.

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

## **B. 2009 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP)**

Maria Batista, MDT Planning and Development Division, introduced all of the members of MDT and their consultant from Parsons Brinckerhoff, John Lafferty. Mr. Lafferty presented the following key topics:

- Purpose of the TDP's major update
- TDP major updates objectives
- Relationship of TDP major update with other planning documents
- TDP public involvement strategies
- FY 2010-19 TDP proposed goals
- Overview of peer agency review
- Transit propensity analysis
- Population and employment density
- Roadway level of service
- Bus travel time to downtown
- TDP major updates area for consideration

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Lafferty and Harpal Kapoor, MDT Director, addressed.

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

## **C. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING (ETDM) PROJECTS**

Kenneth Jeffries, FDOT District VI Transportation Planner, introduced the two projects that are in the ETDM process: Okeechobee Road from NW 79th Avenue to Krome Avenue and NE 125th Street NE 6th Avenue Dixie Highway – intersection improvements. The projects will be a collaborative effort with MDX. Mr. Jeffries introduced Jessica Jocelyn from Kittelson & Associates who presented the following on the NE 125th Street/NE 6th Avenue/W. Dixie Highway Intersection project:

- Project background
- Project location
- Project description
- Observed deficiencies
- Previous studies
- Next Steps
- Project development environmental studies

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

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

Ken Jeffries then introduced Jose Clavell, an in-house consultant from Jacobs, whom presented the following on the Okeechobee Road from NW 79th Avenue to Krome Avenue project:

- Project location
- Project background
- Action plan
- Corridor features
- Existing Conditions of study area
- 4 different cross sections in the corridor
- Observed deficiencies
- High Concentration
- Next steps

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Jeffries, Mr. Clavell, and Ms. Mira Diaz, MDX, addressed.

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

#### **D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX) PROJECTS UPDATE**

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to be placed as the first 'Informational' item on the October 21<sup>st</sup> CTAC agenda.

#### **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **IX. CHAIR'S REPORT**

CTAC Chair, Naomi L. Wright, provide the following report to the committee:

- The MPO Governing Board has formed a Review Committee consisting of nine Board Members to review items prior to them going to the full MPO Governing Board for adoption. All the citizen advisory committees have been requested to attend these committee meetings to present our reports. There is hope that there will be more conversation regarding our issues and/or recommendations at this meeting instead of being rushed during the full Board meeting.
- On the August 26th meeting, one of our sister committees, the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC), decided that they would seek support from our committee for the 6th Street Slip Ramp project. FTAC has been fighting for this project for several years, because they saw the need for direct access from downtown Miami to westbound SR-836. Because FTAC was pushing the project it was seen as a freight project or a Port of Miami Project. However, with the decision to build the Port Tunnel this ramp will not be critical for freight movement, but it will be critical for the people that live and work in the downtown. So important, that this project has been a part of the Downtown Transportation Master Plan since 2003. Although the economy has slowed, growth in Miami's downtown will pick back up and the condos, hotels, and offices will be occupied and those people will need access to the west, which makes up the majority of the

area of the County. Currently the only way to access westbound SR-836 from downtown is from Biscayne Boulevard and I-395 and the I-95 Ramps from SW 2nd Street. The planned reconstruction of I-395 will make the new ramp at 6th Street critical, since only the southern access will be usable. An aerial view of the ramp has been passed out for clarification. What the FTAC is proposing is an on-ramp that starts at 6th Street between the northbound and southbound lanes of I-95. The ramp would tie into the northbound to westbound ramp from I-95 to SR-836 and would not be visible from either side of I-95. The Chair requested the Secretariat place this project on a future agenda for further discussion with FTAC, FDOT, and the community.

- The following are MDT updates from the Subcommittee meeting two weeks ago:
  - The Financial District Metromover Escalator experienced a major crash on April 15, 2008 and damage to the unit was severe. Bearings on the lower carriage had collapsed and the structure suffered from heavy corrosion. The unit was scheduled for refurbishment as part of a settlement with the escalator maintenance contractor KONE. The refurbishment was completed on April 22, 2009 when the unit passed its final inspections and it was returned to service. The unit is currently in service.
  - The request to have 2 bus shelters installed on the west side of the Government Center has been placed with the City of Miami. There are many people who catch the bus in this area and do not have protection from the elements. CTAC will be advised of the timeline for implementation as soon as possible.
- The Chair reminded everyone about taking group pictures on October 21st meeting at 5 PM on the west side of this building by the fountain. The Secretariat will send out more information next month.

## **X. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**

Daniel Yglesias reported that the Miami-Dade School Board Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) met September 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the use of dynamic driver speed feedback signs and the potential of installing them in all school zones.

## **XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Gary Dufek thanked MDT for providing full bus service to the SW 216 Street Park and Ride Lot.

Alan Fishman requested an update on the SFPECTA as well as the FDOT's decision to make the Miami River a SIS Facility.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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

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