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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

REVISED AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of September 23, 2009***
- III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**
 - A. DANIEL PASCALE RESIGNED – *Appointed by MPO Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro***
- IV. CITIZENS INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) UPDATE**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker***
- VI. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – *Carlos Roa, Project Manager***
- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX) PROJECTS UPDATE – *Norman Wartman, MDX Board Member***
 - B. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING (ETDM) PROJECTS - *Kenneth Jeffries, FDOT District VI Transportation Planner***
 - 1. GOLDEN GLADES INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS**
 - 2. SR-826 AT 57TH AVENUE AND SR-826 AT 67TH AVENUE**
 - C. HEFT WIDENING PD&E STUDY FROM SR-836 TO EAST OF NW 57TH AVENUE - *Imran Ghani, FTE Project Development Engineer***
 - D. HEFT/NW 170TH STREET INTERCHANGE PD&E STUDY- *Imran Ghani, FTE Project Development Engineer***

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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	11/04/09
CTAC Full Committee	11/18/09
MPO Governing Board	11/19/09
TPC	11/09/09
TPTAC	11/04/09
BPAC	11/18/09
TARC	11/04/09
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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Naomi Wright, Chair
Claudius A. Carnegie, First Vice Chair
Barbara Walters second Vice Chair
Andrew Burgess
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, MPO
Maria Diaz, MDX
Phil Steinmiller, FDOT
Rolando Jimenez, PWD
Felipe Nermidra, MDT
Imran Ghani, Florida Turnpike
Tom Percial, Florida Turnpike
Franco Saraceno, Gannett Fleming

Jessica Josselyn, Kittelson, FDOT D6
Heather Leslie, MRG
Godfrey Lamptey, C3TS
Silvia Beltre, C3TS
Juan Espinosa, DPA
John McWilliams, KHA
Leonardo Scarpati, Citizen
Malcolm Moyse, Jr., Citizen

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

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

III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A. DANIEL PASCALE RESIGNED – Appointed by MPO Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro

IV. CITIZENS INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)

Charles Scurr, CITT Director, discussed the following three items:

1. Budget: The CITT was able to work with the County to maintain the maintenance of effort commitment from the BCC to continue to increase the general funding support by 3.5% annually for transit.
2. Financial Study: CITT is working on innovative ways to improve corridor studies for 2009-2010. They are open for ideas and are hopeful to have a draft by the end of the month.
3. There will be a second Transit Summit that CITT hosted by the BCC Transit Subcommittee November 18, 2009 at 6pm in the Commission Chambers. CTAC members may join CITT at this Summit.

The Chair requested that the CTAC Secretariat schedule a joint meeting with the CITT.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Malcolm Moyse, Jr., citizen, expressed concerned about two projects:

1. Turnpike PD&E Study: A bus rapid transit system should run down the middle of the Turnpike connecting the South Miami Busway to Landshark Stadium and ample monies should be set aside to market this connection. This Busway could also be used as an evacuation route.
2. Consider adding a sound wall to the Palmetto expressway widening project at NW 57 Avenue and NW 67 Avenue.

VI. ACTION ITEM

A. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Franco Saraceno, Gannett Fleming, reminded the committee that a presentation was conducted at the last CTAC meeting where the LRTP process was described in detail. A booklet was handed out with an executive summary and a project list, which is similar to the items that will be going to the MPO Governing Board for adoption. Mr. Saraceno presented the following items:

- Executive Summary
- List of Projects
- Priority I Projects
- Priorities II thru V projects
- Reasons for the priorities
- Set aside programs
 1. Non-motorized projects
 2. Congestion management
- Partially funded projects
- Public Involvement process
- The four T's: Tolling, Transit, Telecommuting, and Technology
- Regional 2035 LRTP process

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

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

Norman Wartman moved that the MPO Governing Board adopt the 2035 LRTP, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Claudius a. Carnegie. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with one dissent from Hudson Gaulman, Jr.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX) PROJECTS UPDATE

Norman Wartman, MDX Board Member, updated the following CTAC members on the following projects:

- SR 924 Eastern extension of the I-95
- SR 924 Western extension has gone into public comment and will be followed by a PD&E, which will last for 2 years.
- SR 836 Eastbound Auxiliary Lane
- SR 874 Killian Drive Interchange
- SR 874 Mainline Reconstruction
- U.S. 1 Managed Lanes
- SR 836/SR 826 Interchange Improvements
- FDOT will be handing over the operations of the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) project to MDX

- MDX has a contract with FIU to study a BRT along SR 836 that can pay for itself. The BRT would stretch from Miami Beach to FIU.
- The design of SR 836 auxiliary lanes from SW 72 Avenue to SW 42 Avenue
- SR 874 Northbound On-Ramp from Kendall Drive
- Central Boulevard - the primary vehicle access roadway connecting the MIA to the SR112 and SR 836
- Open Road Tolling infrastructure modifications
- MDX revenue has met and exceeded all financial requirements

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

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

B. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING (ETDM) PROJECTS

Phil Steinmiller, FDOT District VI Transportation Planner, introduced the ETDM process and then introduced their consultant Jessica Josselyn who provided the following presentation for the SR-826 interchange reconstruction at 57th avenue and 67th avenue:

- Presentation Overview
- Project Location
- Project Background
- Project Description
 - Observed Deficiencies
 - Previous Studies
- SR 826 Multimodal Interstate Master Plan
- Northwest Miami-Dade Traffic Impact study
- Project Purpose and Need
- Next Steps

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

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

The following are comments/questions CTAC members shared and will be input into the ETDM system:

- How in-depth will FDOT be when reviewing the congestion as a result of drivers queuing up to exit SR 826?
- Will FDOT review the backup from the stand point of vehicles getting off or on SR 826 at these two avenues?
- Will this study determine how people merge onto the exit ramps using the shoulders?
- Can FDOT install flexible delineators along the shoulder to prevent drivers from merging in front of other drivers at the exit ramps?
- What is the cost of this updated study?
- Is there any information that can be used from prior studies to offset these costs?
- How will sound barriers/noise walls fit into this project?
- If there is a plan already in place, why is the project being restudied and why is it costing millions of dollars?

- The ‘Texas U-Turn’ configuration was mentioned. Is there enough space at both locations to accommodate this type of configuration? Will property have to be acquired?
- Are there any studies being done on how many vehicles are making u-turns at both locations?
- Can both interchanges be constructed at the same time instead of one-by-one?

Ms. Josselyn then provided a presentation on the Golden Glades Interchange improvements as follows:

- Project Location
- Project Description
- Previous Studies
- Golden Glades Interchange Improvements
- GGI System Assessment Report
- Observed Deficiencies
- Project Propose
- Project Need

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

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

The following are comments/questions CTAC members shared and will be input into the ETDM system:

- With all the concerns that were identified for the various improvements, were these concerns made prior to the tolling on I-95 or afterwards?
- How will the I-95 Toll lanes impact the study?
- What is the time frame to make all these improvements? We need them now.
- When SR 826 heading east merges with the Turnpike it is a very bad intersection when it is wet.
- What confidence can the community have in FDOT when the GGI was initially designed so poorly?
- When you reach the end of the 95 Express Lanes the current signage does not give drivers enough notice to react.
- Is there an overall study that will fix everything with the GGI?
- I would like to see more public involvement by working with key citizens within that community when planning projects.

C. HEFT WIDENING PD&E STUDY FROM SR-836 TO EAST OF NW 57TH AVENUE

Imran Ghani, Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Project Development Engineer, provided the following presentation:

- Project Location
- Projects Needs
 - Transportation Demand
 - Project Objectives
 - Existing Typical

- Proposed Improvements
- I-75 Interchange
- Environmental Impacts
- Physical Impacts
- Natural Impacts
- Social And Cultural Impacts
- Public Involvement And Schedule
- Project Website

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

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

D. HEFT/NW 170TH STREET INTERCHANGE PD&E STUDY-

Juan Espinosa, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Consultant, provided the following presentation:

- Location
- Reason for the project
- Project Needs
- Objectives
 - Tie Diamond Alternative 1
 - Trumpet Alternative 2
- Public Involvement
- Schedule
- Funding

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

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

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Malcolm Moyses, Jr., citizen, suggested that MDX be used as a model and that they contribute funding to developing transit and other alternative projects once the agency converts to Open Road Tolling (ORT) and is collecting 100% revenue for vehicles.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

- The Chair thanked the Government Information Center (GIC) for allowing CTAC to meet in the Chambers. The Secretariat will inform us if the circumstances change and whether or not we will continue to meet in the Chambers.
- CTAC 2010 meeting schedule has been distributed. The Secretariat checked the 2010 calendar to ensure CTAC meetings did not fall on any major holidays; the Chair asked that anyone please

inform the Secretariat if she may have overlooked anything and until all budget negotiations are completed CTAC will not know for sure if they will be meeting in the Chambers. The conference rooms on the 18th floor have been reserved as back-up.

X. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

Daniel Yglesias attended the Miami-Dade School Board's Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) meeting October 8, 2009 at Miami Lakes Middle School. MPO Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman was in attendance and they spoke about different safety initiatives, especially the Dynamic Speed Feedback Displays. Mr. Iglesias encouraged the committee to hear a presentation on this project and suggested Miles Moss is in attendance.

XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Andrew Burgess would like an update on the request to install a bus shelter on the west side of the Government Building.

Ms. Walters made a Resolution commending MDT's Hugh Chen and his staff for their commitment, hard work, and ability to smoothly transition riders to the new electronic Easy Card system. The motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with one dissent from Hudson Gaulman, Jr.

Alan Fishman had concerns regarding flooding on various Miami Beach streets that are affecting transportation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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