



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2004 AT 2:00 PM

Chairperson

Barbara Carey-Shuler,
Ed.D.

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

MAMI, FLORIDA 33128

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

Voting Members

Bruno A. Barreiro
Joe J. Celestin
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Manuel A. Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson
Shirley M. Gibson
Perla T. Hantman
Sally A. Heyman
William H. Kerdyk
M. Ronald Krongold
Joe A. Martinez
Raul L. Martinez
Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas
Darryl K. Sharpton
Jose Smith
Katy Sorenson
Rebeca Sosa
Javier D. Souto

AGENDA

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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 29, 2004

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- B. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)
- C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
- D. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)
- E. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
 1. MDX Status Report

IV. ACTION ITEMS

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RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS (AS REQUIRED BY THE MPO PROSPECTUS) AND ALSO AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004-2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO DELETE THE CENTRAL PARKWAY PROJECT (*PUBLIC HEARING deferred from MPO April 29, 2004 meeting*)

B. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO INCLUDE SECTION 5309 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FUNDS FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS AND THE NORTHEAST MIAMI-DADE PASSENGER CENTER PROJECTS (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2005-2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1990 (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

D. FY 2005 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2005 FINAL DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION (UPWP) AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE FUNDING AGENCIES (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

E. REQUEST BY CHAIRPERSON BARBARA CAREY-SHULER, ED.D.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S POSITION TO UPDATE THE EAST-WEST TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY AND TO CONSIDER ALL OPTIONS AS APPROPRIATE

Non-Voting Members

(FDOT District 6)
John Martinez, P.E.
Gary L. Donn, P.E.

County Mayor

Alex Penelas

County Manager

George M. Burgess

Surface Transportation Manager

Carlos F. Bonzon
Ph.D., P.E.

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V. REPORTS

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B. MANAGER

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

D. SECRETARIAT

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VI. CORRESPONDENCE

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2004 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Chairperson Carey-Shuler called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. In addition, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Bruno Barreiro	Raul L. Martinez
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Jimmy L. Morales
Manual A. Diaz	Dennis C. Moss
Betty T. Ferguson	Dorin D. Rolle
Shirley M. Gibson	Natacha Seijas
Perla T. Hantman	Darryl K. Sharpton
M. Ronald Krongold	Jose Smith
Javier D. Souto	

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Dr. Carlos Bonzon, Surface Transportation Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Sharpton moved for approval of the agenda. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member R. Martinez moved for approval of the April 29, 2004 minutes and Board Member Ferguson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. He informed the Board that CTAC successfully hosted the Sunshine Law/Ethics Workshop on May 19, 2004. He also stated that the MDT Director of Marketing provided CTAC with the marketing plans for MDT. He further stated that Mr. Jose Gonzalez from FDOT and consultants from DMJM & Harris provided CTAC with a presentation on the Golden Glades Multimodal Transportation Facility. Mr. Norman Wartman, CTAC 1st Vice Chair, concluded CTAC's report by providing information on the resolution passed by CTAC. (*Copies of CTAC's distributed resolutions are available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Chairperson Carey-Shuler appointed Mr. Hudson Gaulman to CTAC.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

No report given on this item.

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, informed the Board that BPAC will continue to coordinate with FDOT in providing an enhanced Bicycle Pedestrian Facility for the SR 9336 Reconstruction Project. He concluded by stating that BPAC passed a resolution supporting Walk Our Children to School Day on October 6, 2004. (*Copies of BPAC resolutions are available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Hantman moved for approval of a resolution endorsing Walk Our Children to School Day on October 6, 2004. Chairperson Carey-Shuler seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

Board Member Morales appointed Mr. Hector Calderon to the FTAC.

No report given on this item

5. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

Mr. Sam Gonzalez, MDX, provided the Board with a brief update on the project listed in the MDX Status Report. *(A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Moss asked when MDX anticipates that their meetings will be aired on real-time in Miami-Dade TV. Board Member Sharpton responded that he would provide that information at the next MPO meeting.

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Mayor Myra Taylor, City of Opa-Locka, informed the Board that the City of Opa-Locka supported the deletion of the Central Parkway Project from the Transportation Plan. She then concluded by stating that the Central Parkway Project would have a negative impact on the City of Opa-Locka.

Mr. Norman Wartman stated that he opposed the deletion of the Central Parkway project from the Transportation Plan. He further stated that the current Central Parkway as listed in the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program does not divide the City of Opa-Locka. He further clarified that the original plans of the Central Parkway would have continued northeast and therefore bisected at the Opa-Locka Airport. He then stated that this portion of the project was removed a decade ago as a result of strong community outburst of disapproval.

Board Member Ferguson requested clarity on the route the commuters would use once they exit the Gratigny Parkway heading east. Ms. Winsome Bowen, MDX Project Manager, responded that commuters would use NW 119th Street as their access route to the east. She further stated that a separate study revealed that it would not be feasible to add more lanes to NW 119th Street because the current lanes could accommodate the projected traffic increase for the next 20 years. Board Member Ferguson concluded the discussion by expressing concern with the negative impact the traffic increase would have on the community along the NW 119th Street Corridor.

Board Member Rolle requested clarity on whether any community outreach had been done for the potentially impacted corridors. Mr. Gonzalez responded that the study would entail a 6 month community outreach that would research the impact Central Parkway would have on the corridors.

Board Member Hantman asked if the Central Parkway project is deleted what would be the impact on the transportation mobility of Miami-Dade County if the project is removed. Mr. Gonzalez responded that MDX views this project as vital to the overall mobility of traffic in Miami-Dade County. He also stated that there are no future plans to expand I-95 and SR 826 Expressways. He further clarified by stating that Central Parkway would provide a needed alternative to North/South mobility in Miami-Dade County.

Board Member Martinez stated that the City of Hialeah originally supported Central Parkway with the understanding that the project would continue to the Broward County line. He further stated that he encouraged the MDX staff to meet with the City of Opa-Locka to retain their support of the project. He concluded by stating that it is not logical to pursue the project if it will terminate at the Gratigny.

Board Member Sharpton stated that the proposed Central Parkway envisions the traffic conditions that Miami-Dade County will face in the next 20 years. He further stated that the MDX Board shares the sentiments of the MPO Board and therefore would like an opportunity to study the impact Central Parkway would have on the surrounding communities.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler requested clarity on whether NW 37th Avenue was considered as an option to Central Parkway. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the study currently does not entail NW 37th Avenue as an option. He concluded by stating it could be added during the study.

Board Member Krongold expressed concern with the proposed resolution to delete Central Parkway. He further clarified that the study could provide an opportunity to discover ways of alleviating the negative impact the highway may have on the surrounding community. He concluded by stating that the study should be done first before a decision to stop the project is made.

Board Member Barreiro stated that building more roads is not the solution to the congestion problem Miami-Dade County. He further stated that mass transit is the best solution. He concluded by suggesting that the funds dedicated to Central Parkway be bonded and used towards expediting the People's Transportation Plan projects.

Board Member Moss stated that the dialogue with the potentially impacted communities should have taken place prior to this issue being brought before the MPO Board. He concluded by stating that he will support the Board Members who represent communities that would be impacted by Central Parkway.

After much discussion, Board Member Ferguson moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved with two dissent of votes.

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Board Member Souto moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member J. Diaz seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

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Board Member Seijas moved to amend the resolution to provide that the NW 87th Avenue at 154th Street to 186th Street Project is removed from the Road Impact Fee Section of the TIP and placed in the People's Transportation Plan Section of the TIP. Board Member Barreiro seconded the motion. The resolution as amended was approved unanimously.

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Board Member Seijas requested that funding be assigned to study the feasibility of providing Bus Rapid Transit services from southern Miami-Dade to the Broward County line along the Palmetto Expressway corridor.

Dr. Bonzon responded that staff would identify funding and provide that information at the next MPO Board meeting.

Board Member Souto moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

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Chairperson Carey-Shuler moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. MEMBERS

Chairperson Carey-Shuler announced the rescheduling of the Managing Highway Lanes Capacity Workshop to June 24, 2004 at 1:00 pm in the Commission Chambers.

Board Member Hantman expressed concern with not being notified of the workshop change sooner. Mr. Mesa responded that staff would work with her directly in the future.

B. MANAGER

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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(There was no discussion on Items VI.B-D)

VI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.