



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006 AT 2:00 PM

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Dennis C. Moss

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- November 9, 2006

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3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)
4. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
5. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

B. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

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**1. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADVANCE FROM FY 2011 TO FY 2007 THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT *(Roll Call Required)*

**2. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ALLOW THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH TO UTILIZE PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE SNAKE CREEK BIKE PATH LIGHTING PROJECT FROM NE 15th AVENUE TO NE 19th AVENUE *(Roll Call Required)*

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

**1. FY 2008-2012 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(FDOT) DISTRICT 6 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FY 2008-2012 FDOT DISTRICT 6 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

**2. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: 2007 ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTERS**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 2007 ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

**3. SOUTH FLORIDA EAST COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT ANALYSIS
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CORRIDOR (SFECC) STUDY CONCLUSIONS AND THE ADVANCEMENT
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5. REPORTS

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1. Request by MPO Board Member Kevin A. Burns: Presentation and Discussion on Everglades Skyway Project

B. COUNTY MANAGER

C. COUNTY ATTORNEY

D. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DISTRICT VI)

E. MPO SECRETARIAT

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS

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

MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M.

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

SUMMARY MINUTES

Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. The following members were present at the meeting:

Ruben D. Almaguer	Barbara J. Jordan
Kevin A. Burns	Dorin D. Rolle
Audrey M. Edmonson	Natacha Seijas
Shirley M. Gibson	Darryl K. Sharpton
Carlos A. Gimenez	Katy Sorenson
Perla T. Hantman	Rebeca Sosa
Sally A. Heyman	Richard L. Steinberg
Chairman Joe Martinez	

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

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney Cuevas informed the Board that Florida Department of Transportation District 6 has requested that the distributed documents serve as an addendum to Item 4.B.1., including a substitute to page #3.

Board Member Seijas moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Board Member Burns seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Burns moved for approval of the November 9, 2006 minutes. Board Member Hantman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES****1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST****2. CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)**

Mr. Norman Wartman, CTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. He informed the Board that CTAC adopted a resolution supporting the continuation of the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis. He further informed the Board that CTAC received a presentation on the Tamiami Everglades Skyway Project and recommends that the Board supports this project. He concluded by respectfully reminding the Board to fill any vacancies they may have.

3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Mr. Juan Crespi, TARC Chair, provided the Board with an update of TARC activities. He informed the Board that TARC's Chair for five years, Mrs. Winsome Bowen, relocated to Phoenix and therefore resigned from TARC. He further informed the Board that TARC is very interested in having a representative on the bus shelter ad-hoc working group that was sponsored by Board Member Gimenez. He then concluded by providing the Board with a summary of the resolutions passed by TARC.

4. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on BPAC activities. He informed the Board that FDOT provided a presentation on the Miami Intermodal Center and the features that are being incorporated into the facility that will make bicycling to and from the airport easier for residents and visitors. He further informed the Board that BPAC had several meetings with the Public Works and Planning and Zoning Departments to address the need for better maintenance of bikeways in Miami-Dade County. He then stated that MPO staff is currently working with these departments to develop a plan to provide for regular sweeping, pothole repair, installation of signs and markings for safety. He concluded by informing the Board that BPAC supports FDOT Tentative Work Program which includes significant projects that benefit bicyclists and pedestrians.

5. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

No report provided on this item.

B. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. MDX Status Report

Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Executive Director, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects included in the MDX Status Report, in addition to marketing efforts by MDX. *(A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Sosa expressed concern with the aesthetics of perimeter road corridor. She concluded by requesting that staff research the feasibility of improving the appearance of Perimeter Road corridor. Mr. Parapar stated that MDX will continue to work with necessary agencies including the County Image Advisory Board to address this issue.

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Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman Moss closed the public hearing.

Pursuant to Board Member Sharpton's request for clarity regarding this project, Mr. Mesa informed the Board that the total project cost is about \$9 million. He further stated that the proposed resolution allows the City of Key Biscayne to advance the pedestrian improvement project utilizing their funds and to accept the \$1 million reimbursement from FDOT in FY 2010/11.

Board Member Sosa moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

2. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

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Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman Moss closed the public hearing.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. FY 2008-2012 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) DISTRICT 6 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FY 2008-2012 FDOT DISTRICT 6 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

Mr. John Martinez, FDOT District 6 Secretary, provided the Board with a brief overview of the FY 2008-2012 FDOT District 6 Tentative Work Program.

Board Member Seijas expressed concern with State Road 823/Red Road Project not fully funded in the proposed Work Program. She further stated that the expansion of Red Road at NW 21st Street should be listed as the #1 priority for new capacity projects in Miami-Dade County. She concluded by requesting that the proposed Work Program be amended to reflect this priority. Mr. Martinez responded that the department can complete the widening of the NW 57th avenue at Okeechobee Road by utilizing the funds scheduled for the Okeechobee Road resurfacing projects.

Board Member Sosa requested clarity on why the SW 8th Street to Bird Road Project was scheduled for resurfacing without first addressing the drainage improvement issues. Mr. Martinez responded that this project description is a place holder until the Preliminary Engineer and Design is complete and a more accurate description can be developed.

Board Member Almaguer expressed concern with the limited amount of attention given to capacity in the proposed Work Program. He concluded by suggesting that FDOT provide a newsletter with a map that highlights the projects in the proposed Work Program that will address capacity in Miami-Dade County.

Board Member Rolle commended FDOT staff for the foliage they planted along I-95 to date. He then requested that FDOT look into planting more colorful foliage along the 95th Street entrance and exit ramps on I-95. He further requested that staff address the pot holes on I-95 north of 36th Street. Mr. Martinez responded that the department is currently developing a plan to address the potholes issue in this corridor.

Pursuant to Board Member Rolle's inquiry concerning the impact construction on Biscayne Boulevard and NW 109th Street is having on businesses in the corridor, Mr. Martinez stated that staff have met with the businesses in the area to address their concerns and is working on developing a plan that will minimize the negative impact to their business operations.

Board Member Gimenez requested clarity on the impact Board Member Seijas's request will have on the entire Work Program. Mr. Martinez responded that this amendment will not have an impact on the other projects in the Program.

Board Member Seijas moved for approval of the resolution as amended. Chairman Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution as amended passed unanimously.

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Board Member Almaguer requested that MPO staff expand the scope of work to include data collection from municipalities in Miami-Dade County that have transportation departments. Mr. Mesa responded that staff can incorporate this request.

Board Member Sharpton moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Almaguer seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. SOUTH FLORIDA EAST COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT ANALYSIS

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA EAST COAST CORRIDOR (SFCEC) STUDY CONCLUSIONS AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF IDENTIFIED TECHNOLOGIES ALIGNMENT AND CORRIDOR SEGMENTS INTO ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS TIER II

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Burns seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

1. Request by MPO Board Member Kevin A. Burns: Presentation and Discussion on Everglades Skyway Project

Board Member Burns introduced Mr. Jonathan Ullman of the Everglades Skyway Coalition, who provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the Everglades Skyway Project. *(A copy of this presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat).* Mr. Ullman concluded his presentation by introducing Dr. Luis Prieto, Professor of Engineer at FIU, who provided the Board with the “Bridges over Troubled Waters” PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Brice McKoy, US Corps of Engineers, provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the “Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park”.

Pursuant to the conclusion of Mr. McKoy’s presentation, Board Member Gimenez requested the expected useful life of the proposed project. Mr. McKoy responded the project has a fifty-year life design. Board Member Gimenez concluded by stating that in fifty years it is going to be said that they should have built the Skyway Project.

Board Member Sorenson commended Board Member Burns for sponsoring this project. She further stated that the Skyway project has the potential of being a signature project for the southeast region. She concluded by stating that the cost of the project should not be the only considering factor.

Board Member Steinberg stated that the City of Miami Beach endorsed the Skyway Project several months ago. He concluded by commending Board Member Burns for bring this before the MPO Board.

Mr. McKoy informed the Board that the US Corps of Engineers do not oppose the Skyway Coalition’s proposal. He further clarified by stating that the Corps has cost restraints and a timeline that must be adhered to.

Chairman Martinez requested clarity on the type of impact the proposed Skyway Project could have on the current project and its timeline. Mr. McKoy responded that the project would be delayed significantly. He further clarified by stating that the Corps would have to first obtain authorization from Congress to begin a new design, and find full funding for construction.

Vice Chairman Moss stated that he fully supports aggressively seeking funding for the Skyway Project and that the project be included in the list of Miami-Dade priorities for state and federal funding.

Board Member Burns concluded the discussion by requesting staff to prepare a resolution supporting the Skyway Project to be placed on the MPO Board's next agenda.

- B. COUNTY MANAGER**
- C. COUNTY ATTORNEY**
- D. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (District VI)**
- F. MPO SECRETARIAT**

No discussion under items 6.B-F.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No discussion under this item.

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