



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007 AT 2:00 PM

Chairman

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Vice Chairwoman

Barbara J. Jordan

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Ruben D. Almaguer
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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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- December 7, 2006

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2. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 3

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 3 *(Roll Call Required)*

3. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: KENDALL DRIVE BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FUNDING TO THE CAPITAL ELEMENTS FOR PROVIDING BUS RAPID TRANSIT SERVICES ON KENDALL DRIVE BETWEEN THE DADELAND NORTH METRORAIL STATION AND SW 167TH AVENUE *(Roll Call Required)*

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B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

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7. CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS

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

MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007 AT 2:00 P.M.

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

SUMMARY MINUTES

The following members were Present for the regular meeting of the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization on February 22, 2007:

Board Member Kevin A. Burns	Board Member Dennis C. Moss
Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz	Board Member Julio Robaina
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle
Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez	Board Member Katy Sorenson
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	Board Member Javier D. Souto
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	Board Member Richard L. Steinberg
Board Member Joe A. Martinez	Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan
Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro	

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

The following staff members were Present: Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Vice Chairwoman asked Mrs. Zainab Salim, MPO Staff, to call the roll.

Board Member Almaguer	-Absent	Board Member Moss	-Present
Board Member Burns	-Present	Board Member Robaina	-Present
Board Member Diaz	-Present	Board Member Rolle	-Present
Board Member Edmonson	-Present	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Present	Board Member Sharpton	-Absent
Board Member Hantman	-Present	Board Member Sorenson	-Present
Board Member Heyman	-Present	Board Member Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Kerdyk	-Absent	Board Member Souto	-Present
Board Member Martinez	-Present	Board Member Steinberg	-Present
Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro -Absent			
Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan -Present			

Mrs. Salim announced quorum was attained.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Steinberg moved for approval of the December 7, 2006 minutes. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES

1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST

Board Member Sorenson appointed Eric Prince to CTAC.

Board Member Heyman reappointed David Reiter and Mac Glasgow to CTAC. She also reappointed Silvia Bernstein to FTAC and appointed Kenneth Gardner to TARC.

Board Member Steinberg appointed Joe Fontana to CTAC.

Board Member Hantman appointed David Patlak and Daniel Yglesias to CTAC.

Board Member Moss appointed Jackie Genard to TARC.

Board Member Moss moved the approval of the appointments. Board Member Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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 passed a resolution recommending the MPO Governing Board and the Board of County Commission to support the Tamiami Everglades Skyway Project and requiring that one hundred percent of the funding comes from the Modified Waters Delivery Project funds. He also stated that CTAC will be sending a representative to monitor the progress of the AD Hoc Committee for Bus Shelter Standards. He concluded by informing them of the resolutions CTAC passed as a result from meeting with Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and General Services Administration (GSA) regarding the pigeon droppings at the various Metrorail stations. *(A copy of CTAC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

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 received a presentation on the SW 107th Avenue (SR 995) between SW 8th Street and Flagler Street and passed resolution to support the project. He also stated that TARC submitted a proposal to the Unified Planning Work Program call for ideas program in which they want to create a set of aesthetic guidelines to show what the possibilities are for aesthetically enhancing projects. He concluded by providing the Board with a summary of resolutions passed by TARC. *(A copy of TARC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat)*

4. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on BPAC activities. He stated that staff from Miami-Dade Transit provided a presentation on the final phase of construction for South Dade Busway to Florida City. He also stated that MDT has incorporated suggestions from BPAC members in the design of the bike path. He further stated that a representative of the East Coast Greenway Alliance informed BPAC that the South Dade Trail is scheduled to be designated as part of the Key West to Maine route. He then stated that staff from FDOT provided an update on the planning of the Krome Trail that is being developed with the widening of Krome Avenue. He concluded by advising the Board that several of the action items on the agenda could benefit the bicyclist and pedestrian in the community if they are designed appropriately.

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).*

The Board issued a special plaque to Mr. Servando Parapar for his outstanding service to Miami-Dade County.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

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Vice Chairwoman Jordan opened the public hearing. Vice Chairwoman Jordan closed the public hearing.

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Martinez seconded the motion.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Absent

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Almaguer	-Absent	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Sharpton	-Absent
Board Member Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Kerdyk	-Absent	Board Member Souto	-Aye
Board Member Martinez	-Aye	Board Member Steinberg	-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT: ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 3**

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Vice Chairwoman Jordan opened the public hearing. Vice Chairwoman Jordan closed the public hearing.

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Martinez seconded the motion.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Absent

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Almaguer	-Absent	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Sharpton	-Absent
Board Member Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Kerdyk	-Absent	Board Member Souto	-Aye
Board Member Martinez	-Aye	Board Member Steinberg	-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: KENDALL DRIVE BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)

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Vice Chairwoman Jordan opened the public hearing. Vice Chairwoman Jordan closed the public hearing.

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Absent

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Almaguer	-Absent	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Sharpton	-Absent
Board Member Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Kerdyk	-Absent	Board Member Souto	-Aye
Board Member Martinez	-Aye	Board Member Steinberg	-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: CITY OF HIALEAH TRANSIT BUS PURCHASES

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE

FUNDING TO PURCHASE SMALL, HEAVY-DUTY TRANSIT BUSES FOR SERVICE EXPANSION IN THE CIYT OF HIALEAH (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Vice Chairwoman Jordan opened the public hearing. Vice Chairwoman Jordan closed the public hearing.

Board Member Robaina moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Absent

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Almaguer	-Absent	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Sharpton	-Absent
Board Member Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Kerdyk	-Absent	Board Member Souto	-Aye
Board Member Martinez	-Aye	Board Member Steinberg	-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: PORT OF MIAMI NEW CRUISE TERMINAL E

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO MODIFY PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FUNDING (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Vice Chairwoman Jordan opened the public hearing. Vice Chairwoman Jordan closed the public hearing.

Board Member Robaina moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Moss seconded the motion.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Absent

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Almaguer	-Absent	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent

Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Sharpton	-Absent
Board Member Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Kerdyk	-Absent	Board Member Souto	-Aye
Board Member Martinez	-Aye	Board Member Steinberg	-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: SFRTA/METRORAIL TRI-RAIL TRANSFER STATION FINAL DESIGN

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO LIST FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN OF ON-SITE MOBILITY/ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY/METRORAIL TRI-RAIL TRANSFER STATION (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Vice Chairwoman Jordan opened the public hearing. Vice Chairwoman Jordan closed the public hearing.

Board Member Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Absent

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Almaguer	-Absent	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Sharpton	-Absent
Board Member Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Kerdyk	-Absent	Board Member Souto	-Aye
Board Member Martinez	-Aye	Board Member Steinberg	-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: SFRTA/TRI-RAIL ROLLING STOCK

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW ROLLING STOCK FOR TRI-RAIL (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Vice Chairwoman Jordan opened the public hearing. Vice Chairwoman Jordan closed the public hearing.

Board Member Gimenez requested clarity on the term rolling stock and the purpose of purchasing the rolling stock. Mr. William Cross, SFRTA, responded that the term rolling stock is used for describing both locomotives and passenger cars. He then stated that the rolling stock will be used to replace the older equipment as well as to allow for continued future expansion of additional headways and services during the day for current services.

Board Member Diaz asked whether the proposed amendment will provide for the same service with the same amount of distance. Mr. Cross responded that although SFRTA is discussing expanding its services, this rolling stock purchase is aimed at providing continued services at Miami International Airport up to Mangonia Park. He then stated that last year SFRTA operation went to 30-40 trains per day and next month they are looking to go to 40-50 trains per day. He concluded by stating more trains means more stress put on the maintenance cycle.

Board Member Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Absent

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Almaguer	-Absent	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Sharpton	-Absent
Board Member Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Kerdyk	-Absent	Board Member Souto	-Aye
Board Member Martinez	-Aye	Board Member Steinberg	-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (SJPA)

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (SJPA) BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM

Board Member Gimenez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

2. REQUEST BY MPO BOARD MEMBER KEVIN A. BURNS
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TAMIAMI EVERGLADES 11-MILE SKYWAY PROJECT

Board Member Burns informed the Board that he had an opportunity to speak with several Congressional Leaders regarding this project and they have expressed an interest. He then concluded by introducing Mr. Jonathan Ullman, Skyway Coalition, who provided the Board with a brief Presentation on the Skyway Project.

Board Member Sorenson commended Board Member Burns for his leadership on this project as well as Mr. Ullman and the citizens present at the meeting. She then stated that she also had an opportunity to speak with Senator Clinton regarding this issue. She concluded by stating that if the MPO Board do it right the first time then they could have a wonderful public monument to an incredible natural resource.

Board Member Steinberg commended Board Member Burns and stated that the City of Miami Beach added this item to its federal legislative agenda. He further stated that this is something that the City will be lobbying for in Washington DC and encourages other municipalities to include it in their federal agenda as well. He concluded by stating that the County has an opportunity to create a united voice on this issue.

Board Member Diaz stated that he supports the proposal of building some type of skyway throughout the area. He further stated that he sits on the Everglades Task Force and this issue has been a discussion for quite some time. He then asked Mr. Ullman how much the Skyway Project is estimated to cost. Mr. Ullman responded that the full construction cost of the bridge at today's price is \$317 million. He then stated that the federal government is working on a two-mile and one-mile plan alternative which is estimated at \$145 million. He further stated that this money has been authorized but not yet appropriated and the federal government is seeking to go after the money in three different sections. He then stated that the project will be divided into three areas whereas they plan on building the bridge first and then putting in the cement fill. He concluded by stating that the big problem with the fill is that on the other 8-miles there would be two feet or more of fill and once the fill is in there would be no chance of building a skyway. He further concluded by stating that the effort is to match the \$145 million the government has committed with \$172 million in order to build the Skyway project.

Board Member Diaz stated that he supports the project but would like to be realistic on what they are up against. He then stated that he want to see the actual funding for this project upfront. He concluded by stating that he would be supportive of the skyway if the bridge can be as low as 9 feet and the L29 levees are removed. He further concluded by requesting that staff reach out to the Miccosukee Indian Tribe to gain their support of this project and to ensure that they are involved in the process.

Board Member Moss commended Board Member Burns for his leadership on this effort. He then stated that he believed this project could be an opportunity for this community to make a statement that would have a long lasting legacy. He concluded by echoing Board Member Diaz sentiments on including the Miccosukee Indian Tribe in this process.

Board Member Hantman stated that she supports the item and commends Board Member Burns for bringing this to the Board's attention. She concluded by stating that this project could have a dual benefit of protecting our environment as well as our economy.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan stated that she supports the item and also wants to stress the importance of consensus building with the Miccosukee Indian Tribe. She further concluded by stating that it is very important that they are on Board with this project.

Board Member Burns stated that the accolades for this project must go to the individuals in the audience. He then stated that his research revealed that there has never been a unified voice from the elected body in Miami-Dade County or the MPO. He further stated that there is no record to indicate that the community was ever informed or involved concerning the Everglades Restoration project prior to it going to Washington. He also stated that since there is now a unified voice in the community regarding this project then there is better chance to have our voice heard. He concluded by stating that they maybe too late to receive funding for this year but have a much better chance for next year. He further concluded by stating that the task is difficult ahead but finally there is visible lighting at the end of this bridge.

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

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that pursuant to their request at the last Board meeting, staff transmitted to Miami-Dade County to include this item in the appropriation request package for federal and state. He concluded by informing the Board that Mr. James McRae of the US Army Corps of Engineer was present to answer any questions the Board may have.

Board Member Diaz asked whether funding from the CERP could be used for the construction of the bridge. Mr. McRae responded that he did not believe the funds could be transferred without an act of Congress to allocate funding from CERP to the Modified Water Deliveries to the National Park Project. He concluded by stating that the two mile/one mile bridge plan meets all the objectives as outlined in their feasibility plan similar to the Skyway. He further concluded by stating that the design of the two-mile/one-mile option allows for a Skyway Bridge to be added later on.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan requested that staff contact the Miccosukee Indian Tribe to invite a representative to a MPO meeting to express their views and concerns on the record.

Board Member Burns stated that he agreed with the suggestion of the Vice Chairwoman and several of the Board members. He concluded by stating that he was aware that the Native American community did not want the Skyway Project to eliminate the Back Water Project.

3. REQUEST BY MPO BOARD MEMBER DENNIS C. MOSS
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE SW 152ND STREET CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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

5. INFORMATION ITEM

**A. SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
FY 2007/08 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

Mrs. Cheryl Clark, SFRTA, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint Presentation on the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority FUY 2007/08 legislative package.

6. REPORTS

A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Moss commended the staff from FDOT, Public Works, and the various municipalities for their efforts prior to the Super Bowl XLI. He then stated that in the near future the Board of County Commission will be entertaining the Watershed Study. He then stated that he is not saying that the study would be approved by the Commission but believes that some portions of the study maybe used or looked at to be implemented. He further stated that the study focused on developing the South Dade Transit Corridor where the Busway is located. He stated that he was concerned that MPO needs to look at having a transit system in

place along this corridor should the County choose to go in this direction. He concluded by stating that the MPO should seriously consider this issue.

Board Member Souto requested that staff develops a scope of work for a traffic study that should encompass SR 836 to Miller and from Palmetto to Krome Avenue to determine what is happening in the area. Mr. Mesa responded that staff will develop a scope and work and budget to bring back for the MPO Board approval.

Chairman Barreiro informed the Board that he will be sponsoring an item concerning the Skyway Project that is going through the Miami-Dade County Commission process.

- 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 3:30 p.m.