



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007 AT 2:00 PM

**Chairman**

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**Vice Chairwoman**

Barbara J. Jordan

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Ruben D. Almaguer  
Kevin A. Burns  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
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Sally A. Heyman  
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Joe A. Martinez  
Dennis C. Moss  
Julio Robaina  
Dorrin D. Rolle  
Marc D. Sarnoff  
Natacha Seijas  
Darryl K. Sharpton  
Katy Sorenson  
Rebeca Sosa  
Javier D. Souto  
Richard L. Steinberg

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(FDOT District VI)  
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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

**AGENDA**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- March 22, 2007

**3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

**A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES**

1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST
2. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)
3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)
4. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
5. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

**B. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)**

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

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RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MPO PROSPECTUS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS TO FORMALLY ADD THE SOUTH EAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC) TO THE MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS AND TO REVISE THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURE SECTION AS APPROPRIATE (*Roll Call Required*)

**B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**1. SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT OF THE 2030 LRTP**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT OF THE 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

**2. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

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## **5. REPORTS**

### **A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS**

1. Request by MPO Board Member Perla T. Hantman: Miami-Dade Public School Board Safety Initiatives Update
2. Request by MPO Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle: Citizen Presentation on the closure of NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ramp at SR 112

### **B. COUNTY MANAGER**

### **C. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

### **D. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DISTRICT VI)**

### **E. MPO SECRETARIAT**

1. MPO Legislative Status Report
2. MPO Board March Meeting Follow-up Report

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 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 April 26, 2007:

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| Board Member Kevin A. Burns    | Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle      |
| Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz  | Board Member Darryl K. Sharpton   |
| Board Member Shirley M. Gibson | Board Member Katy Sorenson        |
| Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez | Board Member Rebeca Sosa          |
| Board Member Perla T. Hantman  | Board Member Javier D. Souto      |
| Board Member Joe A. Martinez   | Board Member Richard L. Steinberg |
| Board Member Dennis C. Moss    | Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan |
| Board Member Julio Robaina     | 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; Mrs. Ysela Llord, Assistant County Manager, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Barreiro asked Mrs. Zainab Salim, MPO Staff, to call the roll.

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

**Chairman** Bruno A. Barreiro-Present  
**Vice Chairwoman** Barbara J. Jordan-Present

Mrs. Salim announced quorum was attained.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Cuevas informed the Board that Item 5.A.2 was requested to be deferred. Board Member Rolle added that the request came from District 3 representative, Board Member Edmonson. He further stated as the sponsor of the item he supports the deferral and requested that staff place the item on the next MPO agenda.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Martinez moved for approval of the March 22, 2007 minutes. Board Member Sosa seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

**A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES**

**1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST**

Board Member Sosa reappointed Juan Crespi to TARC.  
Vice Chairwoman Jordan appointed Trent Baughn to TARC.  
Board Member Moss appointed Stephen Armellini to FTAC.

**2. CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)**

Mr. Norman Wartman, CTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. He stated that CTAC passed Resolution #4-07 supporting the Urban Partnership Agreement and Resolution #7-07 requesting that the Miami-Dade Aviation Department preserve twenty-three feet of right-of-way along the north side of SW 120<sup>th</sup> Street. *(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 a brief update on TARC activities. He informed the Board that TARC passed several resolutions at its April meeting. He clarified by stating that TARC Resolution #2-07 commends FDOT for utilizing an innovative public-private partnership approach for building a Port Tunnel. He then stated that TARC Resolution #3-07 proposes the Preliminary Design and Engineering Study for W. Flagler Street/SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street consider either removing the overhead power lines by placing them underground, consolidate, or concealing them. He concluded by stating that TARC resolution #4-07 endorsed the Metrorail Bike Path

(M-Path) design concepts in its Master Plan. *(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 informed the Board that BPAC was provided a presentation on the Safe Routes to School Program and passed a resolution supporting the list of schools being funded under this program. He also stated that Miami-Dade Transit staff provided a presentation on the M-Path trail that runs beneath Metrorail from SW 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Dadeland South Station. He further stated that BPAC believes this is an important project that requires the support from MDX and Miami-Dade Public Works Department (PWD). He then concluded by stating that at the request of Board Member Sarnoff, BPAC participated in a meeting with the Miami 21 consultants to discuss ways to make the City's zoning code more bike-supportive. *(A copy of BPAC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

**5. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)**

Mrs. Silvia Bernstein, FTAC Chair, informed the Board of FTAC activities. She stated that FTAC is working closely with MPO staff on conducting a Truck Route Study for the County. She concluded her presentation by providing an overview of FTAC resolution regarding the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct. *(A copy of FTAC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

**B. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)**

**1. MDX Status Report**

Mr. Javier Rodriguez, 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. He further provided the Board additional information on House Bill 7033. He informed the Board that MDX is not impacted by this bill because it refers to Florida Statute 334 and the MDX was created under FS 348. He further clarified by stating that under this statute MDX already has the ability to enter into public/private partnerships. He then stated that the MDX Board had recently endorsed a Strategic Plan for the Authority which includes the possibility of utilizing a public/partnership as a viable option to improve mobility in Miami-Dade County. He further stated that MDX is currently planning a visionary workshop to discuss this concept further. *(A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Rolle requested clarity on filling in potholes on I-95. Mr. Donn responded by stating that FDOT has initiated the I-95 improvement project which will address the pothole issues as well as other pavement improvements on I-95.

Board Member Sorenson requested clarity on the legislation that reduces the MDX Board Membership. Mr. Rodriguez responded that the amendment that is going before the Senate will reduce the membership of the MDX Board from thirteen (13) to eight (8).

Board Member Sosa informed the Board that the SR 836 at 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue project was eliminated from the plans due to lack of funding. She then requested an update on what can be done to that portion of the expressway to alleviate the congestion. Mr. Rodriguez responded that the endorsed FDOT Work Program has a project from SR 836 @ 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue to add an additional lane.

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

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

##### **B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

###### **1. SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT OF THE 2030 LRTP**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT OF THE 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN*

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

###### **2. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

*RESOLUTION ENDORSING A SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MIAMI-DADE*

*METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 6 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM*

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

**3. APPLICATION FOR URBAN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**  
*RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR URBAN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS AS A PART OF THE CONGESTION REDUCTION INITIATIVE*

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

**4. REQUEST BY MPO BOARD MEMBER DENNIS C. MOSS**  
*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE SOUTH DADE MANAGED LANES STUDY*

Board Member Moss stated that the County needs a functional rail system in place to accommodate the anticipated growth in the South Dade area. He then stated that the proposed scope of work will look at the South Dade Busway to determine the feasibility of implementing a managed lane facility. He further stated that he is requesting a conservative analysis on the potential revenue that could be generated.

Board Member Sorenson requested clarity on whether the managed lanes could share with the buses on the S. Dade Busway. She further clarified by stating that she is concerned that this concept will make it easier for people to use their automobiles and not utilize the buses which will make it harder to push for a Metrorail in the future. Board Member Moss responded that the South Dade Busway have plenty of capacity to accommodate this type of system. He further stated that this is one of the purposes of the proposed study which will look at the possibility of this type of system on the busway and to make sure that a managed lanes system won't impede on the current busway operation.

Board Member Sharpton stated that the proposed study is a tremendous idea that would provide insight to a discussion that has been on-going for years. He then concluded by stating that he would like the MDX to have an opportunity to provide input on the study as it continues to move forward. Board Member Moss responded that he concurred with MDX being a participating agency in the study.

Board Member Gimenez stated that he supported the proposed study and requested clarity on how the project will connect to the Palmetto Expressway with the least amount of traffic congestion. He further requested clarity on whether the study will consider contra-flow lanes as well. Board Member Moss responded that he believes that the study should address all of these concerns.

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

**5. REPORTS**

**A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS**

1. Request by MPO Board Member Perla T. Hantman: Miami-Dade Public School Board Safety Initiatives Update

Board Member Hantman provided the Board with a report on Miami-Dade School Board's Safety Initiatives. She concluded her report by recognizing the Miami-Dade Safety Team for their efforts and development of these initiatives. *(A copy of the distributed document is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

2. Request by MPO Board Dorrin D. Rolle: Citizen Presentation on the closure of NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ramp at SR 112

*This item was deferred.*

**A. COUNTY MANAGER**

**B. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (District VI)**

**F. MPO SECRETARIAT**

1. MPO Legislative Status Report

Board Member Martinez expressed concern with several bills being proposed in the 2007 State Legislation. He further stated that HB 7075 and SB 2014/HB 1139 will have a negative impact on Miami-Dade County. He then stated that he was not sure of the impact HB 7203 would have and requested staff to research further. He concluded his discussion by requesting the Board to formally pass a resolution opposing the above bills that will negatively impact Miami-Dade County. He further concluded by stating that the Board's opposition to HB 7203 should proceed only if legal has decided that the bill would have a negative impact on the County.

Board Member Martinez moved for approval of the resolutions. Board Member Burns seconded the motion. The resolutions passed unanimously.

2. MPO Board March Meeting Follow-up Report

*No discussion under this item.*

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

*No discussion under this item.*

**7. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.