



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007 AT 2:00 PM

**Chairman**

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**Vice Chairwoman**

Barbara J. Jordan

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Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
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Dennis C. Moss  
Julio Robaina  
Dorin D. Rolle  
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Natacha Seijas  
Darryl K. Sharpton  
Katy Sorenson  
Rebeca Sosa  
Javier D. Souto  
Richard L. Steinberg

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**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- April 26, 2007

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1. MPO Public Service Announcement (PSA) Winners

**B. 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)

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

1. Status Report

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**4. ACTION ITEMS**

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2008-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (*Roll Call Required*)

**2. FY 2008 DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2008 FINAL DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION (UPWP) AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE FUNDING AGENCIES

**B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

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**3. FISCAL YEAR 2008 MPO SECRETARIAT OPERATING BUDGET  
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MPO SECRETARIAT FISCAL YEAR  
2008 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

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**B. COUNTY MANAGER**

**C. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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

**E. MPO SECRETARIAT**

1. Federal Certification: Miami-Dade MPO
2. MPO 2007 Annual Newsletter: Transportation for a New Century

**6. CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 24, 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 May 24, 2007:

Board Member Kevin A. Burns	Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle
Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz	Board Member Natacha Seijas
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	Board Member Darryl K. Sharpton
Board Member Shirley M. Gibson	Board Member Katy Sorenson
Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez	Board Member Javier D. Souto
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	Board Member Richard L. Steinberg
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan
Board Member Dennis C. Moss	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 Abigail Price-Williams, Assistant County Attorney.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:23 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairwoman Jordan 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	-Absent
Board Member Diaz	-Present	Board Member Rolle	-Present
Board Member Edmonson	-Present	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gibson	-Present	Board Member Seijas	-Present
Board Member Gimenez	-Absent	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	-Absent	Board Member Steinberg	-Present
<b>Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro</b>		-Absent	
<b>Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan</b>		-Present	

Mrs. Salim announced quorum was attained.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairwoman Jordan requested that the Item 5.A.2 be deferred until the next meeting. She further stated that Item 5.A.1 will be moved to the front of the agenda to accommodate Board Member Rolle's previous engagement.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

**A. MPO SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**1. MPO Public Service Announcement (PSA) Winners**

**B. CITIZEN COMMITTEES**

**1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST**

Board Member Gimenez appointed Robert Murray and Gary Rshesky to CTAC. In addition he appointed Lee Marks to BPAC.

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

*No report was provided.*

**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 received an introduction from Florida Department of Transportation District IV providing an introduction and status of the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis. He then stated that TARC provided several recommendations on this project. He further stated that TARC received a presentation from the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority on the enhanced structures and landscaping of their projects. He then stated that TARC provided a PowerPoint presentation to the MPO Certification Federal Review Team. He concluded by stating that TARC has reviewed bridges and overpasses throughout Miami-Dade County as requested by Board Member Moss. He further concluded by providing the Board with recommendations from TARC on this request. *(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 passed a resolution supporting the “Walk Our Children to School Day” which is scheduled this year on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. He further stated that BPAC encourages the MPO to support this event. He then informed the Board that BPAC received a presentation on pedicabs services. He also stated that BPAC provided a presentation to the MPO Certification Federal Review Team. He concluded by providing an overview of the resolutions passed by BPAC. *(A copy of BPAC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Steinberg stated that the City of Miami Beach has extensively reviewed the pedicabs system and based on the potential adverse impacts on the community, it was unanimously opposed by the City Commission. He further stated that in the event the County wishes to incorporate this type of system, flexibility should be provided to the individual municipalities on whether the pedicabs system is right for their community.

Board Member Souto stated that the concept of “cycle way” is very popular in some parts of South America. He then stated that the cycle way system provides a small pathway in the center of main avenues that are protected by concrete barriers. He further stated that this type of system allows a large amount of cyclist to move back and forth freely in South American countries. He concluded by requesting staff to look into doing a study on the cycle way system.

Board Member Hantman commended the MPO for their continued support of the “Walk Our Children to School Day” She further stated that over the years she has sponsored several schools during this event and this year she will be directing the Miami-Dade Superintendent to encourage all schools to participate in this event. She concluded by making a motion that the MPO endorses the “Walk Our Children to School Day” scheduled October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Board Member Souto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Souto stated that at the Commission level he is working on legislation that will provide a tax-break to businesses that support/promote the usage of bicycle and pedestrian commuting by its employees through onsite lockers and changing facilities.

Board Member Sharpton commended Mr. Silver on his work in promoting bicycle/pedestrian awareness in the community. He concluded by encouraging the MPO Board members to tour the routes that Mr. Silver has highlighted over the years in order to gain a better understanding of the obstacles that bicyclist/pedestrian encounter. He further concluded by stating that from his tour he was able to

understand why Miami-Dade County ranked so high in bicycle/pedestrian accidents each year.

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

*No report was provided.*

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

**1. MDX Status Report**

Mr. Alfred Lurigados, MDX Director of Engineering, 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 Diaz encouraged MDX to initiate a letter campaign to the residents in the West-Dade Area that encompass Districts 9, 11 and 12 to inform them of the potential toll cost increases that will be incurred as a result of these improvements.

**D. SPECIAL REPORT**

**1. 2007 State Legislative Session Summary: Howard Glassman, Executive Director, Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC)**

Mr. Glassman provided the Board with a brief overview of the 2007 State Legislative Session Summary. *(A copy of the distributed 2007 State Legislative Summary is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Chairman Barreiro stated that MPOAC meeting dates usually coincide with the Miami-Dade MPO. He further stated that the Miami-Dade MPO will be requesting that the MPOAC meeting dates be moved in order to allow representation from its Board to attend. Mr. Mesa stated that staff will work with Mr. Glassman on this issue.

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that information on the MPOAC training scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> is part of the MPO agenda package. He concluded by stating that MPO staff can assist in processing any Board Member's request to attend.

Chairman Barreiro concluded discussion by stating that he attended a similar session held in Jacksonville, Florida and found it to be very informative.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**1. FY 2008-2012 DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2008-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)*

Mrs. Price-Williams informed the Board that the memorandum for the item has a scrivener's error and the correct amount for the proposed TIP should state approximately 10.2 billion.

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

**2. FY 2008 DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2008 FINAL DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION (UPWP) AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE FUNDING AGENCIES*

Board Member Seijas expressed concern that the projects listed in the proposed UPWP does not identify any consultant firms. She further stated that it was difficult to determine when some of the projects listed in the UPWP would be completed because the deadlines were not provided. She then stated that she felt uncomfortable casting a vote based on the information provided.

Mr. Mesa stated that the proposed consultant budget for the UPWP was approximately \$2.2 million. He further stated that staff recommends for Board approval the pool of firms that will be part of the General Planning Consultant contract. He then stated that the scope of work and budget is provided to the Board for approval and/or ratification on an individual project basis.

Chairman Barreiro suggested that staff present individual work orders to the Board for approval prior to the projects commencing; therefore eliminating the need for ratification.

Board Member Seijas further expressed concern that the level of information provided for this item was not adequate. She concluded by stating that future items should include a broader level of information to help facilitate the decision making process.

Board Member Diaz stated that he concurred with Board Member Seijas's comments. He further stated that providing more information and transparency when dealing with consultant contracts makes it better for everyone.

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

**B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**1. VANPOOL PROGRAM CONTRACT EXTENSION**

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

**2. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY AND REGIONAL TRAVEL MODEL SUBCOMMITTEE (RTMS)**

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

**3. FISCAL YEAR 2008 MPO SECRETARIAT OPERATING BUDGET**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MPO SECRETARIAT FISCAL YEAR 2008 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET*

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

Board Member Rolle introduced Mr. Hershel Haynes, Citizen, who addressed the Board with concerns regarding the closure of NW

17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ramp at State Road 112. *(A copy of the distributed document is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Sharpton stated that the Miami-Dade Expressway Board decided to close this ramp due to the safety issues that arise as a result of the study conducted in the area including the impacts to the children at Miami Jackson Senior High School. He concluded by stating that the MDX decision was a result of a process that is displayed in the distributed documentation. *(A copy of the distributed documentation is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Rolle concluded the discussion by stating that the item was placed on the agenda as an opportunity to allow Mr. Haynes to receive information on why the ramp on SR 112 @ 17<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> Avenue was closed.

2. Request by MPO Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan: Citizen Presentation (Mayor Joseph Kelly) regarding Sound Barriers on State Road 9

*This item was deferred.*

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

1. Federal Certification: Miami-Dade MPO

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that the Federal Certification of the Miami-Dade MPO process took place on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. He then stated that results from this review will be presented to the MPO Board at its September meeting.

2. MPO 2007 Annual Newsletter: Transportation for a New Century

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that approximately 729,000 of the MPO 2007 Annual Newsletters will be distributed during the months of May and June in English, Spanish, and Creole. He further stated that the newsletters are available on the MPO website for downloading.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

*No discussion under this item.*

- 7. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.