



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007 AT 2:00 PM

**Chairman**

Bruno A. Barreiro

**Vice Chairwoman**

Barbara J. Jordan

**Voting Members**

Ruben D. Almaguer  
Kevin A. Burns  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Audrey M. Edmonson  
Shirley M. Gibson  
Carlos A. Gimenez  
Perla T. Hantman  
Sally A. Heyman  
William H. Kerdyk  
Joe A. Martinez  
Dennis C. Moss  
Julio Robaina  
Dorrian D. Rolle  
Marc D. Sarnoff  
Natacha Seijas  
Darryl K. Sharpton  
Katy Sorenson  
Rebeca Sosa  
Javier D. Souto  
Richard L. Steinberg

**Non-Voting Members**

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

**County Mayor**

Carlos Alvarez

**County Manager**

George M. Burgess

**Assistant County  
Manager**

Ysela Llort

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MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128  
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

**AGENDA**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- May 24, 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)**

1. Status Report

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

**1. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE IN THE PRIORITY IV UNFUNDED SECTION THE WIDENING OF STATE ROAD 934 NW/NE 79<sup>TH</sup> STREET FROM FOUR TO SIX LANES BETWEEN NW 13<sup>TH</sup> COURT AND BISCAYNE BAY AND INCLUDE BICYCLE AND LIVABLE COMMUNITY AMENITIES AND TRANSIT ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE PROJECT *(TO BE WITHDRAWN AT THE MEETING)*

**B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

**1. SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE BUS ON SHOULDERS SERVICE EVALUATION STUDY

**5. REPORTS**

**A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**B. COUNTY MANAGER**

**C. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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

**E. MPO SECRETARIAT**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007 AT 2:00 P.M.**

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

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization on June 28, 2007:

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| Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson | Board Member Julio Robaina        |
| Board Member Shirley M. Gibson  | Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle      |
| Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez  | Board Member Marc D. Sarnoff      |
| Board Member Perla T. Hantman   | Board Member Katy Sorenson        |
| Board Member Sally A. Heyman    | Board Member Richard L. Steinberg |
| Board Member William H. Kerdyk  | Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro        |
| Board Member Joe A. Martinez    |                                   |

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 Llort, Assistant County Manager, and Robert Cuevas, County Attorney.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro called the meeting to order at 2:30 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      | -Absent  |
| Board Member Burns    | -Absent  | Board Member Robaina   | -Present |
| Board Member Diaz     | -Absent  | Board Member Rolle     | -Present |
| Board Member Edmonson | -Present | Board Member Sarnoff   | -Present |
| Board Member Gibson   | -Present | 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   | -Present | Board Member Souto     | -Absent  |
| Board Member Martinez | -Present | Board Member Steinberg | -Present |

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

Mrs. Salim announced quorum was attained.

Chairman Barreiro welcomed Board Member Marc D. Sarnoff as the City of Miami representative to the MPO Board.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Mesa stated that FDOT requested that Item 4.A.1 be withdrawn. He then stated that Item 5.A.1 will be deferred until the next meeting. He further stated that staff has distributed a copy of the MPO related Clauses from HB 985 that was signed into law by Governor Charlie Christ (*A Copy of the distributed document is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Steinberg moved for approval of the May 24, 2007 minutes. Board Member Martinez seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

**A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES**

**1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST**

Board Member Steinberg appointed Randall Robinson to TARC.  
Board Member Robaina appointed Ingrid Camino to TARC. In addition he appointed David Waud to BPAC.

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

*No report was provided.*

Board Member Gimenez introduced Lee Swerdlin, citizen, who expressed concern with the South Miami Beautification Project planned along Sunset Drive between 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and US-1. He stated that the proposed design for the project will have an adverse impact to the traffic in the surrounding area. He then stated that he attempted to express his concerns to the South Miami Commission but received little results. He further stated that since the project is utilizing the People's Transportation Program (PTP) funding then maybe the MPO or Board of County Commission could step in and request the City to reconsider its design. Board Member Gimenez stated that he intends to follow-up with the City of South Miami while respecting the public process established for this project.

**3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)**

*No report provided.*

#### **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 received a presentation from Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) on the pedestrian bridges at the University and South Miami Metrorail Stations. He then stated that although BPAC acknowledges the importance of these bridges, they do not believe the bridges should replace any intersection improvements along South Dixie Highway. He further stated that BPAC reviewed a list of projects being studied by FDOT and passed resolution requesting presentations on these projects in the near future. Mr. Silver informed the Board that he attended the town hall meeting that was hosted by Board Member Gimenez and Coral Gables Commissioner Ralph Cabrera on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Coral Gables Youth Center. He concluded by stating that in response to Board Member Souto's previous request, BPAC will have a report from staff for a future Board meeting regarding the Brazilian "ciclovía" concept and options for expanding Miami-Dade's bicycle parking ordinance to include requirements for employers to provide showers and lockers for people who choose to bicycle to work. *(A copy of BPAC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Martinez stated that at an earlier Board of County Commission (BCC) meeting a recommendation for approval of hiring a consultant firm for the design of a bicycle/pedestrian trail was on the agenda. He further expressed that BPAC and TARC expertise should be utilized for these projects. Mr. Silver responded that over the years BPAC has had opportunities to provide suggestions on project designs in various stages. He further stated that although the BPAC is not considered a technical group, the experience its members have in the cycling/pedestrian arena provides for a unique viewpoint that many consultants overlook. He concluded by welcoming the opportunity for BPAC to continue providing input to projects that impact the bicycle and pedestrian community.

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

Mr. Silvia Bernstein, FTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update of FTAC activities. She stated that FTAC has been working with FDOT and Board Member Diaz to advance funding for the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct Project. She then stated that this project is necessary because it connects the air cargo area at MIA to the warehouse district west of the Palmetto Expressway. She further informed the Board that FTAC is working with Board Member Edmondson on sponsoring a Job Fair in October for freight related jobs. She concluded by stating that FTAC is in its final stages of the Truck Route Study which

objectives included identifying truck routes throughout Miami-Dade County and recommending operation improvements for these routes.

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**1. MDX Status Report**

*No report provided.*

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This item was withdrawn at the request of the sponsoring agency.

**B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

**1. SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE BUS ON SHOULDERS SERVICE EVALUATION STUDY*

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

**5. REPORTS**

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

*This item was deferred.*

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**B. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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

**F. MPO SECRETARIAT**

1. MPO-Related Clauses from HB 985- 2007 State Legislative Session-

Chairman Barreiro directed the County Attorney's Office (CAO) to distribute at the next MPO meeting a prepared interpretation of the legislature and the steps to follow. Mr. Cuevas responded that CAO staff will prepare proposals and an analysis of these statutory changes in addition to the procedures in the MPO Prospectus for Transportation Improvement that will be impacted.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

*No discussion under this item.*

**7. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.