



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008 AT 2:00 PM

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Vice Chairwoman

Barbara J. Jordan

Voting Members

Lynda Bell
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
Katy Sorenson
Rebeca Sosa
Javier D. Souto
Richard L. Steinberg

Non-Voting Members

(FDOT District VI)
Gerry O'Reilly, P.E.
Gary L. Donn, P.E.

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AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 24, 2008
- February 21, 2008

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES

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

B. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. Status Report

4. ACTION ITEM

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET: TRANSIT HUB EVALUATION STUDY

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE TRANSIT HUB EVALUATION STUDY

5. INFORMATION ITEM

- #### A. Proposed Rental Car Surcharge Funding for South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA): Senate Bill 1512/House Bill 1245

6. REPORTS

- A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS
- B. COUNTY MANAGER
- C. COUNTY ATTORNEY
- D. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DISTRICT VI)
- E. MPO SECRETARIAT
 1. Truck Route System for Miami-Dade County

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

SUMMARY MINUTES

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008 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 March 20, 2008:

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| Board Member Lynda Bell | Board Member Julio Robaina |
| Board Member Kevin A. Burns | Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle |
| Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson | Board Member Marc D. Sarnoff |
| Board Member Shirley M. Gibson | Board Member Natacha Seijas |
| Board Member William H. Kerdyk | Board Member Katy Sorenson |
| Board Member Dennis C. Moss | Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro |

Non-voting members present: Mrs. Alice Bravo, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Irma San Roman, Deputy Director, MPO Secretariat; Gerald Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney and Zainab Salim MPO Board Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Barreiro asked Mrs. Salim to call the roll.

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| Board Member Bell | -Present | Board Member Moss | -Present |
| Board Member Burns | -Present | 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 | -Present |
| Board Member Gimenez | -Absent | Board Member Sorenson | -Present |
| Board Member Hantman | -Absent | Board Member Sosa | -Absent |
| Board Member Heyman | -Absent | Board Member Souto | -Absent |
| Board Member Kerdyk | -Present | Board Member Steinberg | -Absent |
| Board Member Martinez | -Absent | | |

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

Mrs. Salim announced quorum was attained.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the agenda. Board Member Burns seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the January 24, 2008 and February 21, 2008 minutes. Board Member Burns seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES

1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST

Board Member Robaina appointed Mr. Jonathan Martinez to TARC. Chairman Barreiro appointed Mr. Daniel T. Pascale to CTAC.

2. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

No report provided for this item.

3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Mr. Juan Crespi, TARC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update of TARC activities. He concluded by informing the Board of the resolutions TARC passed at its previous meeting. *(Please contact the MPO Board Clerk for a copy of these resolutions).*

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 met with MDT staff to discuss the Bike and Ride program and the installation of new bike racks at the stations. He further stated that MDT staff provided an update on the M-Path extension from SW 67th Avenue through the Dadeland North and South stations. Mr. Silver stated that BPAC received a presentation from FDOT on the new pedestrian safety devices that are being used to improve motorist yielding to pedestrians at crosswalks. He concluded by stating that BPAC along with Miami-Dade Police Department participated in Board Member Gimenez's bicycling town hall meeting to address the communities issues regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety concerns.

5. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

No report provided for this item.

B. 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. *(Contact the MPO Board Clerk for a copy of this report).*

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET: TRANSIT HUB EVALUATION STUDY
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE TRANSIT HUB EVALUATION STUDY

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

5. INFORMATION ITEM

A. Proposed Rental Car Surcharge Funding for South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA): Senate Bill 1512/House Bill 1245

Chairman Barreiro introduced Mr. Jack L. Stephens, SFRTA Executive Deputy Director and Mrs. Alice Bravo, FDOT District 6 who provided the Board with PowerPoint presentations on the SFRTA \$2 Surcharge Fee.

Board Member Burns stated it would be bad public policy to take the current \$2 surcharge that is finally making a difference in the district where it is collected and give it to Tri-Rail. He then stated that these surcharge funds were allocated to real projects that will be impacted by the proposed legislation. He further expressed that he supports Tri-Rail and any system that could be utilized in South Florida to alleviate congestion. He concluded by stating that would support adding another \$2 to the rental car surcharge fee for Tri-Rail but can not support actions that would result in removing funds that were already allocated to projects.

Chairman Barreiro reminded the Board that efforts were made several years ago to seek an additional \$2 surcharge fee and was passed by the State Legislature but later vetoed by the former Governor. He then stated that he does not support cutting any funding from local projects, but believes that the Tri-Rail system is currently working and has demonstrated increase ridership.

He also stated that a system with these results deserves an opportunity to succeed. He then reminded the Board that CSX gave SFRTA the authority to take over the dispatch for a short time period and with the understanding that a dedicated source of funding for SFRTA will need to be obtained. He concluded by stating that he could back a motion that supports SFRTA/Tri-Rail going after the \$2 rental car surcharge fee as long as FDOT District 6 Work Program is kept intact.

Mrs. Bravo clarified that the \$2 surcharge previously was distributed statewide based on a statutory formula. She further stated that FDOT has to follow state statutes. She then informed the Board that with the current changes in legislation, District 6 is scheduled to receive an additional \$2.4 million per year. She concluded by stating that statutory formula is very complicated.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the impacts the proposed legislation will have as it relates to the County's action to use \$114 million from its share of state funds for support of the Port Tunnel project. Mrs. Bravo responded that certain funds in the Work Program for projects like the MIC and Port Tunnel were not considered and will not be impacted by the proposed legislation.

Board Member Seijas expressed concern that as a result of the County committing \$114 million to the Port Tunnel project and with the potential passage of the proposed SFRTA legislation, local roads in Miami-Dade County will be seriously impacted. She further explained that state funds for local projects will be minimal for the next twenty-years or more.

Board Member Moss stated that he would have liked the opportunity to receive a third opinion from an independent source like the MPO staff. He further stated that he does not believe that passing a resolution supporting SFRTA proposed legislation will not have an impact on the Work Program. He then stated that he would like the MPO to take a firm position of opposing both bills. He further stated that he will support SFRTA/Tri-Rail seeking an additional \$2 surcharge fee. He concluded by moving to oppose the SB 1512//HB 1245 that would redirect the \$2 surcharge fund to SFRTA/Tri-Rail. Board Member Edmonson seconded the motion. The motion passed with 1 dissent.

Board Member Bell expressed concern with any attempts to divert funding from projects that have already been identified as a need in the community. She further stated that she has no problem with supporting Tri-Rail and its efforts to identify a dedicated funding source as long as it does not come from an already allocated source of funding.

Board Member Sorenson stated that from her perspective the construction of expressways and roadways were the solution for the 20th century while transit will be the solution for the 21st century. She then expressed that the State failed in having a real vision for Florida's future. She further stated that between transit and land use planning a disconnect continues to exist. She also stated that people will drive less as gas prices increases. She further

suggested that the State reconsider the capacity analysis while sticking with safety and preservation. She concluded by motioning that the MPO support SFRTA seeking an additional \$2 Surcharge fee. The motion was seconded by Board Member Burns.

Board Member Seijas offered a friendly amendment to the motion to use the term “up to \$2”. This amendment was accepted and upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS

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- F. MPO SECRETARIAT**

- 1. Truck Rout System for Miami-Dade County

The Board accepted the written report provided.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No discussion on the above items.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.