



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008 AT 2:00 PM

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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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5. REPORTS

A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

- **** 1. Request by MPO Board Member Javier D. Souto: FDOT report on State Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway) Interchange at Bird Road and its impact on the community of Westchester
 - **** 2. Request by MPO Board Member Javier D. Souto: Discussion related to large structure built by FDOT in the vicinity of SW 8th Street and State Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway)
- B. COUNTY MANAGER**
 - C. COUNTY ATTORNEY**
 - D. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DISTRICT VI)**
 - E. MPO SECRETARIAT**
 - 1. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Involvement Results
 - 2. MPO May/July Meetings Follow-up Report

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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*** CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR**

**** ADD-ON ITEMS**



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

SUMMARY MINUTES

MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008 AT 2:00 P.M.

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

The following members were present for the meeting of the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization on October 23, 2008:

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| Board Member Lynda Bell | Board Member Dennis C. Moss |
| Board Member Kevin A. Burns | 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 |
| Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan | |
| Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro | |

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gus Pego, FDOT District VI Secretary and Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Jose Luis Mesa, 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 | -Absent | 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 | -Absent |
| Board Member Gibson | -Absent | Board Member Seijas | -Absent |
| Board Member Gimenez | -Present | Board Member Sorenson | -Present |
| Board Member Hantman | -Present | Board Member Sosa | -Absent |
| Board Member Heyman | -Present | Board Member Souto | -Present |
| Board Member Kerdyk | -Absent | Board Member Steinberg | -Present |
| Board Member Martinez | -Absent | | |

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

Mrs. Salim announced quorum was attained.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney Sanchez informed the Board that **Item 4.B.10** was requested to be deferred by the sponsoring agency. He further stated that **Items 4.B.8 Substitute & 4.B.9 Substitute** have been requested to be added to the agenda.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairwoman Jordan moved for approval of the May 22, 2008 and July 16, 2008 minutes. Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES

1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST

Board Member Hantman appointed Ms. Lesline McKenzi to CTAC.
Board Member Robaina appointed Mr. Paul Yvis to BPAC.
Board Member Rolle appointed Mr. Bill Arata to FTAC.
Board Member Steinberg appointed Ms Gabrielle Redfern to BPAC.
Board Member Sarnoff appointed Mr. Luis O. Revuelta Mesana to TARC and Mr. Jeremy Calleros Gauger to BPAC (*This appointment was read by Chairman Barreiro*).
Board Member Souto appointed Mr. Nicolas Gutierrez to CTAC.
Board Member Sorenson appointed Mr. Zachary Grueber to CTAC.

Board Member Moss moved the acceptance of the appointments. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The appointments were accepted.

2. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

Mrs. Barbara Pimentel, FTAC member, provided the Board with an update of FTAC activities. She informed the Board that FTAC has been working on the Regional Long Range Freight Plan which is required to be a part of the county's Long Range Transportation Plan. She concluded by providing the Board with an overview of the distributed FTAC resolutions. (*Contact the MPO Board Clerk for a copy of the distributed resolutions*).

3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Mr. Juan Crespi, TARC Chair, provided the Committee with an update on TARC activities. He informed the Board that TARC was provided a presentation on the South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Transit Analysis by Florida Department of Transportation District IV. He then distributed slides from the SFECC Transit Analysis PowerPoint presentation to TARC. He concluded by introducing Mr. Jason Greene, TARC member, who provided a brief overview of the resolutions passed by TARC. *(Contact the MPO Board Clerk for a copy of the distributed materials and TARC resolutions).*

4. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Bret Bibeau introduced himself to the Board as the new BPAC Chair. He then informed the Board that BPAC passed resolutions supporting the Parks and Recreation Department's Snapper Creek Trail Segment "A" Master Plan that connects FIU University Park campus to K-Land Park on Kendall Drive. He further informed the Board that the committee heard a presentation from the Department of Planning and Zoning regarding an update to the Miami-Dade County's bicycle ordinance that encourages businesses to provide showers and lockers for employees who bicycle to work. He concluded by applauding the Public Works Department for the bike lane improvements on the Rickenbacker Causeway scheduled for completion next month.

Board Member Souto stated that the MPO should consider adopting different concepts as it relates to planning for bicycle commuting. He further stated that in Lima, Peru and Santo, Brazil the cycle ways concept has been implemented. He clarified by stating that these cycle ways are designated roadways in the middle of wide avenue or streets designed for bicycle traffic. He then stated that these "cycle ways" are used by hundreds of cyclist and are regulated by traffic lights. Board Member Souto stated that this concept allows more cyclists to use bicycles as a means of travel. He then expressed concern that Miami-Dade only designates a small side of the roadway for bicycle travel. He concluded by stating that the cycle ways work very well in these heavily populated countries and believes that Miami-Dade could benefit from this concept. He further concluded by requesting staff to research this concept and to provide the MPO Board with a report.

5. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mrs. Naomi Wright, CTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update of CTAC activities. She informed the Board that CTAC passed resolutions recommending approval of the 2035 amendment to include in Priority III the SR 924/Gratigny Parkway East Extension to I-95 project and the adoption of the 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives. She

concluded by providing an overview of the remaining resolution passed by CTAC. *(Contact the MPO Board Clerk for a copy of the distributed CTAC resolutions).*

B. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. MDX Status Report

Mr. Javier Rodriguez, Executive Director of MDX, 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).*

Board Member Gimenez commended the MDX staff on working with the community and the timely completion of the project that connects Kendall with SR 874.

Board Member Souto expressed his gratitude towards MDX staff on the scheduled inauguration of the guardrails installation project on SR 836 west of the Palmetto.

Board Member Rolle expressed concern with the landscaping maintenance along I-95 entrance and exit ramps along I-95 north of Downtown. He further stated that he raised this issue at previous meetings. He then stated that he is concerned that the initial investment of landscaping these areas will be lost because of poor maintenance. He also requested clarity on who was responsible for the recent replenishment of the landscaping in the Downtown area. Mr. Donn responded that the FDOT is responsible for the landscaping and maintenance along I-95 entrance and exit ramps. He further stated that staff will meet with Board Member Rolle to address his concerns.

Board Member Moss added that the Community Image Advisory Board will also take a look at the maintenance schedule for the landscapes along I-95 entrance and exit ramps.

Board Member Moss requested clarity on the status of the Ramp Metering project along I-95. Mr. Donn responded that the schedule for the ramp metering implementation will take place after the project 95 Express is underway.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT: GRATIGNY PARKWAY

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE IN PRIORITY III SR 924 (GRATIGNY PARKWAY) EAST EXTENSION TO I-95 FOR

THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING PLANNING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Barreiro opened the public hearing. Chairman Barreiro closed the public hearing.

Board Member Edmonson requested clarity on whether the proposed project design is similar to double decking. Mr. Javier Rodriguez, MDX Executive Director, responded that the elevated concept mentioned is not considered double-decking. He further clarified by stating that the concept design is categorized as an elevated structure.

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

Further discussion pursued on the motion.

Board Member Burns requested clarity on whether action today was a commitment to a specific design. Mr. Rodriguez responded that the action today is not an endorsement of a specific project design. He further stated that MDX has to go through the process of obtaining a community consensus on the design prior to moving forward. He then reminded the Board that each design has a cause and effect that needs to be evaluated. He concluded by stating that the next steps include staff working with the community, solidify some of the ideas proposed, conduct cost analysis with financing options included, and develop potential project schedule. He further concluded by stating that once a community consensus is met then the project advances to the design and construction phases.

Board Member Heyman expressed concern with the impact the proposed project would have on the communities in the northern part of Miami-Dade County. She concluded by requesting clarity on whether there are plans of connecting SR 821 to I-75 in the near future. Mr. Rodriguez responded that the project to extend the Gratigny to the Homestead Extension is currently listed in the MDX long range plan. He further stated that MDX has already initiated a concept study and is working with the City of Hialeah and Hialeah Gardens to identify potential corridors. He concluded by stating that the funding for acquiring right-of-way has already been identified in the MDX plan.

Chairman Barreiro requested clarity on the process for presenting the project design. Mr. Rodriguez responded that in addition to the community meetings the project design will be presented to CTAC and TARC. He concluded by stating that the project design is not scheduled to return to the MPO Board automatically.

Board Member Gimenez stated that past experience has proven that traditional expressway designs destroy neighborhoods and the mobility of vehicles. He concluded by requesting clarity on why the project

design does not automatically return to the Board for review. Chairman Barreiro responded that the MPO Board approves the funding for the project but the actual design of the project goes through the MDX Authority process.

Board Member Robaina commended MDX staff for being sensitive and working diligently to address the concerns of the community. He then stated that the City of Hialeah along with MDX have been working to identify an access point before addressing the project design. He concluded by stating that he trusts the MDX staff to continue working with the communities and local leaders on identifying an acceptable conceptual design.

Board Member Burns stated that he is supportive of the initial concept and look forward to viewing the project design and renderings of potential landscaping underneath the structure along with other aesthetic improvements recommended by TARC. He concluded by requesting that MDX provide the Board with a presentation on the project design once available. Mr. Rodriguez responded that upon the completion of the concept report for the project, MDX will present the Board with the concept and design elements.

Chairman Barreiro requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Aye

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Bell	-Aye	Board Member Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Seijas	-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 Steinberg	-Aye

The resolution passed unanimously.

2. FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: ROLL-FORWARD PROJECTS

Chairman Barreiro opened the public hearing. Chairman Barreiro closed the public hearing.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Vice Chairwoman Jordan seconded the motion.

Chairman Barreiro requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Aye

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Bell	-Aye	Board Member Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Seijas	-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 Steinberg	-Aye

The resolution passed unanimously.

3. FY 2009-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS: REPRIORITIZE AVIATION PROJECTS

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO REPRIORITIZE AVIATION PROJECTS AND TO INCLUDE THE MIC-MIA TRANSIT CONNECTOR

Chairman Barreiro opened the public hearing. Chairman Barreiro closed the public hearing.

Board Member Edmonson requested clarity on whether the additional \$68 million would be used solely for the MIC-MIA Transit Connector project and not the Miami Intemodal Center (MIC). Mr. Donn responded that the Aviation Department had a shortfall with its project MIC-MIA Mover and needed to reprioritize a number of aviation projects within the Work Program. He further stated that these funds will be used towards the subject project only. He further clarified by stating that the subject project is the people mover connecting passengers from the MIA terminal to the rental car center.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Gimenez seconded the motion.

Chairman Barreiro requested that a roll call vote be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Aye

Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Bell	-Aye	Board Member Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Burns	-Aye	Board Member Moss	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Seijas	-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 Steinberg	-Aye

The resolution passed unanimously.

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. REQUEST BY MPO BOARD CHAIRMAN BRUNO A. BARREIRO

RESOLUTION CHANGING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD MEETING EACH MONTH TO A WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 PM

Chairman Barreiro informed the Board that the item was before them based on discussions at previous meetings regarding changing MPO meeting dates from Board of County Commission (BCC) dates to avoid future conflicts. He stated that the suggested Wednesdays are not set in stone but a suggestion for the Board to consider.

Board Member Hantman stated that she does not have an issue with changing the MPO meeting dates to Wednesdays afternoon. She then requested that the new meeting dates do no conflict with the School Board meetings that are held on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of each month. She concluded by informing the Board of the tentative meeting dates for the School Board's 2009 calendar: 1/14, 2/11, 3/18, 4/22, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 7/28, 8/5, 9/9, 10/14, 11/17, and 12/9.

Board Member Steinberg expressed similar concerns with the Wednesday meeting date. He further stated that the City of Miami Beach usually meets on the 1st or 2nd Wednesday of each month. He then stated that he could support the proposed resolution if language is added directing staff to avoid scheduling meeting dates that conflict with the School Board and the City of Miami Beach meeting dates.

Board Member Rolle requested that staff also take into consideration that the BCC Transit Committee meetings are also held on Wednesdays.

Board Member Heyman suggested that the Chairman of the BCC consider limiting the BCC committee meetings on Thursdays to the mornings and leaving the afternoon open for MPO meetings. She further clarified by stating that this option will not interfere with Board members that have meetings on Wednesdays. She concluded by stating it also allows Board members to maintain their current work schedules.

Board Member Gimenez suggested that the Board consider holding meetings on the 4th weekday of each month. He then stated that this change will allow the Board members to dedicate more time to the MPO Board issues and not feel rushed. He concluded by suggesting that the MPO Secretariat conduct a poll to determine which weekday Board members prefer to hold meetings.

Board Member Burns expressed concern that the MPO Board only meets once a month to address transportation issues which are very important to the community. He then stated that the meetings are canceled or cut short because of other county related issues. He further stated that the MPO Chairman should be given the flexibility to reschedule meeting dates as needed. He concluded by stating that the MPO meeting dates should be scheduled at least one (1) year in advance.

Chairman Barreiro directed the MPO staff to conduct a poll of the entire MPO Board to determine the preferred weekday for MPO meetings. He then requested that the MPO Clerk verify these dates with the individual clerks from the appropriate Commissions and the School Board.

The MPO Board requested that the item be brought back as an action item.

Board Member Edmonson added that Monday, Wednesday and Thursday are the three weekdays considered when polling the Board members.

Chairman Barreiro requested staff include the amendment to the MPO rules giving flexibility to the MPO Chair to reschedule meeting dates when appropriate as part of the item in December. Mr. Mesa responded that staff would work with the MPO attorney on the language.

Board Member Moss requested clarity on whether a motion at the meeting could be made giving the Chairman the authority to reschedule meeting dates to avoid two-month gaps without a Board meeting scheduled. Attorney Sanchez responded that the rules specifically requested that changes to the MPO meeting dates must be by resolution of the MPO Governing Board. He concluded by stating that the rules would need to be amended to give the Chairperson this authority.

2. MPO PROGRAM PRIORITY LISTING FOR FDOT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

RESOLUTION REQUESTING INCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL LISTING OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROGRAM PRIORITIES IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) 2010-2014 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Mesa informed the Board of a scrivener's error on the memorandum provided in the agenda package for this item. He stated that the correct word should read statutes.

Upon the Board's action to reconsider the above item, Board Member Hantman expressed concern with item 20 (North Corridor) listed in the

MPO Program Priorities. She reminded the Board that since 2003 the School Board has expressed concern with the potential impacts the proposed metrorail extension would have on two School Board facilities. She stated that she requested back in 2003 for the MDT staff to work with the School Board to ensure that the operations of these facilities would not be compromised by the transit project. She then stated that the School Board on August 4, 2008 took formal action on the matter in which they expressed their support for the concept of the project and articulated concerns with the proposed guideway due to the negative impacts on School Board facilities. (*Contact the MPO Board Clerk for a copy of the distributed School Board item.*)

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that this issue has been before the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) on several occasions. He further stated that the Council was advised that MDT staff had been working with the staff from Miami-Dade Public Schools but a resolution on the issue has not yet been reached.

Mr. Clinton Forbes, MDT, stated that MDT staff has been working closely with the Miami-Dade Public Schools in an attempt to address their concerns. He further stated that MDT is hosting a transportation summit in which they will be addressing the Orange Line and other transit related projects in the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). He concluded by stating that MDT is waiting for the results of the summit before continuing discussions with the School Board staff.

Board Member Hantman requested clarity on whether approval of the proposed item prohibits future discussions on the issue. Mr. Forbes responded no. He further clarified by stating that the MPO Program Priorities serves as the MPO needs list that allows agencies to participate in the funding process of transportation projects in the Work Program.

Mr. Mesa added that the funding for the North Corridor project is currently unavailable which allows plenty of opportunity for this issue to be resolved in the near future.

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

3. FISCAL YEARS 2009 & 2010 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEARS 2009 & 2010 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TO INCREASE THE FUNDING ALLOCATION OF THE GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT (GPC) UNDER TASK NUMBER 3.02

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

4. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT FOR PASS-THROUGH FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM

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

5. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

Board Member Hantman commended the LRTP Steering Committee for including the implementation of the Safe Routes to School and improvements of transit services that provides access to educational facilities as part of their goals and objectives.

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

6. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PROJECTS

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROJECTS IDENTIFIED AS REGIONAL PRIORITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) DISTRICT 6 FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE FISCAL YEARS 2010-2012 TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Board Member Bell moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Souto seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

7. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) COST FEASIBLE PLAN

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MODIFY THE PROPOSED METHODOLOGY TO CALCULATE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) FUNDING AMONG FDOT DISTRICTS BY ELIMINATING INCLUSION OF STATE-MANAGED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDS AND

MAINTAINING THE NW 25TH STREET (PAHSE II) VIADUCT PROJECT IN THE ADOPTED MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Board Member Bell moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Souto seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

8. REQUEST BY MPO BOARD MEMBER KEVIN A. BURNS
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR TRAFFIC FLOW STUDY

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

9. REQUEST BY MPO BOARD MEMBER RICHARD L. STEINBERG
RESOLUTION URGING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FAST TRACK OPTION 4 OF THE I-95 EXPRESS PROJECT AND TO PROVIDE CONTROLLED ACCESS AT APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS

Board Member Steinberg informed the Board that the distributed substitute resolution offers a revised Option 4 clarifying the location is not specifically at NW 81st Street but at an appropriate location north of I-195.

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

10. MPOAC LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES FOR FY 08/09
RESOLUTION APPROVING \$500 TO BE PROVIDED TO THE STATEWIDE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPOAC) FOR THEIR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

This item was deferred.

5. REPORTS

A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

1. Request by MPO Board Member Javier D. Souto: FDOT report on State Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway) Interchange at Bird Road and its impact on the community of Westchester

Board Member Souto expressed concern that the FDOT staff has not been communicating with his office as it relates to project SR

826 @ Bird Road and its potential impacts to the community of Westchester. He concluded by requesting that the Board support his efforts in getting FDOT to delay the project until it is made clear what the project plans entails.

After much discussion, The MPO Board approved a motion requesting FDOT to sit-down with Board Member Souto prior to proceeding with large amounts of work on the project at SR 826 interchange and Bird Road.

Mr. Pego responded that FDOT is committed to working with Board Member Souto by delaying removal of some landscaping until after 2009 March event. He further stated that the department is available to meet whenever the Board member is available.

2. Request by MPO Board Javier D. Souto: Discussion related to large structure built by FDOT in the vicinity of SW 8th Street and State Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway)

Board Member Souto requested a report on the financial cost associated with the construction of the structure built by FDOT in the vicinity of SW 8th Street and SR 826.

Board Member Burns and the MPO Board congratulated Board Member Steinberg on his successful campaign for the State Representative seat.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.