

**The Miami-Dade MPO
Freight Transportation Advisory Committee**

FTAC

MEETING INFORMATION

5600 NW 36th Street Suite 515
Tuesday – July 10, 2007
2:00 PM

AGENDA

- **Self Introductions**
Chairwoman Sylvia Bernstein
- **Approve Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2007**
- **MOVN proposal: Option for downtown freight distribution system (Servando Parapar)**
- **Continue plans for October Job Fair**
- **Corradino Recommendations for Truck Study**
- **Truck Toll Facility (Bob Poole)**
- **Next Meeting Date – August**
- **Adjourn**



FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
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The July meeting of FTAC was held at 2:00 pm in the Miami-Dade Aviation Cargo Conference Room.

The following individuals were in attendance:

FTAC Members

Sylvia Bernstein	FTAC Chair
Del Bryan	
Doug Tannehill	CH Robinson
Felipe Munoz	South BMW
Mariella Marrero	Sun Belle, Inc Perishables
Stephen Armellini	Armellini Ind.
Jorge Rovirosa	Florida Stevedors

Guests

Servando Parapar	MOVN
Robert Poole	Reason Foundation
Bill Arata	Biscayne Bay Pilots
Kornelia Tiede	Tiede, Valdes & Co.
Bunny Schreiber	MIA
Darrell Belgrave	Port of Miami
Chris Dube	FDOT
Rolando Jimenez	MD DPW
Don Walker	South Florida Work Force
Doren Bennett	South Florida Work Force

Staff

Larry Foutz	Miami-Dade MPO
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Consultants

Joe Corradino	TCG
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After self-introductions the Chair asked Robert Poole to give his presentation. Bob introduced himself as the head of the Reason Foundation, a think tank out of Los Angeles. He said he was not working for anyone and that the Reason Foundation was pursuing this project on their own. He said that Los Angeles was looking at a very expensive truck only toll facility and that Miami might want to consider the same thing. Miami has the 6th worst congestion in the nation and that the Port was wrestling with its own congestion. Bob mentioned that the Port Tunnel would still dump traffic onto a highly congested corridor so he was looking at an east-west truck only toll facility from the Seaport to west of the Airport. A separate facility would be able to accept larger pay loads thus increasing efficiencies, as would greater speeds for more turnaround. Tolls would support the project completely. Bob has met with the Port, FDOT and MDX about the project so far. Bob distributed a map which showed the four options he was looking at. All four alternatives terminate at the 25th Street Viaduct.

1. Truck toll lanes on 395 to I-95, to SR 112 then on to 36th Street then south on 67th Avenue.

2. Truck toll lanes on 395 to 7th Avenue the north to 25th Street, then west to N. River Drive, tying into Option 1 at 36th Street.
3. Same as option 2 through 25th Street but crosses the River at 33rd Avenue to NW 21st Street to Perimeter Road.
4. Toll facility along 395 to SR 836 to Milam Dairy

The options include elevated and tunnel sections and the 10 to 11 mile alternatives would cost roughly \$600 to \$900 million. A Medley extension would add another \$250 million.

At this point they are just looking at the feasibility. He said he needed detailed truck distribution information. Jorge said that less than 10% of the cargo left South Florida and that the Port should be able to give him detailed information. Sylvia said they needed to include Medley in the study. The facility must bridge the Palmetto. Robert stated that they would be looking at dual use of the toll lanes if peak hour volumes would allow that. Larry told Bob that gate counts would show the approximate hourly distribution on the freeway. Bob said that he had been meeting with Corradino to share information. Larry told Bob that the MPO was preparing to send out a Scope of Work for a Consultant Study looking at Freight Movement through this exact same corridor. The study was brought to the MPO by MDX and had been approved. Once the consultant was on board he would be expected to coordinate with Bob's effort. Bob asked Larry to send him a copy of the Scope.

Servando Parapar stated that he was here representing the MOVN Committee (**M**eeting **o**ur **V**ehicle **N**eeds), which is a group of citizens that make recommendations to the mayor. They have sponsored the following programs: Do Not Block the Box, Signal retiming, Move It Yes You Can, and reversible lanes on Flagler and NW 7th Avenue. They have a short term focus looking at things that can be implemented immediately. One of the programs that MOVN is interested in is looking at the scope of the delivery program in downtown Miami, Brickel, and Miami Beach. The program is to develop mini-freight intermodal centers in downtown Miami and on the outskirts to minimize the number of large delivery trucks double parking and stopping illegally. FedEx and DHL already have centers in the downtown. The center would give UPS and the smaller companies a location to sort and transfer freight to smaller vehicles for final distribution.

Larry explained that MOVN was seeking FTAC's sponsorship of this item to set up an MPO Work Program study. Servando said that the effort did not necessarily require a full study. Larry said that he could modify the scope of work for the Central Dade Freight Zone Study to reflect the needs of the analysis and that would not require modifying the MPO Work Program. Servando said that would work.

The committee moved the modification of the Central Dade Freight Zone Study to incorporate the MOVN request. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Committee next took up the Job Fair. Larry pointed out the Last page of the agenda package was status of the work assignments. The tasks highlighted had been accomplished and most of the tasks someone had stepped up and volunteered to be responsible for the action. The Committee went through the table.

**OCTOBER DISTRICT 3 JOB FAIR
Task Assignments**

TASK	VOLUNTEER
Complete arrangements for site and date for Job Fair	Del Bryan/Commissioner Staff
Contact Work Force 1 to participate	Larry
Arrange participation from Truck driving training	Stephen A.
Contact Long Shoreman about Participation	Bill Arata
Arrange participation from fork lift training	Barbara P.
Arrange participation by resume preparation training	Barbara P.
Manage publicity concept for job fair. Media Attention	Miami NET
Arrange food vendors for fair	
Contact Crane operators for their participate.	Fran Bohnsack
Contact Air Cargo regarding participation	Bunny Schreiber Airport HR Group
Assure warehousing participation	Doral Business Council Joe C/Eric C.
Contact each licenced vendor at Port	Port
Get active involvement of City of Miami NET	Larry/ Alicia
Involve over-the-road truck companies	Doug Tannehill
Involve local haulers	Barbara/Doug
Design Advertising Flyer	Barbara P
Registration forms for Employers Registration and Follow-up	S. Fla Work Force
Lay out at Caleb	Larry/Del/ Don Walker
Get Commissioner Attendance	Del

The Committee agreed to use Barbara's flyer. Instead of using the term "Logistics" the phrase "Freight and Transportation" was agreed upon. In the Sponsored by category we are looking giving credit to FTAC, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, the South Florida Work Force and the City of Miami NET. This list can grow. The time of the job fair was changed from 10 to 3:30 to 9 to 1. Under "learn about" the phrase Computer Training was changed to Commercial driving training. It was recommended that no phone number be on the flyer since no one was set up to take a lot of phone calls. Finally participating employers and agencies would be large groups such as port of Miami, Air Cargo, Commercial Truck Driving.

Don Walker from the South Florida Work Force provided his input to the process. He made the following points.

- First we need to advertise what employers will be there-firm commitments from them.
- We agreed that although the job fair was in Commissioner Edmondson's district we would invite job seekers from all over the County
- He just recently worked a job fair at the Caleb Center
- The Center has tables and chairs available.
- The Caleb Center is smallish we need to lay it out carefully.
- There might be a problem with parking but it would help that on Saturday there is no employees of the Center there on Saturday.
- We will probably get more employers than we have room for. Don't crowd them
- Provide a detailed layout for planning and have a map for the day of the job fair.
- Larry, Del and Don will go to Caleb Center and prepare a layout.
- Don't provide food for the job seekers, just water and a very small snack-pretzels or chips. You do need to feed the people working the job fair.
- Need to separate the actual jobs from the training and resume development area.
- Need to advertise that almost all of the jobs require a back ground check
- Del stated that Irby McKnight from Overtown will be involved.
- Bunny will work with the MIA HR Committee to help get airline involvement
- It was decided that it was important to get Angela Simons involved since she has experience with job fairs.
- Politically we need to ask City Commissioner Spence-Jones, if she wants to participate.
- South Florida Work Force has a youth program provider that they will get involved in the Fair

Corradino then distributed the Executive Summary of their Truck Route Study. He thanked the committee for all of their input. He referred them to pages 6 and 7 of the Summary. He said there were 21 routes recommended. The Committee asked about Milam Dairy and Joe said that it was number 11 on the key. Rolando said the Public Works had a project that would improve Milam Dairy to Okeechobee. Joe was asked to make sure that the map reflected that fact. Joe pointed out the potential truck toll facility along SR 836/CSX. Larry told the committee that this project had gone to the TPC

whose main comment was that currently trucks were not restricted, so why do we need truck routes. There were two answers – the routes would be protected for truck use, and that the report was recommending operational improvements for the routes. The TPC asked Corradino to develop a matrix showing the improvements and who was responsible for them. It would help the TIP committee set up projects for the next round of the TIP. Joe was asked if the report would identify actual improvements and Larry interjected that the report would identify that improvements for a given route would be identified such as extend queuing at intersections, and increase turning radii. It would not have specific improvements for each intersection.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Reviving the 6th Street Slip ramp was discussed and the need to make sure that the Commissioners were on board. It was critical to make sure that we had a willing sponsor to bring it back to the Board. The chair asked that Alice Bravo be invited to our September meeting so that FTAC could explain to her why the ramp was needed.

The only items on the August meeting would be the election of new officers and the planning of the Job Fair. The next meeting was set for **Monday August 6, 2007** at 2:00 pm at Bunny Schreiber's offices at 5600 NW 36th St. Suite 515 again. Members were asked to hold Monday August 20th open as well in case a second job fair planning session were to be needed.