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**MEETING OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2007 AT 2:00 PM**

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL**

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET

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**C. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: KENDALL DRIVE BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)**

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**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

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**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL (TPC)  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**

**MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

**2:00 P.M.**

**18<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 3**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Jose-Luis Mesa, TPC Chairperson. The following members were present at the beginning of the meeting:

1. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation District 6
2. Javier Rodriguez, Florida Department of Transportation District 6
3. Jay Marder, City of Miami Gardens
4. Vivian Villaamil, Miami Dade Public School
5. Gaspar Miranda, Miami-Dade Public Works Department
6. Subrata Basu, Department of Planning and Zoning
7. Lilia Medina, City of Miami
8. Fernando Vazquez, City of Miami Beach
9. Servando Parapar, Miami-Dade Expressway Authority
10. Sunil Harman, Aviation Department
11. Jeff Geimer, City of North Miami
12. William Cross, South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA)
13. Bob Owen, Seaport
14. Albert Hernandez, Miami-Dade Transit
15. Jorge Hernandez, City of Hialeah
16. Bruce Offord, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The sign-in sheets listing staff and other visitors present at the meeting are available on file at the MPO Secretariat. A recorded tape of the meeting is also available at the MPO Secretariat.

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that this would be the last meeting attended by Mr. Servando Parapar as the Executive Director of Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX). He then congratulated Mr. Parapar on his retirement from MDX and commended him for his efforts as the Executive Director. He concluded by congratulating Mr. Javier Rodriguez who will be taking over as the Executive Director.

Mr. Parapar thanked the Council members for their continued support and the many years of pleasant working relationships.

Mr. Parapar moved for approval of the agenda. Mr. Geimer seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Vazquez moved for approval of the minutes for November 20, 2006 meeting. Mrs. Villaamil seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**III. MPO COMMITTEES UPDATE**

- A. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

*No report given on this item.*

**B. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*No report given on this item.*

**C. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)**

*No report given on this item.*

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

*No report given on this item.*

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Mr. Dunn moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Marder seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**B. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 3**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 3 (PWD)*

Mr. Dunn moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Marder seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**C. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT: KENDALL DRIVE BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FUNDING TO THE CAPITAL ELEMENTS FOR PROVIDING BUS RAPID TRANSIT SERVICES ON KENDALL DRIVE BETWEEN THE DADELAND NORTH METRORAIL STATION AND SW 167<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE (FDOT DISTRICT 6)*

Mr. Roderick Moffett requested clarity on why the BRT system is operating independent of each other. Mr. Fernandez of MPO responded that staff identified several corridors as potential candidates to participate in an experiment to test out the BRT technology and also to determine if this system will actually work. He further stated that the pilot program will follow the Los Angeles model in which two corridors will be implemented every six months.

Mr. Marder requested clarity on how the proposed project was prioritized above the other projects listed for TRIP funding. Mr. Fernandez responded that the MPO Board adopted a resolution in December 2005 to move forward with three corridors, Biscayne Boulevard, Kendall, and Flagler Street. Only the Biscayne Boulevard and

Kendall corridors were eligible to receive funding under TRIP. The Flagler corridor on the other hand was not considered a regional level of significance corridor and did not qualify for TRIP funding. He then stated that the issues with Biscayne Blvd. such as the on-going construction and the necessary coordination efforts regarding bus stops with various municipalities within the corridor was pushed back on the list. He concluded by stating that the following factors made the Kendall corridor a better candidate for this pilot program: it had the Advance Technology Management System (ATMS) being implemented first; the fact that the corridor is within unincorporated Miami-Dade County made the bus stop coordination easier; and the implementation cost was lower.

Mr. Mesa informed the Council that he attended a community meeting in Kendall where Mr. Mumford and the community presented a presentation on why they do not support a rail in the area. He concluded by stating that the group has expressed an interest in presenting this presentation when the Kendall Alternatives Analysis is scheduled before the Board.

Mr. Fernando requested that staff keep the Council updated on the progress of this pilot program.

At the suggestion of Mr. Basu, the Council requested a presentation on the Kendall Corridor BRT Pilot Program at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Basu moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Cross seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**D. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT:  
CITY OF HIALEAH TRANSIT BUS PURCHASES**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO PURCHASE SMALL, HEAVY-DUTY TRANSIT BUSES FOR SERVICE EXPANSION IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH (FDOT DISTRICT 6)*

Mr. Hernandez moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Parapar seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**E. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT:  
PORT OF MIAMI NEW CRUISE TERMINAL E**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO MODIFY PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE PORT OF MIAMI NEW CRUISE TERMINAL E (SEAPORT)*

Mr. Owen informed the Council that the new facility will be used by charter buses that are transporting cruise passengers.

Mr. Owen moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**F. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT:  
SFRTA/METRORAIL TRI-RAIL TRANSFER STATION FINAL DESIGN**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO LIST FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN OF ON-SITE MOBILITY/ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE*

*SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY/METRORAIL  
TRI-RAIL TRANSFER STATION (SFRTA)*

Mr. Cross informed the Council that the project is to add a second set of stairs for connecting from Tri-Rail platform to the Metrorail Station at 79<sup>th</sup> Street. He then stated that SFRTA do not have all the construction funding needed for the project but is working with FDOT to get the project fully funded. He concluded by stating that most of funding is a couple of years out and this proposal is to fund the design phase of the project.

Mr. Owen moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**G. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT:  
SFRTA/TRI-RAIL ROLLING STOCK**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY  
2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FUNDING FOR  
THE PURCHASE OF NEW ROLLING STOCK FOR TRI-RAIL (SFRTA)*

Mr. Cross informed the Council that Tri-Rail will be going to a 40-50 trains per day operation in the next couple of months which will stretch the current rolling stock capabilities. He then stated that some of the current DMUs in Tri-Rail's possession are scheduled to return to Orlando because they are on loan. He further stated that the proposed funding is necessary to purchase more rolling stock which is part of a two-year procurement process. He concluded by stating that the procurement of rolling stock will most likely be for traditional locomotives and not DMUs.

Mr. Geimer moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Miranda seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**H. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (SJPA)**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (SJPA) BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA  
VANPOOL PROGRAM (MPO SECRETARIAT)*

Mr. Cross moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Miranda seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**I. FY 2007 FIRST QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2007 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK  
PROGRAM (UPWP) FIRST QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR SUBMISSION  
TO THE FUNDING AGENCIES (MPO SECRETARIAT)*

Mr. Hernandez moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Basu seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**V INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. URBAN PARTNERSHIP OF THE CONGESTION INITIATIVE**

Mr. Larry Foutz, MPO Project Manager, provided the Council with a brief overview of the Urban Partnership of the Congestion Initiative.

Mr. Rodriguez informed the Council that FDOT District 6 had been asked to put the application together and they are working with all the partners including District 4 because the system would eventually go up to SR 595 Corridor and then back to I-75. He then stated that the system is viewed as regional system. He also stated that FDOT have contracted several consultants to look at the geometry of I-95 because FDOT wants to make improvements at a low cost. Some of the alternatives being considered is eliminating the HOV lanes and adding additional lanes through striping as well as running traffic revenues managed lanes to see how much it will cost and to determine if the project can pay for itself during the pilot program period.

Mr. Mesa stated that the Moving Committee has expressed an interest in this project and would like to monitor this process. Mr. Foutz added that this application calls for community partnership therefore the Moving Committee will be a great partner to consider. He then stated that the MPO needs to develop a partnership letter and get the various communities impacted by this application to sign on as partners.

Mr. Rodriguez informed the Council that this program is budgeted at \$130 million this year and staff believes the current application could receive approximately \$15 million.

Mr. Basu requested that the Planning and Zoning Department be included in the partnership to develop an application for the Urban Partnership of the Congestion Initiative.

**B. ARTERIAL GRID ANALYSIS STUDY**

Mr. Wilson Fernandez, MPO Project Manager, introduced the study's consultant Mr. Stewart Robertson of Kimely-Horn who provided the Council with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Arterial Grid Analysis Study.

Mr. Parapar commended the MPO staff on an excellent study. He concluded by requesting that the final draft report be distributed to the municipalities.

Mr. Basu requested that he be given an opportunity to review the final draft report and meet with the project consultants prior to distributing the report to the municipalities.

**C. CONGESTED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT STUDY-II**

Mr. Jesus Guerra, MPO Project Manager, provided the Council with a brief overview of the Congested Intersection Improvement Study-II.

**D. DRAFT RAIL ACCESS TO PORT OF MIAMI STUDY**

Mr. Larry Foutz, MPO Project Manager introduced the study's consultant Mr. Michael Williamson of Cambridge Systematics who provided the Council with a brief PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Medina requested that this presentation be provided to the City of Miami Administration.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT: 4:00 PM**