

MPO RESOLUTION # 07-08

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE CSX RAIL CORRIDOR EVALUATION STUDY

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the MPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) has been established and charged with the responsibility and duty of fulfilling the aforementioned functions; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Governing Board approved resolution 36-07 selecting a preferred rapid transit strategy for the Kendall Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of transit services along the CSX Rail Corridor was part of the selected strategy for the Kendall Corridor including directions to explore the feasibility and advisability of all reasonable options; and

WHEREAS, the TPC has reviewed the attached scope of work and budget, made a part hereof, and finds it consistent with the goals and objectives of the Transportation Plan for the Miami Urbanized Area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that the attached scope of work and budget for the CSX Rail Corridor Evaluation Study is hereby approved.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Joe A. Martinez. The motion was seconded by Board Member Rebeca Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

- Board Member Lynda Bell -Absent
Board Member Kevin A. Burns -Aye
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz -Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson -Aye
Board Member Shirley M. Gibson -Aye
Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez -Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman -Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman -Aye
Board Member William H. Kerdyk -Absent
Board Member Joe A. Martinez -Aye
Board Member Dennis C. Moss -Aye
Board Member Julio Robaina -Absent
Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle -Aye
Board Member Marc D. Sarnoff -Absent
Board Member Natacha Seijas -Aye
Board Member Katy Sorenson -Aye
Board Member Rebeca Sosa -Aye
Board Member Javier D. Souto -Aye
Board Member Richard L. Steinberg -Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 24th day of April, 2008.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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By Zainab Salim, Clerk
MPO Secretary
Seal of Metropolitan Planning Organization, Dade County, Florida, MPO

**Miami-Dade County
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

Work Order # GPC III - 29

MIAMI-DADE CSX RAIL CORRIDOR EVALUATION STUDY

SCOPE OF SERVICES

I. OBJECTIVE

The study's purpose is to develop and evaluate additional concepts along the CSX corridor to support the implementation of rapid transit improvements in the Kendall area. The study will examine CSX corridors in Miami-Dade County and identify opportunities for alternative transportation uses and the potential consolidation of current freight traffic on the various lines to mitigate existing impacts upon neighboring communities.

II. BACKGROUND

The MPO Governing Board, as part of the Kendall-Link Study, passed a resolution requesting the further evaluation of the CSX corridor including the possible consolidation of CSX freight services to allow for a broader consideration of alternatives such as bus rapid transit and greenway facilities. These results would supplement the analysis performed under the Kendall-Link Study.

III. PREVIOUS WORK

The Rail Convertibility Study was completed in 2004 which provided a specific set of recommendations intended to maximize the transportation benefits of existing and under-utilized rail corridors in Miami-Dade County. Since its completion, various corridor studies (South Link, Ludlum Trail, South Florida East Coast Corridor, East-West Corridor, Kendall-Link) have examined and evaluated proposals utilizing various rail corridors in Miami-Dade County. The Kendall-Link Study is the most recent study and forms the basis of the CSX Rail Corridor Evaluation Study.

IV. METHODOLOGY

1. Task 1: Study Coordination

- a. The Consultant, in cooperation with the MPO will form a Study Advisory Committee (SAC). The SAC will include representatives of the following agencies: Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), Miami-Dade Public Works (DPW), Miami-Dade Parks & Recreation (DPR), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), representative of CSX and other interested parties.

- b.** The consultant will hold meetings with the SAC to discuss relevant issues regarding the development of the study, as well as to review the progress of the study. These meetings will be held at the MPO or in a teleconference format, as appropriate.
- c.** Provide up to three (3) open forums for public input and discussion.
- d.** The consultant will present the results and recommendations of this study to the SAC and MPO Board and its committees. A minimum of ten (10) presentations will be scheduled for this purpose.

2. Task 2: Literature Research

- a.** The consultant will complete a literature review of both local and other relevant studies pertaining to the study's objective.
- b.** As part of this research, the consultant will examine experience in other cities where this concept has been implemented.
- c.** The consultant will summarize the result of these findings in a technical memorandum.

3. Task 3: Rail Corridor Status Report

- a.** The consultant shall update existing conditions and usage along the CSX rail corridor including adjacent developments. The CSX corridor lines to be examined extend both south and west of Oleander Junction.
- b.** The consultant will provide a summary of proposed future uses along these corridors emanating from governmental policy, study recommendations and railroad company plans.
- c.** Prepare a technical memorandum providing a detailed analysis of existing conditions and future plans along the CSX rail corridor in Miami-Dade County.

4. Task 4: Freight Rail Consolidation Evaluation

- a.** The consultant shall identify opportunities for freight consolidation within the CSX rail corridor network in the County. This task would further advance the concept identified in the Rail Convertibility Study.
- b.** The consultant shall provide a concept level analysis to evaluate the feasibility of the identified freight consolidation opportunities in terms of environmental impacts, costs, traffic impacts, benefits, etc.
- c.** The consultant shall evaluate potential impacts on adjacent neighborhoods of any proposed consolidation.
- d.** The consultant shall develop various concepts for possible rapid transit and greenway opportunities created by the proposed removal of freight traffic along segments of the CSX rail corridor.
- e.** These alternative concepts shall include preparation of renderings, ridership forecasting, operating plans, conceptual level (order-of-magnitude) analysis of cost estimates and impacts.
- f.** Prepare a technical memorandum summarizing the results of the freight consolidation analysis.

5. Task 5: Recommendations/Final Report

- a.** Consultant shall complete a Final Report and Executive Summary which will document the study evaluation, findings and recommendations.
- b.** Twenty-five (25) copies of the Final Report (full color). Pictures, charts, diagrams, maps, and tables should be included to facilitate the reading and illustrate the results of the study.
- c.** One hundred (100) copies of the Executive Final Report (full color in a newsletter format and no more than 4 pages is recommended).
- d.** A Power Point Presentation with the highlights of the study.
- e.** A copy of both the Final Report and Executive Summary will be submitted in a production-ready format and in an electronic format (CD) to be posted in the MPO Website.

V. SCHEDULE

The Consultant should complete this work in ten (10) months.

VI. ESTIMATED COST

The estimated budget for this study is \$140,000 including 10% for contingencies.