



NEAT STREETS MIAMI
MEETING SUMMARY
June 29, 2016
FINAL

NSM Members Present

William Anderson, GMCVB
Tessa Boudreaux, YMCA of South Florida
David Cardenas, MDPROS
Dr. Claudius Carnegie, CTAC
Vice Mayor Patricia Cohen,
Miami-Dade League of Cities
Aneisha Daniel, DSWM
Patricia Harris, Private Citizen
Cesar Garcia-Pons, Perkins + Will
Juan C Garrido, Designee/MDC Commission,
District 7
Ramiro Inguanzo, Miami-Dade College
Rick Johnson, MDX
Jack Kardys, MDPROS
Penny Lambeth, Town of Miami Lakes
Gianni Lodi, MDC Planning & Zoning Department
Maria Mitchell, Designee/MDC, District 6
Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, MDC Dist. 9
Ricky Smith, Designee/MDC Commission, Dist. 1
Peter Trupia, Designee/MDC Commission, Dist. 3
Lynda Kompelien Westin, South Florida
Regional Transportation Authority

Participants Present

Diana Amaya, District 9
Aileen Boucle, Miami-Dade MPO
Alice Bravo, DTPW
Soh Yoke Bravo, FIU
Patrice Gillespie Smith, NSM
Benjamin Ibarra, DBI
Jennifer Korth Llorente, NSM
Eric Reil, Miami DDA
Ken Stapleton, Stapleton & Associates
Wanda Torres, NSM
Jim Wolfe, FDOT, District 6
Britany Ziem, Citizens for A Better South Florida

Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Moss opened the meeting. He asked everyone to introduce themselves. He thanked the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau for hosting the Neat Streets Miami Board.

Mr. Bill Anderson reported:

- Hotel Occupancy was 81.3%; down 1.5%—#5 amongst the top 25 markets in the nation
- Room rates - \$223.00; down 2.6%—#3 amongst the top 25 markets in the nation
- RevPar - \$181.62; down 4.1%—#3 amongst the top 25 markets in the nation
- In the first five months, jobs are up 1.9%—122,300 jobs in hospitality and food service

II. Action Item – Approval of 05/25/16 Minutes

Chairman Moss asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Carnegie motioned to approve the minutes and the Chair seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Action Item – Special Recognition of Neat Streets Supporter

Ms. Soh Yoke Bravo of FIU received a Certificate of Appreciation for participating tree planting in Medley. Commissioner Moss and Patrice Gillespie Smith thanked her for her service and encouraged her to stay involved. She presented Neat Streets Miami with a plaque from the Town of Medley.

Action Item – Special Recognition of our Neat Street Miami Board Member

Commissioner Moss was congratulated for being one of eleven winners of the Miami Visionary Award in the Government category and presented a cake to recognize this noteworthy achievement.

Ms. Maria Mitchell shared preserving views as Miami's fast rate of development continues. Chairman Moss responded we have to push for the baywalk to preserve the public access to the waterfront. Neat Streets Miami has to make sure we make the environment pleasing to our visitors.

III. Reports

a. FDOT District Six Vision – Secretary Jim Wolfe, PE

Chairman Moss gave a short introduction of FDOT, District 6 Secretary James Wolfe.

Secretary Jim Wolfe spoke about FDOT's vision. He mentioned to everyone he's excited to be a part of a project that can improve our community.

Secretary Wolfe mentioned some of FDOT's Assets:

- FDOT allocates 1.5% of its construction budget towards landscaping
- Programs: TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) (Enhancement dollars) improvements for pedestrians and bicycles (i.e. Ludlum Trail and The Underline); Statewide program for landscaping beautification--\$1M budget

Secretary Wolfe mentioned partnership starts with a local vision—what is it you want for your community. FDOT has mutual goals with NSM help create a safe environment for pedestrians and bicycles.

Secretary Wolfe talked about design of our roadways. He stated Miami-Dade County has overbuilt roadways. Thus, FDOT will look at some of its non-motorized assets for areas of improvements.

- Cutting down lanes impacts the quality of life
 - 12ft sidewalks
 - Sidewalk cafes
 - Parking lanes
 - Bicycle provision
 - Parking
 - Bike Lanes with 2ft buffers (two stripes--2ft apart)
- FDOT is ambitiously pursuing Complete Streets
 - Design manuals (to be completed by August 2017)
 - One page policy
 - Implementation Plan
 - Complete Streets Handbook

Secretary Wolfe stated that FDOT always considers context sensitive design in deciding what should be appropriate for the community.

Secretary Wolfe invited everyone to visit FLCompleteStreets.com for more information. Guidelines should be available online January 2017.

Chairman Moss thanked Secretary Wolfe for coming and thanked Secretary Wolfe's predecessor for adopting the Neat Streets Miami platform. Chairman Moss asked Secretary Wolfe to look at the maintenance and aesthetics of I-95 and SR826. He mentioned Commissioner Barbara Jordan raised the issue of pieces of automobiles on the sides of the road. Secretary Wolfe responded Commissioner Jordan brought that issue up in the last MPO meeting. His maintenance department is compiling a report. They are looking at the contract to make sure it is being maintained properly and if the contract doesn't reflect the proper maintenance then, they need to look into how to revise the contract. The Secretary said he visited the site and said that it's not acceptable. Secretary Wolfe stated this is a continual problem and a safety issue. Chairman Moss stated this doesn't leave a good image for our visitors.

Chairman Moss asked Secretary Wolfe if he could talk about the lane reduction on Biscayne. Secretary Wolfe responded I haven't been briefed yet.

Mr. Eric Reil said the DDA will meet with the Secretary to discuss Biscayne Green soon.

Ms. Patty Harris commented that the Bicycle Coordinator in Key West commended FDOT for making adjustments for cyclist. Secretary Wolfe responded FDOT has made a lot of progress with off-road standalone bicycle trails.

Mr. Peter Trupia asked for clarification on whether the I-595 "availability project" was the largest. Secretary Wolfe responded the I-595 and Tunnel project was paid with availability payments—the contractor wasn't paid until the project was completed.

Mr. Cesar Garcia-Pons asked will there be an opportunity to review the Complete Street Standards. Secretary Wolfe responded there will be a draft this fall.

Vice Mayor Cohen asked about the grades of the level of service. Secretary Wolfe responded that it is a rating of the traffic flow from A to F, sometimes we have to live with a failing roadway. This is why we're looking into transit.

Ms. Alice Bravo shared Secretary Wolfe has a wealth of experience to contribute to the community. She mentioned anything we do has to go through FDOT roadway, if it's going to be significant and impactful. Ms. Bravo mentioned this is a marketing campaign.

b. Miami-Dade MPO – Aileen Boucle, Executive Director

Chairman Moss gave a short introduction of Ms. Aileen Boucle the new Executive Director for Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Ms. Boucle mentioned the MPO has taken a strategic approach to transit for a strong comprehensive plan and has moved forward with a comprehensive program of projects.

The SMART Plan proposes to advance six rapid transit corridors that correspond with future employment, economic, opportunities and population growth.

Ms. Boucle said one critical component is (BERT) Bus Express Rapid Transit system. She mentioned the MPO and County are partnering with FDOT, MDX and Turnpike to identify these facilities can be used to advance express rapid transit.

Ms. Boucle mentioned the Transit Solution Committee chaired by Commissioner Moss. This committee called for ideas and input from the community. Ms. Boucle said the number one outcome was a consensus transit plan. The MPO approved the environmental phase and to initiate an implementation plan. Miami-Dade MPO is the first to take a step in this direction. In addition to traffic engineering and environmental documentation, the MPO is also looking at the land uses in each of the six corridors.

The MPO needs to see how they will have permanent ridership to feed the system and how the corridors will develop economically.

Ms. Boucle mentioned the SMART Plan was presented to the FDOT Executive Board in May and the MPO received positive feedback. Also, Secretary Hathaway will attend the MPO's July meeting to do a present Complete Streets. The MPO will focus on bicycles and pedestrians along the corridors and how land use can be integrated.

The SMART Plan addresses three critical areas that are necessary to our community:

- Congestion
- Promoting a Choice (mobility assurance)
- Needs of the community (bicycle, pedestrians, special transportation and Complete Streets)

Chairman Moss shared that the Transit Solution Committee listens to ideas and concepts. The committee made a recommendation to the MPO to choose the six corridors and the BERT system, making transit the number one priority. The committee came up with a unified plan which everyone supported. This is the message they wanted to send to stakeholders. The committee adopted the concept from the Transit Summit—the community has to get behind the vision and advocate and move forward. He mentioned Ms. Boucle is a major driver to make this happen. Chairman Moss mentioned he was impressed with Mayor Gimenez that he was willing to assist in getting the corridors built.

Ms. Mitchell asked is there an optimal range of congestion that communities should aim for. Ms. Boucle responded in the case of New York it has a different historical development—transit is the only way to get around versus in Miami-Dade County the automobile is used the most. Ms. Boucle mentioned New York has exhausted their transit and Miami-Dade is the opposite, we need to grow our transit. Florida is ranked #3 of the most populated states in the country but is in its infancy in transit.

Ms. Lynda Westin mentioned that we need to reevaluate the zoning around the stations.

Vice Mayor Cohen asked how you are going to get the express buses get to a location in an express manner. Ms. Boucle responded the goal is for the express bus to bypass the congestion using an express lane.

Mr. Gianni Lodi mentioned the master plan of the local government anticipates an increase in population intensity.

Chairman Moss thanked Ms. Boucle for coming reporting the MPO's upcoming plans.

Ms. Gillespie Smith mentioned she looks forward to working with Ms. Boucle.

c. Miami-Dade DTPW – Alice Bravo, Director

Ms. Alice Bravo thanked Chairman Moss for inviting her to the board meeting to share what the Department of Transportation and Public Works is doing to incorporate aesthetics and maintenance in their plans and how they will be incorporating Safer People, Safer Streets into their work. A copy of Ms. Bravo's presentation can be found on the Neat Streets Miami website.

Ms. Bravo reported the DTPW's goal is:

- Co-existing and Complementing modes while improving mobility. DTPW is working with other transportation providers, both public and private, to create a full range of well synchronized mobility services.

The DTPW approach:

- People first – walking, bicycling, transit, taxis and shared-use mobility have the highest priority choice
- Clean, safe, reliable and time effective – make our existing public transportation preferred option
- Innovative and sustainable – use the latest, greenest and most efficient technologies available
- Social equity and access – provide facilities and mobility options for everyone

The DTPW was merged to improve the sustainability of our transportation networks as a part of a wider goal of creating more vibrant, livable, sustainable cities improving the quality of life.

DTPW provides convenient public transportation service through its four transits modes:

- Metrobus – more than 90 bus routes—250,000 riders per day
- Metrorail – 25-mile rapid transit system—80% paid by federal government
- Metromover – 4.4-mile people-mover system—33,000 riders per day
- Special Transportation Service (STS) – door-to-door, shared-ride service for eligible customers

Commuters spend an average of 40 hours a year in traffic. The annual financial cost of congestion is \$121 billion.

DTPW maintains over 7,600 paved lane miles or roadway; operates 26,400 street lights and monitors over 2,800 signalized intersections and maintains over 1,000,000 traffic signs.

The DTPW County Wide Plan:

- Clean, safe, reliable and public transportation
- Improve transit reliability
- Identify appropriate mass-transit technology for corridors and prioritize based on ridership and ease of implementation
- Provide first-mile/last-mile solutions for bottlenecks
- Use innovative technology to route traffic
- Improve synchronization of traffic signals

Ms. Bravo mentioned technology is the key to us moving forward.

The DTPW has built from the Safer People, Safer Streets initiative by creating a Complete Streets manual.

The DTPW recently completed roadway and bike lane improvements on Crandon Boulevard and Key Biscayne. Ms. Bravo mentioned the ribbon cutting on June 29 on Crandon Boulevard.

Ms. Bravo mentioned the DTPW has identified various corridors that are in need of premium transit service and in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation; they've done a preliminary screening of the corridors.

Dr. Claudius Carnegie asked to what extent is the DTPW integrating Uber and Lift. Ms. Bravo responded mobile ticketing. It is an account base system for EASY System (APP) which will have a promotional relationship with local businesses. DTPW would like to have transportation as a service—one account to pay for Uber, rental bike, transit, etc. Dr. Carnegie asked when will this happen. Ms. Bravo responded first there will be mobile ticketing which will be present before the County Commissioners for consideration in July.

Mr. Ramiro Inganzo asked were the different Complete Streets guidelines consistent with each other. Ms. Bravo responded they should be with some variations. He asked when the guidelines will be available. Ms. Bravo responded she doesn't have a date yet. Mr. Inganzo mentioned the inconvenience of taking Metrorail to Downtown. He mentioned it takes ten minutes longer on Metrorail. Ms. Bravo shared she visited Boston which has a robust transit system. Transit took longer than taking Uber. She mentioned it will take time to improve but they're getting closer. Mr. Inganzo mentioned he hasn't seen any transit improvements for the people out West.

Ms. Diana Amaya mentioned she used transit for eleven years. She mentioned there is not enough parking out West to use public transportation. She has to drive to Dadeland Station. Ms. Amaya suggested having an APP to direct transit users to available parking that is affordable. Ms. Bravo mentioned there's a park and ride at Baptist Hospital. The DTPW is working with Park by Phone to partner. Ms. Bravo mentioned the price of a structured parking space is immense. Ms. Bravo said we have to improve in this area. Chairman Moss mentioned out West 874 is being extended to SW 137th Avenue this is a part of the BERT plan. He mentioned there will be a Park and Ride built at the Miami Executive Airport. It will travel SR874 to SR 878 to Dadeland. They are working with the Turnpike.

Ms. Patty Harris asked what is happening with the South Miami Station garage. Ms. Bravo responded they are working with a contractor to develop a full transit oriented development. Ms. Bravo said the full transit oriented development garage will have other businesses connected to it. This will lure more people to that station to travel transit.

Ms. Gillespie Smith announced Bob McClellan has been out with health issues. She mentioned that DTPW always has representation when needed. Chairman Moss mentioned Mr. McClellan has been an asset to Neat Streets Miami. Dr. Carnegie mentioned he spoke with him. He's out of the hospital and doing well.

IV. Update

a. Office of Neat Streets Miami – Patrice Gillespie Smith:

- Announced on June 7, Commissioner Moss introduced and passed Safer Streets implementation Resolution
- Announced the Tree Trust Fund legislation was reintroduced earlier this month and will be going through Committee in July.
- Announced Local Action Team for Safer People, Safer Streets are applying for USDOT Recognition
- Announced there will be a Bacardi and American Forest Planting on June 10, I-395 tour, I-95
- Reminded board members of the July retreat and asked each member to an online NSM questionnaire

- Announced the first tree of the \$500,000 in Street trees went in on Monday – David Cardenas
- Announced the Knight Foundation awarded NSM a \$25,000 grant to fund the strategic plan for Million Trees Miami
- Announced Adopt a Tree first event this past weekend
- Announced an attendance report will be emailed to each member. If you haven't been here in a while, remember you need to have an excused absence or else you may exceed your acceptable number of absences

b. Gateway/Corridor Subcommittee – Dr. Claudius Carnegie:

Due to time constraints, there were no updates

c. Street Tree Subcommittee – Rick Johnson:

Due to time constraints, there were no updates

V. Recap of Action Items 06/29/16 Meeting

Due to time constraints, no Action Items were recapped.

VI. Closing Remarks

Chairman Moss thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm