

**MIAMI-DADE
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE
(to the Year 2035)**

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 17

MEETING SUMMARY

**Stephen P. Clark Government Center
111 N. W. 1st Street
Miami, Fl 33128**

10th Floor CITT Conference Room

**Monday, May 18, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

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I. Welcome – Introduction of Members

Carlos Roa welcomed Steering Committee members to the meeting.

II. Approval of Meeting #16 Summary (held May 4, 2009)

The meeting summary from the May 4th Steering Committee meeting was approved unanimously by the Steering Committee.

III. LRTP Protocol for Conducting Business and Business Consultation

Mr. Roa introduced a policy to the Steering Committee that sets a protocol for communications between Steering Committee members, the MPO, and the LRTP consulting team. The protocol requires communications to be routed through the MPO's LRTP project manager; that needed information requested from Steering Committee members be provided in a complete and timely manner; and that requests from Steering Committee members for materials that are not clearly included in the scope of work of the MPO LRTP contract be handled at the discretion of the MPO LRTP project manager and/or the MPO director.

IV. MDX Proposed 2030 LRTP Amendment to include PD&E for US-1 Express Project along Busway from SW 304 St to Dadeland South Metrorail Station

Mayra Diaz, Miami-Dade Expressway, proposed an amendment to the 2030 LRTP to include the US-1 Express Project along the busway from SW 304 St to the Dadeland South Metrorail Station. Subsequent to a brief discussion of the purpose of the amendment and MDX's intention to begin the PD&E as soon as possible, the Steering Committee voted to endorse the amendment with the caveat that only the PD&E for the project would be included in the LRTP and that the construction phase of the project would not be included.

V. Draft Cost Feasible Plan

Mr. Saraceno explained that there are several outstanding items that must be clarified/resolved prior to the development of a draft cost feasible plan. In lieu of

presenting a draft cost feasible plan, he presented a powerpoint outlining these items. The items include the following:

1. Cost Feasible Plan development process – Included a brief description of the plan development process. The first draft will be in 2008 dollars and will not include priority periods. The second draft will include priority periods and will be converted to year of expenditure dollars.
2. E+C vs. Needs Plan – Included a discussion of changes to the E+C network based on projects falling out of the 5 year work program/TIP. Such projects will be added to the Needs Plan as the highest priority projects.
3. Operations and maintenance costs – Included a discussion of ongoing clarification of Miami-Dade Transit and Public Works existing system O&M costs.
4. PD&E and Design costs – Included a discussion of the need for comprehensive pre-construction cost estimates. This must include both planning (PD&E) and engineering (Design) costs. A rule of thumb for planning/design cost from the FDOT Central Office is 20% of construction costs.
5. Right of Way needs – Included a discussion of the need for information on whether projects require the acquisition of right-of-way. Cost estimates can be subsequently developed based on “rule of thumb” unit cost of 25% of construction cost.
6. TRIP revenue allocation – Included a discussion of the criteria for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding eligibility, which includes: projects must be identified in capital improvements element of CDMP; must be consistent with SIS Plan; 50% local, regional, or private funding match.

Mr. Saraceno explained that the next step in the process is to resolve the above listed issues and to subsequently proceed in the development of a cost feasible plan, which will be presented at the June 9, 2009 meeting.

Wilson Fernandez, MPO, questioned whether the 20% rule of thumb for planning/design costs, as a proportion of construction cost, is a proportion of construction costs with scope contingencies or without scope contingencies. Mr. Saraceno committed to review the costs and to ensure consistency with guidelines and across projects in the plan. Mr. Fernandez also suggested that consistency be maintained across project cost estimates in the plan.

VI. Regional LRTP Status Update

Mr. Fernandez provided an update on the regional coordination process. He explained that an issue was raised by FDOT, District 4 regarding the SERPM model performance in south Miami-Dade County. The problem is that congested speeds in the E+C scenario are extremely low in this part of the County, in some cases as low as four (4) miles per hour. One possible reason for this is the

explosive residential growth in this part of the County. The forecast socioeconomic data has been called into question. Mark Woerner, Miami-Dade Department of Planning and Zoning, asserted that the projected growth in south Miami-Dade is, in fact, realistic. Mr. Fernandez stated that he would bring up the issue at the next RTTAC meeting.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2009; 10:00 AM; 10th Floor CITT Conference Room as an all day workshop to discuss the draft cost feasible plan.