

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

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 1**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

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

**10<sup>th</sup> Floor CITT Conference Room**

**Friday, February 15, 2008  
10:00 A.M.**

**Members Present**

**Maria Batista  
Aileen Boucle  
Bruce Coward  
Mayra Diaz  
Wilson Fernandez  
Carl Filer  
Larry Foutz  
Jose Gonzalez  
Susanna Guzman-Arean  
David Henderson  
Javier Heredia  
Becky Hope  
Rolando Jimenez  
Kevin Klopp  
John O'Brien  
Carlos Roa  
Elizabeth Rockwell  
Joseph Quinty  
Phil Steinmiller  
Vivian Villaamil  
Mark Woerner**

**Others Present**

**Odalys Delgado  
John Kulpa  
Jose Sanchez  
Franco Saraceno  
Myung Sung**

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**I. Welcome - Introduction of Steering Committee Members**

Carlos Roa, Project Manager, opened the meeting and members of the Steering Committee introduced themselves.

**II. Message from the Project Manager**

Carlos Roa described the current state of transportation policy as a situation in which there is very limited funding available due to a number of factors, yet the needs in terms of the demand on the system is increasing. He stated that there will likely be less projects in the 2035 LRTP than in the 2030 LRTP and that we must creatively meet the demands on the system through this planning process.

**III. Overview of the Consultant Team**

Franco Saraceno, Gannett Fleming, presented an overview of the Consultant Team. Gannett Fleming, the prime consultant, will provide the lead on all tasks and will be assisted by the subconsultants as follows:

*Advanced Transportation Engineering Consultants, Inc.* – Will provide assistance with Data Compilation and Transportation Plan Update.

*AECOM Consult, Inc.* – Will provide assistance with Financial Resources and Travel Demand Modeling.

*Charesse Chester and Associates, Inc.* – Will provide assistance with Public Participation.

*Citilabs, Inc.* – Will provide assistance with Travel Demand Modeling.

*FIU* – Will provide assistance with Data Compilation.

*Strategy Solutions, Inc.* – Will provide assistance with Public Participation.

**IV. Overview of the Plan Development Process and Schedule**

Franco Saraceno presented an overview of the Long Range Transportation Plan development process including the Needs Plan, Cost Feasible Plan, agency coordination, new elements in the LRTP process, and post LRTP adoption support.

Among the elements of the LRTP process that are new for this update are the following:

- Adherence to the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) adopted in 2005;
- Enhanced regional coordination with Palm Beach and Broward MPOs throughout the planning process resulting in a Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP);
- Community visioning as part of the Public Participation Plan;
- Increased use of visualization techniques per SAFETEA-LU requirements; and
- Development of the Interactive LRTP website.

Carlos Roa elaborated on the community visioning component and stated that the technique that is utilized for the visioning process will be demonstrated to the Steering Committee prior to implementation. Mr. Roa also stated that the Interactive LRTP website will be developed similarly to the InteracTIP website in terms of functionality but will be improved in terms of the design of the site.

Mr. Roa explained that there are two levels of agency coordination in the LRTP process. The first level is comprised of local Miami-Dade agencies, represented by the LRTP Steering Committee and the second level is comprised of MPOs and other regional agencies in addition to some of the same local agencies. The latter coordination is represented by the Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC). The RTTAC will oversee the development of the RLRTP. Mr. Roa introduced Wilson Fernandez as the Miami-Dade MPO representative on the RTTAC.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the Palm Beach and Broward MPOs are currently in the process of selecting LRTP consultants and should have done so by the end of March, 2008. After the LRTP consultants have been selected by the three respective MPOs, a regional consultant will be selected and retained by the Palm Beach MPO. The regional consultant will coordinate the development of the RLRTP. Mr. Fernandez stated that the Southeast Florida Regional Planning Model (SERPMv6.5) will be utilized for the LRTP(s) and RLRTP process and that the three county level models will no longer be maintained.

Mr. Roa introduced Larry Foutz as the representative of the Freight Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Foutz stated that there will be a stand-alone component in the LRTP for freight improvements, including seaport, airport, and rail projects.

Mr. Roa introduced David Henderson as the representative of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Mr. Henderson stated that there will also be a stand-alone component in the LRTP for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Mr. Roa introduced Elizabeth Rockwell as the Public Involvement Manager. Ms. Rockwell stated that the Regional Public Involvement Plan (RPIP) is currently being developed. Ms. Rockwell explained the public involvement process as a local effort that will also include a regional component. All Miami-Dade public involvement meetings should incorporate a regional component, keeping citizens informed and active in the regional planning process.

Aileen Boucle inquired whether the Steering Committee would have a direct role in the development of the LRTP Goals and Objectives. Mr. Roa responded that the requirements of SAFETEA-LU have been incorporated into the 2030 LRTP Goals and Objectives and that regional goals and objectives have already been developed for 2030 regional LRTP. 2035 Goals and Objectives would be developed within the frame of current federal, state and local requirements and emphasis areas and that a draft will be presented to the Steering Committee. He added that the visioning process that will be utilized in the public participation process to refine the Goals and Objectives would also be conducted with the Steering Committee for their input. Myung Sung added that there are two options for the 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives. One is to refine the previous update (2030 LRTP) and the other is to develop new Goals and Objectives from scratch.

Mark Woerner inquired about the nature of the regional coordination and how the Steering Committee would be represented at the regional level. Mr. Fernandez responded that the 2030 LRTP update included regional coordination after the three respective plans were adopted, resulting in a combination of the plans rather than a true regional plan. The 2035 update will include a more comprehensive effort including coordination from the beginning of the plan update process. This coordination will occur at multiple levels, including needs alternatives development, cost feasible plan development, and cost feasible project prioritization. He added that regional performance measures will be critical to this process so as to quantify needs in a way that supports regional standards. Mr. Fernandez also stated that Miami-Dade issues/needs will bubble up to the regional committees via his and other Miami-Dade representatives on the RTTAC.

The project schedule based on adoption of the 2035 LRTP by September 2009 was presented and discussed. Mr. Saraceno pointed out that the Data Compilation, Financial Resources Review, and Modeling efforts are scheduled to be completed in 2008 and the Transportation Plan Update Task would occur through adoption of the LRTP in September 2009. More scheduling details will be provided to the Steering Committee as they are developed.

#### V. Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

Steering Committee Meetings are scheduled for 2008 to occur once per month, with the exception of August, October, and November. The Steering Committee will meet twice per month during those months due to the demanding nature of the Analysis and Evaluation of Needs Alternatives and Cost Feasible Plan

Development tasks, which are scheduled to be completed in September and December, respectively. The 2009 meeting schedule is being developed and will be provided to the Steering Committee at a future date. Please let Carlos Roa know if Steering Committee emails are not reaching both Voting Members and Alternates so that he can keep the Steering Committee apprised of unforeseen meeting schedule revisions.

VI. U.S. Transportation Policy and the MPOs

Mr. Roa delivered a presentation to the Steering Committee outlining the origin of transportation planning in the U.S. in terms of federal legislation and policy.

VII. Next Meeting

Mr. Roa reminded the Steering Committee that the next meeting would take place on March 14, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor CITT Conference Room.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.