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

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 5

MEETING SUMMARY

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

10th Floor CITT Conference Room

Friday, June 27, 2008 10:00 A.M.

Members Present Maria Batista

Mayra Diaz

Wilson Fernandez

Larry Foutz

Susanna Guzman-Arean

David Henderson

Becky Hope

Rolando Jimenez

Shari Kamali

John O'Brien

Carlos Roa

Elizabeth Rockwell

Vivian Villaamil

Others Present

Derek Bradchulis

Rene De Huelbes

Dat Huynh

Eric Goodman

Ken Jeffries

John Kulpa

Jitender Ramchandani

Jose Sanchez

Rory Santana

Myung Sung

Amy Wang

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I. Welcome – Introduction of Members

Carlos Roa welcomed Steering Committee members to the meeting.

II. Approval of Meeting #4 Summary (held May 23, 2008)

The meeting summary from the May 23rd Steering Committee meeting was approved unanimously by the Steering Committee. Larry Foutz, MPO, requested that a summary of the survey results from the 5/23 meeting be added as an addendum to the meeting summary.

III. Preliminary Existing plus Committed (E+C) Model Network Review

Franco Saraceno, Gannett Fleming, distributed an updated list of E+C improvements, and a map with the plotted improvements for geographical reference, to the Steering Committee. Mr. Saraceno explained that the orange shaded projects on the list are ones that should not be included in the list for one of three reasons: 1. Not truly committed (projects with no specific location or committed construction funding) 2. Not capacity improvement or 3. Local roads not appropriate for model network coding. Projects with yellow shading are ones that require more information for model network coding. The only projects in this category at this point are some transit projects. Mr. Saraceno stated that Gannett Fleming staff is currently working with the appropriate agency/consultant staff to obtain the appropriate information for those projects.

Mr. Foutz stated that the County Commission also has enacted significant cutbacks to the local bus service across the County and to make sure it is reflected in the E+C list. He also pointed out that the MIC-MIA connector project is not on the list and to make sure it is added.

Myung Sung, Gannett Fleming, reminded the Steering Committee that the E+C network has two purposes: 1. Planning purpose, for use in travel demand modeling and 2. Priority 1 phase in final LRTP. He stated that for the second purpose, the project list will be updated in 2009 when a new TIP is adopted.

Wilson Fernandez, MPO, stated that not all rail corridors in the TIP should be considered committed simply because they are partially funded in the TIP. Mr. Roa added that some projects are contingent on the MDT pro forma and will need to be revisited as necessary.

IV. Overview of Preliminary Financial Gap Analysis Methdology

Mr. Saraceno briefed the Steering Committee on a preliminary financial resources review activity involving the current LRTP (2030) and its solvency. The financial subconsultant, AECOM, is currently reviewing the 2030 LRTP project costs and revenue projections and, based on the latest available data, updating them to reflect current conditions. Preliminary results indicate an escalation in construction costs of about 45% on an aggregate average basis, and an average reduction in revenue of almost 30%. AECOM will deliver a full presentation to the Steering Committee at the following meeting.

V. Interactive LRTP Website Preliminary Launch Demonstration

Mr. Saraceno provided a demonstration of the Interactive LRTP website, showing the Steering Committee the features that have been developed thus far. The website is currently on line at www.miamidade2035transportationplan.com and contains primarily information on public involvement opportunities. The website will be updated on an ongoing basis and updates will be presented to the Steering Committee at future meetings.

VI. Regional LRTP Status Update

Mr. Fernandez provided a status update on the RLRTP effort. He stated that the SEFTC.org website is currently online and that a master schedule is being developed. Mr. Fernandez informed the committee that the first round of public involvement meetings in Miami-Dade County will include the distribution of information on the regional LRTP effort and that the Broward MPO will begin their public involvement program in late July-August and the Palm Beach MPO will begin their program in September-October. Mr. Fernandez informed the group that the RTTAC will formally adopt a modeling subcommittee that will have its first meeting on August 4, 2008. There will also be a project management subcommittee consisting of LRTP management staff from the three MPOs.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2008; 10:00 AM; 10th Floor CITT Conference Room.