

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

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 7

MEETING SUMMARY

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

10th Floor CITT Conference Room

**Friday, August 22, 2008
10:00 A.M.**

Members Present

**Maria Batista
Derek Bradchulis
Mayra Diaz
Xavier Falconi
Carl Filer
Larry Foutz
Jose Gonzalez
David Henderson
Becky Hope
Rolando Jimenez
John O'Brien
Carlos Roa
Elizabeth Rockwell
Napoleon Somoza
Phil Steinmiller
Vivian Villaamil**

Others Present

**Rory Santana
Franco Saraceno**

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I. Welcome – Introduction of Members

Carlos Roa welcomed Steering Committee members to the meeting.

II. Approval of Meeting #6 Summary (held July 25, 2008)

The meeting summary from the July 25th Steering Committee meeting was approved unanimously by the Steering Committee.

III. Public Involvement Survey Results

Franco Saraceno, Gannett Fleming, presented the results of the public involvement survey administered at the June/July meetings and on the LRTP website. A total of 389 responses were received, including 127 from the public involvement meetings and 262 completed on line. Mr. Saraceno stressed that this effort did not include a statistically valid survey design or analysis; that the intent of the survey was to be used as a public input tool, rather than a scientific study. Overall, the survey results indicate broad support for the draft Goals and Objectives to guide the LRTP update. In some cases there was overwhelming support, including 87% of respondents agree that transportation improvements are needed to provide better access to Miami-Dade County airports and seaports for tourists and the community; 85% of respondents agree that transportation improvements are needed to improve the connection between Miami-Dade and Broward counties to provide more direct access to places of work, shopping, and schools; 92% of respondents agree that the decrease of water quality and supply should be considered in future transportation improvements; 89% of respondents agree that decline of air quality should be considered in future transportation improvements and; 81% of respondents agree that decline of air quality should be considered in future transportation improvements.

On the other hand, the survey indicated tepid support for other strategies, including: 55% of respondents are not willing to pay tolls to avoid congestion and 58% of respondents disagree that some roads should be partially converted into toll roads to relieve traffic and generate funds to improve transportation.

Overall, participants in the survey suggest that the plan should focus on developing more and better transit service, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, and improving air quality. Participants also understand and agree with the notion that alternative strategies to building new or expanding existing roads must be employed, including non-capital congestion management alternatives.

IV. Goals and Objectives

Mr. Saraceno distributed a matrix relating the public involvement survey and other media of public input to the draft goals and objectives. Thirty people provided direct comments on the draft goals and objectives. Mr. Saraceno suggested that, based on the comments, 4 new objectives be added to the current draft of Goals and Objectives, including the following:

1. Under Goal 1, add an objective that reads “Promote transportation improvements that provide for the needs of the elderly and disabled.”
2. Under Goal 1, add an objective that reads “Improve transit services that provide access to public schools.”
3. Under Goal 3, add an objective that reads “Provide security improvements on transit facilities.”
4. Under Goal 5, add an objective that reads “Promote environmentally friendly technologies for transit service that focus on improving air quality.”

After lengthy discussion, the Steering Committee decided to make the following changes/adjustments to the draft Goals and Objectives:

1. Do not add an objective addressing transit security
2. Under Goal 1, reword the 9th objective to read “Promote new non-motorized (bicycle, pedestrian, greenways) projects.”
3. Under Goal 5, add an objective that reads “Promote the use of alternative vehicle technologies.”
4. Under Goal 5, reword the 5th objective to read “Promote consistency between transportation improvements and locally adopted growth and economic development plans.”
5. Under Goal 5, reword the 6th objective to read “Prioritize funding to favor intra-urban (within UDB) improvements.”
6. Move the objective under Goal 6 that reads “Apply transportation and land use planning techniques, such as transit-oriented development, that support intermodal connections and coordination” to Goal 5.
7. Under Goal 7, reword the 4th objective to read “Optimize use of private sector funding sources.”

V. Regional Model LRTP Update

Larry Foutz, MPO, provided a status update on the regional LRTP modeling effort being undertaken by FDOT, District 4. Mr. Foutz stated that the RTTAC Modeling Subcommittee decided to utilize the time-of-day version of the SERPM for the LRTP’s. He also informed the Steering Committee that the subcommittee

is in the process of coding the Existing plus Committed network for the use of needs development.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2008; 10:00 AM; 10th Floor CITT Conference Room.