

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

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 8

MEETING SUMMARY

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

10th Floor CITT Conference Room

**Friday, September 26, 2008
10:00 A.M.**

Members Present

**Maria Batista
Derek Bradchulis
Mayra Diaz
Xavier Falconi
Wilson Fernandez
Carl Filer
Jose Gonzalez
Eric Goodman
Javier Heredia
Rolando Jimenez
John O'Brien
Carlos Roa
Elizabeth Rockwell
Phil Steinmiller
Vivian Villaamil
Mark Woerner**

Others Present

**Kapil Arya
Tere Garcia
Ken Jeffries
Franco Saraceno**

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I. Welcome – Introduction of Members

Carlos Roa welcomed Steering Committee members to the meeting.

II. Approval of Meeting #7 Summary (held August 22, 2008)

The meeting summary from the August 22nd Steering Committee meeting was approved unanimously by the Steering Committee.

III. Final Goals and Objectives

Franco Saraceno, Gannett Fleming, presented the final Goals and Objectives, which were agreed upon at the prior Steering Committee meeting. Two minor changes were made, both of which are more semantical in nature than substantial. Mark Woerner, Department of Planning and Zoning, stated that recent state legislation requiring greenhouse emission reduction plans effective immediately should be reflected in the LRTP Goals and Objectives. Mr. Roa proposed that the objective to “Reduce fossil fuel use” should be amended to read “Reduce fossil fuels use and greenhouse gas emissions”. The committee agreed unanimously on this revision.

IV. E+C Network Review – as coded by regional modeling consultant

Mr. Saraceno distributed a table of comments based on Gannett Fleming’s review of the model coding of the E+C network. Wilson Fernandez, MPO, noted that one of the comments regarding auxiliary lanes should be discussed as to whether auxiliary lanes should in fact be considered capacity improvements and be coded in the model network. Mayra Diaz, MDX, stated that auxiliary lanes should be considered capacity improvements, particularly when the lanes extend from one interchange all the way to the subsequent one. Mr. Saraceno stated that it is possible that auxiliary lane coding may not be consistent with a freeway ramp merge delay function in the model. This function assesses a time delay to ramp links that are connected to freeway mainline links and also to the mainline links they are connected to. Auxiliary lanes may require the delay, particularly on the ramp links, to be scaled back. Mr. Saraceno committed to providing a more

complete analysis of the ramp merge delay function to the committee prior to the next RTTAC modeling subcommittee meeting.

Carl Filer, FDOT, asked whether the bus improvements associated with the I-95 express project are reflected in the E+C network. Mr. Saraceno responded that this will be checked. (Follow up: The four Broward routes that will operate on the I-95 express hot lanes are included in the E+C network.)

Ms. Diaz concurred with the Gannett Fleming assessment that open road toll plazas should include elimination of added impedance associated with plaza service time, acceleration and deceleration time in the model.

V. Preliminary Needs Development Discussion

Mr. Saraceno described briefly the Steering Committee needs development workshop that is scheduled for October 24. He stated that it will include the identification of actual needs based on E+C model run results, which delineate the deficiencies of the transportation system relative to 2035 demand (SE data). Subsequent to the workshop, Gannett Fleming will analyze the results and, where possible, will reconcile needs improvements resulting from the workshop with projects already formally conceptualized by the various agencies.

VI. Proposed 2030 LRTP Amendment – MDX Gratigny Parkway extension to I-95

Mayra Diaz gave a brief presentation on a proposed amendment to add an MDX project to the 2030 LRTP (Gratigny Parkway extension to I-95).

VII. Regional LRTP Status Update

Wilson Fernandez updated the committee on the status of the Regional LRTP. Currently, the E+C network is being reviewed by the respective MPO's, which is scheduled to be complete and the E+C network finalized prior to the October 24 needs development workshop for the Miami-Dade LRTP Steering Committee. The three MPO's have also completed their initial public involvement meetings/workshops and are in various stages in the process of formally adopting their Goals and Objectives.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2008; 10:00 AM; 10th Floor CITT Conference Room.