



**Miami-Dade
Long Range Transportation Plan to the Year 2035
Coral Gables Library
3443 Segovia Street
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Thursday, June 26, 2008
6:30 p.m.
Public Meeting Minutes**

Carlos Roa (MPO) welcomed the attendees and introduced the staff scheduled to make presentations. Carlos discussed the role of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and its responsibility in guiding transportation planning. He further explained the MPO's responsibility in updating the Long Range Transportation Plan to the Year 2035. He offered an overview of the process by explaining that it requires an examination of highways, transit, mobility, environment, quality of life, freight, and congestion management. Carlos Roa concluded by introducing the two activities scheduled for the evening: the survey and Blocks and Ribbons Exercise.

Charesse Chester (Chester & Associates) spoke briefly on the purpose of the workshop and the projected growth as defined by the Miami-Dade Planning and Zoning Department. She identified the participants as transportation planners and urged them to think regionally when making their transportation improvements recommendations.

JT Rehill (Strategy Solutions) administered the survey using the Option Finder®. He urged residents with individual comments to record them on the comment cards provided by the PI team.

Charesse Chester moderated the 60-minute Blocks and Ribbons Exercise. Facilitators managed the tables and assisted the members of the public with completing the exercise. Attendees were also encouraged to write comments on the draft Goals and Objectives forms.

Carlos opened the floor for questions and answers.

Collin Worth (resident) suggested that instead of showing future growth show future density.

Carlos Roa responded by explaining the value of each of the red and yellow blocks. He also explained the values are not negotiable. It is based on the projections provided by the Miami-Dade Planning & Zoning.

Franco Saraceno (Gannett Fleming) explained the next steps in the LRTP update process. He urged the attendees to remain involved in the process by visiting the MPO website (www.miamidade.gov) to link to the project's interactive website.

All meeting materials were available in English, Spanish and Creole. Translators were also available to assist.

Attendance: 25

Key Organizations: University of Miami, City of Coral Gables, Florida Department of Transportation, Miami Neighborhood United Homeowners Association, Emerge Miami, and Miami Dade Expressway Authority

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Meeting adjourned

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