

**Moving Broward Collaborative
December 20, 2002
9:00am to 11:00 am
3400 W. Commercial Blvd.
New Auditorium
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309**

Attendees

Ossama Al Aschkar, Broward County DPEP
Bob Bekoff, Water Taxi
Veronica Boza, Keith and Schnars, P.A.
Paul Carpenter, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association
Joe Corradino, The Corradino Group
Peter Dokuchitz, City of Plantation
Tracie Fong, Kittelson and Associates
Sara Forelle, [Catanese Center at FAU](#)
Helen Gray, City of Fort Lauderdale
Marie Jarman, Tri-Rail
Beth Kuttner, Broward County DPEP
Greg Kyle, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Tony Longo, City of Fort Lauderdale
David Marshall, Mobility Management, Inc.
Peter Partington, City of Fort Lauderdale
Maria Savoia, FDOT District 4
Scott Seeburger, FDOT District 4
Mike Sherman, The Sherman Connection
Lorraine Smith, Broward County Transit
Cathy Sweetapple, Keith and Schnars, P.A.
Jeff Weidner, FDOT District 4
Corine Williams, FDOT District 4

Meeting Minutes

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Jeff Weidner
- ❖ Self introductions were made by the participants
- ❖ Jeff Weidner highlighted the year in review for the Moving Broward Collaborative. A lot of progress has been made. The web site has been completed.
- ❖ Elections for Chair and Vice Chair were conducted. Chair will be Jeff Weidner, FDOT and Vice Chair will be Lorraine Smith, BCt.

PROJECT STATUS AND SCHEDULES:

- Tri-Rail Double Track – This will enhance headway to 20 minutes. The project is running slightly behind schedule it should be completed by 2006.
- RTO Intermodal Study – This study is completed and we are waiting for funding that will be based on the Legislation going through. The study identified four Bus Rapid Transit Routes on four corridors, which are Okeechobee Blvd to downtown West Palm Beach, Broward and Sunrise Blvd. to downtown Fort Lauderdale, Flamingo Road/Sawgrass Mills to Metrorail extension and Miami Gardens Drive. If the Legislation goes through Tri-Rail will receive \$8,000,000 annually. These funds will improve headway on these four corridors. The possible technology to be used for the Bus Rapid Transit is either the Cibus busses or articulated buses. Keith and Schnars is working on bringing the Cibus Company down to South Florida to do a demonstration of their product and Jeff Weidner is willing to provide a support letter on FDOT letterhead.
- I-75 Master Plan – Have returned to MPO to make another presentation.
- Central Broward East/West Transit Alternatives Corridor – Scoping meetings were held in November 2002 for the agencies and the public. There will be MPO involvement in January 2003. There are fifty different alternatives of alignments and modes for this premium transit service. The Alternatives Analysis will be conducted prior to the PD&E.
- Tri-Rail Bus/Rail Feeder – The data collection is complete for this study and group will now look at alternatives and funding sources.
- HOV System Plan – This will allow for better operations of the HOV corridor. HOV corridor is successful in Miami-Dade. Broward is looking to extend the enforcement period to four hours in the morning and afternoon and Miami Dade is looking to increase enforcement to a 24-hour period. FDOT is working with BCt and Palm Tran to have transit on I-95. This study is also looking at the HOV connection to downtown Fort Lauderdale. An Intermodal Center at Broward Blvd. with transportation to downtown is being considered. There was discussion regarding the enforcement of the HOV lanes and the Officers not having a safe place to stop to pull people over. Someone suggested the use of cameras for enforcement and for this to be allowed a Legislative Statute needs to be written. There is no real deterrent from violating the HOV rules since the fine is so low only \$70. In other locations such as Washington, D.C. the fine is \$500.
- FLL-SW 4th Avenue – Under construction soon to be completed.
- FLL-New International Terminal – Airport not present to update
- FLL – Exit Roadways – Airport not present to update
- FLL – Intermodal Center – Airport not present to update
- FLL – People Mover – PD&E and design criteria awarded through the RFP. Millions of dollars available in JAICP in outer years of FDOT Work Program.
- FLL – Access Ramps – Airport not present to update
- Port Everglades – Eller Drive Projects – Port not present to update
- Port Everglades – Security – Port not present to update
- Transit Bridge – Going into preliminary engineering phase after the planning phase is completed. Considering applying for New Starts funding. The operating budget will be finalized in January with Kittelson. Transit Bridge will coordinate

with the Central Broward East/West Transit Corridor study for linkages to the northern end of the transit bridge.

- Clean Air Cooperative – First priority is to have a shuttle to connect the 17th Street hotels and Convention Center to the beaches. This will be done with alternative fuel vehicles. It will be similar to the transit service offered on International Drive in Orlando. January 14, 2003 going to the County Commission for approval to purchase eight trolleys and four trailers. They are arranging with the Port to park the trolley at the old hotel site. City of Ft. Lauderdale is looking toward trolleys or different technologies. The group commented that we need to have continuity between transportation in the county especially since the county is investing in continuity, sense of place, techniques.
- Waterbus Facility – Can use Ferryboat Discretionary funds to construct. There are three choices for location including where the current building is, north side of Las Olas marina and under the 17th St. Bridge on the southwest side. Renderings of the proposed facility will be available at the next meeting.
- Waterbus Extended Routes and Headways – Extended routes and headways on weekdays and February through April. There were 400,000 passengers in calendar year 2002 with 82,000 passengers in November 2002.
- Waterbus ADA Landings – Palm Beach received \$1,000,000 for landings and Broward did not receive any funding for this. The application for the next cycle of Ferryboat Discretionary funds has to be to FDOT by 1/15/03. There is \$900,000 available through the Broward Boating Improvement Program that can be used for ADA landings. The ADA coordinator for Broward County indicated that the landings need to be fully ADA accessible in 18 months. It costs \$40,000 per stop for ADA compliance.
- Waterbus Automated Ticketing – The wireless ticketing system has been in operation for 90 days. They are now moving into the second phase of the project, which is for self-service kiosks.
- BCt Real Time Information – There are four locations that are equipped with this technology. They are working well and BCt is receiving good feedback. The one negative comment they have received is that the signs are too high at the downtown terminal and BCt will work with the vendor to lower them. This technology tells passengers when the next bus is going to be at the stop. If this program works well it will be expanded systemwide.
- City of Plantation – The Master Plan was approved by the City Council on Wednesday December 18, 2002. Staff was asked to get all the regulatory structures in place such as zoning, land use plan, concurrency and overlays so that development could be more transit and pedestrian friendly. There are four vacant parcels in the District and a residential mixed-use project has already been approved. They are interested in beginning a demonstration project for transit and are interested in using Civis. They like Civis since it is flexible and aesthetically pleasing. Plantation needs to be directly linked to the Central Broward East/West Transit Corridor with a transit oriented designed building.
- Ft. Lauderdale RAC – Seeking to acquire funds through Reauthorization
- Bicycle Greenways – There will be a cross county bikeway along S4 84

- DFLTMA Parking Study – The inventory has been completed and will be posted on TMA web site www.citycruiser.org
- Ft. Laud. Community Shuttles – Arson destroyed six of the seven vehicles. The vehicles that were used to replace the existing vehicles were not ADA compliant. The deadline for ADA compliance was extended until January 5, 2003. The hybrids should be operational by January 15, 2003. Ridership is strong regardless of the vehicle issue.
- SR 84 Enhancement Area – Local Area Participation is going forward
- NW 7th Ave./9th Ave. Connector – Alignment approved by the City and County they are now working on the design.
- Sistrunk Corridor Plan – Design is underway from US 1 to the railroad tracks to have a three-lane road. In the Midtown area from (7th Ave. to 15th Ave.) the five-lane section will be reduced to three.
- Andrews Ave./3rd Ave. - The progress has been slowed down but they will be organizing a meeting to begin the formal PD&E.
- Fort Lauderdale Master Plan – The Transportation Element is being taken out of the RAC study.
- Ft. Lauderdale Beach Transit and Parking PD&E Study – The Urban Land Institute was down for a week to study the beach area and didn't like the idea of remote parking. They liked having the parking closer to the beach. They came down during the off season but they did have some good suggestions for signage
- Other –
 - Bridge over New River – Broward County asked what the status was of the bridge over the New River for Tri-Rail. There are two train bridges, one for freight and one for Tri-Rail. The Notice to Proceed will be issued in February for the new bridge. Tri-Rail is addressing the noise issue for the new bridge. This will include public involvement regarding the noise issue, Tri-Rail to speak with their marketing department. The FDOT Rail Safety Office is working on having closed crossing and then FTA will allow for no whistle blowing zones.
 - Additional Projects to Discuss – Broward County ITS and Turnpike District

Next meeting-will be scheduled and announced at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.