

**Moving Broward Collaborative
March 21, 2003
9:00am to 11:00 am
Girl Scout Building
4701 NW 33rd Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**

Attendees

Bob Bekoff, Water Taxi
Nancy Bungo, FDOT District 4
Paul Carpenter, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association
Maggie Cortez-Kirkpatrick, South Florida Commuter Services
David Daniels, Broward County Transit
Peter Dokuchitz, City of Plantation
Maria Fishcer, FDOT District 4
Tracie Fong, Kittelson and Associates
Sara Forelle, Catanese Center at FAU
Dan Glickman, Citizen
Helen Gray, City of Fort Lauderdale
Bill Houppermans, URS
Bill Keith, Keith and Associates
Beth Kuttner, Broward County DPEP
Greg Kyle, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Jack Latona, Center for Creating the Future
Tony Longo, City of Fort Lauderdale
Peter Partington, City of Fort Lauderdale
Lloyd Robinson, FDOT District 4
Mike Sherman, PBS&J
Cathy Sweetapple, Cathy Sweetapple and Associates
Jeff Weidner, FDOT District 4
Corine Williams, FDOT District 4
Stephen Wilson, Broward Aviation
Enrique Zelaya, Broward County

Meeting Minutes

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Jeff Weidner
- ❖ Self introductions were made by the participants

PROJECT STATUS AND SCHEDULES:

- Ft. Lauderdale Beach Transit and Parking PD&E Study – \$1.5 million has been secured by the city for vehicle acquisition. Vehicle technology has not been identified yet, but they may be trolleys. The capital funds are secured for this

current fiscal year. The city will bid the service out to a provider. There is \$15 million available for operating. The roadway improvements are further advanced than transit. There is a 1,000 space parking garage proposed for the Las Olas area.

- Fort Lauderdale Master Plan – FDOT is on the technical board for this study that incorporates transportation and land use.
- Andrews Ave./3rd Ave. – Proposal has been received by the city to do a PD&E. A 2-1 contra flow roadway is proposed and the roadway will be pedestrian friendly. The PD&E will take a year to complete. Helen Gray is to provide FDOT with a copy of the site plan as it was approved.
- Sistrunk Corridor Plan – Design is underway. The segment from US 1 to Andrews Avenue has narrow right of way. The city will be acquiring an additional fifteen feet on the south side. West of Andrews Avenue the roadway will have three lanes with on street parking and nine foot sidewalks. There is a \$6 million budget for construction. The redesign of the street will incorporate transit infrastructure. The city opted not to have bicycle lanes. FDOT suggested reconsidering having bicycle lanes included. FDOT also recommended considering transit nubs instead of bays.
- NW 7th Ave./9th Ave. Connector – City is waiting for the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) report to be accepted to proceed with the project.
- SR 84 Enhancement Area – This is a landscaping project. Work is about to begin on this project. There is \$500,000 allocated for the project and it is for SR 84 east of I-95.
- Ft. Laud. Community Shuttles – There will be a workshop for the TMA 10 year on April 5 at 8:00 a.m. at 450 Las Olas Boulevard. Last summer the TMA decided to bring a consultant on board to assist with transit planning and funding. The consultant conducted a peer group review of similar TMAs and is trying to find a more secure funding source. The consultant will now prepare a 10 year plan that will include a financing strategy. The TMA is looking to put the service out to bid for a turnkey operation of the TMA system. The contract would be in place by summer 2003 to have an independent contractor run the service. The 10 year plan will include a marketing plan. South Florida Commuter Services offered their assistance in reviewing the marketing plan.
- Downtown Ft. Lauderdale Parking Study – This project is part of the current TMA Work Plan. The consultant is inventorying downtown parking. Once the project is complete the public will be able to access the information on the TMA website at www.citycruiser.org. A brochure will also be available. The City Parking Manager is being included in this project. There will be links to the downtown parking information on the South Florida Commuter Services website www.1800234RIDE.com and other applicable sites.
- Bicycle Greenways – There are four or five long corridors proposed. SR 84 and Dixie Highway will be funded first by the MPO. There is \$40 million allocated for the Greenways.
- Ft. Lauderdale RAC – The DDA was leading the project but project management has changed and they are unsure how the project will proceed. In mid-March

2003 applications were prepared to request support from local Congressmen for funding of the project.

- City of Plantation – The final draft is available. Proposed internalizing the roadway network between Cleary Blvd, University Drive, Pine Island Rd. and I-595. Internal transit circulators are proposed.
- BCt Real Time Information – Three routes have this technology, Routes 1, 10 and 22. The six month demonstration project began in October 2002. The service is being provided by www.nextbus.com. Real time transit information can be downloaded on a computer or Palm Pilot. There are numerous electronic information signs including at the main Library, Government Center, West Terminal, Central Terminal and on some bus shelters on US 1.
- Water Bus Automated Ticketing – The software has been completed. The hardware still needs to be completed. Eventually would like to have the ticket kiosks available in hotels in the Convention Center area. FDOT recommended the Water Bus coordinate with Tri-Rail for audio ticket vending.
- Water Bus ADA Landings – County is requiring every stop to be ADA accessible. The county is finding the funds to implement this requirement.
- Water Bus Extended Routes and Headways – This is just in the planning stages. Ridership is increasing and sometimes have to leave passengers behind.
- Water Bus Intermodal – Survey was conducted in early 2003 to see if there is a need to provide service for commuters. Questions on survey asked how close they live and work to the river. Currently there are not enough people to justify this commuter service. Water Bus will repeat this survey in a year to see if the service is needed once new development constructed.
- Water Bus Alternative Fuel Funding Program – Water Bus is working with Broward County to acquire additional boats with these funds.
- Clean Air Cooperative – This service should be similar to the transit service provided on International Drive in Orlando.
- Transit Bridge – The Alternative Analysis has been completed. They are looking to extend the corridor to I595 from Hollywood Boulevard. This new section has to go through the Alternatives Analysis. Eventually will be applying for New Starts funding. The entire corridor will go through an operations analysis. The transit bridge will link to the east/west premium transit facility.
- Port Everglades – Security – \$37 million security program to include a blast wall and electrical fences.
- Port Everglades – Eller Drive Projects – FDOT and Port have a project to move the rail yard closer to the Port and bring the rail yard under Eller Drive. The plan is to construct direct access from FLL to the Port and vice versa. The funds for this project have been redirected to security so the project is on hold.
- FLL – Access Ramps – Ramps are to be completed in August. They are ahead of schedule by six months.
- FLL – People Mover – Negotiations will be in late April. This study will need to see how users of system will pay for the system. The capital cost is projected at \$850 million.
- FLL – Intermodal Center – There will be a lot of work going on with this in summer 2003.

- FLL – Exit Roadways – Third phase of the roadway system improvements will be done in concert with the new terminal.
- FLL-New International Terminal – Negotiating on this project. The designers for the project have been selected.
- FLL-SW 4th Avenue – The roadway is being widened from two lanes to five lanes. It will provide second entrance to the airport and will be completed by the end of March 2003. This project has been moved to the “completed projects” list.
- HOV System Plan – Operations Study – Finalizing the final recommendations. HOV in Miami-Dade is doing well, moving a lot of people. Making recommendations for how to move more people throughout the rest of the corridor. Recommending enhancing separation, extending hours of operation, 24 hour enforcement south of Golden Glades, limited opportunities to move in an out of HOV lanes, raising fines and posting fines. Connector Study – Connect HOV to downtown Fort Lauderdale. The Alternatives Analysis is about to be completed.
- Tri-Rail Bus/Rail Feeder – Peak hour twenty minute frequency to begin in early 2006. Proposing providing frequent buses at key stations.
- Central Broward East/West Transit Alternatives Corridor – Connecting the Sawgrass area to downtown/port area in Fort Lauderdale. They are in the early phases of this study.
- I-75 Master Plan – Land use challenges are significant to be conducive to transit. Planning how to link the Weston area to the new Metrorail station on State Road 826.
- RTO Intermodal Study – Preparing short, middle and long term plans. Currently working on short term plan. Short term plan includes how to spend the funds created by forming a Regional Transportation Authority. Have proposed four bus rapid transit routes on Okeechobee Boulevard, Flamingo Road, Sunrise Boulevard and Miami Gardens Drive. If the RTA legislation goes through Tri-Rail would become the RTA.
- Tri-Rail Double Track – Early 2006 start date for improved frequency of service.
- Other –
 - Additional Projects to Discuss – Broward County ITS and Turnpike District have been added to the distribution list.
 - Broward County Master Plan – The BCt transit terminal may move out of downtown. The project just began. The Board of County Commissioners may approve a new office to manage this project.
 - Web site – Please visit www.movingbroward.org and indicate if there are any concerns with the web site. The web site has received a few hundred hits since the December 2002 Moving Broward meeting.
 - Please keep transportation demand management strategies in mind when in planning phases of studies.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.