

**Moving Broward Collaborative**  
**September 20, 2002**  
**9:00 am to 11:00 am**  
**Girls Scout Building**  
**4701 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Ft. Lauderdale FL 33309**

**Meeting Minutes**

- ❖ The meeting was called to order at 9:10 by Jeff Weidner
- ❖ Self introductions were made by the participants
- ❖ Jeff Weidner highlighted the year in review for the Moving Broward Collaborative. Presentations have been made to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority regarding the efforts of the Moving Broward Collaborative.
- ❖ Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair will be taken at the next Moving Broward meeting.
- ❖ There were no changes to the minutes from the June 2002 meeting.
- ❖ Moving Broward Website – The website is operational and can be accessed by visiting [www.movingbroward.org](http://www.movingbroward.org). Please provide web links to projects as well as documents to Corine Williams (FDOT) at [corine.williams@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:corine.williams@dot.state.fl.us). There have been 390 hits on the website in the last three months.
- ❖ Broward County MPO Technology Workshop will be held November 20, 2002 at the Signature Grand in Davie, Florida. There is room for 50 exhibits and the space for exhibits is free. The goal is to have exhibits from vendors and Moving Broward Collaborative projects. The exhibits begin at 7:30 a.m. and the workshop is from 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Please contact Joe Yesbeck (Carter Burgess) at 954-315-1003 for additional information.

**PROJECT STATUS AND SCHEDULES:**

**1. HOV Systems Plan**

A handout for this project was distributed. The handout shows several features of the project including:

- Study area
- Existing Level of Service on roadways
- Transit ridership, there are 16,000 daily boardings at the downtown Broward County Transit terminal
- Over capacity transit segments
- Future Level of Service on roadways
- There is a lot of local activity indicating that we need a local system to feed into a regional system
- Short-term improvements are identified on how to link the HOV to downtown Fort Lauderdale

- A long-term improvement could be Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). There is a problem though with there being a lot of railroad spurs between Tri-Rail and downtown.
- Additional technologies are identified

A public hearing is scheduled the week of September 23. At the MPO on October 10, 2002 there will be a brief presentation asking them to endorse the study. There is discussion of improvements to the I-95 Broward Boulevard interchange in order to enhance access to downtown.

## **2. Countywide Parking Study**

Completed

A copy of the study is available online at [www.creatingthefuture.org](http://www.creatingthefuture.org)

A CD of the study is available by emailing [crefut@bellsouth.net](mailto:crefut@bellsouth.net)

The CD contains video of a three story Publix in Miami similar to the one that is being constructed in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

## **3. Andrews Ave./3rd Ave.**

Pre-PD&E- completed. The City of Fort Lauderdale is negotiating with a firm to do a full PD& E, which will take from ten to twelve months. Various alternatives for roadway alignments have been presented. One alternative is to have dedicated bus lanes.

## **4. Sistrunk Corridor Plan**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is working through the contract. This project is on a tight timeline. The plan is for a three-lane road with parallel parking. The corridor will be more pedestrian friendly with shade trees.

## **5. NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave/9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Connector**

A group has gone before the Fort Lauderdale City Commission and requested to close NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue for traffic calming purposes.

## **6. Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Broward and Sunrise Boulevard will have three foot undesignated bicycle lanes after they are resurfaced. There is also a new bikeway on A1A in the vicinity of Atlantic Boulevard.

## **7. Transit Greenways**

Several alternatives have been identified. When the concept of transit greenways was first unveiled the business community was skeptical and wanted the transit greenways to stay away from the business core but now they are considering this core area for enhancements. The mobility circulator identified in this study can feed into the HOV project. This study includes many elements that enhance pedestrian space but it also looks at transit and vehicular mobility.

## **8. BCt Terminal Improvements**

A real time information project is being developed between Tri-Rail, Broward County Transit and FDOT. Nextbus is providing a six-month demonstration project to provide real time information for Routes 1, 10 and 22. These routes serve Aventura Mall, Sawgrass Mills and Mizner Park. You will be able to access the real time information on the Internet. This new project is being promoted on October 3, 2002, which is the national *Communities in Motion Day*. A GPS system will poll each bus along these routes every two minutes to determine their locations. There will be seventeen signs installed including at the main library downtown, downtown terminal, malls and along the routes. If the project is successful, Broward County and Palm Beach County hope to add real time information to additional routes. On board surveys will be conducted to see how the public likes having the real time information as well as focus groups meeting to discuss the project. Additional information on real time transit information is available on [www.nextbus.com](http://www.nextbus.com).

## **9. Water Bus**

**Ticketing:** They are 98 percent complete with implementing a wireless handheld system. The handheld device currently scans bar codes but can be upgraded to read a magnetic stripe. **Landings:** The first ADA accessible landing is being constructed in two weeks and the others should be completed by the end of October. Additional Ferry Boat Discretionary funds are needed for eighteen more ADA landings. They are working with Congressman Clay Shaw to obtain funds. **Additional Updates:** The Water Bus is proving service for the “Arts and Entertainment Passport” program. Water Bus is conducting a survey of downtown commuters regarding using the Water Bus. Six of the eight new boats are in service and they should all be in service by the end of October. They would like to extend the routes and improve headway. They are seeking funding to enhance service from hourly frequency to 30 minutes for the peak months of February – April. There has been a 211 percent increase in ridership since last year. The Water Bus is carrying around 25,000 passengers a month. The passengers are mostly tourists, only a small percentage is commuting. There is discussion with downtown developers to shuttle the construction employees. They are also hoping to develop a central terminal a few years down the road.

## **10. Ft. Lauderdale Community Shuttle**

There are currently seven routes that use buses running on bio-diesel fuel. All routes and schedules will eventually be posted on their website. The routes carry around 20,000 passengers per month. The headway on the weekend beach route has been improved from 30 minutes to 15 minutes. New hybrid electric buses were received in early September but there were problems keeping them in service. They hope to have the vehicles in service by the end of October.

## **11. SR 84 Enhancement Area**

FDOT met with the City. This is a landscaping project. \$400,000 was allocated by the MPO for median landscaping. There are not going to be capacity changes.

## **12. Clean Air Cooperative (CAC)**

The Consultant has detailed the operations plan and will be presenting to the Downtown Fort Lauderdale TMA in October. The proposal is for a “campus connector” to use alternative fuel vehicles that will provide service to the Convention Center and the surrounding hotels. Guests staying at the area hotels will pay a fee that will go towards funding the transit service. The CAC is also working with the airport to have their internal shuttles operate with alternative fuels.

## **13. Port Everglades Master Plan**

**Eller Drive:** The final design build and traffic analysis reports have been received and the PD& E will continue. The timeframe for completion of the project should be in a year. The project is an overpass over the future rail spur. There will be five lanes into the Port and four lanes out of the Port. The gate will eliminate all cut through traffic.

**Other Status Reports:** Eisenhower Boulevard needs to be restriped since the gates have been put up to better direct traffic. Restriping is the Port’s responsibility. A blast proof wall and electric fence are being put in at the Port for security.

## **14. FLL**

**Access Ramps:** They are under construction and should be completed by August 2003.

**People mover:** An RFP is coming out. PD& E will be needed for this project. There is a need for a peplemover regardless of whether the new runway is built. On weekends the cruise passengers line the halls at the airports. The peplemover would link to the Port to facilitate their movement. **Intermodal Center:** PD& E will be needed for this project. This has been conceptually designed. A site for temporary luggage retention has not been identified.

## **15. Central Broward East/West Transit Alternatives Corridor**

The study began in June and is being conducted to define a capital transit system between West Broward and Eastern Ft. Lauderdale as a means to serve east/west travel needs and reduce traffic congestion. A Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee will be formed to review this project in addition to involving the MPO’s CIR and TCC. A scoping meeting will be held in late fall. In November or December, the initial set of alternatives will be developed. In March 2004, the Locally Preferred Alternative will be selected by the MPO. The challenges of the project include finding an operating agency, securing local funds and agreeing on an alignment for the transit service.

## **16. Tri-Rail Master Plan**

Five projects are identified in this plan. The Broward East/West service is being rolled into the Central Broward East/West Transit Alternatives Corridor project. A FEC right of way acquisition study should be completed by December as well as a corridor value study. This is not an RTO initiative. The study will determine how to obtain funding to buy right of way.

### **17. Broward County LRTP**

This document is updated every three years. Broward County is currently working on an RFP to do the update. The update will begin in summer 2003. There will be changes in the travel forecast model since the maintaining agency no longer wants to maintain the current software. There have been changes to the last update that include: Griffin Road will be six lanes to Flamingo Road, Davie Boulevard will be four lanes from SR 7 to 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and Prospect Road will not be four laned.

### **18. Fort Lauderdale Beach Transit and Parking PD& E Study**

The group is establishing a series of potential routes to go between the beach area and downtown. In mid October there will be a meeting to discuss route alternatives. The group is trying to find where they have the best opportunity for a transit only lane, a possibility is one lane northbound on A1A. In April 2003, the transit alternatives will be finalized. The operator of the transit service has not yet been identified.

### **19. FEC/Tri-Rail**

A FEC right of way acquisition study should be completed by December as well as a corridor value study. This is not an RTO initiative. The study will determine how to obtain funding to buy right of way.

### **20. Transit Bridge**

The alternatives analysis has been finalized. The scope for Preliminary Engineering has been finalized. A letter has been mailed to the Federal Transit Administration and a meeting is forthcoming with the Federal Highway Administration.

### **21. City of Plantation**

The Master Plan has been completed. The 2010 and 2020 forecasts are being finalized. Plantation will tie into the East/West Regional transit service. The Plan has a proposed local circulator and the Consultant is still developing strategies to help reduce congestion.

### **22. I-75 Master Plan**

The Local Preferred Alternative (LPA) consisting of a three-lane reversible roadway, interchange modifications, and an envelope reserved for transit was tabled by the MPO in June. The MPO was not in favor of what they considered to be an over-emphasis on roadway improvements and wanted a better definition of how to develop transit in the I-75 corridor. As a result, a two-lane reversible roadway with a two-lane, two-way busway, with both facilities located in the median has been developed and is being refined. The main issues to be addressed are access the busway and what should be assumed regarding a regional transit system that the busway would interconnect to. The revised LPA will be presented to the TCC in October and the MPO in November.

### **23. DFLTMA Parking Study**

The FDOT Districtwide Consultant (Kittelson and Associates) is investigating the utilization rates of parking in downtown Fort Lauderdale. This data will be incorporated into the new TMA website that will be operational in a few months. A signage plan for parking is also being worked on by Cathy Sweetapple (Keith and Schnars) and Bob Van Fleet. They will be talking to Julia Cope regarding possible funding sources.

#### **Other Notes**

- Bruce Wilson suggested that the projects should be prioritized in order to know which project to bring before the MPO. Jeff Weidner said that the purpose of these meetings is for staff to share their project's status. Moving Broward can help indicate to the MPO which projects are linked and also work together on funding requests. ***It was determined that we will talk about funding sources at the next meeting.***
- What is the security plan for the fuel tanks south of I-595, ***FDOT to investigate.***

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.