

**TRANSIT, CONNECTIVITY & MOBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

Miami DDA, 200 S Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2929, Miami, FL 33131
Tuesday, November 1st, 2016
DDA Conference Room

Meeting Attendees:

Alan Ojeda, Chair
John Guitar
Sonja Bogensperger
Eric Riel
Fabian De La Espriella

Neal Schafers
Nicholas Martinez
Karry Maravilla
Wilson Fernandez
Kimberly Bentley

Melissa Rubio
Flores Tabeni
Flores Rotembeyi
Mildred Rescapio

1. Presentations:

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Jesus Guerra, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization Deputy Director to present details on the “Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan” (<http://miamidademppo.org/smartplan.asp>)

Wilson Fernandez from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) presented the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan to the Committee members. The presentation addressed the following:

- Plan Overview
- MPO Partnerships with municipalities, county, regional, state and federal transportation partners
- SMART Matrix & Map of Projects
- SMART Team
- SMART Recommendations
- SMART Plan Supporters

Committee members expressed their concern about the funding prioritization of corridors affecting Downtown Miami, these corridors should be a priority as there is heavy traffic congestion in the area due to economic/population growth. Committee Chair Alan Ojeda, requested information about the timeline of the projects proposed by MPO, Wilson Fernandez stated that this information is not available, as the corridors have not been fully identified. After further discussion, Wilson Fernandez added that in a year from now, in Spring 2018 a list of the prioritized projects might be available. Alan Ojeda and John Guitar expressed their frustration over the lack of infrastructure to support public transportation in the Downtown area. Many of the new proposed buildings that will be developed in the area will not have residential parking, therefore; efficient transit infrastructure is necessary.

Wilson Fernandez requested a letter of recommendation or a resolution from the DDA Board to help MPO gather support for the SMART Plan. Committee members suggested that it was too late to issue a resolution, maybe a letter would be best. In addition, Alan Ojeda requested that presentations from MPO should be presented at Committee level, maybe every three months as no groundbreaking will be done until the beginning of 2018.

2. Project Updates:

SE/SW 1st Street Complete Streets Project

Eric Riel reported on SE/SW 1st Street Complete Streets Project, implementation of the pilot program is expected to be implemented in September per MDC.

Miami River/Brickell Bridge

The DDA Board passed a Resolution in July with very specifics short and long term recommendation to alleviate bridge opening impacts. A letter was sent to FDOT and Coast Guard, the Coast Guard responded that will be undertaking a study with UM to add an additional 30 minutes to the current AM/PM Bridge opening prohibitions. Also, FDOT responded that they are going to review the seven items that were submitted to them regarding the Brickell Bridge.

Eric Riel suggested the MPO consultant again be invited to present at next month's meeting to discuss the progress on the MPO Tunnel Alignment Study. Mr. Riel shall confirm availability.

Event Transportation Master Plan (ETMP)

Eric Riel reported that DDA staff/consultants submitted the ETMP Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Plans to all review agencies via on-on-one meetings. This process is ongoing as of this moment.

Other:

Alan Ojeda suggested that people who are responsible for projects should be invited every three months to provide updates to make them accountable when project deadlines are not met. He suggested that the Committee should only include three or four things and not be repetitive on these items. The priority should be to focus only on these items to make an impact rather than spread the Committees agenda thin. The three items shall include the Metromover, Brickell Bridge/Tunnel, and MPO SMART plan. Mr. Ojeda advised he would provide the fourth item at a future meeting. Also, the Committee members suggested that Transit, Mobility and Connectivity Committee meetings should be scheduled the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00AM.

Meeting Adjourned

Attachments:

MPO SMART Plan (2 page)
Attendance Sign-in Sheet