

Community Oversight & Advisory Team (COAT) MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting 1- Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 pm

Attendees

COAT Members:

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| Gail Battle | Dan Glickman | Nicole Roman |
| John Biggie | Betty Masi | Brian Rosen |
| Lotus Boss | Joan Maurice | Eric Torella |
| Jennifer Bramley | Dave Mirantz | Matt Wood |
| Gail Bulfin | Rita Pickar | Evan Wolk |
| Todd Drosky | Tom Rabil | |

Public Attendees:

Vice Mayor Bill Ganz
Joe Cutroni
Nicole Giordano
B. Hanson
Alex Lazowick
Sally Potter

Staff:

Greg Stuart- Broward MPO
Paul Calvaresi- Broward MPO
James Cromar- Broward MPO
Daniel Knickelbein- Broward MPO
Christopher Ryan- Broward MPO
Anthea Thomas- Broward MPO
Sheri Coven- Marlin Engineering
Jennifer Fierman- Marlin Engineering
Davicka Thompson- Marlin Engineering
Nancy Ziegler- Marlin Engineering

Meeting Summary:

PRESENTATION

Meeting commenced at 6:20 PM due to some late arrivals. Greg Stuart introduced staff and along with Sheri Coven, presented the PowerPoint slides. The presentation included COAT guidelines, and Sunshine Laws. The Parking Lot was discussed. The Parking Lot is a list of issues or questions that cannot be answered within the time frame of the meeting, or for which the COAT members want more information.

Several COAT members expressed concern about the COAT having to operate under Sunshine Laws.

Greg Stuart explained that since this committee would be making a recommendation to the MPO board, they were required to operate under Sunshine. There was brief additional discussion about Sunshine requirements, which concluded with Sheri Coven stating that she would provide additional supporting information about the Sunshine Law to share with the COAT. ***This item was added to the Parking Lot for further information to be provided to the COAT.***

Sheri Coven then went through the main topic areas slides: Noise, traffic, infrastructure, economic development, and health and safety and for each, asked if all of the community concerns were captured and documented. COAT members made comments on specific issues they thought were missing or needed to be clarified, as summarized below.

NOISE

This discussion included cost, mitigation options, and separating noise into two categories: one for before and one for after construction.

There was also discussion about obtaining data to compare future noise levels to the current level. There was also a request for information about how much noise residents along SW 10th Street deal with compared to other similar communities. Greg Stuart indicated that there were federal guidelines for noise and that the USDOT was making changes to those guidelines, thereby providing an opportunity to mitigate noise under the new guidelines. More information will be provided to the COAT. ***This item was added to the Parking Lot for further information to be provided to the COAT.***

A COAT member mentioned that at a previous Deerfield Beach public meeting, the MPO indicated that no-build was an alternative for this corridor and asked what other alternatives have been developed. There was reference to previous plans for SW 10th Street that had been developed. However, Greg Stuart indicated that they were dated and there were currently no design alternatives. He also stated that the information provided in the COAT handbook was for background information purposes.

TRAFFIC

There was discussion about access to SW 10th Street from the Turnpike, as well as connectivity of other east-west streets in the area. A COAT member asked about previous projects to widen Powerline Road

from four to six lanes and what the status was of that project. ***This item was added to the Parking Lot for further information to be provided to the COAT.***

A member requested visualization of future traffic rather than the raw data. Greg Stuart indicated that this would be a visual simulation model (VISSIM), it was very expensive, and he would have to ask FDOT about it. ***This item was added to the Parking Lot for further information to be provided to the COAT.***

INFRASTRUCTURE

Sheri Coven mentioned that the items on the slides marked with an asterisk were solutions proposed by residents and business owners and not part of the discussion for Meeting 1, but were included in the slides to provide documentation of the input the consultants received. The definition of a reversible lane was clarified using the example of the new I-595 Express Lanes which go east in the morning and west in the afternoon. There were not many comments so Sheri Coven mentioned that if COAT members think of anything else they want to add, they could do so by contacting the MPO team or visiting the SW 10th Street website.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development concerns were clarified.

The importance of property values was discussed as well as the value of increasing traffic flow along the Sawgrass Expressway and I-95 through underdeveloped areas. It was noted that all cities adjacent to Sawgrass could benefit from improved traffic flow.

There was discussion about the magnitude of the project and the number of issues to explore in such a short time frame. Greg Stuart indicated that if it takes longer than the currently allotted time frame, the COAT can go on beyond February. He added that the most important thing is for the COAT to come to consensus and make recommendations to the MPO board.

The option of a depressed roadway was discussed, including flooding concerns and access to neighborhoods.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Emergency management response time and evacuation concerns were discussed. It was noted that the Sawgrass brings traffic from western Miami-Dade and Broward to the Turnpike and I-95 during evacuations. There was discussion about air quality and what data was available. Greg Stuart indicated there was baseline information that would be provided to the COAT and that additional data collection would occur during planning and project development. ***This item was added to the Parking Lot for further information to be provided to the COAT.***

There was a request to quantify safety and crash data. ***This item was added to the Parking Lot for further information to be provided to the COAT.***

DID WE GET EVERYTHING?

The COAT was asked if they agreed, disagreed, or could live with the list as was just presented and amended. COAT had consensus that they agree with the concerns as currently documented, with the understanding that they may submit additional comments as the process moves forward.

Sheri Coven reminded the COAT that items put in the Parking Lot would be followed up by staff and information provided as requested. *(See COAT Parking Lot, attached)*

PUBLIC COMMENT

During the Public Comment period, Alex Lazowick discussed his concerns and recommendations for the SW 10th Street corridor.

COAT ROUNDTABLE

Each COAT member introduced themselves. Each member stated where they were from and/or who they represented and provided a few thoughts about what they hoped to get out of this process. COAT comments concluded with all members having a chance to speak.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM with a commitment by staff to find a meeting location that did not impose time constraints.