

COAT Meeting 12.17.15

Greg Stuart discussed a state-wide and regional push to see an improvement on SW 10 Street. A regional connection that will impact the quality of life in the area.

Meeting locations discussed:

- Broward MPO
- Highlands Community Center, DFB
- N Regional Center

Committee voted for the Broward MPO for all future meetings

- Update calendars
- Send material to Rosenzweig

Dan Glickman discussed the Pre-COAT meeting and the lack of information provided by the MPO. Greg Stuart asked what information the committee would be looking for. Dan asked for information relative to adaptive signalization. Greg discussed that per the LRTP funding is available for the adaptive signalization. Joan asked about the signalization further. The MPO discussed that the signalization will be happening.

Eric Torella discussed all east west corridors having the same issues as SW 10 Street.

Jennifer Bramley discussed the regional issue that is impacted by this recommendation. Asked for members to stick to the agenda, that the MPO provide the direction.

Evan Wolk discussed the consequence of inaction and the lack of convenience to the plazas in that area

Parking Lot

Per the MPO, FDOT will not provide visualization tools until a consensus is made. Per MPO funding will not be spent until a plan is made, FDOT has nothing to model.

Consensus by the board – to make visualization tools a requirement when a consensus is made.

Joan Maurice asked for a tunnel, discussed the depressed roadway further and the environmental concerns. The MPO discussed the opportunity to require a containment area through the depressed roadway. Discussed a containment area through the depressed roadway.

SW 10 Street Corridor Now

Greg Stuart discussed the history of the roadway. Discussed the congestion on I-95. Rita Pickar asked that if an “overpass” was put on 10th, want that attract more traffic and add to the existing problem. Greg Stuart discussed the Sawgrass expansion and the use of double tolls to create fast lanes all the way to 10th street. Discussed the Palm Beach MPO declining the expansion of lanes on Powerline Road, and the plans for exits off of Palmetto Park.

Discussed the MPO’s desire for everything to fit together with the improvements on Sawgrass and 10th street.

Dan Glickman discussed the area around Newport Center not being incorporated in the corridor view. The MPO notified that the area will be part of the improvements proposed.

Toolbox Solutions:

- Congestion Management: tolls and express lanes to move traffic through, an express bus system in the North-end of the County.
- Park N Ride: areas where those using the bus system or public transit.
- Dedicated bus lanes: by 2040 can't build our way out of the congestion,
- Economic Development: sound gets buried below on the depressed roadway. John Biggie asked about the recessed roads and the cost of any proposed project, if the board will be deterred by a more expensive option. Per the MPO if it could be tolled then the concern of money may not be an issue.
- Soundwalls: discussed the tunnel in Fort Lauderdale and the existing depressed roadway. Discussed the idea for a table top park on top of the roadway.
- Infrastructure
- Bridges/Overpass
- Crosswalks

Jennifer Bramley asked if the depressed roadway provides enough right of way for a depressed roadway and a complete streets for the local traffic.

Group Activity:

Asked to tag the ideas with red or green dots within the toolbox solutions. 2nd Activity would be mark the map with locations the board would like to see the potential solution.

Consensus from the group included: depressed roadways, tabletop parks, and a tunnel.

The MPO will be providing this information to FDOT based on the preferences and locations.

Public Comment:

Bernie Parness – asked why Boca Raton is not an ideal location, since it is the original location that the Sawgrass was supposed to end. Asked the committee to consider those who live there.

Commissioner Rosenzweig – discussed a tunnel 8-12 lanes wide with a rail system and express bus lanes. Discussed light rail with the removal of driverless cars. Discussed having a long term vision on how things are going to grow.

Roundtable:

- Betty Masi – discussed signalization sooner in Deerfield Beach, since the need exists now. Agreed with the tunnel and depressed roadway.
- Tom Rabil – no matter how many lanes still going to have traffic, discussed finding a solution that is the least invasive on the existing community. Discussed the concept of the depressed roadway, liked the direction we are moving.
- Joan Maurice– stated a tunnel is the best option, to help not kill the City. Understands something needs to be done. Asked for signalization tomorrow.
- John Biggie – a well-designed road is essential, to appease those that are affected. Have to solve the problem.
- Eric Torrella– expressed the need for signalization. Discussed the need for a less impactful solution.
- Dan Glickman – in favor in of the express buses and mass transit within Broward County. As far as the future is concerned mass transit is a requirement.

- Jennifer Bramley– discussed the number of options available, that each item could benefit the local area and businesses. Shouldn't have to sacrifice the local area with urban planning.
- Dave Mirantz – encouraged that the depressed roadway or tunnel be large enough, and not be New York where the tunnels are too small for the need. Request to focus on the community, especially access to Quiet Waters. Asked for the funding from the tolls to be used for the maintenance of the proposed greenways.
- Gail Bulfin– give back some walkability to the community and be bold
- Evan Wolk – if done right, the board is capable of helping the whole South Florida region, increase green spaces and improve the quality of life.
- Todd Drosky – discussed the need for more information. Would like to see as an experiment to be bold, but implore some information to be presented to those who don't come to the meeting.

Per the MPO the information can now be provided since there is a consensus.

John Biggie– questions about money, ramps, raised vs depressed. Requested a representative from the MPO to help fine tune.

Joan Maurice– asked if money was a concern.

Per MPO investors will be present at the next couple meetings to assist in alleviating cost.

MPO corrected the idea that the Sawgrass was supposed to go to Boca, the adopted plan was for 10th street, with the sawgrass connecting all the way to I-95.

Adjourned 8:20pm