

SW 10th Street Open House Meeting Summary

January 30, 2016, Broward North Regional Library

The SW 10th Street Open House kicked-off at 10:30 a.m. The three-hour Open House was designed to give members of the public the opportunity to visit seven information stations in a particular order to understand the Community Oversight Advisory Team (COAT) process and SW 10th Street Visioning Initiative.

The stations were arranged as follows:

- Station 1: Building Consensus Through Community Engagement
- Station 2: SW 10th Street Today
- Station 3: Tools for Transportation Improvements
- Station 4: SW 10th Street Draft Vision
- Station 5: Draft Discussion Points for Future Recommendations
- Station 6: Getting into the Details
- Station 7: Please Give Us Your Feedback

Several stations offered interactive activities, such as utilizing green and red dots to indicate tools or statements that were supported or not supported by the Open House participants or providing participants with opportunities to write ideas and suggestions on post-it notes and add them to the station posters. Hand-outs were also available at several stations including one that explained the transportation planning process and another that focused on SW 10th Street existing and future conditions. In addition, at each station, were one or two staff who were available to directly interact with the public and answer questions pertinent to their station. The staff in attendance were as follows:

Broward MPO

- Charlene Burke
- Paul Calvaresi
- James Cromar
- Peter Gies
- Daniel Knickelbein
- Christopher Ryan

Florida Department of Transportation

- Scott Peterson
- Lisa Dykstra

Marlin Engineering

- Sheri Coven
- Kris Devastey
- Jennifer Fierman
- Erica Sobelman
- Anahi Torres
- Nancy Ziegler

- Gregory Stuart
- Anthea Thomas

**South Florida
Commuter Services**

- Sara Padin
- Janelle Paterson

While the Open House format was well-intentioned and designed to encourage a steady flow of participants throughout the three hour period, the majority arrived by 10:30 a.m. In total, 198 people signed in, with over 130 people identifying themselves as Deerfield Beach residents.

In general, many expressed their frustration with the Open House format and would have preferred a more traditional public workshop, while others appreciated the one-on-one opportunities that the format provided. There also appeared to be consensus with regard to preferences for a depressed tunnel and opposition to an elevated roadway. There was also very strong support for synchronization of the traffic signals. Consistent the COAT’s draft discussion points, noise, environmental, and community connectivity were repeatedly brought up as concerns to community members.

109 feedback forms were received. A detailed review of the public comment received revealed the following trends:

Rank	Comment	Number of times comment was made
1	Concerned about Noise	20
2	Don't want overpasses	18
3	Likes closed tunnel concept	15
4	Need a direct connection from 95 to Sawgrass	14
5	Synchronize the traffic signals	13
	Concerned about property values	
6	Likes depressed roadway	9
7	Construction concerns	8
8	General Discontent	7
	SW 10th needs some kind of improvement	

	Fix the I-95 Interchange first	
	Widen SW 10 th Street	
9	Air quality concerns	5
	Dealing with traffic as part of your commute is to be expected, deal with it	
	The MPO is trying to hide something	
10	Don't want a tunnel	4
	How will we pay for this?	
	Need bike and pedestrian facilities	
	Separate local traffic along SW 10th from expressway traffic	

Sign in sheets, comment cards, and photos of the posters from the open house are available on the SW 10th Street Vision website: www.SW10thStreetVision.org

The public may continue to provide comments.