

**MIAMI-DADE
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE
(to the Year 2040)**

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 8

MEETING SUMMARY

**Stephen P. Clark Government Center
111 N. W. 1st Street
Miami, Fl 33128**

**Friday, September 27, 2013
10:00 A.M.
10th Floor CITT Conference Room**

Members Present

**Manuel Armada
Jacqueline Carranza
Nilia Cartaya
Mayra Diaz
Wilson Fernandez
David Henderson
Rolando Jimenez Jr.
Sachin Kalbag
Alexandra Lopez
John Lucas
Joe Quinty
Felix Pereira
Carlos Roa
Jose Sanchez
Phil Steinmiller
Andrew Velasquez
Vivian Villaamil
Norman Wartman**

Others Present

Franco Saraceno

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I. Welcome - Introduction of Steering Committee Members

Carlos Roa, Miami-Dade MPO, opened the meeting and members of the Steering Committee introduced themselves.

II. SERPM7 Status Report

Franco Saraceno, Gannett Fleming, briefed the committee on the status of the model, as well as the overall LRTP project. Regarding the model, the regional modeling team has committed to providing E+C scenario results by October 18, 2013. Regarding the larger project, the first round of public involvement is complete, the Goals and Objectives are scheduled for adoption by the MPO Board on October 24, 2013, and agency master plans are being reviewed currently in preparation for the Needs Plan development process.

III. 2040 Goals and Objectives

Mr. Saraceno presented the draft Goals and Objectives for the 2040 LRTP, which have remained unchanged since the last review by the Steering Committee.

IV. Public Involvement

Mr. Saraceno presented updated results from the public involvement survey and goal weighting exercise. Since the last presentation of interim results to the Steering Committee, an additional 10 events were attended by the public involvement team and the virtual meeting was activated on the LRTP website. Highlights of the updated results include the following:

1. Participants in the 18 to 34 years old category went from 19% of the total to 28%.
2. Participants in the 35 to 44 years old category went from 10% of the total to 17%.
3. In the public workshops a connectivity question was asked generally (without regard to mode) and the support for connectivity improvements was 89%. Subsequent events broke the question out by mode and support for transit connectivity improvements is 96%, whereas for highway it is 28%.

4. In the public workshops a question was asked generally (without regard to mode) about support for improvements to the existing system, rather than expanding the system and support was 38%. Subsequent events broke the question out by mode and support for existing transit improvements is 43%, whereas for highway it is 67%.
5. Support for willingness to pay higher tolls went from 25% to 34%. The question was reworded slightly to include the terms “express lanes” and “save travel time” since the public workshops, leading to a higher level of support.
6. Support for conversion of portions of existing facilities to tolled facilities went from 27% to 36%. The question was reworded slightly to include the term “user fee” since the public workshops, leading to a higher level of support.
7. In the public workshops an ‘access to airports/seaports’ question was asked generally (without regard to mode) and the support for such improvements was 72%. Subsequent events broke the question out by mode and support for transit improvements is 92%, whereas for highway it is 31%.
8. Since the public workshops, additional questions were asked regarding willingness to pay various tax increases to support transportation improvements. 59% of participants were in agreement with willingness to pay higher sales taxes. 39% of participants were in agreement with willingness to pay higher property taxes. 70% of participants were in agreement with willingness to pay higher gas taxes.

Regarding goal weights, the top 3 goals for participants are Goals 1 (mobility), 5 (environment), and 6 (connectivity), which are consistent with the top 3 goals as weighted by the Steering Committee. Weights for the remainder of the goals are consistently low for both the public and the Steering Committee. These results indicate a general consistency between public input and the Steering Committee’s judgment on the appropriate weighting of the 8 goals.

Mayra Diaz, MDX, requested that for subsequent public outreach, the LRTP team coordinate with MDX to ensure consistent messaging as pertains to managed lanes and toll facility issues. Ms. Diaz also requested that subsequent materials refer to limited access facilities as expressways, rather than freeways. Ms. Diaz added that materials posted to the LRTP website regarding the revenue survey questions be unabridged and clear as to how the questions were asked, to prevent inappropriate use of the results by whomever accesses them. Mr. Andrew Velasquez, FTE, suggested that the I-75 Managed Lanes study be utilized for managed lanes revenue projections.

Mr. Phil Steinmiller, FDOT, suggested that the issue of water/sewer supporting infrastructure be considered in the LRTP update. Mr. Wilson Fernandez, MPO, stated that this is a CDMP issue handled by the RER Department. Mr. Saraceno added that, contingent on the availability of information regarding the sewer/water infrastructure, it can be utilized during Needs Plan project evaluation.

V. Next Steps / Needs Assessment Process

Mr. Saraceno presented a brief overview of the Needs Assessment process, which is consistent with the methodology developed as part of the 2040 Needs Assessment study completed earlier this year. Mr. Fernandez brought up an issue pertaining to the background network used in the regional model to test the individual MPOs' needs plan networks. The Steering Committee consensus was that the Needs background network should contain the following:

1. 2040 E+C network as a starting point
2. Add 2035 Needs Plan projects from each respective MPO on regional facilities only.

VI. LRTP Documentation

Mr. Saraceno presented the Steering Committee with several working drafts of potential LRTP document layouts and graphical formats.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.