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MINUTES OF MEETING

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DATE: December 12, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.

REFERENCE: **South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Transit Analysis Study**
Financial Project ID: 417031-1-22-01

SUBJECT: Agency and Elected Officials Kick Off Meeting
MIAMI-Dade County City of Miami City Hall

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After 30 minutes of informal viewing of graphics, Scott Seeburger, FDOT Project Manager, opened the meeting and made introductions.

In attendance were various property owners as well as one elected official from Biscayne Park. Members from various agencies also attended and are listed below:

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| Miami Dade Transit | Downtown Development Authority |
| Miami-Dade Water and Sewer | City of Miami |
| City of North Miami | Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) |
| City of North Miami Beach Police Department | Southeast Overtown Park West |
| Fisheries Service | Downtown CRA |
| South Florida Regional Transit Authority | FDOT District VI Representatives |
| City of North Miami Beach | FDOT District IV Representatives |
| Miami Parking Authority | FEC Representatives |

Mr. Seeburger and Gannett Fleming Project Manager Carlos Cejas, introduced project specifics with a Power Point presentation. During the Question and Answer (Q&A) period the following was asked:

The FHP representative stated that passenger service needed along the FEC should include stops at downtown and the airport. There was no opposition to this statement and it was implied that funding might be obtain from TriRail for this. It was indicated that the busiest Palm Tran routes were the ones that are by the railroad tracks. There is a need to simplify the process which currently takes too long. It was suggested to give the FEC whatever funds are required and begin running the service immediately. This would allow connectivity and eliminate vehicles off the road.

Melissa Hege who works for an architectural firm and is a member of the TARC stated that providing transit will not get vehicles off the road but rather make room on the roadways for other vehicles. Mr. Seeburger agreed that transit by itself will not reduce congestion but would provide other options.

A question was asked about how the FEC project would line up against the other Miami Dade projects currently being planned and if this project would rearrange MDT priorities and how will funding availability to support project be available. Mr. Seeburger mentioned that the FEC corridor is far down on the PTP list of projects. Assuming that priorities may change later, and assuming that with a tiered process certain segments will be staggered so that segments will be built when funding becomes available from local governments. A property owner was concerned that the North Corridor MDT project would get bumped from priority. Mr. Cejas stated that the North Corridor may get full funding before we have a Locally Preferred Alternative on the FEC.

Mr. Mario Garcia from MDT clarified the MDT has the North Corridor prioritized as number one, MIC-Earlinton Heights number two and the East/West number three. The FEC segment is in the PTP for service within the next 30 years. He believes there will be some overlap in future years and priorities may need to be reassessed.

The Port of Miami Representative referenced the FAQ's which stated service to seaports and mentioned that 99% of the freight that comes to the Port is by truck. He inquired how this study would compete with the tunnel project. Gary Donn, FDOT District VI, stated that there is no impact on the tunnel project from this study. The PD&E is completed and some there is some construction money in the Work Program. He stated that the rail and port tunnel are independent of each other. Mr. Cejas stated that even though the majority of freight comes to the port by truck, we would not want to preclude the availability of rail for freight traffic. Mr. Seeburger mentioned that part of the work scope is to analyze freight patterns and connectivity between two rail lines.

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Representative from the National Association of Railroad passengers inquired as to what happened to the plans to abandon FEC right-of-way south of 79th Street. He was advised that no action has been taken on this and the Corridor have only been abandoned from the Miami Arena to downtown. The FEC gets many requests for abandonment and no action is taken.

Melissa Hege inquired about headways and rail crossings during peak times, regional or local service, and competition with Tri Rail as well as station stop spacing and was not clear if the study would provide any of these answers. Mr. Seeburger mentioned that the objective of the study is to provide mobility along the corridor. The study would analyze what makes sense in different parts of the corridor, including service and stops and indicated that at this time it would be too soon to answer these questions. Mr. Cejas mentioned that the travel surveys will help answer some of these questions.

The question and answer period concluded at 3:30 p.m. The public was encouraged to view alternatives in the Spring of 2006, which would be the next major step in the project.



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