

17TH Street Mobility Plan Working Group

Second Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2017

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Fort Lauderdale City Hall | 8th Floor Conference Room

Meeting Summary

After roundtable introductions, many of the members discussed how they performed the ranking of the recommendations. Commissioner Romney Rogers then led discussion of the top 10 proposed recommendations to make sure the working group understood each one before ranking. These included 1) construction of a bypass road for Port/ Convention Center direct access, 2) enforce truck routing to the Port using Eller Drive, 3) explore working with the property owners along SE 17th Street to install a shared-use path within the City's 20' interdistrict corridor designation, 4) evaluate establishing a southern parallel street to SE 17th Street, 5) add an additional lane onto the 595 on-ramp, 6) install wayfinding signage through the corridor, 7) redesign the intersection of Eisenhower Boulevard and Grande Drive, 8) institute special event signal timing plans for events at the Convention Center and for high cruise days at the Port, 9) make changes to the development review and mitigation process, and 10) form a working group to shepherd the plan recommendations to implementation. Below are the major takeaways:

1. Enforce Truck Routing – The group expressed that adjustment to light cycles might be a solution via Broward County Traffic Engineering to help encourage large trucks leaving the port to utilize SR84 to I595 rather than Federal Highway. There was also discussion of a right hand turn lane being added along southbound Federal Highway for traffic headed westbound on SR84.
2. Southern Parallel Street – Members of the committee discussed the type of traffic that might utilize this street including passenger vehicles, taxis/rides for hire, and large delivery vehicles. Opposition to a new major thoroughfare by local residents was emphasized, but recognition was made by the group that a southern street is worth exploring.
3. Shared-Use Path – Members agree on the benefits to having a shared-use path to connect downtown to the Beach. Discussion took place regarding the feasibility of doing so given property rights. A suggestion was made to consider only constructing the shared-use path on the south side of the street.
4. I595 On-Ramp Expansion – Discussion regarding this item was generally positive, though some members expressed that a new highway on-ramp between Andrews Avenue and SW 4th Avenue would be preferable. Jessica Josselyn of Kittelson and Associates stated that this option would likely not be allowed by FDOT due to minimum safe highway on/off-ramp separation requirements. Some working group members expressed a preference of using wayfinding signage to direct traffic to I595 using Andrews Avenue and SW 4th Avenue.
5. Eisenhower Boulevard and Grande Drive Redesign – Extensive discussion regarding the existing traffic configuration related to the new apartment building (Broadstone Harbor Beach f/k/a Seminole River Landings) was discussed. Staff expressed that the existing configuration is through a privately owned right-of-way and not subject to City control.
6. Special Event Signal Timing – Working group members discussed this item favorably. Some working group members also suggested an elevated walkway above 17th Street between the Convention Center and the north side of 17th Street. Commissioner Rogers also suggested

researching a park and ride facility, potentially at Andrews Avenue and SE/SW 17th Street, to be utilized for special events at the convention center.

Among the items above, a suggestion was made to have a police officer work the corridor to help crack down on jaywalking and dangerous bicyclist behavior. It was also brought up that the group may want to think about

Commissioner Rogers briefly read through a summary of results from the 2007 Origin and Destination (O&D) Study performed as part of the InterModal Center and People Mover Project study and the 2015 Port Everglades Cruise Survey Report. It was determined that a new O&D Study would be necessary to reflect new conditions, including the emergence of Lyft and Uber. Jessica Josselyn briefly explained advances in technology that might also help complete the study including Bluetooth devices. Diana Alarcon expressed that the O&D Study could be a partnership with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

There was also discussion of bringing in a representative from FDOT, Arterial Signal Operations, to discuss the potential implementation of an active traffic management system (signalization) as well as other FDOT initiatives for the corridor.

The group reached consensus on the following:

- N/A

Action items for the October meeting include:

- TAM staff to tally the results of the ranking exercise and send through email to the group in advance of the next meeting on October 30th.
- TAM staff to invite FDOT to make a presentation at the October 30th meeting.

Note: A professional note taker was present at this meeting and will provide detailed meeting minutes as well as an audio recording. Please request to Robert Modys at rmodys@fortlauderdale.gov if you would like a copy of either one.