

## **Working Group Summary – October 12, 2018**

### ***INTERDISTRICT CORRIDOR***

The group discussed the Interdistrict Corridor. Jack Loos expressed his opinion that the City Attorney's opinion on "taking" is inaccurate. Jack expressed that the Director of DSD, Anthony Fajardo, should be meeting with attorneys regarding the construction of public sidewalks on private land.

Anthony Fajardo clarified that he and Robert Lochrie have already met. The main concern is to provide that the city cannot take additional right-of-way outside of the Trafficways plan. This includes the argument between what the City of Fort Lauderdale wants compared to what FDOT includes. Jack stated that he would like to see a "no coercion" clause that prevents staff from asking for more public improvements as part of private development projects.

### ***ORIGIN-DESTINATION STUDY***

An update stating that the report is nearly completed was given. The report should be made available on the City's website in the coming months.

### ***PORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE***

Phase 1 of the Master Plan is completed, reports and presentations are online. Phase 2 is looking at projects, cost, and ROI for the Port. The next phase will include a comprehensive traffic study, including future traffic and how they might impact future Port projects. More outreach is planned and the next big meeting will be held in Spring of 2019.

Cruise ship orders are up and 60% of the cruise industry is in South Florida. As the Chinese cruise industry develops and matures, many new ships are transferring back to the mainland and cruises are fairly recession-proof. From a freight standpoint, many automobiles are being assembled in Mexico, leading to a potential increase in vehicles coming in and out of Port Everglades.

From an environmental standpoint, no impacts to the manatee natural area are planned located at the Port are anticipated. The Federally-funded dredging project, set to kick off in 5-7 years, will have environmental impacts that should be addressed through the NEPA and related processes. There is a County environmental project (EPGMD) within the Port related to clean-up of environmental areas. One project has been underway for approximately 20 years with another to begin soon. It's a long process due to involvement of the State of Florida and the US Government. There is also consideration of existing deep injection wells related to the City's George T Lohmeyer plant. These wells only inject, they do not withdraw water.

### ***WAYFINDING PRESENTATION***

A presentation of the City's existing wayfinding plans was given by Christine Fanchi, of Transportation and Mobility Staff.

Below is a summary of questions asked during the presentation and their answers.

- Port Everglades wayfinding is planned and FDOT has a project to the tunnel that includes wayfinding.
  - The proposed signs from FDOT's project are for digital messaging boards, not wayfinding. The Port Everglades wayfinding is internal to the port and will not conflict with the City's project.
- Could we add wraps to traffic control boxes to provide wayfinding on SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street for tourists? This could include advertising for specific businesses. Harbordale has been requesting this for years.
  - Vice Mayor Sorensen stated that he will support this initiative moving forward.
- All signs on SRA1A are scaled to I95. Is there a way for this project to reduce the size of signs on SRA1A?
  - This will be looked into but isn't necessarily in the scope of this project.
- Alan Cohen stated that the County would coordinate signage for the proposed bypass road with Fort Lauderdale's wayfinding project.
- SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street westbound signs should include Downtown and Cox Landing as a destination.
- When it gets to implementation it is important to prevent sign pollution by removing newly redundant signage.
- Why is the logo on parking signs green? Is there a way to see if there is a standard parking sign and color?
  - The styling of the "P" is the standardized, not the color of the sign.
- What's the timeframe for implementation?
  - The project was unfunded by the City Commission during the most recent budget. For that reason, there is no timeline to implement this project.
- Is there a mileage to each destination on each sign?
  - We can look into how this might be added, though this may be too much information.
- Can electric vehicle parking information be provided?
  - We can look into how this might be added, though this may be too much information.

### ***MAJOR EVENTS UPDATE***

A discussion of major events was held. There was a conversation about creating a convention center major events list that can be coordinated with Sarah Spurlock's city event list. Together, these could provide a more holistic view at potential traffic impacts to Neighbors.

### ***BYPASS ROAD UPDATE***

Alan Cohen stated that the County is close to receiving a final product from the consultant, Atkins. Atkins is performing due-diligence on routing, including Marilyn Mammano's alternative route via SR84. The process is currently being held up by ROW issues, including from tank farm owners such as Marathon and Trans Mountain. National Security Zone prevents the ability of a simple taking but will meet soon.

### ***OPEN DISCUSSION***

#### **Penny Sales Tax**

A brief discussion of the Penny Sales Tax Referendum was had. Marilyn Mammano expressed that she would like to see the sales tax, if passed, work through the MPO process. She also stated that Harbordale doesn't see the referendum as being developer-led.

Alan Cohen stated that under the proposal, cities get a minimum of 10% per the Interlocal Agreement (ILA). He also cautioned that it should be kept in mind that the proposed projects are funded over a 30-year period and that the Broward MPO will perform analysis and prioritization of projects. A number of projects submitted would otherwise have landed on the Transportation Improvement plan (TIP) at the MPO, potentially allowing for additional federal funding to be leveraged through the TIP.

#### *I-595 Resolution of Support*

On the topic of the I-595 Resolution of Support, Marilyn Mammano asked that the door not be shut on improvements to SE 28<sup>th</sup> Street despite pushback from area business owners who may be impacted by any modifications to that intersection. Marilyn stated that the proposed improvements provided a substantial improvement to traffic on US1.

#### *Convention Center*

Alan Cohen provided an update on the Convention Center project. Demolition is now planned for 2019 with construction beginning in 2020 and a target of mid/late 2023 for completion. Some delay is related to a modification in the hotel ownership deal. This change has resulted in the potential for public ownership with a potential \$420,000,000 in savings due to a change in interest payments. Ultimately, the change could result in county ownership/finance of hotel. Phasing has also been reviewed, including the potential of combining phases.

#### *Marilyn's Cul-de-sacs*

Allison Glunt at FDOT had her engineers take a look at the proposal. There are no immediate problems and that FDOT's engineers will take a deeper look. Ultimately, funding would need to come from a City request to the Broward MPO or from the City itself.

#### *General Updates*

Christine Fanchi provided an update on the traffic control for the Fort Lauderdale International Yacht Show. She also stated that FDOT has hired a consultant to do Davie, US1, and A1A signal timing. Finally, Christine stated that lighting upgrades will be completed on corridors including SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street/A1A. There are issues with existing decorative lighting for Harbor Beach. Christine will follow up.

#### **FOLLOW-UPS FROM PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS**

1. Staff met to discuss the potential for streamlining easement processes. The determination is that, because these are State and County processes, further coordination will be needed.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Environmental presentation to be forwarded to Robert.
2. Origin-Destination Study to be posted on TAM website when finalized

Next meeting date TBD with a move quarterly meetings in the future.