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July 29, 2011

Mr. Greg Stuart, Executive Director
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RE: 2011 State Certification Review

Dear Mr. Stuart,

Please find enclosed the fully executed 2011 Joint Certification Statement and the accompanying State certification Review Report. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (954) 777-4365. Thanks.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Mullings', written over a circular blue scribble.

Jeremy Mullings
Intergovernmental Coordinator

**JOINT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON THE METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS**

Pursuant to the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134 (k)(5), 23 CFR 450.334(a), the Department and the Broward MPO have performed a review of the certification status of the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Broward MPO with respect to the requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303;
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 C.F.R. Part 21
3. 49 U.S.C. 5332 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
4. Section 1101(b) of SAFETEA-LU (Public Law 109-59) and 49 C.F.R. Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
5. 23 C.F.R. Part 230 regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
6. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and the regulations found in 49 C.F.R. Parts 27, 37, and 38;
7. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
8. Section 324 of 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender; and
9. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 C.F.R. Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.


Included in this certification package is a summary of noteworthy achievements by the MPO and a list of any recommendations and/or corrective actions. The contents of this Joint Certification Package have been reviewed by the Broward MPO and accurately reflect the results of the joint certification review meeting held on May 2011. Based on a joint review and evaluation, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Broward MPO recommend that the Metropolitan Planning Process for the Broward MPO be "certified."



District Secretary (or designee)

7/27/11

Date



MPO Chairman (or designee)

6/24/11

Date

Miami Urbanized Area (UZA)/Transportation Management Area (TMA)

2011 State Certification Review

Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Findings and Recommendations Report

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four has conducted a standard annual State Certification Review of the Broward MPO. The MPO answered questions covering the 2007 Federal Certification Review, implementation of the recommendations from its 2010 modified state certification review as well as additional areas deemed necessary by the Department.

This report assesses the written and verbal answers to the questions presented to the MPO staff. When necessary, FDOT staff requested follow-up information and/or through independent actions, verified the information provided or source of said information. FDOT staff determined the specific areas for which certain questions were asked based on observation of the MPO's operation and interaction with staff and Board members throughout FY2009/2010 and FY2010/2011.

Findings

This section reviews MPO Products/Activities and recommendations from the most recently completed Federal and State Certification Reviews and provides the District's comments on the areas identified.

MPO Products/Activities: Broward MPO has successfully completed the annual coordination and reporting efforts on schedule as follows:

- ✓ Adopted 10/11 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- ✓ Held informal unfunded priorities meeting with FDOT and stakeholders
- ✓ Transmitted official unfunded priorities
- ✓ Adopted FDOT 2010/2011 to 2014/2015 Tentative Work Program
- ✓ Adopted 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
- ✓ Held Standard Certification Review meeting with FDOT
- ✓ Responded to Certification Review Questions/Issues
- ✓ Adopted the FY 2011 and 2012 Unified Planning Work Program
- ✓ Participated in the 2011 Federal Certification Review

2007 Federal Certification Review

The Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) has continued to support membership that more accurately reflects Broward County's socio-economic characteristics. The CIR's role in the planning process continues to be significant and the presence meaningful.

The District held a Best Practices Workshop on November 5, 2010, and the Broward MPO participated in the workshop. The Broward MPO is working to improve public involvement efforts through several improved practices including participating in the development of a regional interactive TIP.

2011 Noteworthy Practices

One purpose of the Standard MPO certification reviews is to promote improvements in the metropolitan transportation planning process through recognition and sharing of noteworthy practices. Broward MPO and FDOT have identified the following as being noteworthy:

- *Participation in FDOT's 2010 Best Practices Workshop*
- *The MPO has made it a priority to enhance relationships with its transportation partners and have contributed significantly towards improving the regional planning process and promoted the timely adoption of plans and implementation of projects*
- *The MPO has made a successful transition to an independent agency, separate from the administrative support of county government*
- *The MPO has actively pursued implementation of projects in the 2035 LRTP through innovative funding methods and coordination with its regional transportation partners*
- *The MPO has supported the concept of Mobility Hubs as detailed in the 2035 LRTP through support of projects that promote transit and multimodal connectivity. The MPO has supported corridor and livability studies that identify locations for Mobility Hub development and further consistency with regional transportation plans*
- *The MPO has developed a Congestion Management Program (CMP) that fosters livability options through innovative congestion management practices and the implementation of corridor and livability studies*
- *The MPO has partnered with the FDOT and other MPOs within the District to execute a contract for development of an Interactive TIP*
- *The MPO is providing information and supporting the research conducted by the Southeast Regional Compact on Climate Change task force to address transportation needs for changes such as a rise in sea level in South Florida*
- *The MPO has shown a commitment to providing material (newsletters, agenda packets, website material) in plain speech, improving communication with the public*
- *The MPO has addressed the needs of residents with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)*
- *The MPO is updating its website to improve public outreach*

Implementation of 2010 Modified State Certification Review Recommendations

This section provides a review of actions taken by the MPO's to address the recommendations of the 2010 State Certification Review.

SATISFIED - Organization/Structure: Consistent with the recent adoption of the *Transform* 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the new independent status of the MPO, the Department would like to be provided a description and chart of the new organizational structure that will be implemented.

Comment: New organizational chart and staff positions' descriptions provided

SATISFIED - Air Quality: Task 3.1 of the FY10-FY12 UPWP does not specifically mention air quality. If the new air quality standards do not require amending the UPWP, the MPO should still be cognoscente of air quality throughout the planning process.

Comment: Air quality is considered in livability planning

SATISFIED - Long-Range Transportation Plan: The MPO should make additional attempts to have the Indian tribes actively participate in the TCC.

Comment: Seminole Indian Tribe receives regular invitations to participate

SATISFIED - Public Involvement: The District looks forward to Broward MPO's participation in an effort this year to hold a public involvement best practices workshop with District 4 MPOs.

Comment: The MPO participated in the Regional Best Practices Workshop

SATISFIED - Title VI Related Requirements: The MPO must describe the standards it will now employ to be Title VI compliant as an entity independent of Broward County.

Comment: The MPO has hosted a Title VI and Distressed Business Enterprise Training and is working on adopting specific policies

SATISFIED - Safety Consideration in Planning Process: The MPO should identify how safety is measured/quantified on a project-by-project basis when safety is a factor in prioritizing projects.

Comment: The MPO has illustrated how safety is measured on a project-by-project basis and ranks safety a high criterion in prioritizing projects.

Recommendations

This section provides recommendations based on the answers to the questions posed to the MPO by the Department as a part of the 2011 State Certification Review.

Long-Range Transportation Plan: The MPO should continue to pursue coordination and involvement by the Seminole Indian Tribe.

Creation of Freight Committee: The FDOT recognizes the MPO's dedication to addressing goods movement as part of the long range transportation planning process. Consideration of this important demand on the transportation system can be more thoroughly addressed through the creation of or participation in a regional freight advisory committee. The MPO should coordinate the development of a regional committee dedicated to future regional freight visioning for incorporation into the MPO's plans and processes. The committee should be developed with the goal of including the freight industry.

Organizational Representation for ADA Concerns: The MPO should consider adding participants to the Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) that represent organizations with an ADA focus. Including organizational representation may add a broader representation of ADA needs.

Safety Project Identification in the LRTP: For planning consistency and to track transportation safety improvements, the MPO should clearly identify or delineate safety projects listed in the LRTP.