

## **Community Oversight & Advisory Team (COAT)**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Meeting 7- Thursday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Attendees:**

##### **COAT Members**

John Biggie	Dave Mirantz
Lotus Boss	Rita Pickar
Jennifer Bramley	Brian Rosen
Todd Drosky	Eric Torella
Dan Glickman	Evan Wolk
Betty Masi	Matt Wood
Gail Battle	

##### **Public Attendees**

Johnson	R Cury
Joe Cutroni	Nicole Giordano
Marj Campbell	Dan Bogner
Susan Robbins	Carole Morris
Bernie Parness	Steve Williams
Commissioner Bill Ganz	Vice Mayor Richard Rosenzweig

##### **Staff and Presenters**

Paul Calvaresi-Broward MPO  
James Cromar-Broward MPO  
Mike Ronskavitz- Broward MPO  
Charlene Burke-Broward MPO  
Anthea Thomas-Broward MPO  
Sheri Coven-Marlin Engineering  
Jennifer Fierman-Marlin Engineering  
Scott Peterson-Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)  
Anson Sonnett-Florida Department of Transportation

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Meeting Commenced at 6:11 p.m.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Sheri Coven opened the meeting and began introductions.

The COAT and staff members introduced themselves.

Sheri went over the agenda and asked if there are any additions or changes to the agenda.

Sheri noted that the project team wanted to add to the agenda a discussion about if the COAT wants a public workshop. The discussion began by Sheri pointing out that having a public workshop would mean holding it on June 18 and then having the next COAT meeting June 23. A COAT member commented that June 23 is too soon for the COAT to process the info from the public meeting. Another COAT member recommended to table the discussion about the public meeting until later. The discussion was tabled.

## **CONSENSUS ON A PD&E STUDY**

A COAT member said that they want the considerations to be called consensus recommendations and wants them to be documented. Sheri said they will definitely be documented.

A COAT member asked if PD&E was a standard study for a project of this scale. FDOT said yes.

COAT members made comments about the need for a project and the impacts it may have on residents and commuters. One COAT member said that they believe quality of life for everyone along the road will improve. Another commented that they want to make sure this project doesn't destroy their community and their city, and that they should think short and long term.

A COAT member asked what the scope of the PD&E would be.

Scott Peterson explained that a PD&E study begins once a need is identified. He explained that if the COAT wants to identify considerations to look at that's okay. The outcome of PD&E is a recommended typical section and alignment. A COAT member asked if everything that they have talked about will be considered in the scope of the PD&E. Scott said that most of what was talked about will be considered.

The COAT discussed the limits of the potential PD&E and what considerations could be taken into account. A COAT member asked if there is not consensus on the considerations if the MPO could still opt to move forward with a study. Paul Calvaresi said yes.

A COAT member discussed getting information out to their respective associations for input and using the June meeting to get more feedback, and being able to come back with specific recommendations in July.

Scott Peterson explained that the PD&E study is the time for public input, and that existing PD&E studies for Turnpike and I-95 can be coordinated and taken into account if the input on SW 10th Street is timely.

Sheri polled the COAT and asked if they want to move forward with a PD&E. Everyone said yes.

A Deerfield Beach COAT member said they wanted Sheri to know that all of Deerfield Beach agrees to the PD&E study.

### **SELECTION OF A COAT SPOKESPERSON**

Sheri moved on to selection of the COAT spokesperson. She explained that this person will represent the COAT before the MPO Board.

COAT Members Todd Drosky and John Biggie were nominated to be the spokesperson, and the COAT discussed possibly having two spokespeople. A vote was taken and Todd Drosky was selected to be the COAT spokesman.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Anson Sonnet explained that the first effort of PD&E will be public involvement. When the team starts, they will start with the community considerations.

Commissioner Bill Ganz commented that Deerfield would love to see this project move forward, but there are some considerations they would like to see. They need to identify parks, amenities, beautification, etc. and possibly identify “must haves” and “nice-to-haves.” He discussed the COAT setting acceptance criteria.

A COAT member pointed out that the job of the COAT is to set the direction, not to design the road.

A COAT member said that one of the considerations should be regarding the potential elevation of Military Trail and access/egress to Century Village.

A COAT member pointed out that if the COAT can develop 5-7 significant bullet points that are clear, that may be as close to consensus as the COAT can come, and then the project can move forward to PD&E based on these broad, generic ideas.

A COAT member pointed out that short term improvements are not for Deerfield but for the people passing through. For the next few years, people traveling on SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street will have to deal with congestion.

A COAT member said that they could move forward with PD&E with acceptance criteria. And that they need to develop these criteria and write them down. They should write down short term and long term acceptance criteria and bring a copy to the next meeting to hammer it out.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig- Where we are tonight is where we should have been in the beginning. The road that is local should be SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The depressed road should be Sawgrass Expressway. They should be developed and handled separately. You are very close to coming to consensus.

Commissioner Ganz explained it very well. FDOT should look at rail through all of south Florida.

Bernie Parness- Objected to the comment that they knew what they were getting when they bought there. This is a crap shoot but it's a risk we have to take. Come up with a solution and live with it.

Commissioner Ganz- Wait until the public finds out how long this project is going to take. It is very disappointing to hear people ask if we really need a PD&E. If you really care about the residents of Deerfield, we need to hear all the things you really want. It doesn't hurt to ask for the things that you want from the beginning. There are going to be compromises. There's not a silent majority, there's a lazy majority that are not coming to the meetings. We could fill this room at every meeting. Ask for the bells and whistles. There will be compromises. Talk of projects that devalue properties are concerning. People that have complained thus far have very little skin in the game.

Steve Williams (Keith and Associates) - It's great to see so many people concerned. What this has come down to is to develop the scope of services for the FDOT PD&E. What goes into the scope is what FDOT needs to be charged with so they can know up front what items need to be addressed. The list of items I've seen are:

- Improve safety along the local roads
- Address the below-grade roadway
- Extend west end of below grade road past residential connections
- Improve local roads and expressways
- Access for local/residential
- Table top parks
- Noise
- Near term solutions...etc.

Due to the 2 minute time limit Paul Calvaresi asked Steve to email his complete list to the project team.

A COAT member revisited the issue of constraints and commented that they would like to see the elevation of the railroad as a major concern and not a constraint.

Sheri returned to the issue of having a public meeting.

There was discussion about if the COAT needed a public meeting to move forward and what would be presented. The COAT expressed that due to discontent with the first public meeting that the public deserves another chance to give input.

There was discussion about what should be presented, such as maps, presentations, and acceptance criteria.

A COAT member pointed out that every COAT meeting is a public meeting and that the public can come and make comments. They don't think anyone is going to say anything new at another public meeting.

A COAT member suggested that maybe it would be helpful to have a structured press conference. Paul said that the project team is amenable to any format the COAT wants.

A COAT member asked FDOT about the public outreach during PD&E. FDOT explained that the first meetings are information gathering. He explained that they can come to HOA meetings and have as many meetings as the community wants.

Commissioner Ganz pointed out that the public can provide valuable input and said that Deerfield can provide the location and room for the meeting.

There was more discussion about potentially meeting on June 18. A COAT member said it should be in a format suggested by this group, but afterwards, let's move forward.

A COAT member asked about the format.

Sheri said the meeting would be informational, with presentations from MPO and FDOT staff.

The COAT discussed what they would like to see in terms of materials and discussed the possibility of people wanting to speak. The COAT agreed that people will want to be heard.

The COAT agreed to a public meeting Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

## **COAT ROUNDTABLE**

Each COAT member gave their final thoughts on the meeting and expressed that they feel that Todd Drosky will do a great job as the COAT spokesperson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.