



Meeting Summary

TYPE OF MEETING: Meeting with Waterways and Waterford Civic Association

DATE: Tuesday, September 29, 2015

TIME: 7:00pm

NAME: Nancy Kasmarski, President The Waterways HOA

OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS: Residents (60) from both The Waterways and Waterford communities were in attendance, including Commissioner Ganz and Executive Assistant to the City Manager, Nicole Giordano.

LOCATION: The Waterways Main Clubhouse, 3501 West Drive, Deerfield Beach, Florida

PROJECT TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering and Pamela Adams, Adams Consulting Group

PRIMARY CONTACT FOR FOLLOW-UP: The Waterways: Nancy Kasmarski 954-725-6201 and Eric Torrella 954-729-3255

The purpose of this meeting was to update residents of The Waterways and Waterford on the progress of the SW 10th Street Consensus Building Initiative.

- Overview of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, its purpose, composition and process for planning transportation.
- Described the project study area including Deerfield Beach, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs and Parkland. Discussed the anticipated growth in the study area, including new jobs and development in Deerfield and that continued traffic growth is expected.
- Provided a summary of the outreach activities, including the number of meetings, and a summary of concerns from other communities including, noise existing and future, current and future traffic projections, no flyover.
- Discussed that the 2040 LRTP does not have any funds for a project along SW 10th Street to address any concerns for the next 25 years. Something should be done to plan for improvements to address current and projected traffic and quality of life concerns. Summarized the process and length of time to get a project approved and funded.
- Reviewed the status of current and future FDOT and Turnpike projects on I95 and the Turnpike that will bring more traffic to the 10th Street Corridor.

Explained the Community Oversight Advisory Team (COAT), the role, composition and responsibility/vision. The approach is to establish a community committee of 17 representatives of the study, including Deerfield Beach, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, and Parkland. Nine of the 17 will represent Deerfield Beach, with two from each of the other cities and two County wide representatives. The COAT is to provide the SW 10th Street Project Team with

various perspectives on a future project that can be document for the MPO Board to consider in next steps. They are also should act as a channel to disseminate project information to the community and to receive feedback from the community.

The floor was then open for questions/feedback:

1. Broad Concerns Expressed by the Community

- a. Property Values- widening the roadway will result in a reduction in the greenspace along SW 10th Street and reduce property values
- b. Improvements to the Turnpike interchange will increase the volume of traffic between I-95 and the Sawgrass Expressway
- c. Do not make SW 10th Street like SR 84 with a wall enclosing the community
- d. Divert traffic from SW10th Street between I-95 and the Sawgrass to Sample Road to address traffic congestion. It is primarily industrial and will have no impact on residents. Response: Jeff Weidner: Sample Road does not have the right of way for additional improvements. The SW 10th Street right of way is dedicated for transportation improvements.
- e. If SW10th St. is widened who will pay for improvements to The Waterways community, such as the landscape, entry, gatehouse etc.
- f. The SW 10th Street congestion is caused by residents in Coral Springs and Parkland travelling to I-95. It is not a problem for the residents in Deerfield Beach.
- g. The bottleneck begins at West University Drive because the City of Parkland would not expand University Drive northbound (it takes 27 minutes to get from Coral Springs)
- h. Residents in Waterford have conducted their own study going east on SW 10th Street between Powerline Road and Military Trail between 8:45 am and 9:00 am. There is no problem.
- i. People should leave home a little earlier to avoid the congestion
- j. How does the FDOT I-95 Interchange project affect the SW 10th Street projects? Why are they not being done together? Jeff responded that they should be looked at together he indicated the Turnpike Study for the interchange at 10th Street specifically indicated that the selected consultant needs to coordinate with the MPO effort.
- k. If there are no funded or unfunded plans for SW 10th Street in the 2040 LRTP the MPO Board the MPO Board will have to take funds away from another project.

2. Comments and Questions about SW 10th Street?

- a. What will be done about access to The Waterways – Response: it certainly will need to be accommodated. This will particularly be an issue at Independence Bay where there access gate is very close to the FDOT right of way. There is additional right of way to the north and the recommendation could be that any expansion be built to the north.
- b. Commissioner Ganz indicated that the Waterways Community will need secondary access/egress as a result of this project. He mentioned that the property south of Waterways is vacant and represents an opportunity for access to relieve traffic at the current location and provide access to the south.
- c. No flyover or noise wall is desirable – Response: This message has been received many times and will be well documented.
- d. Can we pave our way out of congestion? No solution should split the city! Response - This is a problem and we probably cannot.
- e. What is happening at I-95 at Newport Center? Response: The current concept for improvement at the I-95 interchange shows that it will still be a traffic signal.
- f. Will the right of way at Quiet Waters Park be compromised? Response: It has not been part of any plans in the past and federal requirements to do so are very difficult to resolve.
- g. What is the source of funding for this project and who makes the final decision on the project? Reposne: Federal and State funds and the MPO Board will decide the process on how the community moves forward.

- h. Create a two-fold process. Implement changes at I-95 first then measure the impact on conditions on SW10th Street before undertaking a major project.
- i. Is it possible that a private company to participate in funding the project. Response: yes because there could be tolling included in the recommendations.

3. Recommended Solutions

- a. Add a single lane to SW 10th Street east of Powerline Road
- b. Fix I-95 first then see if additional roadway improvements are required.
- c. Synchronize the lights from east to west to improve traffic flows and volumes before starting a new project.
- d. Create reversible lanes between Military Trail and Powerline during high peak hours
- e. Do a study to evaluate the impact of traffic on the quality of life of residents in the area before doing a major project
- f. Provide a connector from the Sawgrass to I-95 using Sample Rd.

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