

Summary of Meeting January 17, 2007
Florida Department of Transportation District Four
Agency Kick-Off Meeting
SW 10th Street Connector Feasibility Study

This meeting was called by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) at the request of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). A copy of the hand out provided by FDOT at the start of the meeting is attached to this summary.

The meeting was conducted by Richard Young and Silvia Beltre of the FDOT. Gus Schmidt, FDOT, also spoke on the subject. The purpose of the meeting was for FDOT to gather comments from local government officials.

Deerfield Beach Mayor, Al Capellini, spoke at the start of the meeting and in summary he stated that the City of Deerfield Beach does not support a flyover to connect I-95 to the Sawgrass Expressway which has been the City's opinion for the past 15 years. He said the City would not be opposed to hear information on an on grade/surface recommendation to the traffic congestion. Mayor Capellini asked the FDOT to come to the City of Deerfield when projects or plans will affect the City.

District 4 Commissioner, Steve Gonot, spoke and stated that the Deerfield Beach City Commissioners are unanimous in not wanting an elevated road along SW 10th Street. He asked the FDOT to take note of the human costs that would be involved with a highway going through the number of residential neighborhoods in the area. Commissioner Gonot, is a member of the MPO and stated that he would report to the Deerfield Beach Commissioners any information that is discussed or gathered by the MPO relating to this project.

Deerfield Beach Vice Mayor and District 3 Commissioner, Marty Propelsky spoke and stated his agreement with the statements that had been made by Mayor Capellini and Commissioner Gonot.

Deerfield Beach City Manager, Mike Mahaney, was in attendance but did not speak.

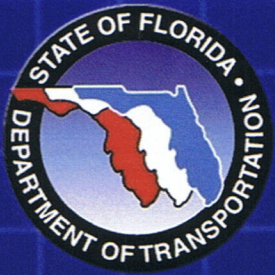
Broward County Commissioner, Kristen Jacobs, who is also a member of the MPO stated that Commissioners must meet in the "sunshine" and that the venue for this meeting was inadequate to accommodate the number of local citizens who were there to observe the meeting and that any future meetings should be held in a space to accommodate the citizens. Commissioner Jacobs asked that any study include consideration of mass transit and that future presentations include drawings and specs on what the FDOT is considering. Commissioner Jacobs provided her contact information as her office sends out notices relating to MPO meetings.

Coral Springs Commissioner, Ted Mena, spoke and said that Coral Springs has not asked for an elevated road way but wants to talk about it and not close the door on this type of solution.

Light House Point Commissioner, Sandy Johnson, spoke and stated that the FDOT should keep in mind other citizens who are impacted by the traffic.

In summary the FDOT representatives stated that this project is in the Pre Phase I which is the pre-project development stage. It was stated that there are no funds set aside to complete any of the possible solutions.

Respectfully submitted by
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Waterford Homeowners Association



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SW 10TH STREET CONNECTOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

Broward County, Florida

FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Sawgrass Expressway (SR 869) located in Broward County, begins at the connection of Interstate 595 (I-595) and ends on the west side of the Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) interchange. Just east of the interchange, SR 869 is known as SW 10th Street and continues east as a main connection to Interstate 95 (I-95). To the east of I-95 the corridor continues as a local road. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) completed a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study in 1993 which evaluated alternatives to extend the Sawgrass Expressway from the Turnpike to I-95. The need for the project in 1993 was attributed to the substantial projected growth within Broward County resulting in future traffic demands along SW 10th Street. The extension of this limited access facility would complete the "missing link" in an expressway system which includes I-95, Florida's Turnpike, the Sawgrass Expressway, I-75 and I-595. Several alternatives were evaluated including the No Build Alternative. At the conclusion of this PD&E study, although the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved an extension of the expressway, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) made a decision not to move forward with the project due to public opposition.

Since 1993, population in Broward has continued to grow. In the original PD&E Study, the population in Broward County was projected to increase to 1.59 million by the year 2010. The 2006 population of Broward County is 1.79 million, surpassing the projections from the original study and population is expected to continue rising. As would be expected, this increase in population over the initial estimate, is reflected in the transportation system. The 2006 Broward County recorded traffic volumes on SW 10th Street range from 39,500 to 46,500 annual average daily traffic (AADT).

PURPOSE OF STUDY

Since fifteen years have passed, at the request of local elected officials, the FDOT Office of Planning and Environmental Management is conducting the SW 10th Street Connector Feasibility Study to develop alternatives for SW 10th Street from the Sawgrass Expressway / Florida's Turnpike interchange east to I-95. The following potential alternatives are proposed for evaluation.

No Build Alternative

- Alternative 1** Intersection Improvements / Transportation System Management (TSM)
- Alternative 2** Widen segments from 4 to 6 lanes
- Alternative 3** Widen segments from 4 to 6 lanes with frontage roads and overpasses at Powerline Road and Military Trail
- Alternative 4** Express lanes with frontage roads

Sawgrass Expressway Interchange with Florida's Turnpike

Improvements to the interchange with will be evaluated

AGENCY AND OFFICIALS COORDINATION

The Feasibility Study began in November 2007 and is scheduled for completion in July 2008. Additional meetings will be scheduled with the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the MPO Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) to present the study and solicit input.

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