

AIRPORT/TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MAY 22, 2006

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. Board members present were Chair Jorge Egues, Vice-Chair David Oakes, Jason Diamond, Hertz Halperin, and Scott McLaughlin. Also present were Public Information Officer Braulio Rosa, Planner Ingrid Allen (departed at 7:00 p.m.), Councilmember Susan Starkey and Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Duncan Bossle, Debbie Chandler and Stephanie Osborn were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 24, 2006

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Oakes, to approve the minutes of March 24, 2006. In a voice vote, with Mr. Bossle, Ms. Chandler and Ms. Osborn being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

3. PRESENTATION I-595 Corridor Improvement Proposal by an FDOT Representative

Steven Braun and Scott Seeburger provided PowerPoint presentations on the Interstate 595 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study. The Study was a formal process that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) used to ensure that consideration was given to engineering design, project costs, environmental and social impacts, and public input.

The conceptual master plan provided four alternatives. Since two alternatives had been eliminated, the remaining two, 1B and 2A, were addressed in depth. The development of the master plan was divided into two separate studies involving two Federal agencies. Mr. Seeburger's studies in the project were associated with the Central Broward East-West Transit Alternatives Analysis which consisted of Light Rail Transit and Bus Rapid Transit with the Federal agency being the Federal Transit Administration. Mr. Braun's studies considered Road Way Improvements associated with the Federal agency being Federal Highway Construction and the Florida Department of Transportation. Questions and Answers occurred during and after the presentation.

A discussion ensued regarding alternative 2A since that was the least objectionable alternative to the Town Council. Councilmember Starkey shared the Council's viewpoint and indicated that insofar as connectivity and density were concerned, Council was focused on State Road 84, the Regional Activity Center and State Road 441. She advised the Board what may be considered before making educated recommendations to Council.

Vice-Chair Oakes made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, that the Board should support the concept of the transit envelope for I-595 that incorporates the light rail system and the reasonable expansion of I-595 to reduce travel time, increase safety, and improve transit; and the details would be worked out later. In a voice vote, with Mr. Bossle, Ms. Chandler and Ms. Osborn being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Update on Leigh Fisher Part 150 Presentation – Braulio Rosa

Mr. Rosa distributed pamphlets containing Leigh Fisher's timeline regarding the Part 150. He advised that at the next meeting, the Board could look at which homeowners' associations should be contacted regarding airport expansion. Chair Egues agreed that it should be on the next agenda as well as a more thorough evaluation of the specific impacts on the Town regarding the I-595 improvements.

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5. NEW BUSINESS

Earlier in the meeting, Vice-Chair Oakes advised that this Board's meeting schedule conflicted with the Budget Advisory Committee of which he was a member. He requested that the meetings be rescheduled so as not to conflict. As Boardmembers agreed that any alternate Monday would be acceptable, Ms. Gale indicated that she would look into the schedules of both boards and make any necessary changes.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions made.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objections, Vice-Chair Oakes motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member