

**TOWN OF DAVIE
EAST-WEST TRANSIT PROJECT WORKSHOP
MAY 4, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice-Mayor Hattan and Councilmembers Caletka and Starkey. Councilmember Luis arrived late. Also present were Town Attorney Rayson, Town Administrator Lemack and Assistant Town Clerk Roig recording the meeting.

3. UPDATE ON THE CENTRAL BROWARD EAST-WEST TRANSIT PROJECT AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW ALTERNATIVES (FDOT)

Planning and Zoning Manager David Quigley introduced Jeff Stiles from Jacobs Engineering. Mr. Stiles gave a presentation describing the changes that FDOT was considering, including premium bus service and streetcars. Mr. Stiles showed the connectivity options for the streetcars and premium buses. He announced a Griffin Road Working Group meeting on June 9 at 6:00 p.m. that would include homeowners' association members and other citizens.

Mr. Stiles referred to a study timeline and noted they were entering the Environmental Impact Statement [EIS] phase of the project and would begin the environmental analysis this summer. Mr. Stiles said they were working on the ridership modeling, which should be available by late winter/early spring. He stated the first draft of the EIS would be ready for FDOT review by December 2012 and public hearings would be held in early winter 2013.

Councilmember Caletka was very happy that all the recommendations had been incorporated. Mr. Stiles confirmed for Councilmember Caletka that the ridership study projections looked at growth to 2035.

Councilmember Starkey asked if they had identified potential transit stops for the I-595 corridor. Mr. Stiles said there would be no stops until 136 Street. He remarked on the difficulty of including stops on I-595, and said they would look at this and make recommendations if they found the opportunity for additional stations. Councilmember Starkey asked the drop-off point for the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. Mr. Stiles said this was a physical challenge and they were trying to get as close to the airport as possible. Councilmember Starkey advised, "If you can keep people on the same car, they'll use it; if they have to get out in the elements and change, they won't and your ridership will be down."

Mayor Paul said she was happy to see that all of the alternatives included the South Florida Education Center and bringing ridership to University Drive, Griffin Road, Nova Drive and Davie Road would be of great interest to the Town.

Councilmember Caletka said it seemed odd that the premium bus service would run from the Broward station to the Griffin station, since Tri-Rail already connected these. Mr. Stiles explained how the bus service would work, and acknowledged that additional analysis might show that this was not advisable.

Councilmember Luis wondered how the electric streetcar would work after a storm. Mr. Stiles said this was a consideration, and there were battery-operated technologies they had looked at. He said this was something they would consider with operating and maintenance costs.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk