



Meeting Summary

TYPE OF MEETING: Meeting with Waterford Homeowners Association

DATE: May 27, 2015 **TIME:** 6:00 PM

NAME: Joan Maurice

OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS: Lubor Vencl, Vice President of Homeowners Association

LOCATION: Home of Joan Maurice, 1227 SW 25th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

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

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Meeting notes:

Meeting commenced at 5:42 pm.

Jeff Weidner introduced team, explained purpose of BMPO and provided brief history of SW 10th Street initiatives. He reiterated that no plans exist for SW 10th Street and that this consensus building project is an opportunity to engage in a discussion on a shared vision for the future of the corridor. Advised the project was not to build a flyover, which had been what the HOA heard.

Lubor Vencl

Mr. Vencl discussed his thoughts on existing conditions. He does not see a real traffic issue. To him the better option is to fix the root cause of the problem which he believes stems from the I-95 interchange. He believes making any improvements to SW 10th Street would be a waste of time and money without fixing the I-95 problem. Mr. Vencl referenced an aerial shot of SW 10th Street at I-95 and described the concern with drivers speeding through Newport Drive light and then cutting off passengers to quickly get in far right lane to get onto I-95. He suggests having two lanes, or a double right turn lane to ease this problem.

He also advised that traffic signals create much of the congestion. He is in favor of signalization and improvements to I-95 before any improvements to SW 10th Street Corridor.

Mr. Vencl I believes there is no right of way to expand SW 10th Street, that an expansion would be more traffic, more noise and more emissions. He is not in favor of a noise wall on the South side of SW 10th street.

Joan Maurice

Ms. Maurice shared Mr. Vencl sentiments regarding doing nothing to improve SW 10th Street corridor. She believes any improvements to the corridor will affect the neighborhood's way of life and property value. She is not convinced change is needed. She does not want a project that will disturb quality of life in the area. She does not support noise walls on South side of SW 10th Street.

She only believes traffic is during rush hour. A neighbor timed the drive earlier that day, during rush hour at 7:57am. The neighbor drove the distance from Powerline Road to I-95 and noted the drive took him 4 minutes and 30 seconds. With this information, Ms. Maurice does not see why drivers are complaining about sitting in traffic for an extra 5 – 10 minutes during rush hour. She states this is normal in most traffic scenarios.

Closing

Both residents advised they are open to hearing and discussing plans for the future but did agree that based on what they had been presented in the past they were likely to be against any changes. They feel the residents of Deerfield would suffer most from improvements. Do not feel as though they should pay for residents who made the decision to live out West and have to drive east and deal with traffic congestion.

We advised Ms. Maurice and Mr. Vencl of the next steps in the progress, the webpage for up to date information on the initiative and the meeting scheduled for December wherein stakeholders will participate in visioning process.

Other issues identified indicated that SW 28th is a very busy signal and takes a long time to get green. Improving the green time could be an improvement. They asked about the signal timing length at SW 28th Street.

The Team informed the HOA leaders that the Team is seeking to work with a small group of representatives as it is very difficult to get consensus with a large group. They agreed that they could have someone participate and that doing nothing is probably not the answer.

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