Project Management Team Meeting – Summary

Pompano Education Corridor Transit Study

City of Coral Springs, Development Services Building – 2730 University Drive

Thursday, September 3, 2015 @ 4:00 p.m.

<u>Attendees:</u> Maggie Barszewski - on phone (City of Pompano Beach),Odalys Delgado (HNTB), Oliver Rodrigues (FTE), James Cromar (Broward MPO), Jessica Dimmick (Renaissance Planning), Sheila Rose (City of Coconut Creek), Liz Aguiar (City of Coconut Creek), Ben Ziskal (City of Margate)

Presentation

- Jessica gave an update on the public involvement effort
    - She described the on-going outreach and survey efforts, which has yielded over 50 responses, and likely more with the recent canvassing of the Broward College campus (Aug 24 and 25).
    - Some of the common patterns seen to date indicate most respondents do not currently use transit and would likely use transit more often if the bus came more frequently, stopped closer to desired destinations, improved perceived safety issues, among others.
- Jessica also discussed the planned public meetings in late September – which included the overall approach and tactics to getting information from the public.
    - The meetings will be advertised on the MPO and City websites
    - A press release will be created and distributed by email to alert the public and for use by the cities and MPO
    - Day of the meeting, signs will be used to direct people to meeting location.
- Odalys presented the draft materials that will be used for the upcoming public meetings in September
    - One suggestion was to discuss the Transportation Community and System Preservation (TCSP) grant that was received that funded this study – referred to as a 'background' poster
        - This 'background' poster would include the overall vision and purpose of the grant and how this study is one longer range element which is unfunded, etc.
    - Odalys presented the posters for the three alignment alternatives that will be used for the public outreach meetings.

- One suggestion was to include an alternative that did not travel south to Atlantic – meaning that the proposed service would not serve south of Coconut Creek Parkway along SR 7.

- There was also a suggestion to eliminate the loop around the Wal-Mart near Turtle Run due to the lack of transit riders.

- Jessica presented the land use analysis that was completed so far, which mostly consists of walkability access measures from key destinations within the study area. Transit accessibility will also be analyzed once the walkability analysis is completed.
  - Accessibility is measured as a function of the number of destinations that can be reached within a certain period of time
  - Travel times using the existing road network (sidewalks) was compared to travel times 'as the crow flies' (optimal connectivity).
  - Areas with adequate connectivity and areas with severe gaps of connectivity were identified.
    - It seems that a large percentage of the study area has moderate to severe connectivity issues.
    - It was mentioned to look into the Wynmoor community trolleys and how that existing service will impact this analysis / study.
- Jessica mentioned the next steps for the overall land use accessibility analysis, which will combine the information from the walkability and transit accessibility analyses as well as documenting the existing land use and zoning regulations to develop recommendations.

Next Steps and Next Meeting Date:
- Drafts of Tech Memos 4 and 5 will be completed by the end of September.
- Committee to provide any comments on tech memos 2 and 3
- MPO to follow up and make sure that all documents produced to date for study are being posted to website
- Two public meetings will be held:
  - Broward College Coral Springs Campus – September 29th
  - Larkins Community Center – September 30th

- There was discussion regarding whether should wait until after public meetings for next PMT meeting. Couldn't get a firm alternative date from folks but agreed to revisit. The next PMT meeting (September 24) will be hosted by the Broward MPO.