

APPENDIX Y – CORRESPONDENCE

Yesbeck, Joseph M.

From: Yesbeck, Joseph M.
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2004 9:46 AM
To: 'Symons-Kazanci, Myra C.'
Cc: Scott Seeburger (E-mail)
Subject: RE: Transit

Dear Ms. Symons-Kazanci:

Thank you for your recent e-mail regarding the Central Broward East-West Transit Analysis.

When this study began over 18 months ago, a number of different alignments were identified between Griffin Road in the south and Oakland Park Boulevard in the north. The western boundaries were I-75/Sawgrass Expressway and the Intracoastal Waterway. The alignments were eliminated from further consideration in a 2-step (tier) process. Factors used in the evaluations included Key Destinations Served, System Connectivity, Community Disruption and others. The "Initial Corridor Screening Report" is available on the project website at www.centralbrowardtransit.com/doc.html. Please note that all of the other project reports and exhibits produced to date are available at this site.

You note the study underway for an Airport/Seaport Connector. We are aware of this and other transit studies underway within the study area. We are actively coordinating with those projects in order to ensure compatibility in the proposed service type and service areas. It is also important to note that the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization has premium transit services planned for many other corridors in the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan. This plan can be viewed at <http://www.broward.org/tpi02800.htm>.

Thank you again for your comments. Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Symons-Kazanci, Myra C. [<mailto:Myra.Symons-Kazanci@BellSouth.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2004 1:40 PM
To: Yesbeck, Joseph M.
Subject: Transit

I'm going to contact my commissioner about this too. I agree that the train would be better placed on Broward Blvd rather than 84. There are many more folks there who would use it. Also property out west would be way cheaper away from 595 wouldn't it? How far west are they talking? I think it should go from Sawgrass Mills to Downtown via Broward Blvd. With a line to the airport and bus feeders from Weston, Davie and other spots east on 84. I read where the airport is looking to create a system that would connect the airport to Port Everglades. You folks should be coordinating efforts. (It seems to me if they are going to Port Everglades, that one could then go to the beach. 595's problems would be aided by a Train on Broward. It's really difficult to get from Sunrise and Coral Springs to anywhere east. A leg of the circle could end up there. I like the loop idea but it should be bigger. It would be good if the Cypress creek road business district could be connected with the train too. The stops need to be where the people are, where the shopping is, where the workers work. In Washington DC they don't have loops. They have lines that intersect. London's that way too, isn't it? Thanks for letting me have my

say.. I wish there was a sim fort Lauderdale program so I could draw my loops on a map...

Myra C. Symons-Kazanci

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Quigley, Jill J.

To: Yesbeck, Joe
Subject: RE: 136 Avenue rail - READ THIS FIRST

-----Original Message-----

From: louhendrix@bellsouth.net [mailto:louhendrix@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2005 9:23 PM
To: Yesbeck, Joe
Subject: 136 Avenue rail

I live on 136 Avenue (not a major artery unless you changed that without public hearings) and cannot understand why we were not informed prior to this letter. I cannot understand why you would not consider a road such as International Parkway or along the Sawgrass Expressway if you are interested in Stiles Corporate Park. Why would you turn at 136 Avenue and not extend to at least Weston Road in order to relieve 595 traffic. And most importantly why would you not have your meetings in a more "Central" area of Broward County? It is very difficult to drive at night so far east. Looking at your map it appears you would want to use the waterway that was guaranteed in land use changes to buffer the residential residents from the commercial development – an idea of Stiles to promote their project. This sounds very political in order to promote Stiles and the Arena with total disregard for the residential and commercial needs of this county. This plan would never relieve the 595 traffic and would not be used by local residents.

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Quigley, Jill J.

From: Yesbeck, Joe
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2005 4:56 AM
To: Quigley, Jill J.
Subject: FW: I-595 TRANSIT ON 136TH AVE UNACCEPTABLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

From: yelsdnil@aol.com [mailto:yelsdnil@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2005 6:05 PM
To: scott.seeburger@dot.state.fl.us
Cc: Yesbeck, Joe
Subject: I-595 TRANSIT ON 136TH AVE UNACCEPTABLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Mr. Seeburger,

A petition is being circulated throughout the community of Sawgrass Preserve in Sunrise. The complaint is that the LRT Route along the west curb on 136th Ave cuts right in front of our community entrance, creating hazards to children, fire rescue access and frequent back-up of gate traffic onto 136th Ave.

We are demanding immediate consideration for alternative guideway options, requesting the county and FDOT create a cross-over route from the west curb to east curb near Sunrise Blvd northbound. This will take the LRT route to the opposite side of 136th Ave before it can create such hazards as listed.

We appear to be the only western community affected, as the 136th route currently parallels the Sawgrass Corporate Park area and is across the street from other residential communities along 136th. Only our community, just north of Sunrise and bordering the Office Depot Center, has not been considered in the planning.

Our best option appears to be for a triangulated cross-over either just to the south or north of Sunrise Blvd. A center median train will likely impede our flow of traffic out of the community for left hand turns and going straight through to Sawgrass Mall on Green Toad Road. Also, the urban development and industrial park called "Metropica" will border the east side with the Sawgrass Mall. Because all of the proposed end-stations at the Office Depot Center are on the east-side of 136th Ave (Orange Grove Ln for shortest walking distance between shared mall and arena parking lots) or two choices to the north, we respectfully request the cross-over come before our community is damaged.

- 1)Our school buses stop where the proposed curb LRT would run. About 200 children gather.**
- 2)Our Sunrise Fire Dept is 50 yards away, and has only 1 exit that will be compromised.**
- 3)Because we are gated, but have only a small visitor "runway", cars often spill out onto 136th, causing dangers to property and life. Also, our community has it's own turning lane to accomodate the overflow at the entrance, which would be train tracks for the LRT.**
- 4)We would be unable to make a right turn on red (if we get a traffic light at all).**
- 5)We may have to have a railroad crossing arm and sign!! Unacceptable.**

I will be faxing you the petition on 4/18/05, and again after it has fully circulated.

Thank you for your attention to this important development,

7/28/2005

Stephen P. Lindsley, Sawgrass Preserve resident owner 954-835-0829.

Quigley, Jill J.

From: Yesbeck, Joe
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2005 3:59 PM
To: Quigley, Jill J.
Subject: FW: Central Broward East/West Transit Analysis

From: scott.seeburger@dot.state.fl.us [mailto:scott.seeburger@dot.state.fl.us]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2005 3:21 PM
To: Jaksherm@aol.com
Cc: mberkley@plantation.org; bbutler@plantation.org; Yesbeck, Joe; Everett-Lee, Reed X.
Subject: Re: Central Broward East/West Transit Analysis

Mr. Sherman: As it stands right now and until further evaluation is performed, public meetings are conducted, and decisions are made, a specific route has not been settled on for the connection between the Sawgrass Mills/Office Depot Center area to I-595 and points east. I have not worked out the details as to specific dates, organization, and contractual issues as of yet, but I will be glad to share with you my initial thoughts on how we might proceed from here.

First, meetings and workshops with residents, business owners, the cities of Sunrise and Plantation and other stakeholders should be organized.

These should inform participants about the transit system and on the process to be followed so that all understand the facts and the way in which we can define and reach agreement on a preferred routing in your area. The best process would provide for fair and full assessment of all alternatives, and understanding of the true benefits and disbenefits of each prior to the making of final decisions.

The group or groups should then set to work on identifying and reaching agreement on a preliminary set of alignments between NW 136th Avenue and the Sawgrass Expressway. These alternatives would then be evaluated during the next phase of study (preliminary engineering) which would likely begin in fall 2006. When preliminary engineering begins, the group or groups would be already organized and prepared to participate.

I will be giving this more thought during the coming months and will keep you and others interested in the study informed as the approach becomes better defined.

On another matter, I transmitted the material that City of Sunrise Commissioner on April 28th. It took a while to pull it all together, but her request was honored.

I look forward to working with you and your community as we proceed.

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04/24/2005 02:19

To

PM

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cc

Subject
Re: Central Broward East/West
Transit Analysis

April 24, 2005

Thank you for keeping me informed about the Central Broward East West Transit analysis. I am not sure about how you are planning to run the route, are you going to go to the sawgrass express way to 595 or go down

136 ave. As you know our association is very much against any use of 136 ave. I have talked to the Mayor of Plantation and let her know our concerns regarding 136 ave.

Again thanks for keeping me informed regarding this program.

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Quigley, Jill J.

From: Yesbeck, Joe
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2005 9:13 AM
To: 'Bartels, Patti A.'
Cc: 'scott.seeburger@dot.state.fl.us'; Quigley, Jill J.
Subject: RE: I-595 corridor plans

Dear Ms. Bartels:

Thank you for your recent e-mail and question regarding the Central Broward East-West Transit Analysis.

Since 2002 the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has been conducting the Central Broward East-West Transit Analysis in coordination with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The purpose of this study was to identify a technology (e.g. bus or light rail) and alignment for a premium transit service that will provide an alternative to automobile travel in central Broward County. A Locally Preferred Alternative was adopted by the MPO that proposes to use light rail transit to move people from the Sunrise/Sawgrass area to Downtown Fort Lauderdale and the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. If you have been to the website, you have probably seen the map that shows the proposed route, but I wanted to provide the link: http://www.centralbrowardtransit.com/images/approved_alignment.pdf.

The preliminary alignment does use the west side of 136th Avenue between the Sawgrass Mills Mall/Office Depot Center and I-595. However, as part of their approval, the MPO requested that this portion of the alignment be re-evaluated during the next phase of the study. Therefore, it is too early to know if 136th Avenue will be impacted by this potential transit project, and too early for the FDOT to be in discussion with any property owners about acquisition.

The next phase of the project, known as Preliminary Engineering, includes a more in-depth analysis of the engineering details and will consider alignments off of 136th Avenue in the Sawgrass International Corporate Park. There will be an extensive public involvement campaign to discuss both the alternatives to 136th Avenue and the potential station locations.

I suggest that you consider being included on the project mailing list so that you will receive updates as the project moves forward. To be included, I need your preferred physical mailing address.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Seeburger, FDOT Project Manager or me. Mr. Seeburger can be reached at (954) 777-4632 or scott.seeburger@dot.state.fl.us. I can be reached at the numbers listed below.

Sincerely,

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7/28/2005

cc: Scott Seeburger, FDOT Project Manager

From: Bartels, Patti A. [mailto:PBartels@dadeschools.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2005 12:25 PM
To: Yesbeck, Joe
Cc: Bartels, Patti A.
Subject: I-595 corridor plans

Hello,

I am currently renting a home immediately northwest of the intersection of I-595 and 136 Avenue. I understand that a proposed transit expansion may affect my home. Additionally, I have heard rumors that the management (ARC) may have entered into discussions with the government (not really sure which agency) to sell the property for use in the transit expansion. Obviously, I would like to have as much advanced warning as possible if I have to move. I have been trying to get an answer for almost a month and no one seems to know who I should ask. Everything I find on the Internet lacks the detail I need to figure it out. Do you have information regarding this issue? And if not, can you direct me to someone that can?

Thank you in advance for helping me.

Patti Bartels

P.S.

The link below will take you to a map of the area in which I live.

http://www.aboutarc.com/arcCommunities/community_map.cfm?code=1467