

Anticipated Project Schedule



LEGEND:

CRC: Cultural Resource Committee
 MTG: Meeting
 PAG: Project Advisory Group
 LDCA: Location Design Concept Acceptance

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Project Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting No. 2 Early 2015
- Alternatives Public Workshop Spring of 2015

Additional announcements including the time and location of above described meetings will be published in the next newsletter, which is slated for publication in January 2015.

VENETIAN CAUSEWAY EMERGENCY BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT (MIAMI-DADE COUNTY)

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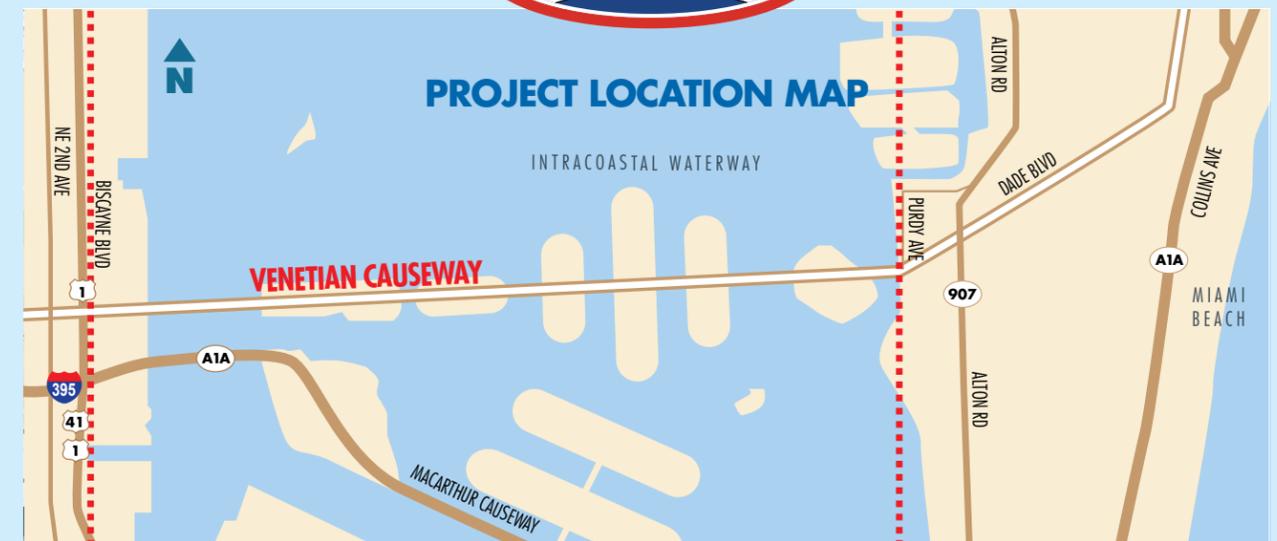


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This newsletter is dedicated to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six's Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study to examine the potential replacement or rehabilitation of the twelve existing bridges that comprise the Venetian Causeway.

Interested Residents and Business Owners Gather for First Project Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting

On Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 6 PM to 8 PM, over 20 residents and business owners attended the first Project Advisory Group (PAG). The PAG was originally referred to in previous newsletters as to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Venetian Causeway PD&E Study being developed by FDOT District Six. The purpose of the PAG is to allow stakeholders to provide input on the project as the study progresses. The PAG is comprised of residents and businesses forming a stakeholders group representing the communities and organizations in the immediate area of the project that requested to participate to ensure that a full range of views are considered during the study. The meeting was publicly noticed and held at 1000 Venetian Way, Club House in Miami Beach, FL 33139.



There was a detailed presentation on the project that included: the status of the study, the existing conditions of the causeway bridges, the historic significance of the bridges, the new hurricane wave analysis and vessel impact load

requirements on the bridges, and the proposed rehabilitation parameters for the bridges. It was explained that the immediate focus of the study was on the rehabilitation of the bridges and that the main purpose of the meeting would be to ascertain the Rehabilitation Parameters to be utilized for the development of suitable Rehabilitation Alternatives for the bridges. The Rehabilitation Parameters decided upon are as follows:

- Meet current safety standards
- Maintain National Register of Historic Places listing
- Minimize environmental impacts
- Rehabilitation Service Life – 25 years
- Typical Section – improve functionality
- Structural Capacity – meet current standards for:

- Load carrying capacity
- Foundation stability
- Hurricane resistance
- Vessel collision resistance
- Bridge Railings and End Treatments
 - Preserve historic character
 - Meet current standards
- At a minimum, maintain the existing bridge clearances
- Maintain traffic during construction
- Maintain utility services during construction

The estimated study schedule with specific milestones was also presented and is shown on the back page of this newsletter.

The PAG members were given the opportunity to interact with FDOT staff during the presentation, ask questions and express their opinions about the project. Topics of discussion included maintenance of traffic during the construction phase, the historical characteristics of the bridges, rehabilitation of the bridges, the impacts to the bridges during a hurricane, the proposed height of the handrails and impacts to the viewshed, and possible construction of a bicycle lane.

There were questions related to the proposed Venetian Causeway Emergency Bridge Repair Project being undertaken by Miami-Dade County; however, the attendees were advised that they should contact Miami-Dade County on that project as it is separate from this study. (For contact information please see the back page of this newsletter.)

If you are interested in joining the Project Advisory Group for this study, please contact:

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FDOT District Six Convenes First Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting for Study



There were 21 attendees at the first meeting of the Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) for this study on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The attendees included members of the community as well as representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Coast Guard, the State of Florida Historic Preservation Office, Miami-Dade Heritage Trust, the City of Miami and the City of Miami Beach.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct and document good faith consultation with affected parties in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The meeting was publicly noticed and held at the 1000 Venetian Way, Club House, Miami Beach, Florida 33139.

There was a detailed presentation on the progress and status of the project. The presentation included the information presented at the PAG meeting, the resulting Rehabilitation Parameters and information related to historic significance of the bridges. The CRC members were given the opportunity to ask questions, give comments and share their opinions with the FDOT staff and other governmental representatives about the project. A detailed study schedule with specific milestones can be found on the back cover of this newsletter. There were questions related to the proposed Venetian Causeway

Emergency Bridge Repair Project being undertaken by Miami-Dade County; however, the attendees were advised that they should contact the County on that project as it is separate from this study.

District Six is committed to keeping the public informed and involved during this study. CRC members should attend all meetings throughout the life of the study.

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