



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SIX

Public Information Meeting Summary

Project: Venetian Causeway

Project Identification Number: Financial Management Number 422713-2-22-01; ETDM Number: 12756

Project Manager: Dat Huynh, P.E.

Purpose of meeting:

This was the Public Kick-Off Meeting for elected officials, agencies and the general public. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public with project details and receive public feedback.

Date/Time/Location of meeting:

The Public Kick-Off Meeting for agencies and elected officials was held on June 25, 2014 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Miami Beach Regional Library, 227 22 Street, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

The Public Kick-Off Meeting for the general public was held on June 25, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Miami Beach Regional Library, 227 22 Street, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

Elected or Public Officials attendees:

Representatives for the following officials were present on their behalf:

Tracie Auguste, Legislative Analyst and Community Liaison, attending on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson

Virginia Morgan, District Senior Executive Secretary, attending on behalf of Florida State Representative David Richardson – District 113

Other attendees:

FDOT Staff:

Dat Huynh, P.E.
Fabiana Gonzalez, P.E.
Aileen Varela-Margolles
Chris Tavella, P.E.
Steven Craig James

FDOT Consultants:

Yaisel Gonzalez, Cunningham Group
Tasha Cunningham, Cunningham Group
Bradley Touchstone, Touchstone Architecture
Jeff Marcus, Stantec Consulting

Ken Hardin, Janus Research
Nicole Carter, Stantec Consulting
Dinesh Dagly, EAC Consulting
Daniel Greenberg, EAC Consulting
Rick Crooks, EAC Consulting
Rodney Devera, EAC Consulting

Agencies:

Evelyn Smart – US Coast Guard
Jay Fink – City of Miami Beach Public Works
Marcus Redondo – Miami-Dade County Public Works
Josiel Ferrer – City of Miami Beach Transportation
Lynn W. Bernstein – City of Miami Beach Public Works
Leandro Ona – Miami-Dade County Public Works
Gayle R. Love – Miami-Dade County Public Works
Mike Bauman – Miami-Dade County Public Works (Causeways Division)

General Public

73 members of the general public were present

Media Involvement:

Jacqueline Salo, a reporter from the *Miami Herald* was present during the meeting for the general public from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 25, 2014. A copy of the article written by Ms. Salo and published on the evening of June 25, 2014 was sent to the project team and to Maribel Lena, District Six Public Information Officer and to the project team.

Key items discussed:

Project details
Project timeline
Maintaining the historic character of the bridge structure
Weight limits on the bridge
Safety and sufficiency ratings
Participation on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Safe cycling
Inclusion of cycling clubs and organizations in stakeholder database
Grates for the surface of the bascule bridges
Remove “Venetian Causeway” from the project name and replace it with “Venetian Way”
Long term effects of rising water on bridge structures
Restoring lower height guardrails
Installing a temporary bypass bridge when bridge is closed
Coordination with Florida Power and Light (FPL) and other utilities
Installing a dedicated bike lane for scooters
Conversion of Venetian Causeway to SunPass
Timeline for conversion of Venetian Causeway to SunPass
Cost of SunPass for Miami Beach residents living on the Venetian Causeway

Action items:

Continue to inform the public on future meetings and project details
Update stakeholder database to include those who requested inclusion for project updates

Involvement needed from District Secretary or Directors:

None

Other information / notes:

None