

## Summary of Event

**EVENT:** Speak Up Broward Presentation

**DATE/TIME:** April 21, 2014 / 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Unitarian Universalist Church, 3970 NW 21st Ave, Oakland Park, Florida, Florida 33309,

**PRIMARY AUDIENCE:** Oakland Park Democratic Club

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED:** 20

**PROJECT TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** Diana Alarcon, City of Fort Lauderdale, Director of Transportation Mobility; Eric Czerniejewski, HTNB Transportation Consultant; and Pamela Adams

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### **SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

- ✓ Pamela Adams provided the group with an overview of Speak Up Broward and introduced Diana Alarcon, speaker and Eric Czerniejewski, meeting facilitator.
- ✓ Diana and Eric provided the group with a brief introduction about their backgrounds.
- ✓ Eric introduced the interactive transportation “Today and Tomorrow” exercise.
- ✓ The Speak Up Broward “Let’s Talk Transportation” was presented. It was an interactive presentation followed by discussion.

### **Meeting comments and questions:**

- ✓ Tolls roads/managed lanes on I-95 are a major source of contention
  - Why were the toll roads designed? It seems counter intuitive to charge a few people in the toll lanes to fund transportation. There are more vehicles travelling in the non-managed lanes.
  - I am opposed to managed lanes on I-95 (Oakland Park City Commissioner Tim Lonergan)
  - Toll/managed lanes divide the rich from the poor. The message is rich people are more important.
  - Is I-95 self-sustaining because of the funds generated from the addition of managed lanes? (If not, will it be?)
  - The pricing structure seems to be inverted.

- ✓ What is the point of the flyover/HOV lane on I-95; I meet the same cars on I-95 when they come off of the flyover.
- ✓ The buses do not have sufficient bike racks.
- ✓ What is the point of the MPO with all of the elected officials? They are only concerned about their respective municipalities not the overall County.
- ✓ There does not seem to be any coordination between the agencies managing the different modes of transportation.
- ✓ Will the Wave and cars traverse in the same space on the roadway? If yes, where will the bikes travel?
- ✓ Comments about the Presentation:
  - The presentation should include a slide that tells the public about the diminishing gas tax. Because the gas tax has not been adjusted in about 40 years, there are insufficient funds to improve transportation systems (Oakland Park City Commissioner John Adornato III). The public needs to understand why there is a shortfall of funds for transportation.
  - Check the Healthcare slide. The three trillion dollar figure does not seem correct.
- ✓ Results of the interactive Today and Tomorrow exercise:
  - Today: Slow, poor, inadequate rail, lack of walkability, uncoordinated, not people friendly, concrete jungle of unsafe and unwelcoming roads
  - Tomorrow: A class system, ease of bus and rail, better light synchronization, limit one car per family, elimination of toll roads on I-95, no reduction in the number of lanes on Oakland Park Boulevard

#### **FOLLOW UP / ACTION RESULTS:**

- ✓ Send a pdf of the presentation to Scott Herman.
- ✓ Respond to questions
- ✓ Ms. Adams will follow up with the organizations for presentation opportunities.

**EVALUATION OF EVENT:** There was a passionate dialogue about transportation funding, most of it focusing on managed lanes on I-95.

**PHOTO CAPTION/INFO:** N/A

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Diana Alarcon and Eric Czerniejewski presenting Speak Up Broward at the Oakland Park Democratic Club 4.21.14



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