



MEETING SUMMARY

EVENT: Johnson Street Merchant Association Meeting

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Burdette Beckman, Inc. (5851 Johnson Street, Hollywood, FL 33201)

PRIMARY AUDIENCE: Local residents

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED: 10-15

SUMMARY OF EVENT:

The members of the Johnson Street Merchant Association own and operate businesses along Johnson Street in Hollywood and most are also residents of Hollywood. The most frequent comments pertained to additional sidewalks, sewers, bike paths and pedestrian friendly lighting.

Commissioner Blattner requested input from the southern area of his constituency. The FDOT representative reported that there are plans to install timers at the intersections from Fillmore Street to Stirling Road along State Road 7. Buffered bike lanes will also be added. One attendee also proposed that lighting be installed along the corridor. The construction at the intersection of SR 7 and Hollywood Boulevard is scheduled to be completed in approximately four months (barricades and safety measures are still outstanding). Construction recently began from Hollywood Boulevard to Stirling Road.

It was discussed that the term “mixed use” as it relates to the Broward MPO refers to Transit Oriented Design (TOD) comprised of retail, housing & commercial uses, and it is the MPOs role to improve access to the developments.

Comments:

- > An attendee shared that he no longer rides his bicycle because of safety concerns along the corridor.
- > The bus shelters should be ADA compliant.
- > The minor roadway crossings along State Road 7 have a short period of time allotted for crossing the intersection.
- > The safety of the median should be included in the study.
- > There is no light to illuminate bike riders and pedestrians at night. It was suggested that the attendees make suggestions as to what specific areas the community would like additional lighting. FDOT’s responsibilities ended at the backside of the sidewalk, any other areas would need to be accessed by the city.

- > A request was made for information on the “Tiger Grant”. It was shared with attendees that the City of Hollywood and the Broward MPO applied for the grant in the amount of \$39.7 million dollars to do “complete streets” projects. Federal Highway funds will account for \$6 million and the City’s share will be \$2-4 million (awarded in Oct/Nov). There will be two years dedicated to planning and funds for construction. It is projected that transportation improvements will generate an economic recovery and there will be a focus on improving streets in the minority communities.
- > Commissioner Blattner reported that the west side of State Road 7 (in Hollywood) will be re-zoned. He then proposed to the audience that they give their input regarding what they would like for the aforementioned area to look like.

Questions:

- > Will the bus shelters have covers? The Broward MPO representative responded that some of the bus shelters may have covers; when that phase approaches, it will be coordinated with the various municipalities.
- > Will the bus shelters have trash receptacle? Trash receptacles are planned for the bus shelters in the right-a-way. All municipalities will be responsible for the maintenance of these structures.
- > Will there be a pedestrian crossing timer at the intersection of Hollywood and State Road 7? Will the time allotted for crossing be extended? The existing time allotted is not sufficient for crossing such a wide roadway).
- > Who is billed for the street lighting? It was discussed that street light billing is a case by case basis depending on who owns the utility. In most cases the lighting is owned, maintained and operated by Florida Power and Light.