



### Meeting Summary

**TYPE OF MEETING:** INITIAL MEETING INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT Research Park at Florida Atlantic University

**DATE:** June 24, 2015

**TIME:** 1:45pm

**NAME:** Andrew Duffell, President & CEO, Research Park at Florida Atlantic University

**OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

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**PROJECT TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** Pamela A. Adams, Adams Consulting Group, Inc. and Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering

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The meeting began with background about how and why the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization conceived the project and project status. Pamela and Jeff provided an introduction of their professional background and experience.

The team approach for the project was discussed. Meetings first conducted with elected officials in each city, then outreach to the adjacent community and businesses in the four-city study area. Based on the interviews to date, we were able to share that all of the municipal representatives want to work cooperatively to arrive at a mutually beneficial solution.

Jeff provided a full background on the agency involvement over the past 15 years to resolve concerns on the corridor. He also explained the potential impact of not having any plans for SW 10th Street in the 2040 Long Range Transportation.

Mr. Duffell explained that the Research Park is a special district established in 1985 by the Broward and Palm Beach County Commissions. There is a much larger facility and Palm Beach and the smaller park in Deerfield Beach. The Research Park is deed restricted for public use only because the land was originally a transfer of property from FDOT for a former park and ride lot. The role of the Research Park

is to provide a supportive environment for business development focused on research and technology. The Research Park has 2 parcels one is a 4 acre parcel that is adjacent to SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street, bounded by NW 11<sup>th</sup> Ave to the east and south, SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street to the north and the NB I-95 ramps to the west. The 2<sup>nd</sup> parcel is south on NW 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. where People's Trust Insurance Company is their tenant situated on a 10 acre parcel; 6 of the 10 acres are yet to be developed. People's Trust came to the Research Park with 25 employees and has grown to 300 employees. They are considering future growth of up to 100,000 square feet on the vacant 6 acres and concerned about traffic and access to SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Do you have any concerns about existing conditions along the SW10th Corridor?**

- a. Mr. Duffell discussed the impact on current conditions on the following
  - i. People's Trust Insurance Company employees and future development of the site will cause more traffic
  - ii. Current access conditions are a deterrent to potential new development
- b. North bound NW 11 Avenue at SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street is problematic as there is significant delay that creates stacking along NW 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- c. Congestion points exist at NW 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Military Trail and access and egress for Newport Corporate Park

**2. What is your vision for SW 10th Street?**

- a. SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street should or could be a gateway to the City of Deerfield Beach with improvements
- b. Roadway improvements would enhance opportunities for business development along the SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street and within the City.
- c. Synchronized traffic signalization would enhance the flow of traffic and alleviate some congestion.

**3. Approach includes establishing a community committee to provide the SW 10th Street Project Team with various perspectives on the proposed project and to act as a channel to disseminate project information to the community and to receive feedback from the community.**

**a. Do you have any ideas about the committee?**

- i. The Committee is a good idea. Mr. Duffell indicated that he would be willing to participate on the committee.

**b. What are your thoughts about the make-up and size of the committee?**

- c. **Would you recommend any citizens to participate on the committee? If yes, who? While no names were readily provided the Team suggested that they seek out civil engineers and/or planners that could understand design and infrastructure issues that could benefit them.**

**4. Do you have any additional comments or thoughts that you wish to share?**

- a. Mr. Duffell agreed to get some of the businesses in the area in contact with the team to discuss how they would be involved in the process
- b. Group forums or surveying employees at the large employers such as the People's Insurance Trust would be a good way to get input from employees that use the roadway getting to work.
- c. Access to the Florida Turnpike coming west bound would alleviate congestion
- d. Restructuring the I-95 interchanges would improve traffic flow
- e. Addition of a Park and Ride at the corner of SW 11<sup>th</sup> at Military Trail is an option

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