
Minutes

Attendees:

*David Adato
Wilfredo Mulkay
Hector Badia
Garry Ressler
Amal Solh Kabbani*

*Brian Alonso
Neal Schafers
Ruben Conizter
Humberto Escandon
Rick Soria*

*Terrell Fritz
Kenia Silva
Ray Cruz
Melanie Dawn*

*Robert Geitner
Maria Porrata
Jose A. Otero*

City of Miami – Construction update and Schedule

- City of Miami Construction Manager David Adato stated that within the last two weeks, a significant increase in construction crews/staffing has been observed, and with that a significant increase in physical progress. The contractor (FH Paschen) was put on notice for a 2nd time, the surety bonding company got involved, and due to that, there has been a noticeable increase in staffing/production.
- Within Phase 2 of the project, sidewalks are at 50% complete; eight (8) live oaks were installed @ 6.5" caliper with 24-26' of height; sewer permits have been received and they coordinating with Public Works to sign off so sewer work can commence. It will take at least 5 days to complete work.
- Given recent progress and an updated schedule, the remainder of work in Phases 2a might be substantially completed by Dec. 23rd 2016.
- After that, the next step within Phases 2b and 3b is to complete the sidewalks from the buildings to current construction site limits/sidewalks. This work will take approximately an additional 2-3 weeks. Therefore, it is possible to have all of Phases 2 and 3 finished by end of January.
- FSTF Co-Chair Brian Alonso stated that contractor has been given two notices of violations for being out of compliance with the contract. It was forwarded the contractor's HQ in Chicago, as well as the surety company. And due to the efforts of reaching out to HQ/surety company, we are now seeing progress.
- Mr. Adato stated that schedule is still being under dispute and contractor is asking for an additional days 235 days that are not under the original agreement. This was sent to FHP's HQ. The contractor must stipulate their reasons for the additional 235 days.

- Mr. Adato stated that the contractor needs to itemized list, for each utility, each delay, and show actual numbers. This needs to be put in writing with evidence.
- Co-Chair Alonso commented on the color of the sidewalks created in Phase 2. He was concerned that the black and gray pattern looked tan and gray. However, it is the curing agent that was applied to the concrete to prevent the concrete from cracking while drying. The color will fade in time and the gray and black pattern will be evident soon.
- A question was raised as to the look and whereabouts of the original concrete sample.
- Mr. Adato stated that the original sample that was produced and stored in the contractor's Hollywood warehouse. Supposedly when the former superintendent left the project, it was discarded. A new sample will be created and kept in the PIO Office.
- Discussion was brought up about the decision at the previous meeting move forward with asphalt intersections instead of concrete due to utility conflicts, repair and maintenance. Further, since it was also agreed to remove scrambled crosswalks, the former checkerboard and angled intersection designs were no longer valid. Now there is an opportunity for a decorative element within the intersection. Curtis + Rogers will present this design at the Jan. meeting.
- Ray Cruz from Atlantic Paving (<http://atlanticpaving.com/>) presented to the FSTF two of his FDOT approved products: (LIQUIDBRICK-ECO) Integral colored recycled glass, and (CITYBRICK) Integral colored coating system. **Liquid Brick ECO** features: 100% Recycled Aggregate / Integral Colored Aggregate / Stain Proof / Washable / Fortified with High Friction Abrasives. **City Brick** features: Integral Colored Coating / Renewable surface / Solar Reflective Colors / Non-Slip / Impervious / Washable / Unlimited Colors / Eliminates Weed Growth
- Both products can be pressure washed without issue. The main difference is the recycled glass product has much more of an aesthetic/artistic look and the colors won't fade. It also has a reflective shimmer in the sunlight. The recycled glass feels edgy/sharp at first, but will soften immediately with daily wear-and-tear from vehicular use.
- Jose Otero (BCC Engineering) stated that they are comfortable with everything that Mr. Cruz discussed and that his products meet FDOT approvals and therefore should be approved by the County as well.
- In the event that street work is completed (i.e. utility work) a question was raised as to what is the timeline for Atlantic Paving to be able to repair crosswalk and/or intersection. Mr. Cruz stated that it can probably be finished in one day if the intersection is closed; unless the artwork is more complex, than it could take up to 3-4 days at most.

- Mr. Ressler requests the DDA to push the City of Miami to codify that any work done within the street, the utility company/contractor has to rebuild the entire street curb to curb, not just one lane.
- Mr. Ressler requests the DDA to track all City of Miami decisions (excel spreadsheet) and track their progress. Focus only on this district/Flagler Street decisions.
- Co-Chair Alonso asked for an update on the Mastheads. Mr. Otero met with MDC, and they have agreed to remove. BCC to resubmit plans to MDC and are 90% done
- Mr. Fritz asked if the DDA could give an update on signage & wayfinding at the next meeting.

PIO Update:

- Mrs. Porrata stated that more businesses are looking at moving into the Flagler corridor. A representative from Books & Books in Coral Gables visited and is extremely interested in opening a new store along Flagler
- Mrs. Porrata stated that other visitors came to see schedule and progress of the current phases. Project is being very well perceived by many visitors and they are anxiously awaiting the completion of the final stages of the current phase.

Miami Parking Authority (Presentation of valet, loading zone, parking options, enforcement etc. after completion of Flagler Street Construction):

- MPA Senior Operations Manager Humberto Escandon stated that Miami Parking is still working on selecting one vendor for Flagler Street. Co-Chair Alonso stated that due to the recent progress on phase 2, some of the temporary measures discussed last month will probably need to be in place as soon as possible. Mr. Escandon will discuss with senior management at the MPA.

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- Mr. Schafers reminded the FSTF that the current plans call for intersection designs at only 3 of the pedestrian crossings. However, the current project extents include four crossings, and 3 T intersections. FSTF needs to make a determination as to which ones they want to implement the decorative element on.

Other Business

- Ms. Kabbani, President of the Downtown Neighbor Alliance (DNA) informed the FSTF that Ron Book, head of Miami-Dade's Homeless Trust, will present at the next DNA meeting to talk about his short and long term relief plans for homeless citizens. The meeting will be held at MDC-Wolfson Campus, Conference Room 2106, January 6th @ 5:30pm.

Adjourn:

- Next Meeting: January 9th, 2017