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Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date:	8/30/2012	Project Name:	BT-857 FIU-Campus Master Plan Update 2010-2020
Meeting Time:	1:30pm-3:30pm	Project No.:	810369.000
Meeting Location:	FIU CSC Rm 1123	Attendees:	<i>Focus Group Members:</i> -Steve Sauls, Steering Committee Advocate -Bill Foster (Transportation) -Rick Torres (Public Safety) -Ruben Almaguer (Emergency Management)) -Javier Rodriguez (MDX) -Robert Herrada (Sweetwater Public Works) -Guillermo Chez (Sweetwater Transit) -Tanya Wilson-Sejour (City of North Miami Planning) -Alberto Delgado (Facilities Construction) -Ruben Diaz-Neda (FIU Graduate Student) -John Cal, FIU-FMD -Bob Griffith, FIU -Stuart Grant, FIU -Sarah Mazorra, FIU -Krisan Osterby, P+W -Ben Sporer, P+W -Larry Page, P+W -Gene Kluesner, P+W -Mike Kroll, ML -Eric Czerniejewski/ML
Next Meeting Date:	Focus Group Meetings on Oct 2, 3, and 4.		

The attached are meeting notes for **Work Session #1**

FOCUS GROUP 6 – Transportation, Parking, Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian

Item No.	Description
1.1	Introduction and Campus Master Plan Process Overview: Focus group members were introduced and an overview of the Campus Master Plan Update process, project schedule, and meetings were reviewed. Focus Group Meetings will be concurrent and immediately after the six planned Steering Committee Meetings. Transportation and Parking are state required elements in the final master plan.
1.2	Project Schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory & Analysis July-Oct 2012 • Preliminary Alternative Concepts Nov-Dec 2012 • Concept Plan Development Jan 2013 • Draft Comprehensive Master Plan Feb-July 2013 • Final Comprehensive Master Plan Aug-Dec 2013 • BOT Approval of Master Plan Dec 2013
1.3	Update to Current Campus Master Plan: This plan will be an update of the current 2005-2015 Campus Master Plan (which was approved by the FIU-BOT in 2010) to 2010-2020 timeframe. Updates on new Building and Infrastructure projects since 2010 were reviewed.
1.4	Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR): The major issues affecting FIU and recommended by the FIU Metropolitan Center to be addressed in the Campus Master Plan are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overcrowding at Modesto Maidique Campus • Accountability Measures to Exceptions to the Campus Master Plan • Parking Availability / Accessibility & Transportation Options • Traffic Congestion / Roadway Capacity • Student Housing Demand • Recreation & Open Space Preservation • Land Use Constraints • Future of Biscayne Bay Campus & Engineering Center • Campus Identity: Architecture and Landscaping • Improved Relations with Host Communities
1.5	Review and Prioritize EAR issues affecting this Focus Group Elements 4, 8, 13, and 18: <u>Transportation</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider the potential for expansion of Miami-Dade County's Metro-Rail system when planning for parking at MMC.

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	<p><i>Metro-Rail is no longer in long range plan. It should be revised to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Continue to work with Miami-Dade County and host city “Circulators” to provide reliable and efficient transportation to FIU’s campuses. 3. Consider incentives and disincentives to increase a mode shift to public transit and carpool travel to and from campus. 4. Review the current shuttle system between MMC, BBC, and EC to expand service, correct deficiencies and to meet the future needs of the University; consider how faculty staff and students might choose to park at the university location closest to where they live and take a shuttle to their actual campus destination. 5. Consider Transportation Demand Strategies to include staggering class schedules to increase parking availability on campuses. 6. Plan for traffic signal lights at MMC to help ease traffic congestion. 7. Study modification of access roads leading to the Blue and Gold parking garages as a way to free up adjacent land in the southeastern quadrant of MMC. 8. Address golf cart usage at MMC; golf carts impact pedestrian walkability and create liability in case of injury. 9. Continue to explore strategies for meeting the parking needs at MMC, including van pool shuttles within the vicinity of MMC and continued exploration of off-campus parking in the City of Sweetwater. 10. Implement alterations to the traffic circle on SW 16th Street designed by Facilities Planning to simplify and channel traffic flow more efficiently. <p><i>This project has been implemented now.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Continue to explore strategies for meeting the parking needs at MMC, including off-campus parking at University City project in the City of Sweetwater. 12. Identify strategies to expand and enhance alternative transportation and sustainability programs.

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	<p>13. Support work with the Miami-Dade Transit Department to increase transit services at FIU campuses, including advocating and lobbying for Metrorail extensions that would serve MMC, the EC and western Miami-Dade County communities.</p>
1.6	<p>TIGER Grants: 2011 and 2012 have been reviewed. Integrating Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) within a multi-modal center on MMC, Sweetwater Trolley system, Circulator Buses, Smart Traveler program, and a pedestrian/bike bridge over 8th street.</p>
1.7	<p>Traffic Impact Studies: will occur in September on all campus major intersections and neighboring community intersections. 107th and 109th /8th street intersections are true pedestrian multi-modal intersections requiring potential improvements for best urban design / transportation practices.</p>
1.8	<p>Mobility Studies: large scale cost share with FDOT, FIU, and MDX.</p>
1.9	<p>Information required by planning team::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPO studies on BBC • Mobility Studies
1.10	<p>Regional Coordination: Connecting FIU, Sweetwater, Doral, North Miami, Miami-Dade County with more integrated transportation policies required. BRT using expressway lanes on turnpikes to Miami airport and downtown. Sweetwater circular trolley to MMC and EC and Dolphin Mall.</p>
1.11	<p>BBC issues: Access Study of three alternatives to provide secondary access to BBC. Intersections at 151st street, 143rd, and Biscayne Blvd have all been studied and will be factored into the Inventory and Analysis. Connecting City of North Miami bike path with south pathway on BBC was requested. There is concern for emergency vehicle access on BBC.</p>
1.12	<p>Alternatives to reducing parking demands: Staggered class schedules, Hertz on demand cars on MMC, mixed use/multi-modal transit parking structures, and reliable shuttle services. Planning for more park & ride zones at EC will also reduce MMC parking demand.</p>
1.13	<p>Bus Route on South Side of MMC: County bus depot relocation and transit route across campus will be studied.</p>
1.14	<p>Golf Cart Traffic Policy: Needed in the master plan with map series and interfacing with Bicycle access as well. Define emergency vehicle access routes on all campuses and study potential shared use with golf carts.</p>

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1.15	<p>Public Safety and Congestion: Three traffic lights are being installed at MMC to calm traffic and alleviate pedestrian safety issues. Planning for parking structures at campus edge developments that are outside the campus green parkway will also contribute to a more pedestrian friendly environment.</p>
1.16	<p>Best Practices: Bogota, Columbia has multi-modal transit system to study. Wayfinding and signage on campus – research examples from other universities.</p>
1.17	<p>Discuss university strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats: Homework assignment for each focus group member: provide 5 examples of strengths and 5 examples of weakness related to; Transportation, Parking, Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian at FIU. These can be in the form of images and/or narratives. Also, bring examples of best practices or models from other universities or communities.</p>
1.18	<p>Next Steps: Work Session #2-Focus Group Meetings are now being scheduled for Oct 2, 3, and 4, 2012</p>

End of Work Session #1 FOCUS GROUP 6 – Transportation, Parking, Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian Meeting Minutes

The foregoing constitutes our understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Other participants are requested to review these items and advise the originator in writing of any errors or omissions.