

**Transportation Land Use Committee Meeting
Wednesday November 12, 2003
Orlando 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Participating:

Mike Brown, TPS
Stephen Houdette, REMI
Veronica Boza, Keith and Schnars
Paul Larsen, PBMPO
Ken Kaltenbach, The Corradino Group
Chris Petro, NW LA. COG
Paul Ricotta, Caliper Corp.
Seong soon Yun, Gannett Fleming
Fang Zhao, FIU
Mike Neidhart, Volusia County MPO
Gary Kramer, West Florida Regional Planning Council
Glen Ahlert, Lee County MPO
Andrew Tyrell, FDOT - District 7
Joan Walker, Caliper
Elaine Martino, Martino Planning/FDOT D7
Richard Tillery, Grimail Crawford, Inc.
Bob Diogo, Lee County MPO
Dennis Hooker, Metro Plan Orlando
Karen McGuire, FDOT – District 6
Huiwei Shen, FDOT – Systems Planning
Jeanette Berk, API

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Gary Kramer welcomed all the members and thanked them for participating.

Transportation Land Use Alternatives White Paper (Action Item)

The paper had been distributed to the members several months ago for their review. The next step would be to distribute it to all the MPOs in the State. A motion was made to distribute the Transportation Land Use Alternatives White Paper to all the MPOs in the State of Florida. During the discussion the motion was amended. The amendment recommended that prior to the distribution, an introductory paragraph would be added to the White paper explaining how it would be used and how it might benefit the MPOs. This paragraph should be written realizing that the reader might not be aware of the MTF and the Transportation Land Use Committee. The amended motion passed.

ULAM Training Courses

At this particular time, no ULAM training courses are being scheduled. The focus is on TransCAD training since FSUTMS is transitioning into TransCAD. So far, 350 planners have been trained in the use of ULAM.

ULAM Versions

The current ULAM version is version three. Version three has an updated allocation process. Also, this version is more generic in terms of input variables. The previous versions were developed with Tranplan in mind for use with the standard ZDATA1 and 2

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files. Version 4 will be a parcel-based version. By using a polygon for the parcel the data can be joined with other GIS files. The new version is expected to come out early next year. It was pointed out that currently FDOT does not have a maintenance agreement with ULAM. Therefore, the new version will not be distributed by FDOT at this point.

NTI Coordinated Transportation Land Use Workshop

The members were informed that the Systems Planning office is still working on trying to get a workshop organized in Florida once the NTI starts offering the class. They will coordinate closely with Gary Kramer.

Need for Land Use Planners

There is a need for land use planners to participate in the Transportation Land Use Committee. The Florida APA, Regional Planning Councils and the Water Management Districts were suggested as possible agencies/organizations to contact land use planners. Since Dale Eacker retired from DCA no new contacts have been made with DCA. However, the DCA is currently developing a DRI database. This effort also contains a community outreach program, perhaps this might be an avenue to initiate contact with local land use planners. A motion was made for the Chair to write a letter to the land use planning divisions of the County/City governments to inform them of the MTF and the importance of the Transportation Land Use Committee. A special meeting could be organized, perhaps combined with the NTI workshop, to which the land use planners would be invited and the transportation planning process would be explained. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Other Business

The Systems Planning office is working on a scope involving research on land use allocation models. Currently, ULAM and UrbanSim are the major focus of the research, however the Systems Planning office is looking for input from the Committee members. A suggestion was made to include the model developed for the Metro Plan Orlando MPO by Canin & Associates. Additionally, it was pointed out that in 1996 District Four conducted a research project related to data availability. It would be important to build upon that effort.

A suggestion was made that perhaps FDOT should develop its own software that could be a hybrid between ULAM, the MetroPlan Orlando model and perhaps others. The System Planning office would like for the members to review the scope and send their comments to Huiwei Shen at the Systems Planning office. The scope will be finalized over the next couple of weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.