

Transportation Land Use Subcommittee
Teleconference Meeting Summary
March 28, 2002
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Participants:

Chairman, Gary Kramer, West Florida Regional Planning Council
Mike Brown, Transportation Planning Services, Inc.
Danny Lamb, FDOT District Seven
Shi-Chang Li, FDOT District Four
Elaine Martino, Martino Planning
Becky Faulkenberry, Escambia County
Huiwei Shen, FDOT Systems Planning Office
Jeanette Berk, API

Introduction

Gary Kramer welcomed all members and stated that he would like to review the objectives and strategies of the subcommittee and use them to develop an action plan for the subcommittee.

Strategies for Goals and Objectives (Action Item)

After some discussion it was decided to identify those objectives, which the committee has not accomplished up to date. For those the objectives, the members, independently, would develop a list of steps that need to be taken in order to reach the stated objectives. The list of steps will be the topic of discussion at the next teleconference.

Written guidelines should be written for the MPOs on how develop land use scenarios with a presentation occurring at a Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Meeting.

Gary stated he will develop a draft list of issues, which will address the guidelines. Several areas (Pensacola, Tampa, Martin and St. Lucia counties) within Florida are currently working on or have completed a set of guidelines for developing land use plans. These could be used as a starting point. Other issues associated with the guidelines are, how to implement them and who would be heading the effort.

Presentations by best practice organizations at Model Task Force Meetings. Best practices should range from the smaller areas with one or two jurisdictions to larger urban areas which deal with 15 or more jurisdictions. It was decided that this objective was met by continuing presentation on latest land use practices. It was requested to have The Renaissance Planning Group present the sketch planning techniques used in Gainesville at the October MTF Land Use Subcommittee meeting.

To promote professional development and training in the use of land use and transportation modeling techniques. Huiwei Shen will inquire if a 3-day transportation/land use course conducted by NTI can be held in Florida.

To promote a dialog between land use and transportation planning professionals and coordination of efforts between those two groups. The question was raised, whether the APA has a land use subcommittee and if so, what its focus is. The Florida APA will be

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publishing an article on ULAM, citing some background information, its website, and the upcoming training courses.

Help disseminate information about techniques, resources and funding for model activities. No information has been posted on the DCA website, however an article will appear in the DCA newsletter.

Huiwei will expand the Transportation Land Use Subcommittee write up on the Florida Department of Transportation web site to include items such as the mission statement, goals and objectives, and meeting summaries. Huiwei will also research the possibility of making the email address of the Model Task Force less “buried.”

To support other Model Task Force Committees in such activities as the development of new trip generation techniques and in development of the tools needed to forecast those new trip generation variables. It was requested that a meeting be scheduled between the tri-chairs and the subcommittee chairs in Orlando at the blue ribbon panel meeting to discuss the possibility of a joint meeting between the Land Use Subcommittee and the Trip Generation Subcommittee.

To support the research and development of enhancements to the current model and development of new analytical tools when needed. It was decided that an interactive CD might provide better training than a training video. Huiwei mentioned that an interactive CD is being developed for the Basic FSUTMS training course. Huiwei pointed out that, it might be possible to expand the scope of that work task to include ULAM training.

Urban Land Use Allocation Model Workshops May 20, 21, and 22

The members were informed that the Basic ULAM course will be held on May 20 and 21 in Boca Raton. On May 22, the advanced course will be taught. Two to three guest speakers will make presentations at the advanced course. Dr. Fang Zhou is one of the guest speakers; the other two speakers will discuss the ESAT application Criteria and the Index Program.

Transportation Land Use Research Program at the University of Florida

No formal announcements can be made at this point, however it looks like the grant money has been approved and several graduate students have been selected.

Status of three Research Projects, which were submitted to FDOT

Central Office reported that there is a good chance that all three projects will be approved for use of Planning Research Funds in July 2003. The three projects recommended by the Transportation Land Use Subcommittee are: Vacant Land; Development Tracking; and Redevelopment.

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DCA Update

Dale Eacker could not be present. Mike Brown informed the members that he made a presentation on the ULAM model and discussed the Land Use Subcommittee at the DCA office in Tallahassee. There were 30 to 40 people present and an interest was expressed in hands on training. DCA is planning to make a field trip to the Transportation Land Use Research Program at the University of Florida.

Web Sites (FDOT and ULAM)

Central Office will research the possibility of linking the FDOT Model Task Force Web Site to the ULAM Web Site. It was also requested that the Agendas, Meeting Summaries, Mission Statement, and Goals and Objectives of the Transportation Land Use Subcommittee be included on FDOT's Model Task Force Web Site.

New version of FSUTMS and ULAM software

The new version of FSUTMS will come out in May. The new version of ULAM will be completed in approximately one year.

Installation of ULAM (New Areas)

The installation in Orlando has been put on hold until the restructuring of the zonal system is completed. The Pensacola MPO is going to implement ULAM as part of its 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan which should commence in late April, early May.

Status of Tampa Bay Peer Review

No progress was reported.

Open Discussion

Being that there was no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.