Wave-One Way Pair Workshop of the Downtown Development Authority
Monday, December 7, 2009
DDA Office, 305 South Andrews Avenue, #301, Fort Lauderdale @ 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD PRESENT: Charlie Ladd, Chairman

Alan Hooper, Vice-Chair

William Bodenhamer, Jr., Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director

Elizabeth Van Zandt, DDA Planning & Design Manager

John Milledge, DDA General Counsel

Phil Smelley John Lafferty

The meeting started at 4:10 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the historical decisions made for the Wave (route, technology, funding plan, etc.).

Mr. Ladd went through the City land donation concept for the one stop shop site.

Mr. Smelley went through the different alternatives and other decisions that will need resolution in the next phase of work, which is the Preliminary Engineering (PE). He indicated that an amendment to the environmental assessment document may be necessary if the alignment is changed. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Smelley explained that by putting in a one way loop north of Broward, that it will actually increase the capital cost of the project. He further explained the reasoning for such an increase.

Mr. Hooper brought up the decreased cost of construction and indicated the assumptions being used to estimate the Wave's costs are probably high if they were generated years back. With that said, he continued on that the increase from doing a one way loop and the decrease from construction costs going down, should make the total project cost the same. He also asked if ridership would go up by doing the loop and Mr. Smelley confirmed that it would. He said that running the models would say for sure if they would and by how much.

Discussion was held regarding potential funding sources if the loop does cost more than the current budget.

General discussion was held regarding next steps for the project and what to expect for the upcoming year.

As there were no other items to discuss, the workshop ended at 5:45 p.m.