MINUTES
Joint Meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU Advisory Committees on September 26, 2018.

Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency
CareerSource SWFL
750 South 5th Street
Immokalee, FL 34142
239-658-3000

A. **Call to Order.**
The meeting was called to order by Ms. Norma Garcia, MSTU Chair and Mr. Estil Null, CRA Vice-Chair at 8:41 A.M.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**
Norma Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

C. **Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.**
Christie Betancourt opened roll call. No quorum was announced for both the MSTU and the CRA boards.

**CRA Advisory Committee Members Present:**
Estil Null, Andrea Halman, Mike Facundo and Julian Morgan.

**CRA Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:**
Dr. Frank Nappo, Ski Olesky, Linda Oberhaus, Yvar Pierre and Anne Goodnight.

**MSTU Advisory Committee Members Present:**
Norma Garcia and Cherryle Thomas

**MSTU Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:**
Bernardo Barnhart

**Others Present:**
Andrea Halman, Danny Gonzalez, Jean-Pierre Thelisma, Will Sloup, Silvia Puente, Miya Thomas, Chris Ambach, Victoria Peters, Mark Lemke, Armando Yzaguirre, Patrick Bateman, Fidel Vargas, Dottie Cook, Bill Howell, Lydia Pitre, Mike Taylor, Patti Calderon, Jessica Crane, Anita Jenkins, Michele Mosca, Carrie Williams, Lincoln Price, Christina Guerrero, Bill McDaniel, Antonia Rios, Maura Diaz, Priscilla Roman, Dan Novakovich and Elizabeth Lazzara,

**Staff:** Debrah Forester, Christie Betancourt, Donna Lumbert and Lisa Perez.

D. **Introductions.**
Norma Garcia introduced herself and welcomed all to the meeting. All other board members introduced themselves to the members of the public. All public present introduced themselves.

E. **Approval of Agenda.**
Staff presented agenda to the board for approval. Due to lack of quorum Agenda was not approved. Board followed Agenda as a guideline for the scheduled presenters.

F. **Approval of Consent Agenda.**
Due to lack of quorum Consent Agenda was tabled to the October 17 Meeting.

1. **Minutes**
   i. CRA Advisory Board Meeting for June 20, 2018 (Enclosure 1)
   ii. MSTU Committee Meeting for June 27, 2018 (Enclosure 2)
2. Operations Manager Report (Enclosure 3)
3. Project Manager Report (Enclosure 4)
4. Budget
   i. Current Budget (Enclosure 5)
5. Community Meetings (Enclosure 6)

G. Announcements.
   1. Communications Folder
      Staff reviewed the communications folder with the board and members of the public. The folder
      has the public notice for this meeting, CRA/MSTU 2018 Calendar, and flyers for upcoming
      community events.
   2. Public Comment speaker slips
      CRA staff reiterated the public 3-minute speaker slip policy. The board will give more time if they
      feel it necessary.
   3. CRA Staff.
      Christie Betancourt introduced Donna Lumbert, CRA Budget Analyst and Lisa Perez, Administrative
      Assistant as the two new staff members that joined the CRA team. She also spoke briefly on the
      departure of Project Manager, James Sainvilus and the vacancy posted for that position.
   4. CRA & MSTU Advisory Board Meeting Calendar (Enclosure 7)
      Staff provided the advisory board with most recent calendar.

H. New Business.
   1. 2018 FRA Conference (Enclosure 8)
      Due to lack of quorum staff will be emailing board members to see who would like to attend the
      FRA Conference. Andrea Halman has confirmed that she will be attending.
   2. Economic Development Administration(EDA)Grant for Broadband Network Study (Enclosure 9)
      Items was tabled for the next meeting.
   3. MSTU Advisory Committee
      i. Andrea Halman Reappointment (Enclosure 10)
         Items was tabled for the next meeting.
      ii. Vacancy (Enclosure 11)
         Item was tabled for the next meeting.
   4. FDOT Presentations (Time Certain 9:00 a.m.)
      i. FDOT SR29 from I-75 to Oil Well Road (Enclosure 12)
         Patrick Bateman, Project Manager spoke on the PD&E Study from I-75 to Oil Well Rd.
         *Presentation is attached to the minutes for the record.*
      ii. FDOT PD&E Study from Oil Well Road to SR82 (Enclosure 13)
         Patrick Batemen along with Bill Howell, Lochner spoke on SR29 PD&E Study from Oil
         Well Road to SR 82.
         Antonia Rios and Maura Diaz with the help of a translator spoke on their concerns with the
         high traffic at the intersection of Westclox Rd. and Carson Rd. The traffic congestion poses
         a safety risk for the vehicle driver, pedestrian, and bicyclist. They said that the intersection
         is located within a school zone, so they fear for their children’s safety because the
         intersection is hard to cross. They would like to know if a traffic light or some sort of safety
         measure can be added to one of the studies presented for future funding.
         *Presentation is attached to the minutes for the record.*
iii. FDOT SR29 from SR82 to Hendry County line (Enclosure 14)

Fidel Vargas, Project Manager spoke on the proposed improvements.
There will be a Public Meeting on October 11, 2018 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. at the UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center, 2685 SR 29 North, Immokalee, FL 34142 for further information.
Public comments were provided by:
Ms. Cherryle Thomas - Comment on cost of proposed project.
Ms. Andrea Halman - Comment on pathways with wide enough bike lanes.
Mr. Danny Gonzalez - Comment on timeline of project, cost and proposed completion date.
Ms. Norma Garcia - comment on installation of sidewalks on SR82.

*Presentation is attached to the minutes for the record.*

I. CRA & MSTU Old Business
1. Contractors Report
   i. Q Grady Landscape Report (Enclosure 15)
   Dan Novakovitch reviewed observation report with board. He discussed in further detail the monument that will on SR29 where Farm Worker Village is.
   ii. A&M Property Maintenance (Enclosure 16)
   Armando Yzaguirre provided a presentation of the continued work on the cleanup of debris from Hurricane Irma. There was discussion about the accidents involving the knock down poles and the reimbursement process. He also expressed his concern about the bulb out planters not having enough drainage from excess water. There were compliments on the maintenance of the street benches and bulb out planters that they are being very well maintained and look good.
   Deputy Mike Taylor complimented on the trash cans being well maintained.
2. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan update
   Michele Mosca provided board a quick update on the pond site located on Delaware Avenue and the status of the Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan.
3. Code Enforcement
   Christopher Ambach, Code Enforcement Supervisor spoke on educating property owners and having them be more involved in the care of their residential or business properties to improve the Beautification of Immokalee. Andrea Halman and Danny Gonzalez thanked code enforcement for doing such a spectacular job on improving the community. Mr. Ambach also spoke on hiring more code enforcement officers and now Immokalee is fully staffed.
4. Office of Business & Economic Development (OBED)
   Lincoln Price provided board with a brief update on what the Office of Business & Economic Development is working on.
5. Other Agencies
   Immokalee Chamber of Commerce - Danny Gonzalez, President
   Mr. Gonzalez provided board with a brief update on the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.
   Immokalee Area Master Plan - Anita Jenkins, Planner
   Ms. Jenkins provided board with a brief update on the draft Immokalee Area Master Plan.
   Commissioner Bill McDaniel provided board with brief community updates.
J. **Citizens Comments.**
   No additional comments were provided.

K. **Next Meeting Date.**
   Next CRA Meeting is on October 17, 2018 @ 8:30 A.M. at the Boys & Girls Club – Bolch Campus, 1155 Roberts Ave., Immokalee, FL. 
   Next MSTU Meeting is on October 24, 2018 @ 8:30 A.M. at Careersource SWFL., 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL.

L. **Adjournment.**
   Meeting Adjourned @ 11:15 A.M.
SR 29 FROM I-75 TO OIL WELL RD
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

IMMOKALEE CRA MEETING
FL NO: 434020-1-20-41

State Road 29 PD&E Study
Project Description & Existing Conditions
- 10.2 miles
- 2-lane undivided highway (rural)
- Emerging Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
- 4 bridges & 4 wildlife crossings
- Divides Big Cypress National Preserve and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge
- Hurricane Evacuation Route
- Primary Truck Route
- In cooperation with National Park Service

State Road 29 PD&E Study
Purpose & Need
- Project Status
  - Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
    - Amended October 18, 2016
  - MPO Fiscal Year 17/18-21/22 Transportation Improvement Program
  - SIS Priority Project

State Road 29 PD&E Study
What is a PD&E?
- Process used to evaluate:
  - Engineering Alternatives
  - Environmental Impacts and Social, Cultural and Economic Impacts Associated with a Planned Transportation Project
  - Public Involvement
- The PD&E study entails the preparation of all preliminary engineering and environmental documentation
  - Environmental Assessment (EA)

State Road 29 PD&E Study
Purpose & Need
- System Linkage
- Capacity
- Transportation Demand
- Safety
**State Road 29 PD&E Study**

**Purpose & Need**

- **System Linkage**
  - Improving this stretch of SR 29 from I-75 is the final piece of a unified regional approach that addresses the critical freight needs along all of SR 29.

**State Road 29 PD&E Study**

**Purpose & Need**

- **Capacity**
  - Existing (2017) AADT 3,700
  - Anticipated No-Build (2045) AADT: 8,500 veh/day
  - Does not meet LOS C threshold
  - Truck Percent 24.1%

**State Road 29 PD&E Study**

**Purpose & Need**

- **Transportation Demand**
  - Collier County
    - Population from 321,520 in 2010 to 453,780 in 2040
      - 55.8% increase
  - Future Growth
    - Towns of Ave Maria
    - Rural Lands West
    - Golden Gate Estates Area
    - Immokalee area
      - Designated as Rural Area of Opportunity
    - Rural Economic Development Initiative
      - Governor's Initiative
      - Immokalee is a designated Rural Area of Opportunity

**State Road 29 PD&E Study**

**Purpose & Need**

- **Safety**
  - Existing Crash Data (2011-2015):
    - 32 Total Crashes in 5 years
      - 11 (34%) Off Road
      - 7 (23%) Animal
      - 2 Fatalities in 5 years
  - Based on Design Year (2045) volumes
    - No Build
      - Predicted Annual Crashes 26.7
      - Total Annual Crash Costs Approx. $13.3M
    - Build 4 Lane
      - Predicted Annual Crashes 18.2
      - Predicted Annual Crashes reduced by 36.6%
      - Total Annual Crash Costs Approx. $9M
      - Total Crash Costs reduced Annually by Approx. $4.3M

**State Road 29 PD&E Study**

**Purpose & Need**

- **Alternatives Development**
  - Existing SR 29
    - Two 12' lanes, 10' shoulders (4' paved)
    - Undivided rural principal arterial
    - Design speed: 50 mph
    - Posted Speed
      - 55 mph
    - 45 mph at night
    - Project Traffic Analysis Report (PTAR) - Completed June 2018
      - No Build (2045) LOS D
      - Build (2045) 4 Lane LOS B
        - AADT: 11,400 veh/day
      - 4-lane widening is necessary to meet demand and improve safety

**State Road 29 PD&E Study**

**Purpose & Need**

- **Typical Section: 4-Lane Rural**
  - Four 12' lanes and 40' Median
  - Various 4-lane options will be evaluated
  - Evaluate Minimization to remain within existing R/W

- **Evaluate Wildlife Crossings**
  - Provides opportunities for greater wildlife protection
  - Additional crossings & fencing
Thank You!!

For more information please contact:

Patrick Holman, P.E.
Project Manager
FDOH District 1
Environmental Management Office
(850) 262-2783
Email: Patrick.Holman@fdh.state.fl.us
Purpose and Need

• Accommodating future population and growth
• Reducing truck traffic in the downtown Immokalee area
• Correcting current design standard deficiencies
• Improving mobility and connectivity within the regional transportation network
• Enhancing economic competitiveness
• Improving safety and emergency evacuation capabilities
Enclosure 14 - 9/26/2018

Backup for September 26, 2018 Minutes

SR 29 from SR 82 to Hendry County Line
COLLIER COUNTY
September 26, 2018

Existing Conditions
- Existing roadway is centered within 200' R/W
- Two 12' travel lanes
- 8' Shoulders (5' paved)
- L-29 ditch located on west side of roadway
- One existing pond (FYE Pomc)

Presentation Outline
- Study Limits
- Existing Conditions
- Proposed Typical Section
- Proposed Improvements
- Project Impacts and Cost
- Design Schedule
- Project Implementation Schedule
- Public Involvement
- Contact Information
- Questions

Proposed Typical Section
- Existing travel lanes will remain for NB direction
- New travel lanes will be constructed for SB direction
- Requires 41' to 71' of additional R/W
- Roadway drainage is captured in roadside swales

Study Limits
- From SR 82 to Hendry County Line
- Length = 1.87 Miles
- Located in Collier County

Proposed Improvements
Project Impacts and Costs

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Public Involvement

- MPO meetings
  - TAC and CAC – August 27th, 2018
  - Board – September 14th, 2018

- Immokalee GRA meeting
  - September 26, 2018

Public meeting

- October 11th, 2018 (Back up date is October 22nd, 2018)
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Open house
- UFIFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center
- Address: 2685 SR 29 North, Immokalee, FL 34142

- Project web site

Design Schedule

Contact Information

Fidel E. Vargas, PE
Design Project Manager
Florida Department of Transportation
(888) 619-2803
Fidel.Vargas@dot.state.fl.us

Project Implementation Schedule

- PD&E Study complete – May 2017
- Roadway design complete – May 2019
- Right of Way
  - Funding programmed for Fiscal Year 2021 (Federal)
- Construction funding
  - Construction funded for Fiscal Year 2023 (State and Federal)

Questions?
Certification of Minutes Approval Form

Prepared by: Christie Betancourt, Operations Manager
Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency

Approved by: Dr. Frank Nappo, Chairman

The Minutes for the June 20, 2018 CRA Advisory Board and the September 26, 2018 Joint CRA & MSTU Board Meeting were approved by the CRA Advisory Board on October 17, 2018 as presented.

**No Meeting Minutes for July and August 2018.

* The next CRA Advisory Board meeting will be held on November 28, 2018 at 8:30A.M. at the Careersource SWFL located at 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL. Meeting location subject to change.

All meetings will be publicly noticed in the W. Harmon Turner Building (Building F), posted at the Immokalee Public Library and provided to the County Public Information Department for distribution. Please call Christie Betancourt, at 239-867-0028 for additional information. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact Christie Betancourt, Operations Manager, at least 48 hours before the meeting. The public should be advised that members of the CRA Advisory Board are also members of the other Boards and Committees, including, but not limited to: Immokalee MSTU Board, Immokalee Fire Commission, and the Collier County Housing Authority; etc. In this regard, matters coming before the Advisory Board may come before one or more of the referenced Board and Committees from time to time.