

RESOLUTION No. 2007-56-563

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE STATE ROAD 7 LIVABLE COMMUNITY CORRIDOR STUDY, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A;" PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens was awarded a Livable Community Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Grant was to permit the City to complete a State Road 7 Livable Community Corridor Study, and

WHEREAS, the City staff worked with the consulting firm of Kimley-Horn and Associates, and held two community workshops on August 23, 2006, and November 29, 2006, respectively, and

WHEREAS, the study focused on long-term planning to address transportation, transit, and mobility enhancements to also deal with issues such as pedestrian safety, bike paths, traffic, mixed-use development, beautification and economic opportunities to enhance the livability of the State Road 7 Corridor, and

WHEREAS, a study has been completed which makes certain recommendations that City staff would like to have approved by the City Council,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby approves and accepts the State Road 7 Livable Community Corridor Study prepared by the City staff along with Kimley-Horn and Associates, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS ZONING MEETING HELD ON APRIL 4, 2007.

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR/CMC, CITY CLERK


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

Prepared by SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Braynon
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 5-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)
Vice Mayor Oscar Braynon, II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)
Councilman André Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No) Not present
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No) Not present
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)



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Aaron Campbell
Councilman

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Dear Mrs. Pandya:

Sharon Pritchett
Councilwoman

Subject: State Road 7/US 441 Livable Communities Corridor Study

Barbara Watson
Councilwoman

The Keep Miami Gardens Beautiful (KMGB) Program fully supports the FDOT funded State Road 7/US 441 Livable Communities Corridor Study being coordinated by the Planning and Zoning Department. This study will enable the City of Miami Gardens to develop a livable and economically viable community for its residents.

Dr. Danny O. Crew
City Manager

Ronetta Taylor, CMC
City Clerk

Sincerely,

Tsahai Codner
Director, Keep Miami Gardens Beautiful



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
Through: Danny O. Crew, City Manager
From: Jay Marder, Development Services Director
Date: April 4, 2007
Subject: SR7 Livable Community Corridor Study

The State Road 7 Livable Community Corridor Study was approved through a Livable Community grant from Florida Department of Transportation. The City staff has been working with the consulting firm of Kimley-Horn and Associates to finalize the study. As part of this study, two Community Workshops were held on August 23, 2006 and November 29, 2006. Per Livable Communities Initiative, the goal of this study was to focus on a long-term plan that will address transportation, transit and mobility enhancements and also discuss issues such as pedestrian safety, bike-paths, traffic, mixed-use development, beautification and economic opportunities to enhance the livability of this very important corridor. The workshops have provided an opportunity for Miami Gardens' residents and businesses to develop a vision for this corridor. The Planning and Zoning Division presented the study to Keep Miami Gardens Beautiful Board and has received full support for this initiative. Please see attached letter of support.

State Road 7 Livable Community Corridor Study Summary

Study Area: The Study corridor consists of State Road 7 from the Golden Glades to County Line Road/NW 215th Street which is approximately 3 miles long. The study corridor also consists of the area within one quarter mile on either side of S.R. 7.

Study Recommendations:

General Recommendations

- The Study recommendations are based on the input received from the residential and business community stakeholders of Miami Gardens.
- The two public workshops resulted in defining three design alternatives for the corridor. Alternative-1 is proposed as Improvements within existing right-of-way; Alternative-2 is proposed as improvements within adjacent buffer/utility easement; Alternative -3 is proposed as improvements within a potential buffer between commercial properties and residential properties. It is recognized that each alternative could be applied on a site specific basis; no one alternative would be "perfect" for the entire corridor.

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- Alternative 2 (Frontage Buffer) is the recommended alternative for the corridor. Alternative 2 achieved the greatest balance between the livability goals and mobility expectations for the corridor. In addition, Alternative 2 received the most support from the community.
- Encourage *mixed-use development* along the S.R. 7 corridor utilizing *smart growth* Principles such as mix of land uses, compact building designs that instill a strong sense of place.
- Establish a themed *gateway treatment* at each end of the corridor to define the entrance to Miami Gardens.
- Implement *bus bays* at SR 7 FAST Bus stops. Bus bays will allow the bus to not block traffic flow while picking up and dropping off passengers.
- Develop proposed SR 7 FAST Bus stops at NW 199th Street and NW 183rd Street into *bus stop plazas* with additional seating, lighting, and landscaping amenities.
- Additional *bus bays* should be implemented at NW 215th Street and Wal-Mart due to passenger activity in the area.
- Local bus stops should be designed with a similar unifying look as FAST Bus stops, but on a smaller scale to be easily distinguishable.
- Implement a branded community *transit circulator* that would connect residential and non-residential uses along the corridor
- Establish a *trailhead park* at the intersection of the proposed Snake Creek Bike Trail, which crosses S.R. 7 north of NW 199th Street.
- Establish a *consistent, unifying visual theme* along the S.R. 7 corridor utilizing elements of lush landscape, shady trees, site principles, signage, site furniture and architectural style
- Pursue intersection improvements such as *lighted street signage*, *ADA accessible curb cuts*, *brick paver crosswalks*, and *thematic gardens* in the medians and street corner planters.
- Conduct *traffic signal synchronization* along the S.R. 7 corridor, especially between NW 207th Street and NW 202nd Terrace where three signals are located within 1,500 feet.
- The City and FDOT should pursue *driveway consolidation* for commercial areas along SR 7.
- Provide *preferential parking* for carpools and vanpools at future office redevelopment projects and mixed-use projects that include office space.

Land Development Regulations

- The Land Use Plan and Zoning Land Development Regulations (LDRs) must be compatible.
- Create a code for the City with a mixed-use provision for individual properties.
Create a zoning overlay district along the S.R. 7 corridor.
- Provide incentives for developers to create open space on site such as plazas, pedestrian-ways, and green space.
- Implement a street clutter ordinance. This may include conducting education programs, periodic “code sweeps” for properties.
- Hold community clean-up events and involve stakeholders in the clean-up of the community.
- Encourage buildings to be developed at a “build-to” line established at a prescribed distance from the S.R. 7 frontage buffer.
- Provide incentives for parking to be provided behind buildings or along the side of buildings.
- Establish an inter-district corridor along S.R. 7 for the provision of unifying street trees at a prescribed distance along the buffer.

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Conclusion: In light of the State Road 7 Livable Community Corridor Study Report, future development in this corridor should occur concurrent with the City's Town Center and FAU Palmetto Study initiatives; and consistent with the City's new Future Land Use Plan and Transportation Concurrency Management Areas (TCMA). It should be noted that the Planning and Zoning Division has been successful in coordinating the implementation of the said State Road 7 Report guidelines and principles for proposed projects along this important corridor.

Recommendation: Adopt and follow the State Road 7 Livable Community Corridor Study Report and its recommendations.

Attachments: Letter of support from Keep Miami Gardens Beautiful Program (KMGB).
State Road 7 Livable Community Corridor Study Report.