

# MEETING SUMMARY

Southeast Corridor CAB Meeting

March 18, 2010

Mike Martinez started the meeting with introductions and announcements. This included a mention of the signage that Metro will provide for businesses directly on the alignment, and an invitation for attendees to take additional newsletters and construction updates to share with their neighbors. He also suggested that the stakeholders could follow the SE corridor on Twitter.

David Couch spoke briefly, emphasizing that Metro wants to create as little an impact as possible to businesses during construction. He mentioned the financial assistance program, and that the Unity Bank was just awarded the contract to administrate the grant funds. He added that the program is expected to roll out in April. \$80 to \$99 million has been awarded so far to sub contractors, and \$40 million went to Houston small businesses. Stephen Brown is the Metro lead for this program.

Armando Tiscareno provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted upcoming construction activities. He showed a map of the alignment with segmented construction areas and the schedule of activity. Included were many photographs illustrating different types of construction activities, including median paving and power pole relocation. He showed what types and where utilities will be relocated, and also included up to date photos of work currently being done at various locations along the alignment. He noted that access to cross streets and businesses will be maintained at all times.

Sara Kellner gave an overview of the Arts in Transit program station art.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to Q and A. The questions can be viewed on the Action Item List.