



Regional Transportation  
Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC)

***Meeting Agenda***

***January 16, 2013 – 1:30 PM***

*Flagler Gallery (1st Floor)*

*West Palm Beach City Hall*

*401 Clematis Street*

*West Palm Beach, FL*

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- I Call to Order
  - II December 12, 2012 Meeting Notes
  - III SFCEC Passenger Rail Study Status Report
  - IV RTTAC Modeling Subcommittee Report
  - V Seven50 Status Report
  - VI 2040 Regional and Local Transportation Plans Status Report
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## Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) *December 12, 2012 Meeting Notes*

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The following is a summary of the RTTAC meeting held on December 12, 2012.

### MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

SFRTA, 11:00 a.m.

### MEETING ATTENDEES

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**MEETING NOTES**

The following is a summary of the key points discussed at the meeting. The comments have been organized by agenda topic. Underlined text highlights deadlines/schedules/and motions.

**I Call to Order**

Randy Whitfield called the meeting to order.

**II October 10, 2012 Meeting Notes**

The meeting notes were approved without any changes.

**III SFECC Passenger Rail Study Status Report**

Randy Whitfield gave an update of the SFECC Passenger Rail Study. He noted that currently the alternatives are still under study but that the project is moving forward. He also gave the group an overview of the recent leadership training summit several RTTAC members participated in during the month of November in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In Minneapolis, roles and responsibilities for the SFECC project were discussed and developed. A memorandum of understanding between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), the southeast Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and the Southeast Florida Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) is currently under review as they continue to refine the roles and responsibilities based on the discussions from the leadership summit. The project is moving forward with the assumption that within the near-term the Department and the RTA will be coming to the MPOs for support to move into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phase.

**IV 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Status Report**

Wilson Fernandez reported that the consultant selection is going to the Miami-Dade MPO Board for approval December 13, 2012. He noted that Kittelson & Associates, Inc. is the recommended firm to the Board.

**V Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Status**

Palm Beach MPO has executed their contract with the selected consultant, Leftwich Consulting Engineers, Inc. They are currently laying out schedules/activities, conducting data collection, and beginning their financial analysis.

Broward MPO executed their contract with the selected consultant, Whitehouse Group. They held their first LRTP steering committee meeting at the end of November and are currently reviewing goals, objectives, and measures of effectiveness. An LRTP status update is planned for their February technical and citizen monthly standing meetings.

Miami-Dade MPO executed their contract with the selected consultant, Gannett Fleming, Inc. The LRTP kick-off meeting is planned for the week of the December 17<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that a representative from the South Florida Regional Planning Council was still needed. Jim Murley stated to send the request to him. In preparation for the effort, 9 months ago the MPO started 2 projects; one being an assessment of Federal and State requirements for

2040 (conducted by Jacobs) which looked at several items including toll/express lanes and public-private partnerships; the second being the preparation of the 2040 needs plan methodologies.

A full schedule for all three 2040 LRTPs and the Regional Transportation Plan will be developed in the beginning of 2013.

## **VI Regional Freight Study**

A meeting with all of the regional partners occurred on December 5, 2012 to discuss the Regional Freight Study. TY Lin, the consultant leading the study, is currently in the data collection phase. Emails requesting document review assistance and the like will be sent out to appropriate parties in the near future.

Lois Bush mentioned the Regional Fair Housing Equity Assessment completed as part of the Seven50 project that is available as an added resource for development of the 2040 cycle of local and regional transportation plans.

## **VII Seven50 Status Report**

Jim Murley noted that the Seven50 summit was soon coming in January 2013 and encouraged the group to attend. In the interim, travel demand modeling issues are being discussed with the technical partners.

Wilson Fernandez noted that the MPOs committed to providing 2040 socioeconomic forecast data to the Seven50 group and that the 2035 data was not supposed to be used. He reminded the group that the 2040 data was supposed to be delivered December 31<sup>st</sup> as part of SERPM 7 effort, but a request to move up the deadline to December 14, 2012 was made. This change in deadline would allow review time and also time to set-up and hold a modeling subcommittee meeting the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>. The main purpose of the meeting would be to discuss work to date and preliminary results. It was also noted, that the methodologies need to be discussed.

Lois Bush mentioned the MPOs might want to attend an in-depth workshop on the project that will be conducted with the February 1 Seven50 Executive Committee meeting. Jim Murley stated that he will send the new executive committee schedule to the RTTAC.

## **VIII Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)**

Randy Whitfield gave an overview of the RTIP. Jonathan Roberson noted that it appeared focused on highway projects and lacked transit. The group discussed the comment and concluded it has to do with the regional network definition rather than lack of transit investments in the region. It was recommended that the regional network map be added into the document.

## **IX Regional Park and Ride/Express Bus System Development Study**

Larry Hymowitz presented on the regional park and ride and express bus system development strategy. He noted that the presentation purpose was to inform the group of the effort and to gain comments and support. The approach involved an inventory of park

and ride facilities in the region and whether or not they were adequate for system planning purposes for long range transportation plan updates. The outcome of the study will be a park and ride methodology recommendation for MPOs to use as they prepare their 2040 plans.

Larry stated that he will come back in January to report the methodology ultimately being recommended based on the study findings.

Jonathan Roberson suggested looking at non-FDOT sites as well.

## **X Other Business**

Wilson Fernandez gave an overview of a potential transportation infrastructure funding opportunity for the region. He noted that the Miami-Dade MPO and County are interested in pursuing the funding but that they cannot be the lead applicant due to lack of resources. Due to the application requirements, an MPO or DOT must be the lead applicant. Applications are due by January 22, 2013. A fifty-percent (50%) match is needed, and may include in-kind contributions. February 19, 2013 the pilot projects are selected and the funds are distributed February 26, 2013. Grants were noted to be in the \$75,000 to \$300,000 range.

After discussion, the following was offered/suggested:

- Ask Broward MPO if they would be interested in being the lead applicant
- Jim Murley offered the SFRPC to help with obtaining letters of support
- Bill Cross offered the SFRTA to help write the grant
- It was noted that the Institute of Sustainable Communities won a three-year, \$975,000 foundation grant to the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact that could potentially be an in-kind contribution. This was to be investigated further if desired by the group once the application process began.

In addition to the discussion on the funding opportunity, Bill Cross asked the group if any new TRIP dollars were allocated and assigned to regional projects. After a small discussion, it was concluded that Bill Cross should contact the FDOT directly to determine when the RTA project in question was added into the TRIP queue.

## **XI Next RTTAC Meeting – January 16**

The next RTTAC meeting will be held January 16, 2013.

## **XII Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Randy Whitfield.



## MEMORANDUM

TO: RTTAC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.  
Director Palm Beach MPO

DATE: January 16, 2013

RE: **South Florida East Coast Corridor Study Status Report**

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Several Steering Committee meetings and coordination meetings between FDOT and SFRTA have occurred. In mid-November, a delegation from Southeast Florida participated successfully in the Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy held in Minneapolis, MN. The delegation developed a proposed "Southeast Florida Passenger Rail Coordination Framework" with specifically defined roles for the various parties during each stage of passenger rail development and implementation. This framework has led to preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding to define relationships and roles for the various parties involved in the project. A status report on the MOU and other activities related to the project will be presented at the meeting.

**Staff Recommendation: For information and discussion.**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: RTTAC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.  
Director Palm Beach MPO

DATE: January 16, 2013

RE: **Regional Park and Ride/Express Bus Development Study**

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FDOT has developed a proposal to provide data and a methodology to support the inclusion of park and ride facilities and express bus service in the LRTP major update of each MPO and the Regional LRTP update. This proposal has internal FDOT D4 and D6 support to proceed for further discussion with our metropolitan transportation planning partners. FDOT presented an overview of the proposal at the last meeting.

A presentation will be made providing an update on the development of the Regional Park and Ride and Express Bus System Methodology. The methodology is intended as a guide for the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), and the transit agencies on incorporation of regional park-and-ride facility and express bus system planning during the development of their 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) and future Transit Development Plan (TDP) updates. The park-and-ride methodology considers an inventory and analysis of existing park and ride information and will possibly serve as a complement to the 2012 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Park and Ride Guide.

**Staff Recommendation: For information and discussion for a draft methodology to be presented at the next meeting.**



## MEMORANDUM

TO: RTTAC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.  
Director Palm Beach MPO

DATE: January 16, 2013

RE: **Transportation Investment Funding Application**

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At the last meeting, Wilson Fernandez gave an overview of a potential transportation infrastructure funding opportunity for the region. He noted that the Miami-Dade MPO and County are interested in pursuing the funding but that they cannot be the lead applicant due to lack of resources. Due to the application requirements, an MPO or DOT must be the lead applicant. Applications are due by January 22, 2013. A fifty-percent (50%) match is needed, and may include in-kind contributions. The pilot projects are selected on February 19, 2013 and the funds are distributed February 26, 2013. Grants were noted to be in the \$75,000 to \$300,000 range.

Several issues were raised. A lead applicant was needed with the Broward MPO initially indicating it would assume that role. The SFRTA offered to assist in preparing the application. The SFRPC offered to assist in obtaining letters of support. Questions were raised concerning the match requirements since MPO funding is federal and could not be used to match federal funds. Discussions have been underway with FDOT as a partner and how the matching funds could be found. A status report will be presented at the meeting.

**Staff Recommendation: For information and discussion.**

RMW





**MEETING NOTICE**  
**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC)**  
**January 28, 2013**  
**10:00 AM**

South Florida Regional Planning Council  
3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140  
Hollywood, Florida 33021

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AGENDA:

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- \*II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA\*\*
- \*III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS\*\*
- \*IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2012 MINUTES\*\*
- V. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Regional "Smart Card" Update
  - \*B. 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Status Report
  - \*C. Seven50 Program Update
  - \*D. Regional Freight Study
  - \*E. SFECR Passenger Rail Study Status Report
  - \*F. Regional Coordination and Governance Study
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - \*A. FDOT Managed Lanes Report
  - \*B. US 27 PACE Study

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

X. STAFF COMMENTS

XI. NEXT MEETING – April 22, 2013

XI. ADJOURNMENT

\* Supporting Documentation Provided

\*\*Action Requested

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## 2013 MEETINGS

Quarter 1		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	March
RTTAC January 16	RTTAC February 20	RTTAC March 20
SEFTC January 28		
Quarter 2		
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
RTTAC April 10	RTTAC May 15	RTTAC June 19
SEFTC April 22		
Quarter 3		
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
RTTAC July 10	RTTAC August 21	RTTAC September 18
SEFTC July 22		
Quarter 4		
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
RTTAC October 16	RTTAC November 20	RTTAC December 18
SEFTC October 28		