



Regional Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC)

Meeting Agenda

May 16, 2012 – 1:30 PM

*South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Board Room,
800 NW 33rd Street
Pompano Beach, FL*

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Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC)

April 11, 2012 Meeting Notes

The following is a summary of the RTTAC meeting held on April 11, 2012.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

SFRTA, 1:30 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDEES

1. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, rwhitfield@pbcgov.com
2. Malissa Booth, Palm Beach MPO, mbooth@palmbeachmpo.org
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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 at 1:37 PM.

II February 15, 2012 Meeting Notes

The names of Arlene Davis and Jonathan Roberson were added to the list of attendees for the February 15, 2012 meeting. The text in Item IX (Regional Report) was modified according to Lois Bush's suggestion. The minutes were approved without any other amendments. An updated version of the February 15, 2012 meeting notes (within the April agenda package) has been reposted on the SEFTC website.

III South Florida East Coast Corridor Study/Fast Start Evaluation Process

Randy Whitfield opened the agenda item for discussion. Kim Delaney from TCRPC provided an update on the activities that have been completed so far in connection with the evaluation. She told the group that a brief synopsis of the evaluation so far has been provided in the agenda package. She mentioned that one of the key issues noted during the evaluation process was the lack of public involvement. This issue will be stressed in the upcoming SEFTC meeting on April 23, 2012.

Arlene Davis asked Kim Delaney if the evaluation team has talked to the FDOT and SFRTA during the process. Kim said that they met individually with the two agencies, carried on an individual review of the documents provided by the two agencies, and also met with the two agencies together later in the process. Bill Cross from SFRTA said that their issue has been lack of openness. SFRTA would like to see concrete steps towards working together as a region and asked the evaluation team to make a recommendation to the SEFTC to ask the regional agencies for increased coordination on the SFECC study. Kim said that the three MPOs may want to make that recommendation at the SEFTC. Greg Stuart from the Broward MPO said that although he feels comfortable with the analysis he would like more information before he can go to his MPO board or the SEFTC with any recommendations. Bill said that he has been directed to raise the issue of coordination and that SFRTA will bring up this issue at the SEFTC meeting. Wilson Fernandez from the Miami-Dade MPO said that a part of the recommendation of the evaluation is to integrate SFRTA's Fast Start proposal. Amie Goddeau informed the group that there will be a workshop in May to get inputs from various stakeholders.

Kim pointed out that communication or lack thereof is one of the major concerns that has been brought up. However, communications are improving. There was a steering committee meeting in February and another one was held in the morning before the RTTAC meeting. Among other concerns are technical details of the Pompano connection and funding issues. Bill Cross said that there are more similarities than dissimilarities in the two studies. The two studies use the same data set. He also said that the decision regarding funding should be made by the three MPOs and not any single agency.

Wilson Fernandez said that it is clear from the evaluation that there are many data gaps. He said that it would be prudent on the part of RTTAC to make a formal request to SEFTC to adopt a resolution to evaluate Fast Start as one of the alternatives in the FDOT proposal. Phil Steinmiller asked Amie if FDOT has already started building the Fast Start alternative to be incorporated in their modeling. Amie said that they have already started the process.

Based on the lengthy discussion, it was concluded that two items would be brought forth to the SEFTC for action: (1) To formally restart the SFECC steering committee and (2) to formally request incorporation of the Fast Start alternative into the SFECC study.

IV Regional Modeling Status Report

Randy Whitfield opened the agenda item for discussion and asked Wilson Fernandez to provide an update.

Wilson Fernandez informed the group that the RTTAC modeling subcommittee meeting was held in March. It was decided to include St. Lucie County and Martin County in the model. It was also decided to use the GTCRPM (which includes Palm Beach County) and the SERPM 6.7 (modified to include Monroe County) together using the process of "Stitching". Airsage also presented at the subcommittee meeting. Broward MPO will prepare a data request to be forwarded to Airsage. The data will be used to support the next round of modeling efforts. Shi-Chiang Li stated that DOT has purchased two servers for SERPM 7.0 and have the zonal data. PB is the main consultant and Corradino Group will be the subconsultant to PB.

V 2040 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Scope

Randy Whitfield opened the agenda item for discussion. He provided a brief update on the scope of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan which was included in the meeting package. TSM&O has been included in the scope of the plan. Wilson Fernandez added that the consultant will be required to take the plan all the way up to adoption with various boards' approvals. Once SEFTC approves the scope, Miami-Dade MPO will initiate the process in May. The ultimate goal is to have a NTP by fall and begin the RL RTP in October. Greg Stuart mentioned that Broward MPO's LRTP scope will be approved by his Board this coming Thursday, and July 12 is the day when he expects to have the consultant on-board. Randy Whitfield said that the Palm Beach MPO's LRTP process is in the same timeframe as the RL RTP.

The RTTAC approved the scope of the RL RTP. The approved scope will be presented to the SEFTC for further approval.

VI RL RTP/L RTP Coordination

Since this item was already covered in the previous item, the discussion was moved to the next item.

VII HUD Sustainable Communities Initiatives Grant Status Report

Kim Delaney gave an overview and stated that the regional planning councils are moving forward with the process to develop a 2060 Regional Vision Blueprint (RVB) for seven counties in Southeast Florida. An Action Plan has been prepared for the activities for development of the Regional Vision Blueprint. Discussions have occurred relative to the modeling activities and socio-economic data. She also noted that Marcella has been appointed as the new Project Director. The different work groups will be established in the next six weeks.

VIII SEFTC 5-Year Work Plan

Randy Whitfield opened the agenda item for discussion. As indicated in the agenda package the staff has continued to update the funding table that shows costs associated with the RL RTP and regional modeling. Further estimated costs associated with other activities such as public involvement were added for Palm Beach and Broward MPOs. The Miami-Dade MPO had not yet prepared their cost estimates for this RTTAC meeting and Wilson Fernandez stated that it is being worked on and will be supplied to Randy Whitfield. The group understood that as the estimates get completed, they will be reflected in the individual MPO Unified Planning Work Programs and the FDOT Work Program.

During the discussion of the SEFTC 5-Year Work Plan and UPWP, Wilson Fernandez brought up the question of whether or not the MOU should be included. Randy Whitfield felt its inclusion was not necessary. In the discussion, Greg Stuart also noted that the group should somehow memorialize the rotation of duties/responsibilities for the regional efforts (i.e., the RL RTP, the Regional Freight Plan, etc.).

In addition, modeling contributions were briefly discussed – specifically regarding who is funding the modeling for the region. Phil Steinmiller stated that historically, District Six has not contributed funds towards this effort and that if the group wanted to revise this in any manner that they would have to coordinate with the District Director.

IX SEFTC Meeting – April 23, 2012

Randy Whitfield briefly discussed the meeting agenda for the SEFTC meeting to be held on April 23, 2012. No additions or modifications were offered by anyone present at the meeting.

X Regional Report

Chris Ryan provided an update on the agenda item. Chris Ryan, Malissa Booth, and Elizabeth Rockwell have been tasked with producing a document layout to highlight the

achievements of the region as a whole. They wanted to know from the group what should be highlighted in the document. Chris said that the regional report can be provided to the PIOs by June 30th and they will extract the highlights and work on the layout. Greg Stuart said that the present regional report is too bureaucratic. We need to tell the public what we do together as a region, and how much time and money are spent on regional coordination. The new document should say what was done last year and what will be done in the coming year. Chris asked if the group is okay with a one year look back and one year look forward. It was decided that the current ten page document will still be produced. The new four page document will be an executive summary of the ten page document and will be presented in an attractive manner. Lois Bush will provide the regional report to the PIOs.

XI Other Business

Greg Stuart told the group that he attended an FTA/FHWA workshop in Atlanta, Georgia where it was reinforced that the federal government is moving forward with a system in which the allocation of funds will be based on how well agencies meet certain performance standards. These performance standards will be developed by the FTA/FHWA in the near future and need to be considered for inclusion in our future planning efforts.

XII Next RTTAC Meeting – May 16

The next RTTAC meeting will be held on May 16, 2012 at the SFRTA.

XIII Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Randy Whitfield at 3:45 PM.



MEMORANDUM

TO: RTTAC Members

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

DATE: May 16, 2012

RE: **South Florida East Coast Corridor Study/Fast Start Evaluation Process**

At the November 30 meeting, the Board requested FDOT and SFRTA work with MPO staffs to evaluation the current plans and their status with a goal of developing a single plan for passenger service on the FEC railroad. At the January 23 meeting, SEFTC approved the proposal to use the Treasure Coast RPC and the regional consultant, Kittelson and Associates.

Initial meetings were held with FDOT on February 2 and SFRTA on February 9. At those meetings, MPO, TCRPC and Kittelson staff reviewed the preliminary evaluation criteria and discussed the data needs with each agency. Once the data was received, the staffs began the review and evaluation of the materials received. Further meetings were held with the agencies to report on results and request clarification where needed. The recent May 3 Steering Committee meeting included a presentation of various components of the analysis undertaken by FDOT and SFRTA. FDOT has analyzed the FEC corridor for proposed future freight and passenger rail options. Based on the preliminary results, the following concerns were raised.

- Conflicts at FEC/CSX interconnections,
- Ridership modeling assumptions for future transit services,
- Impact of proposed FEC passenger service on existing transit services,
- Proposed/ revised vehicle maintenance facilities, and
- General assumptions used in ridership forecasting models.

The Steering Committee is continuing to meet and cover these items in detail. Further information will be provided at the meeting.

Staff Recommendation: For discussion and direction.



MEMORANDUM

TO: RTTAC Members

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

DATE: May 16, 2012

RE: **Regional Performance Measures Status Update**

Last year, a case study memorandum relating to how other regions measure regional coordination was presented to the RTTAC for review and comment. In the fall of 2011, a performance measures 'report card' template was presented to the RTTAC for review and comment. Since that time, the regional consultant, Kittelson & Associates, has finalized the case study memorandum based on comments received and has also begun re-directing the performance measures 'report card' approach.

Copies of the finalized case study memorandum will be distributed to RTTAC members and also placed on the SEFTC website for general public viewing. For the 'report card', an update will be provided at the meeting on the new approach based on RTTAC feedback and local and statewide data resource findings for measuring performance in the southeast Florida region.

Staff Recommendation: For information purposes only.

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