



Regional Transportation  
Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC)

***Meeting Agenda***

*September 18, 2012 – 1:30 PM*

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

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## Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC)

### *July 11, 2012 Meeting Notes*

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

#### **MEETING TIME AND LOCATION**

SFRTA, 1:30 p.m.

#### **MEETING ATTENDEES**

1. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, [rwhitfield@pbcgov.com](mailto:rwhitfield@pbcgov.com)
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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 1:56 PM.

### II May 16, 2012 Meeting Notes

The meeting notes were approved without any changes.

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

Randy Whitfield opened the agenda item for discussion. Kim Delaney from TCRPC presented the findings and recommendations of the evaluation. On the subject of FDOT and the SFRTA participating equally in SEFTC discussions regarding passenger rail initiatives in Southeast Florida, Randy Whitfield suggested that FDOT and SFRTA participate as “non-voting” members. Lois Bush suggested that “non-voting advisors” would be a better designation for the two agencies. Arlene Davis inquired about the objective of the evaluation. Randy Whitfield informed her that the objective of the evaluation is to get the two agencies to coordinate together and pursue one study going forward instead of two separate studies. Gus Schmidt remarked that the FDOT has been organizing steering committee meetings regularly. The FDOT is also incorporating the best pieces of the Fast Start proposal into its study. The members agreed that they have seen increased collaboration among the two agencies in the past few months. Kim requested any comments or edits should be sent to her within two days so that they could be incorporated into the SEFTC version of the presentation and report.

### IV Regional Modeling Subcommittee Report

Randy Whitfield opened the agenda item for discussion and asked Wilson Fernandez to provide an update on the regional modeling subcommittee meeting held in June 2012. Wilson Fernandez informed that group that one of the issues raised during the meeting was the use of SERPM 6.5 and SERPM 6.7. The modeling subcommittee decided that SERPM 6.5 shall be used until SERPM 6.7 is adopted. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held in September. Shi-Chiang Li also informed the group that the modeling subcommittee endorsed the four alternative land use scenarios presented by the FEC project team to be evaluated going forward.

### V 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Status Report

Wilson Fernandez provided an update on the agenda item. He said that the scope of the plan will be presented to the Miami-Dade MPO for approval and for waiver of local preference for Miami-Dade firms. The selection of the consultant team is expected to be in October with the notice to proceed will be obtained by early December.

**VI Long Range Transportation Plan Status**

Greg Stuart informed the group that the Broward MPO is expected to approve the selection of the consultant team in September. The Palm Beach MPO and the Miami-Dade MPO are expected to approve appointments of consultant teams in September and October respectively.

**VII Regional Freight Study**

Randy Whitfield opened the agenda item for discussion. He indicated that the scope for the regional freight study was prepared by the three MPOs in consultation with Jeff Weidner from FDOT D4. The contract will be managed by Paul Flavien from the Broward MPO. Paul Flavien said that the contract will be negotiated with the 1<sup>st</sup> rank team on the Broward MPO's general planning consultant list. After inquiry, it was noted that the negotiation and scoping process would be a collaborative effort with multiple agencies.

**VIII Seven50 Status Report**

Jim Murley provided an update on the agenda item. A very successful Seven50 summit was held in Delray Beach on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. The presentations and other related materials have been posted online. Similar summits are planned to be held in Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Broward counties. In the meantime, the work groups will be populated with people interested in providing their input. Kim Delaney informed the group that they have been contacted by Reconnecting America for a peer to peer discussion on TOD.

**IX Regional Transportation Improvement Program**

Randy Whitfield informed the group that Palm Beach MPO will adopt its TIP in the coming week. Wilson Fernandez said that he will resend the criteria for projects to be included in the regional TIP.

**X Regional Performance Measures**

Jessica Josselyn provided an update on the agenda item. She provided a brief overview of the process. A preliminary document containing a number of performance measures was provided to the members. She asked the group to provide feedback regarding the performance measures they feel should be adopted. She urged the members to keep in mind the guiding principles mentioned in the 2035 LRTP. Shi-Chiang Li noted that the amount of investments made on an annual basis should be a context measure. Wilson Fernandez noted that the purpose of the performance measures and how they will be used in the future needs to be told up front in presentations regarding this activity. The group agreed that the draft brochure of performance measures should go forward to the SEFTC for comments and an information only item. For all other comments, the members were asked to provide their suggestions by Friday to Jessica.

**XI SEFTC Marketing Brochure**

Chris Ryan distributed the draft marketing brochure to the members. He informed the group that the brochure will be an electronic document. Each MPO will also be provided

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with few hard copies of the brochure. He requested the members to provide any feedback on the brochure to him or to PIOs from other MPOs.

**XII SEFTC Meeting – July 23**

Randy Whitfield informed the group that the next SEFTC meeting will be held on July 23, 2012 at SFRPC. The agenda for the meeting was included the agenda package for the RTTAC meeting.

**XIII Other Business**

Randy Whitfield brought to everyone's attention the fact that the MPOs will have to go through reorganization. The new census is out and the MPOs are required to come up with one approach. Jim Murley stated that the reorganization of MPOs is an important issue for Seven50 project. It was stated that this topic was being looked at closely by the three MPO's and that it would be brought up at the MPOAC meeting the end of July.

**XIV Next RTTAC Meeting**

The next RTTAC meeting will be held on September 12, 2012.

**XV Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Randy Whitfield at 3:36 PM.



## MEMORANDUM

TO: RTTAC Members

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

DATE: September 18, 2012

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

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Last year, FDOT retained a consultant to perform the next phase of its South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Study and presented a status report to SEFTC and the MPOs. In the same time frame, SFRTA presented its Fast Start proposal to implement passenger service on the FEC in the near term using existing equipment and splitting current Tri Rail services. At the January meeting, the SEFTC Board requested an evaluation of the two proposals for passenger rail service on the FEC rail corridor in the three-county area. The evaluation was to focus on the planning process and the technical aspects of each proposal from a higher level approach to focus activities on a single plan for the region.

The evaluation was prepared by Kim Delaney from TCRPC and Kittelson and Associates as the regional consultant to SEFTC. The report presented the results of the evaluation and recommendations for continuing the process and involving the region's stakeholders in the preparation of a passenger rail plan along the FEC as part of the overall regional transportation system. The report was presented to SEFTC on July 23 where it was accepted and supported by the Board. The report is being presented to the three MPOs this fall.

Several Steering Committee meetings and coordination meetings between FDOT and SFRTA have occurred. Alternative testing is underway with plans to address the LPA advancing. A status report 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: September 18, 2012

RE: **Regional Performance Measures Status Update**

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In the late summer of 2011, 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.

Hard copies of the final case study memorandum have been distributed to the three MPO's and two DOT districts. An electronic copy is on the SEFTC site.

For the 'report card', Jessica Josselyn will be providing an update on the revised version since the last RTTAC and SEFTC meetings based on the comments received. The revised technical documentation and updated report card will be sent under a separate cover prior to the RTTAC meeting.

**Staff Recommendation: For review and recommendation to the SEFTC for approval.**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: RTTAC Members

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

DATE: September 18, 2012

RE: **Seven50 Status Report**

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Activity on preparation of the regional vision and blueprint for Southeast Florida is continuing. The Seven50 consultant team will be providing a status report on the project's completed, current, and future activities. In addition, they will be presenting a 2040 "wish list" to the group that will seek feedback on 2040 infrastructure assumptions and census data serving as input to the process. Committee members will be asked to provide comments on the information and assumptions.

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

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