



**MEETING NOTICE
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC)
MEETING
January 14, 2008**

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

AGENDA:

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA ****
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES ****
 - A. Approval of September 24, 2007 Minutes **
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Status of Regional TRIP Priorities
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Motion to elect Chair and Vice Chair **
 - B. FDOT Funding Program
 - C. Long Range Transportation Plan Update
 - D. Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update
 - E. Western Broward-Palm Beach Corridors Study
 - F. Southeast Florida Bicycling Month
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 - D. Universal Fare Collection System
 - E. Climate Change Issues-Southeast Florida
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Southeast Florida Transportation Council
Attendance Record – 2007

Name /Representing	Jan	April	July	Sept
Mayor Richard Kaplan* Broward County MPO Chair	P	P	P	P
Commissioner Joe Martinez** Miami-Dade County MPO Chair	P	P	P	P
Commissioner Jeff Koons Palm Beach County MPO Chair	P	P	P	P

* 2007 CHAIR

** 2007 VICE-CHAIR

P - Member Present ALT- Alternate Member Present E - Excused A – Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME

REPRESENTING

Mario Aispuro	Broward MPO
Enrique Zelaya	Broward MPO
Ossama Al Aschkar	Broward MPO
Christine Heshmati	Broward MPO
Roger Del Rio	Broward MPO
Jose Mesa	Miami-Dade MPO
Wilson Fernandez	Miami-Dade MPO
Carlos Roa	Miami-Dade MPO
Irma San Roman	Miami-Dade MPO
Janet Seitlin	FDOT District 4
Gerry O'Reilly	FDOT District 4
Stacy Miller	FDOT District 4
Lois Bush	FDOT District 4
Ken Jeffries	FDOT District 6
Alice Bravo	FDOT District 6
Phil Steinmiller	FDOT District 6
Rita Bulsara	FDOT District 6
Chris Dube	FDOT District 6
Jessica Josselyn	Kittelson and Assoc.
Phill Worth	Kittelson and Assoc.
Bill Cross	South Florida Reg. Transportation Authority
Joe Quinty	South Florida Reg. Transportation Authority
Renee Matthews	South Florida Reg. Transportation Authority
Isabel Costo Carbello	South Florida Regional Planning Council
Nancy Schneider	South Florida Regional Planning Council
Julia Trevarthen	South Florida Regional Planning Council
David Dahlshom	South Florida Regional Planning Council
Carolyn Dekle	South Florida Regional Planning Council

Harvey Ruvin	Miami-Dade Clerk of Courts/Climate Change Adv. Task Force
Warren A. Ortiz	Miami-Dade Citizen
Dan Glickman	
Randy Whitfield	Palm Beach MPO
Elizabeth Requeny	Palm Beach MPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

CHAIR KAPLAN called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. A quorum was present as depicted on page 3.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIR KAPLAN inquired if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Agenda. No one was available to speak on item IV-A Future Transportation Funding; CHAIR KAPLAN requested the item be removed from the agenda.

A motion was made by COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ to adopt the Agenda as amended; seconded by COMMISSIONER KOONS. The motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of July 23, 2007 Minutes

CHAIR KAPLAN inquired if there were any changes, deletions, or additions to the Consent Agenda. There were none.

A motion was made by COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ to approve the July 23, 2007 Minutes as presented; seconded by COMMISSIONER KOONS. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Future Transportation Funding- **Removed from Agenda.**

No one from the central office was present to discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Regional Prioritization Process

MR. WHITFIELD and the Recording Secretary were delayed in traffic and had not arrived at this point in the meeting.

MR. DEL RIO explained this is the process the three MPOs have been working on to develop a

prioritized list of projects. MR. PHILLIP WORTH from Kittelson and Associates and MS. JESSICA JOSLYN made the presentation. MR. WORTH said they have been working with the three MPOs and the FDOT Districts to develop this interim South Florida Regional Project Prioritization Process. This was developed to support the evaluation and ranking of the TRIP projects for FY 08/09. CHAIR KAPLAN asked they just present their results instead of going through the whole process, which was explained at a previous meeting.

MR. WORTH said this list of projects was fully reviewed and prioritized by the committee and now represents in rank order what the SEFTC will approve for the TRIP funding for FY 08/09. CHAIR KAPLAN asked if staff had reviewed the list and approved it. MR. DEL RIO replied he had, MR. WHITFIELD was not present and Miami-Dade had some problems with it.

CHAIR KAPLAN mentioned the list showed Palm Avenue and Pembroke Road, and SR 441 was removed. MR. MESA explained agenda item V-A is the Process and item V-B is the actual priorities.

A discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER KOONS asked MR. WORTH if there are other equivalents of the SEFTC around the state, he said there were. COMMISSIONER KOONS then asked if the methodology used for SEFTC is the same as used by the rest of state. MR. WORTH replied it is conceptually the same, but the specifics are different. The goals and objectives are the differentiating factors. MR. MESA said he believed the word interim was used at the beginning and what has happened is that they have come up with a prioritization process for the region; however, they would like to do that based on their regional plan, which is still being worked on. Thus in the interim the MPOs went through the process. The group is O.K. with using it as "the best available" he is not sure it is the best they can do. CHAIR KAPLAN assumed that each year they go through the process the list would be redone.

MR. WHITFIELD and the Recording Secretary arrived at 10:08 A.M.

COMMISSIONER KOONS asked for a status of the long-range plans. MR. DEL RIO said Broward is beginning the process. They have just presented their objectives to their board as well as the plans they will be developing between now and December 2009. Miami-Dade's Plan is on their boards October 4th agenda for approval of consultant and their process will also end in December of 2009. MR. WHITFIELD said the scope for the Palm Beach Plan would probably be presented to the board at the December 2007 meeting. MR. DEL RIO added the three counties are cooperating in order to identify funding to bring in a consultant to develop the Regional Long Range Plan.

CHAIR KAPLAN asked if everyone was in agreement with the list at this time.

A motion was made by COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ to approve the FY 09 Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities; seconded by COMMISSIONER KOONS. The motion carried unanimously.

MR. MESA stated the interim scores were not included in the approval only the list. CHAIR KAPLAN asked if that made a difference and didn't understand what was interim about it. MR. MESA said the methodology is interim. CHAIR KAPLAN said they approved the ranking of the plan and until it is amended this will stand until they go through the process again. MR. MESA's concern was that the scores, which were developed with a method that is still being tested,

should not be adopted because they are in a preliminary stage. MS. LOIS BUSH asked MS. STACY MILLER to explain how the list is actually used for programming purposes. She said something with a ranking is needed to apply funding to it. MR. WHITFIELD felt they were concerned about the order of the projects and everything else can go into supporting documentation to show DOT how they arrived at the order of the projects. MS. MILLER added they are satisfied the group is working through the process using a tried and true methodology. COMMISSIONER KOONS said SECRETARY WOLF spoke at the Regional Planning Council last week and they came to a conclusion that the funding for road programs continues to shrink and Districts 4 and 6 are being hurt because SIS dollars are going to other areas of the state. He then asked where the priority for TRIP funding for FDOT from the Central Office was and if it was subject to cuts by FDOT and the Legislature. MR. O'REILLY didn't think anything was sacred. He said the TRIP money came by the Growth Management funds and they are mostly funded by general revenue, like document stamps, and one of the proposals they have seen, would revert document stamp funds back to general revenue. He is not sure if that would affect TRIP funds.

B. FY 09 Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities

A discussion ensued about the projects not listed on the priorities list. COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ did not feel comfortable approving the list as presented because he would be going against his commission.

A motion was made by COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ to amend the FY 09 Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities to include Project #1 Krome Avenue, Project #3 Palm Avenue, Project #4 Pembroke Road and Project #7 Griffin Road; seconded by COMMISSIONER KOONS. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ to approve the FY 09 Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities as amended; seconded by CHAIR KAPLAN. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER KOONS said the next time they meet, subject to what the Legislature does, the FY 08/09 funds will still be subject to general revenue from the Legislature going into FDOT's program. MR. O'REILLY stated all FY 08/09 funds in their entire program are subject to Legislative approval. COMMISSIONER KOONS clarified they are still general revenue not gas tax funds. MR. O'REILLY replied that was correct for the TRIP dollars.

C. Joint Report on 2007 State Certification Review

MR. WHITFIELD explained that in 2007, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4 conducted modified state certification reviews of the Miami-Dade, Broward Count and Palm Beach MPOs that focused on assessing progress made in meeting enhanced regional coordination commitments. Districts 4 and 6 prepared a report for the Miami Urbanized Area (UZA)/Transportation Management Area (TMA) that contains findings and recommendations applicable to the three MPOs and the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC). One recommendation is to continue development of a regional project prioritization process able to generate a single multimodal list of regionally significant projects on the regional multimodal transportation system that has been designated for Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. This process is expected to incorporate identification and prioritization of projects for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funds and evolve over time.

FDOT Districts 4 and 6 conduct state certification reviews of MPOs annually to determine whether they are addressing major issues, complying with state and federal law governing metropolitan transportation planning, and meeting enhanced regional coordination commitments agreed to as part of the redesignation of existing MPOs following the 2000 US Census. The enhanced regional coordination commitments are a reflection of the landscape of expanding and merging UZAs in Florida stemming from continued population growth. The Miami-Dade, Broward County and Palm Beach MPOs also are subject to federal certification review every four years because they serve a UZA that is a TMA (i.e., has more than 200,000 people).

Districts 4 and 6 conducted state certification reviews in 2007 that focused on assessing progress made in meeting enhanced regional coordination commitments. It prepared the report (included in the mailing) for the Miami UZA/TMA drawing on enhanced regional coordination checklists completed by the three MPOs. Aspects of the report included (1) finalization of the regional transportation element, (2) define the next generation RL RTP, (3) develop a regional public involvement plan and (4) develop regional performance measures.

Enhanced regional planning, coordination and implementation efforts are tied to post-census commitments, state creation of the TRIP in support of regional planning and leveraging of funds for regionally significant projects, and establishment of the TCTC to formalize regional efforts and allow TRIP funds to be tapped. A number of the findings and recommendations in the certification review report relate to the following duties set out in the interlocal agreement that established the TCTC:

- Regional long range transportation plan
- Process for prioritization of regional projects
- Regional public involvement process
- Performance measures to assess the effectiveness of regional coordination activities.

Progress has been made on a number of the recommendations made in the report. The initial Regional Plan has continued to evolve using the respective LRTPs as the basis for the plan. The next generation of the Regional Plan will build on this base and expand in content and details for regional projects. Three regional Citizens Committee meetings have been held with reports on regional transportation activities and the Regional Plan. Activities are underway and coordinated with FDOT and other agencies to develop a series of performance measures to evaluate the level of regional coordination in the transportation planning process.

One recommendation in the report is to complete and implement a regional project prioritization process able to generate a single multimodal list of regionally significant projects on the regional multimodal transportation system. This process is expected to incorporate identification and prioritization of projects for TRIP funds. The process has continued to evolve over time and to be coordinated with individual MPO prioritization processes. An FDOT consultant has assisted the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee in the refinement of a prioritization system for the TRIP projects that could serve as the basis for the overall priority system. This system is being used for the FY 09 TRIP priorities.

LOIS BUSH said the first report was done in 2006. The regional report includes a review of how the three MPOs are working together and also includes findings, recommendations and implementation. The long range regional vision includes a 2025 Florida Transportation Plan with a goal for a stronger economy through enhanced mobility for people and freight. The long range objective is for mobility within regions by developing regional visions and action plans that integrate transportation, land use, economic, community and environmental systems to guide

transportation decision-making and investments. Also to focus attention on meeting regional mobility needs that transcend traditional jurisdictional boundaries, and ensuring connectivity between SIS, regional and local facilities. The South Florida Regional Planning Council is leading the effort to develop a 2060 Southeast Florida Vision.

The regional report was prepared by districts 4 and 6 and follows the 2006 regional (joint) report, which is used for the regional component of the 2007 federal certification review. It is tied to how the three MPOs are doing in meeting those post-census enhanced regional planning and coordination commitments made by the three MPOs to stay separate. Part of that includes the formation of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program.

MS. BUSH continued the overview of the report by going over the findings and recommendations made.

COMMISSIONER KOONS pointed out one of the recommendations mentioned maximizing leverage of funds available for regional projects and pursue increased funding for regional projects and said they are not getting those dollars. He suggested making a request to the Legislature that Districts 4 and 6 get dollars generated here put back into these districts by state statute, lane miles and population and not by some policy that changed capacity. CHAIR KAPLAN said they would maximize leverage of funds available, but reality is the money is not there. COMMISSIONER KOONS added that by policy, not state statute, SEFTC lost \$1B and they need to say "no more policy by statute, give use the money by population and lane miles and allow use to prioritize to the SEFTC process". CHAIR KAPLAN said SEFTC would accept the report but was not in agreement with it.

MR. O'REILLY said one of the things they thought about when the report was written was developers. Opportunities may arise where developers might want to do an improvement on a TRIP facility and might not have the full amount of funds, staff can request using the TRIP money to match those types of funds. CHAIR KAPLAN stated that privatization is a short-term answer to a long-term problem because if they continue to privatize everything they do, as is the case in some states, there will be huge problem down the road. He mentioned the Ambassador Bridge between the US and Canada, which was sold years ago, and now the bridge can potentially collapse because of lack of maintenance.

A discussion ensued about problems with privatization. MR. WHITFIELD mentioned the Atlantic Avenue project in Palm Beach County on the TRIP priorities does have developer funds in it. MR. O'REILLY said they are due to gain back money to try to make up for what has been lost.

MR. WHITFIELD mentioned SEFTC may want to retain a consultant to get the meeting packages together, do the minutes of the meeting, coordinate the meeting and also work with staff to put together the regional report. MS. BUSH stated that between the three Mops they receive close to \$7M per year for planning.

MS. BUSH finished with the overview of recommendations.

A motion was made by COMMISSIONER KOONS to accept the report; seconded by COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ. The motion carried unanimously.

MS. BUSH asked CAROLYN DEKLE, Executive Director for the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) to give an update on the 2060 Southeast Florida Vision. MS.

DEKLE said they are excited about the process and mentioned JULIA TREVARTHEN, Director of Institute for Community Collaboration is heading up the work on this project. MS. DEKLE suggested using some of the planning dollars to support some of the issues inside that larger planning initiative, to give each MPO the opportunity to get land use and transportation connected. MS. DEKLE added the Treasure Coast Planning Council is working with them on this, as is, Florida Atlantic University.

A discussion ensued.

D. Universal Fare Collection System

MR. WHITFIELD said regional travel in Southeast Florida has continued to increase in recent years. A portion of these regional trips use transit as the chosen mode of travel. Tri Rail is the primary means for intercounty travel with connections to the local transit services in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. The four transit service providers have been discussing ways to facilitate transfers between operators to reduce confusion and encourage transit use by regional travelers. Implementation of a Universal Fare Collection System or "Smartcard" has been under consideration for several years. MS. RENEE MATTHEWS, Project Manager for the Smartcard Program from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) presented an overview and status report on the Smartcard project.

MS. MATTHEWS distributed a handout. She said the project goals and objectives consist of implementation of regional fare integration within the South Florida region, introduction of a fare transit card (smart card) to allow for convenient, cost-effective, seamless travel through the South Florida region, enhancement of information systems for improved planning, scheduling and revenue controls, enhancement of customer service, increased ridership and improved business and operational efficiencies. Some of the benefits they would like to see include seamless interface with regional transit service providers, to enhance customer travel information and coordination, integrate data collection for scheduling and planning purposes, improve revenue control and reduction of fare evasion and reduce maintenance costs.

MS. MATTHEWS went over the project history, which includes coordinating regional workshops to discuss the next steps. Regional partnerships are Miami-Dade County Transit, Broward County Transit and Palm Beach County Palm Tran.

Miami-Dade (M-D) Transit is fully committed to the use of smartcards on the bus and metro rail systems. M-D County issued a RFP for a smartcard fare collection system on September 14, 2007. Metrorail installation should occur in August 2008. They are also working with SFRTA to establish a business operation plan for the smartcard.

Broward County Transit (BCT) has purchased 48 buses with preinstalled fare boxes. They plan to replace the remainder of its bus fleet over the next five years. The Fare boxes are equipped with smartcard targets and wiring. There are no plans to operate the smartcard system at BCT. The BCT will evaluate cost alternatives for joining a regional system.

Palm Tran purchased a complete fare collection system for their buses and installation began in August 2007. The fare boxes are smartcard ready with available smartcard target slot and wiring for a later date. At this point there are no plans to operate the smartcard system. They also need to evaluate cost alternatives for joining a regional system.

CHAIR KAPLAN asked if the intent was to create a smartcard that would work on all four

systems and MS. MATTHEWS replied that is the intent. CHAIR KAPLAN went on to say it did not make sense for one area to have one system and the others to do something else. There needed to be a system, which would work together, not necessarily the same technology but one that would work seamlessly throughout the region. He felt SFRTA and SEFTC should work together towards a uniform system.

A discussion ensued about the history of the smartcard.

CHAIR KAPLAN asked the three staff directors what their MPO had in their policies or procedures that directs what should happen. COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ offered there was a simply way to do it. MDT has already issued the RFP and others can piggyback on later. MR. DEL RIO did not believe the Broward MPO took any specific action on this at previous meetings, but he would go back and search.

Another discussion ensued.

CHAIR KAPLAN asked if a regional system to create a universal fare collection system qualify for TRIP funds or any other type of funds in a program to help encourage this along. MR. WHITFIELD said he was not sure about TRIP funds but it should qualify for other types of funds. CHAIR KAPLAN suggested funding options be investigated due to the impact on our region and asked staff to work together to try and get all three MPOs and their county systems coordinated to the same universal system.

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) is researching alternatives for procurement of a fare collection system with smartcard capacity. They plan to establish a smartcard program to meet the needs of passengers transferring to MDT.

MS. MATTHEWS stated SFRTA is working with the region to evaluate the options for implementing a regional smartcard program. Those include cost models, regional fare strategies, transfer policies and equipment interfacing.

Next steps will be to develop a cost model for the regional smartcard program and a regional strategy for interfacing fare collection equipment as well as a business plan and funding requirements.

E. Climate Change Issues- Southeast Florida

MR. WHITFIELD explained the consensus of climate scientists is that global warming is occurring, and that it can be mitigated through reductions in the greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) caused by human activity. Many states (including Florida) are moving aggressively to reduce GHGs over the next two to three decades. The electricity and transportation sectors are the largest sources of GHGs (roughly equivalent in total GHG emissions), and are therefore the focus of state and local policies.

In the transportation sector, it is projected that about half the mobile GHG emission reductions can be achieved through improved technologies (fuel efficiencies in automobiles and trucks and alternative fuels, such as biofuels). The other half can be achieved through efforts to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled below current projections. This will require an integrated approach to land use and transportation planning, which could have the co-benefit of decreasing congestion and improving mobility, for passenger vehicles as well as goods movement.

HARVEY RUBIN, Clerk of Courts for Miami-Dade County, and NICK BOLLMAN, Senior Fellow at the Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions at F.A.U., spoke about the work underway on this issue at the Miami Dade County Climate Advisory Task Force and with the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change.

CLERK RUBIN stated under the leadership of COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ Miami-Dade adopted the ordinance he would be discussing. Dade County is one of leaders in the world of local governments addressing global environment issues. Over a thousand local governments worldwide are involved with ICLEI. The Cities for Climate Protection Campaign is their major focus and invites local governments to participate according to a modality that sets up five milestones. There are thirteen local governments participating in Florida. The governing body commits by resolution to earnestly go after and complete the five milestones.

The first milestone is to do an inventory of their emissions. ICLEI developed software that accurately determines what your inventory of emissions was and what the baseline would be for the other milestones to be addressed. ICLEI will be releasing the latest updates to the software in a month or two.

The second milestone is to select a target for adoption, a date and percent and then go forward by building a plan using all the local government's facilities, jurisdictions and outreaching to the community with community projects.

The Dade County Plan adopted in 1993 involves such things as capping the landfills to capture methane, recycling programs and retrofitting all buildings with energy saving equipment. CLERK RUBIN added there are several hundred separate measures involved in the Dade County Plan. Local action plans may be accessed at iclei.org for further information.

South Florida coastal communities must look at what point sea level rises causing a disabling saltwater intrusion that drinking water is destroyed. Land use policy must be looked at to determine whether to continue building and putting people in line of the sea level rise in the flood plains.

MR. BOLLMAN said GOVERNOR CRIST held a Climate Summit in Miami in July at which he issued an executive order indicating he would appoint action team to come up with recommendations on how the state government can help the local governments, private sector, private groups and other to address this climate challenge. The executive order contains two parts that relate to land use and transportation issues. He has asked for recommendations within the first 90-day period focused on energy issues.

CHAIR KAPLAN stated mass transit is the key to eliminating much of the problem. COMMISSIONER KOONS said the Governor could fix the problem. He restated his comment about the SIS funds. COMMISSIONER KOONS said state policy froze those dollars towards capacity problems, which is urban sprawl. South Florida, which is district 4 and 6, has lost \$1B because transit is not prioritized they prioritize lane miles. This region gets slammed in the head because of that. If he wants to fix it all he has to do is write a letter to FDOT saying "by policy they will put the funds in mass transit".

MR. BOLLMAN stated the Action Team will be meeting in Tallahassee on October 5th to address the transportation question and the Governor has asked for recommendations on transportation issues.

COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ left 11:26 A.M.

COMMISSIONER KOONS stated there is a total disconnect between DCA and FDOT in terms of strategic corridor transportation planning. The Governor vetoed regional transportation funding for Jacksonville and the Tampa area. There are regional systems unsupported by the state in terms of policy and dollars. He said the Governor could fix the problem by having the SIS dollars targeted for strategic transportation corridors. MR. BOLLMAN said the Governor is a national leader among other governors on this issue.

A discussion ensued.

CHAIR KAPLAN stated locally they have been trying to deal with mass transit issues for years but policy does not agree with directive.

COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ returned at 11:31 A.M.

MR. WHITFIELD said the 2007 Rail-Volution Conference is coming to Miami from October 31 to November 3, 2007. He introduced JOE QUINTY from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

MR. QUINTY said it is the 13th annual conference. The RTA and Miami-Dade Transit are co-hosting the event. The conference is trying to promote greater livability and promote the role of land use and transit as equal partners. Federal Transportation Reauthorization, Creative and Effective Financing, Partnerships with the Development Community will be the main themes for discussion. Registration forms and brochures were made available for those present. CHAIR KOONS thanked all the local governments for their participation.

VI. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

DAN GLICKMAN resident of Deerfield Beach was delighted the climate issue was brought up. He asked what percentage of the TRIP funds goes for transit and felt transit was not getting a fair share of the funding. Regarding the state's certification he said there was only a single specific mention of the SFRTA and also did not see any mention of the SFRTA Strategic Regional Transit Plan and did not understand why it was not part of the report. MR. GLICKMAN then referred to the Smartcard and said if there is no software then they have nothing.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

CHAIR KAPLAN mentioned that on October 16th there would be an I-595 joint workshop between the Broward MPO, Broward County Commission at the Broward Convention Center starting at 9:00 A.M.

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS

There were none.

IX. Next Meeting – January 14, 2008

CHAIR KAPLAN said the next meeting would be held on January 14, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by VICE-CHAIR MARTINEZ; seconded by COMMISSIONER KOONS to adjourn the meeting. The motioned carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 P.M.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Chairman, or a designated nominee, of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council and that information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes for the **SEPTEMBER** meeting of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council, dated this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Chair



MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

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

DATE: January 14, 2008

RE: **Status of Regional TRIP Priorities**

At the September meeting, SEFTC approved the attached priority list for FY 09 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) projects. The list was submitted to Districts 4 and 6 for allocation of TRIP funds in the three counties.

FDOT has allocated the FY 09 TRIP funds for Southeast Florida. Attached are the letters from the District Secretaries with lists of the approved projects. These projects will be included in the FDOT Work Program.

Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.

RMW/eer

Attachment



Florida Department of Transportation

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December 28, 2007

The Honorable Richard J. Kaplan
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PALM BEACH COUNTY

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

SUBJECT: Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
FY 08/09 Approved Projects

The Florida Department of Transportation District 4 is pleased to inform you that the projects listed on the attached spreadsheet will receive Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funds for Fiscal Year 08/09.

The Department's total funding commitment to these projects will be limited to the amounts listed, regardless of any future cost increases. The proposed projects have been incorporated into the Department's Draft Tentative Work Program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Stacy Miller, the District Program Management Engineer, by phone at (954) 777-4429 or via email at stacy.miller@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

James A. Wolfe, P.E.
District Secretary
District Four

JAW:ad

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Joe A. Martinez, Miami-Dade MPO Chair
The Honorable Jeff Koons, Palm Beach MPO Chair
Joseph Giulietti, SFRTA
Jose-Luis Mesa, Miami-Dade MPO
Roger Del Rio, Broward MPO
Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO
William Cross, SFRTA
John Martinez, FDOT District 6 Secretary
Ken Jeffries, FDOT District 6
Barbara Handrahan, FDOT District 4
Arleen Dano, FDOT District 4



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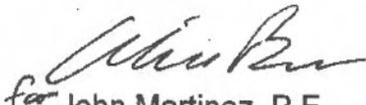
Dear Mayor Kaplan:

SUBJECT: Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
FY 08/09 Approved Projects within Miami-Dade County

The Florida Department of Transportation District VI is pleased to inform you that the projects enclosed on the attached spreadsheet have been selected to receive TRIP funds for Fiscal Year 08/09. Please note that the eligible portion of the funding request for Advanced Transportation Management System (\$10.5 million) was fulfilled with County Incentive Program Grant funds in order to maximize the amount of TRIP funding available for other projects. The Department's total funding commitment to these projects will be limited to the attached amount, regardless of any future cost increases.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ken Jeffries, the District TRIP Coordinator at 305.470.6736.

Sincerely,


for John Martinez, P.E.
District Secretary

cc: Commissioner Joe Martinez, Miami-Dade MPO Chair
The Honorable Jeff Koons, Palm Beach MPO Chair
Jose-Luis Mesa, Miami-Dade MPO
Roger Del Rio, Broward MPO
Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO
James A. Wolfe, FDOT District 4 Secretary
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FY 08/09 Transportation Regional Incentive Program
Approved Projects within Miami-Dade County
Southeast Florida Transportation Council

Project Description	Location/Limits	Phase	Amount Funded
SR 826/Palmetto Expressway Expansion & Reconstruction (see note 1)	From SW 32 St To SW 72 St	Construction	\$57,139,965
Golden Glades Intermodal Center		Construction	\$7,700,700

Note 1-Project is multi-year funded



MEMORANDUM

V-A

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Roger Del Rio
Executive Director Broward MPO

DATE: January 4, 2008

SUBJECT: **Motion to elect Chair and Vice Chair**

January of each year is the time to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the SEFTC. Both Chair and Vice Chair will serve for a period of one year.

Staff Recommendation: For Board Action

RDR



MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

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

DATE: January 14, 2008

RE: **FDOT Funding Program**

At a previous meeting, the Board discussed the allocation of Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funding statewide on a historic basis. The analysis indicated Districts 4 and 6 received less funding than other sources that were based on allocation formulas. There has also been information related to coming shortfalls in the Federal Highway Trust Fund, which is based on gas taxes. Palm Beach County has also significantly lowered projected revenue from impact fees in coming years at the time when property tax revenues are decreasing. There has also been discussion on the need for a regional funding source to support the Regional Transportation Authority. These discussions are occurring in a time of increased costs for construction and operation of transportation services.

In light of these issues, the Board has indicated a desire to discuss future transportation funding. FDOT representatives are scheduled to attend the meeting to discuss these concerns.

Staff Recommendation: For information and discussion.

RMW



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October 15, 2007

Secretary Stephanie C. Kopelousos
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwanee Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450

Re: **Strategic Intermodal System Funding**

Dear Secretary Kopelousos:

On numerous occasions at meetings of the MPOs, Southeast Florida Transportation Council and other venues, we have expressed our serious concerns relative to the allocation of Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds by the Department. We are aware the funds are to be used on a statewide basis to address needs which exist throughout the state. We feel the allocation in the past, present and future ignores the substantial needs in the urbanized Southeast Florida area. The attached table of SIS funding illustrates this disparity quite clearly. Districts 4 and 6 receive SIS funds in a significantly lower proportion than typical formula funding would provide.

Based on the Department's requests, we have waited patiently for the past year to see the future SIS allocations. We have been told the allocations would make the Southeast Florida area whole and redress the previous lower allocations. The delays seem to continue with no answers. At this point, our patience has ended.

The SIS funding process was implemented by the Department as a policy without Legislative direction. Thus far, it has been a disservice to some of the large urban areas. We intend to seek state law requiring the fund be returned to the districts where collected. We propose that SEFTC should be used to allocate the funds on a regional basis to meet the state criteria for SIS funds. This approach would be similar to the TRIP process with the MPOs and the FDOT districts working together.

Just as Florida does not want to be a donor state at the federal level, we do not want to be donor districts to the state.

Sincerely,

John F. Koons
Chair

JFK/eer

Strategic Intermodal System Capacity Statutory Formula 16-year Comparison

(\$ in millions)

	Statutory Formula		Statewide Funds				Difference						
	Average	2007	1997-2006	2007-2012	1997-2012	1997-2006	2007-2012	1997-2012	1997-2006	2007-2012	1997-2012	1997-2006	2007-2012
	2002-06		average										
District 1	13.63%	13.93%	13.78%	12.04%	15.46%	13.75%	-1.59%	1.53%	-0.03%	(\$91.3)	\$115.2	\$24.0	
District 2	11.32%	11.26%	11.29%	17.37%	8.07%	12.72%	6.06%	-3.19%	1.43%	\$354.0	(\$239.6)	\$114.3	
District 3	8.09%	7.92%	8.00%	10.74%	5.97%	8.36%	2.65%	-1.95%	0.35%	\$152.0	(\$146.3)	\$5.7	
District 4	19.01%	18.86%	18.94%	16.28%	14.46%	15.37%	-2.73%	-4.41%	-3.57%	(\$157.2)	(\$331.3)	(\$488.5)	
District 5	19.52%	20.01%	19.76%	18.99%	24.48%	21.73%	-0.53%	4.47%	1.97%	(\$24.1)	\$335.9	\$311.8	
District 6	13.30%	13.05%	13.18%	7.01%	11.50%	9.25%	-6.29%	-1.55%	-3.92%	(\$373.5)	(\$116.5)	(\$490.0)	
District 7	15.13%	14.97%	15.05%	17.57%	20.06%	18.82%	2.44%	5.09%	3.77%	\$140.1	\$382.6	\$522.7	

November 2, 2007

Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450

Subject: Strategic Intermodal System Funding

Dear Secretary Kopelousos:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Palm Beach MPO Chair, John F. Koons, addressed to you dated October 15, 2007. The letter is requesting that funds for the Strategic Intermodal System should be allocated on a regional basis and proposes that Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Council (SEFTC) should be used to allocate the funds.

I support the proposal put forth by Commissioner Koons and the Palm Beach MPO. Since it was officially constituted in January 2005, the SEFTC is on target and dedicated to provide viable regional transportation plan that meets the needs of residents of the Southeast Florida Urbanized Area. The SEFTC membership includes the three MPOs, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, and the two FDOT Districts 4 and 6, and local transit operating agencies to better serve the growing needs of regional travel in the area. The current SIS funding process is circumventing the goals of the SEFTC and the future transportation needs of the residents in the Miami Urbanized Transportation Management Area (TMA).

I would like to invite you or Mr. James Wolfe, District 4 Secretary to the December Broward MPO meeting scheduled for December 13, 2007 and the next SEFTC meeting scheduled for January 14, 2008 to have a formal discussion of SIS funding and to gain a better understanding of what the DOT is doing to keep the SIS funds in the Southeast Florida area where most of the money is generated..

I look forward in continuing this dialog so that real transportation solutions become available for the residents of Southeast Florida.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Stermer
Chair

cc: Commissioner John J. Koons, Chair, Palm Beach MPO
Commissioner Joe Martinez, Chair, Miami-Dade MPO
Mayor Richard J. Kaplan, SEFTC Chair



MEMORANDUM

V-C

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Roger Del Rio
Executive Director Broward MPO

DATE: January 4, 2008

SUBJECT: **Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

The Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update efforts continue concurrently in all three counties. The final approval by the three MPO Boards is required by December 2009. Below is a brief status of where each MPO is in regards to their individual plan:

Miami-Dade MPO: The Miami-Dade study will be underway in January.

Broward MPO: The Request for Letter of Interest (RLI) was approved by Broward Purchasing Division, it should be advertised by January 4, deadline to submit RLI to purchasing Division is January 25, Consultant could be selected in early February and notice to proceed may be the end of February 08.

Palm Beach MPO: The scope of services was approval. Staff is seeking to advertise in January 08 and maybe get a consultant on board by the end of February or the beginning of March.

Staff will provide an update and answer questions at the meeting.

Staff Recommendation: For information and discussion

RDR



MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

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

DATE: January 14, 2008

RE: **Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Following the 2000 Census, the state re-designated the individual MPOs in Southeast Florida. During the re-designation, the MPOs agreed to prepare and maintain a Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP). An initial 2030 RLRTP was developed through the identification of regional corridors and compilation of projects contained in the individual MPO plans on those corridors. This RLRTP serves as the basis for selection of TRIP projects.

Each MPO is beginning the update of its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to 2035. The RLRTP for 2035 will be prepared in coordination with the local plans. The FDOT regional transportation model will be used for the RLRTP and the local plans. The RLRTP will provide a regional evaluation and identification of transportation issues which will be addressed by the local planning process in the context of local goals and objectives. The RLRTP will then incorporate plans and project schedules across county lines.

The staff has prepared the attached Request For Proposals (RFP) for the RLRTP. Each MPO has included \$75,000 annually for two years to fund the RLRTP and SEFTC support for regional planning. A consultant selection committee with representatives from FDOT and the three MPOs will evaluate the proposals and select the consulting firms for negotiation. The contract and scope of services will be presented to SEFTC for approval. The Palm Beach MPO has been selected to lead the process and coordinate the regional planning activities. The RLRTP schedule calls for completion and adoption by SEFTC in late 2009 in the same time frame as the local transportation plans. Interim reports will be presented to SEFTC throughout the process.

Staff Recommendation: The SEFTC Board approve the Request for Proposal and Consultant Selection Process and direct staff to move forward with consultant selection and negotiation for presentation to the Board for final approval.

RMW/eer

Attachment

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA-MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

November 20, 2007

The 2000 Census combined portions of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties into the Miami Urbanized Area. Following extensive discussion, FDOT and the three counties agreed to maintain the three MPOs and their transportation planning processes with the addition of a regional transportation element to be incorporated into the local plans. The initial regional plan included identification and compilation of projects on Corridors of Regional Significance contained in the local transportation plans. It was agreed this approach would serve on an interim basis until the next major Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update is conducted. The MPOs are initiating the 2035 LRTP updates and preparation of a regional LRTP on a concurrent basis. The local and regional planning efforts will be closely coordinated on a continuing basis to ensure compatibility.

Project Schedule

The CONSULTANT will prepare a schedule to carry out the tasks required to prepare the regional LRTP. This schedule will be closely coordinated with the local LRTP plan update schedules to ensure availability of needed information for the various tasks. The CONSULTANT will communicate with the local consultants to maintain the respective schedules and identify problems in a timely manner.

Data Collection

The CONSULTANT will work with the local MPOs and FDOT District 4 to ensure the appropriate socioeconomic data developed by each MPO for the Plan Update is available for use in the regional modeling efforts. The CONSULTANT will obtain relevant plans and studies in the region related to transportation including but not limited to airport master plans, seaport master plans, Inland Port Study, SFRTA Strategic Transit System Plan, transit operating data, local and statewide freight and goods movement studies, local Transit Development Programs and congestion management plans. The CONSULTANT will evaluate the impacts of designation of the Atlantic Commerce Corridor along Interstate 95 as a Corridor of National Significance on the regional plan. This information will be used throughout the regional planning process as appropriate.

Regional Visioning Activity

The South Florida and Treasure Coast regional planning councils are conducting a visioning exercise with a time frame of 2060. Within the time constraints and deadlines for the local LRTP updates and the concurrent regional LRTP process, the CONSULTANT will compile information from the visioning exercise and utilize the results as input to the development of the regional LRTP.

Goals, Objectives, Measures of Effectiveness/Performance Measures

The CONSULTANT will compile a list of the Goals, Objectives and Measures of Effectiveness (GOMs) from the existing and proposed local LRTPs and review them for common themes/elements. Using the results of the review, the CONSULTANT will develop a series of regional GOMs that are compatible/complementary to the locally adopted ones where feasible but will also prepare GOMs specifically for the regional Plan where applicable. The regional GOMS will address the eight planning factors contained in SAFETEA-LU. The regional GOMs will be presented to the RTTAC and SEFTC for approval and submitted to the local MPOs for consideration during the local plan updates.

Regional Public Involvement Program

The CONSULTANT will incorporate the public involvement activities for the three local plan updates as part of the regional public involvement activities. The CONSULTANT will coordinate regional public involvement activities with the public involvement activities for the three local plan updates. The CONSULTANT will provide information and material to be included in the local activities designed to solicit input on regional transportation concerns and proposals. These activities will include meetings, workshops, newsletters and similar functions to inform the public and solicit input. The CONSULTANT will meet with the local public information staff and the local consultants prior to any local series of public meetings to provide the material and information concerning the regional plan to be presented by the local planning staff. The CONSULTANT will attend at least one public meeting in each MPO area to receive input directly on the regional plans and programs for each series of meetings. The CONSULTANT should solicit readily available public involvement materials and information from all agencies that are preparing transportation and other regionally significant plans that is interrelated to or impacted by transportation investments. The material will be designed to provide information and gather input with minimal efforts on the part of local staffs, such as through questionnaires and preferences. The CONSULTANT will develop and maintain a website for information and input to the regional LRTP update. The CONSULTANT will also provide regional planning material for inclusion on the LRTP update websites. Notices of public meetings where regional planning issues will be presented in any of the MPO areas will be placed in news media in all three counties. The CONSULTANT will

also seek input on the regional planning issues and activities from business and economic groups in the region through meetings and outreach efforts. The CONSULTANT will prepare information and attend meetings of the Regional Citizens Advisory Committee to be held semiannually during the study. The CONSULTANT, working with the local staffs, will document regional comments and concerns related to the regional planning efforts received at the various public involvement activities.

Regional Modeling

The regional modeling activities will be carried out using the approved version of the Southeast Florida Regional Planning Model (SERPM). The CONSULTANT will coordinate requirements for regional modeling with FDOT-District 4 who will be responsible for the actual regional computer model runs. The CONSULTANT will obtain the appropriate socio-economic and network data from the local MPOs for use in the regional modeling activities. The modeling efforts will consider all modes for the region. The regional modeling will generally consist of an Existing Plus Committed (E+C) network, a Needs Plan, a Cost Feasible Plan and Interim Plans. The results of these computer runs will be closely coordinated with alternative analyses carried out by the local plan consultants related to local policies and concerns and serving as input to the regional model activities.

Regional Revenue

The CONSULTANT will compile information on transportation revenue sources that are regional or have regional emphasis. These sources will include but not be limited to the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP). The CONSULTANT will also compile information from SFRTA on regional transit funding sources for the commuter rail system. Information will be compiled from the FDOT Revenue Forecasts, local revenue projects and other available sources. The CONSULTANT will coordinate the revenue compilation with local plan activities to ensure no sources are counted twice. The revenue information will be documented and provided to the RTTAC and the SEFTC and the local MPOs for review and inclusion in local planning activities.

Regional Needs Plan

The regional long range transportation plan is critical to the development of a coordinated investment strategy for the region. The Plan will be multimodal and address the mobility needs of the public and freight and goods. Using information from the three MPOs, the CONSULTANT will prepare and evaluate an E+C network with 2035 socioeconomic data. The results will be presented to

the RTTAC and provided to the respective MPOs for use in alternative analyses based on local policy and concerns. Each MPO will develop a local Needs Plan using the regional model and provide the results to the CONSULTANT. The CONSULTANT will combine the local Needs Plans into a regional Needs Plan for review.

The Plan will incorporate consideration of regional goals, objectives, and measures of effectiveness developed through other large-scale, long range visioning and planning projects for the region within the timeline of the LRTP development. This shall include but not be limited to the FEC Corridor Study, the SEFRTA Strategic Transit System Plan, long range regional visioning efforts, airport master plans, seaport master plans and freight movement plans. Project cost estimates will be coordinated with local planning activities to reflect local experience and policies related to right-of-way and construction costs. The results of the Regional Needs Plan analysis will be presented to the RTTAC and the SEFTC. The appropriate networks and data will be provided to the MPOs for use in local planning efforts. This will insure that the most efficient and effective use of transportation resources, long range plans for land use and other infrastructure is regarded in developing and are supportive transportation priorities and vice versa.

The CONSULTANT will document the process and results of the Regional Needs Plan development.

Regional Cost Feasible Plan

The MPOs will use the Regional Needs Plan and revenue and cost estimates to develop alternatives for the local Cost Feasible Plans. The CONSULTANT will combine the local Plans into a Regional Cost Feasible Plan and evaluate the results for compatibility and continuity. The Plan evaluation will focus on the regional revenues identified earlier. The results of the Regional Cost Feasible Plan analysis will be presented to the RTTAC and the SEFTC and provided to the local plan activities for coordination and inclusion in the local Cost Feasible Plans.

Regional Interim Plans

The MPOs will use the Cost Feasible Plan to develop interim plans for 2015, 2020, 2025 and 2030. The CONSULTANT will combine and evaluate these interim plans into regional interim plans for 2015, 2020, 2025 and 2030. These interim plans will be reviewed to ensure compatibility with the time frame for the transportation projects. The results will be presented to the RTTAC and the MPOs to resolve any conflicts. The interim plans will assist in setting priorities for

regional funding sources. The CONSULTANT will document the interim regional plans and present them to the RTTAC and the SEFTC for approval.

Regional Corridors Plan

The CONSULTANT will review the current regional corridor network as adopted by SEFTC. The CONSULTANT will also review the adopted definitions for identification of Corridors of Regional Significance and suggest any changes for consideration by the RTTAC. Using the Regional Needs and Cost Feasible Plans, the CONSULTANT will identify potential additional regional corridors for consideration by the RTTAC. The CONSULTANT will document the Regional Corridors Needs and Cost Feasible Plans as well as the interim plans. The documentation will consist of a report for the Plan to be included in the local MPO plans and a report including the process and final Regional Corridor Plans. The CONSULTANT will also prepare an Executive Summary for distribution to interested parties. The CONSULTANT will document the final regional network and provide compatible files for use by FDOT and the MPOs.

Documentation

The CONSULTANT will document the regional planning process and activities in a series of technical memos. The Regional Needs, Cost Feasible and Interim Plans will be documented in a report and an Executive Summary for the regional plan. A summary of the process and Plans will be prepared for inclusion in the respective local plans. The documents will be presented to the RTTAC and SEFTA for consideration and adoption.

Meetings

The CONSULTANT will attend the RTTAC and SEFTC meetings held during the study. The CONSULTANT will also schedule meetings with the consultants conducting the local plan updates to coordinate schedules and information exchange. The CONSULTANT will plan for meetings with local public involvement staff to coordinate and disseminate regional planning material for use at local public involvement activities.

Staffing Support

The CONSULTANT will provide staff to support the activities of the RTTAC and the SEFTC. This support will include preparation and dissemination of meeting materials, preparation of meeting minutes and coordination and preparation of additional information requested by the RTTAC or SEFTC.

Continuing Support

The SEFTC may consider extension of the study to include additional computer modeling and alternative analyses following adoption of the RL RTP. This additional work would be in support of RL RTP modifications, comprehensive plan changes and special studies as identified by the SEFTC. These services would be provided at additional costs.



MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.
Director

DATE: January 14, 2008

RE: **Western Broward-Palm Beach Corridors Study**

In September, the Palm Beach MPO approved the removal of University Drive into Broward County from its adopted 2030 Transportation System Plan. The Board also requested support for a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study on State Road 7 (SR 7) from Broward County. The MPO action was reported to FDOT and the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The County subsequently received a letter from DCA indicating further information was required to explain the mitigation actions that would support the Level of Service set for SR 7.

On November 20, the Secretaries of DOT and DCA convened a meeting in Fort Lauderdale with representatives from Palm Beach and Broward County and MPO staffs, affected municipalities in Broward County and western Boca Raton citizens. Following presentations by those present, the state agencies presented a series of recommendations to address their concerns. A summary of their recommendations follows.

1. Perform a Network Needs Assessment to determine the traffic demands and impacts of changes to the road network.
2. Coordinate planning for State Road 7 in the two counties to ensure compatible laneage and transit services.
3. Develop an Implementation Plan to carry out the recommendations of the planning activities.

Based on the discussions and recommendations from the meeting, a work plan to address the issues raised by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has been developed to establish the necessary mitigation for the impacts resulting from the elimination of the University Drive and Riverside Drive connections. A summary of the recommendations and activities follows.

Transportation Network Needs Assessment

FDOT District Four, the Palm Beach MPO, Palm Beach County, the Broward MPO, Broward County and the municipalities of Parkland, Coral Springs, Coconut Creek and communities in West Boca Raton will jointly perform an assessment of the number of lanes and transportation facilities that will be needed on the roadway network to compensate for removal of the connections. Roads on the network will be evaluated based on current and future travel demand in order to serve mobility needs at both the local and regional levels. This will serve as a basis for determining reasonable and achievable transportation commitments. FDOT and the MPOs will perform the modeling and distribute the results for review by all interested parties. The analysis will include alternatives with different laneage and levels of transit service. These alternatives will be evaluated with the appropriate level of service standards for the particular roadway and location.

Coordinated Plan for State Road 7

Both counties are relying heavily on SR 7 to handle both regional and local traffic. It is essential that a common vision for the future of SR 7 exist in both counties, particularly between Sample Road and Glades Road. This mutual vision should include the future road cross-section and the nature of transit provisions. The two counties and the two MPOs will work together to develop such a vision while coordinating with their other partners.

Implementation Plan

Once the common vision is developed and adopted, there will need to be a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study for SR 7 that considers multi-modal alternatives. The Study should be part of a more definite plan and schedule for transportation improvements required to maintain a reasonable transportation level of service. The two MPOs should establish a priority for the PD&E Study and request FDOT to move forward in an expeditious manner. Funding set aside for the next phase of the University Drive proposal could be reprogrammed to fund the SR 7 PD&E Study rather than wait for the next program cycle and add it to the new 5th year. The various parties should also explore formal agreements that outline the responsible parties for scheduling, funding and delivering the improvements.

FDOT and the MPOs have begun the analysis of alternatives resulting from the removal of University Drive and Riverside Drive. Changes in land use in the area are also being considered. Further analysis of the use of mass transit in the SR 7 corridor must be performed. The results will be distributed to the various parties for review and comment. The staff will continue to distribute information to all.

Staff Recommendation: **For information purposes.**

RMW



MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

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

DATE: January 14, 2008

RE: **Southeast Florida Bicycling Month**

Each year, National Bicycling Month is used to increase awareness of benefits and encourage use of bicycles for transportation purposes. Various activities occur with a bicycling theme. In South Florida, these events have included bike rides, bicycle give-aways, local fairs and various public events.

In the past, local agencies have issued proclamations in support of Bicycle Month. This year, the MPO Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinators for Southeast Florida are planning a regional event along with local activities. The proposal includes a regional proclamation by SEFTC that will be transported through the three counties in a relay. Local jurisdictions will be invited to participate along the route. This event will take place in March. Attached is a copy of the regional proclamation.

Staff Recommendation: The SEFTC Board approve the Proclamation proclaiming March 2008 as Southeast Florida Bicycling Month.

RMW/eer

Attachment

A Proclamation of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council Proclaiming March 2008 as Southeast Florida Bicycling Month

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a healthy, viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation and exercise; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Florida has proclaimed that the health of its citizens is vital to the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, promoting health and wellness by the State is an important part of encouraging all citizens to choose lifelong exercise and eating habits that combat obesity and reduce the risk of many chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health, an estimated 60 percent of adults in Florida are overweight or obese, and an estimated 25 percent of high school age children in the State are currently overweight or at risk of becoming overweight; and

WHEREAS, increased bicycle usage will help reduce motor vehicle emissions, which account for 50 percent of southeast Florida's air pollution, and thereby improve the health of the 400,000 people in the region suffering from respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, 25 percent of all trips are less than one mile and 75 percent of these trips are made by car; increased use of the bicycle will lead to less congestion, decreased parking problems and provide mobility for those without access to a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, rising gasoline prices represent a major concern among Southeast Floridians; increased use of the bicycle can provide significant financial savings; and

WHEREAS, March 2008 Southeast Florida Bicycling Month will be supported by the Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade MPOs and the three local county air programs, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, South Florida Commuter Services, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and the American Lung Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) that it now hereby designates the month of **March 2008** as **Southeast Florida Bicycling Month**, and urge all who support bicycling to participate and join SEFTC and their ongoing support of bicycling activities.

Issued this 14th day of January, 2008.

Chair