



**MEETING NOTICE
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC)
MEETING
April 14, 2008
10:00 AM
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 January 14, 2008 Minutes **
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Status of Rental Car Surcharge Legislation
 - B. Outcome of the Regional Transit Funding Summit
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Long Range Transportation Plan Update
 - B. Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update
 - C. Western Broward-Palm Beach Corridors Study Update
 - D. Presentation regarding the SFRPC Regional Transportation 2060 Vision Plan
 - E. Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Regional Meeting
- VI. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS
- VII. RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS
- IX. STAFF COMMENTS
- X. MEETING SCHEDULE
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

** Motion Requested



IV-A

MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Roger Del Rio
Director Broward MPO

DATE: April 8, 2008

RE: **Status of Rental Car Surcharge Legislation**

HB 1245 by Rep. Galvano passed the House Infrastructure Committee and House Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council.

The house bill provides that certain regional transportation authorities created under Chapter 343, F.S. may elect to receive the rental car surcharge proceeds deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund that is attributed to each county within the service territory of each regional transportation authority. Under SB 1512 by Senator Geller the South Florida RTA would automatically receive the funds under this bill. Under the house bill the other two RTAs would be required to request the funds by notifying the Department of Revenue in writing (Tampa Bay Area RTA and the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority). Both RTAs mentioned in HB 1245 have successfully requested to be excluded citing substantial impact to their work programs as a motive. The HB had an estimated \$741 million impact to committed projects in those areas over the five year work program period. SB 1512 is similar but applies only to the South Florida RTA.

Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.

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IV-B

MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Roger Del Rio
Director Broward MPO

DATE: April 8, 2008

RE: **Outcome of the Regional Transit Funding Summit**

On Friday, March 14, 2008 the SEFTC held a Regional Transit Funding Summit. Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO director, summarized the meeting in a memorandum to FDOT Secretary Kopelousos; see attached.

The Memorandum reiterated FDOT's support to continue funding of Tri-Rail. The current agreement requires each county to provide \$4.3 million annually that is matched by FDOT. Each County currently provides \$7 million with an equal match by the FDOT.

As indicated in the memorandum the following actions and follow up were identified:

- ◆ The three counties are asked to continue the same level of funding commitment,
- ◆ The FDOT is asked to restate its commitment,
- ◆ Clarification and approval for use of the \$2.67 million in the statutes for operating expenses should be sought , and
- ◆ All parties should continue efforts to win approval of a long-term funding mechanism from the Legislature.

Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.

Attachment

RD



MEMORANDUM

TO: Stephanie C. Kopelousos, Secretary, FDOT
Bruno Barreiro, Chair, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
and Chair, Miami-Dade MPO and Commission
Daniel J. Stermer, Chair, Broward MPO
John F. Koons, Chair, Palm Beach MPO
Lois Wexler, Mayor Broward County Commission
Addie Greene, Chair, Palm Beach County Commission

FROM: Mayor Richard Kaplan, Chair

DATE: March 17, 2008

RE: **Correction - Regional Transit Funding Summit**

*On Monday, the following memo was distributed relative to the actions discussed at the Regional Transit Funding Summit held on March 14. The second paragraph stated FDOT matched the \$7M provided by each county for the operating funding. There was an error in that the \$2.67M the statute requires each county to contribute is treated as capital funding and is **not** matched by FDOT. This correction reduces the estimated funding dedicated to support the operating expenses for the SFRTA by \$16M.*

On Friday, March 14, the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) held a Regional Transit Funding Summit. The subject of the Summit was funding for regional transit in South Florida. While there was a brief discussion of a regional transit organization for all regional transit, the primary focus was on the continuing operation of Tri Rail by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and allocation of the rental car surcharge in Chapter 212.0606, Florida Statutes. Bills are being considered by the Legislature that would allocate the rental car surcharge fees collected in the three South Florida counties to the SFRTA. FDOT has indicated this action will have a significant impact on the Work Program for South Florida. The RTA is seeking funds to assume responsibility for dispatching and maintenance of the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) on which Tri Rail operates.

There was agreement among those participating at the Summit that Tri Rail is an integral part of the South Florida transportation system and should continue to operate. FDOT reiterated its support for Tri Rail and indicated they would not let it fail. Current statutes require each county to provide \$1.56M and \$2.67M for a total of \$4.3 million annually

which is matched by FDOT. Each county currently provides \$7M with an equal match by FDOT. There is some concern relative to reduction of the additional funds by the counties faced with property tax impacts that could in turn foster reductions in train service. There are also questions relative to use of the \$2.67M for operating expenses. The SFRTA desires to dispatch trains to improve reliability and on-time service. The estimated cost for dispatching is \$3-4M.

Several items for action and follow up were identified. The three counties are asked to continue funding at the current \$7M level. FDOT is asked to restate its commitment to continue matching the funds from the counties. SFRTA should develop funding scenarios to include the dispatching function and how it would be funded. Clarification and approval for use of the \$2.67M in the statutes for operating expenses should be sought. All parties should continue efforts to win approval of a long-term funding mechanism from the Legislature in the near future.

Since these matters have an extreme impact on the future mobility of people in the South Florida area, SEFTC is planning another regional session this summer to continue efforts to improve regional transportation.

RMW/eer

cc: James Wolfe, FDOT- District 4 Secretary
Gerry O'Reilly, FDOT- District 6 Interim Secretary
Joseph Giulietti, SFRTA Executive Director
Jose Mesa, Miami-Dade MPO Director
Roger Del Rio, Broward MPO Director
Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO Director
George M. Burgess, Miami-Dade County Manager
Bertha Henry, Broward County Interim Administrator
Robert Weisman, Palm Beach County Administrator



V-A

MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Roger Del Rio
Director Broward MPO

DATE: April 8, 2008

RE: Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach MPOs are in the process of developing their respective LRTPs. The status of each individual MPO LRTP is as follows:

- Miami-Dade MPO contracted with Gannet Flaming and is moving forward with their LRTP update
- Palm Beach MPO is negotiating a contract with Leftwich Consultant
- Broward MPO is negotiating a contract with Jacobs Carter Burgess.
- The three counties are reviewing the proposal submitted by Kittelson Associates for the Regional LRTP

Additional information will be provided at the meeting.

Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.

RD



V-B

MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

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

DATE: April 8, 2008

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

SEFTC will be preparing a Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) in coordination with the local LRTP updates by the three MPOs. The RLRTP will be prepared by a consultant through a contract administered by the Palm Beach MPO.

The Palm Beach MPO issued a Request For Proposal. The selection process resulted in the selection of a team with Kittelson and Associates as the primary firm with Cambridge Systematics and Dickey Consulting Services as subcontractors. The staff is completing contract negotiations. The estimated cost of the contract is \$450,000 to be funded by the MPOs over a two-year period. The RLRTP will be completed by December 2009. The consulting team will also assist the staff in supporting the SEFTC functions.

Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.

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V-C

MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Roger Del Rio
Director Broward MPO

DATE: April 8, 2008

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

The Core Working Group members have met on several occasions to discuss the results of the various alternatives modeled by the FDOT consultant. Traffic estimations based on network improvements, including the effectiveness of an enhanced transit service were analyzed and the results were thoroughly discussed. On April 7, 2008 members of the Core working Group narrowed the 17 alternatives modeled to a select 7 that could be supported by the various stakeholders that comprise the study area.

Additional information will be provided at the meeting.

Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.

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V-D

MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Roger Del Rio
Director Broward MPO

DATE: April 8, 2008

RE: **Presentation regarding the SFRPC Regional Transportation 2060 Vision Plan**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) is seeking funding commitments from the MPOs for the development of a Southeast Florida Regional Transportation 2060 Vision Plan. Staff from the SFRPC will present a short presentation at the April 14 meeting.

The Southeast Florida 2060 Regional Transportation Vision Plan will serve as a means of evaluating, informing, and integrating local, federal, state, and private investments to improve the regional transportation planning process, become more result-oriented, and enhance the integration between transportation planning and regional planning.

Additional information will be provided at the meeting.

Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.

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V-E

MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Roger Del Rio
Director Broward MPO

DATE: April 8, 2008

RE: Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
Regional Meeting

Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach MPOs are in the process of planning a fourth regional Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to have the three advisory committees meet and discuss regional issues. The proposed meeting date is Tuesday, June 11, 2008.

The location for the CAC meeting will be at the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Administrative Offices in Pompano Beach from 4:00-7:00 PM.

The following items that were discussed at the June 13, 2007 regional CAC meeting;

- Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Update
- Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

In addition to the two listed items discussed at last year's meeting, there will be an update on the status of SFRTA's funding and the South Florida East Coast Corridor Study.

Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.

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