



Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday September 18, 2012
10:30 a.m.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Boardroom
800 NW 33rd Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
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Directions to SFRTA: I-95 to Copans Road. Go west on Copans to North Andrews Avenue Ext. and turn right. Go straight to Center Port Circle, which is NW 33rd Street, and turn right. SFRTA's offices are in the building to the right. The SFRTA offices are also accessible by taking the train to the Pompano Beach Station. The SFRTA building is southeast of the station. Parking is available across the street from SFRTA's offices, at the Pompano Beach Station.

PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

The meeting will convene at 10:30 a.m., and will be held in the Boardroom of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Administrative Offices, 800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL 33064.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – Persons wishing to address the Committee are requested to complete an “Appearance Card” and will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please see the Minutes Clerk prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Those matters included under the Consent Agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require review or discussion. Items will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired by any PTAC Member, however, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.
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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of PTAC Meeting of July 11, 2012

REGULAR AGENDA

Those matters included under the Regular Agenda differ from the Consent Agenda in that items will be voted on individually. In addition, presentations will be made on each motion, if so desired.
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None

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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I1 – INFORMATION: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Programs

I2 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Transit Development Plan (TDP) FY 2014-2023 Major Update

I3 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Capital Projects Update (Part 1 of 2)

I4 – INFORMATION: Tri-Rail Coastal Service

I5 – INFORMATION: Commuter Rail Expansion Case Studies

OTHER BUSINESS: Potential Winter PTAC/RTTAC Meeting Date in Palm Beach County

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, October 10

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING
JULY 11, 2012

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 in Conference Room 18-4 (18th Floor) of the Stephen P. Clark Center, located at 111 NW 1st Street Miami, Florida 33128.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Ms. Nilia Cartaya, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
Ms. Monica D. Cejas, MDT
Mr. William Cross, SFRTA
Ms. Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (RPC)
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Mr. Paul Flavien, Broward MPO
Mr. Jim Murley, South Florida RPC
Ms. Irma San Roman, Miami-Dade MPO
Mr. Gustavo Schmidt, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Mr. Phil Steinmiller, FDOT District 6
Mr. Jeff Weidner, FDOT District 4
Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Steve Anderson, SFRTA
Mr. Javier Betancourt, Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
Mr. Steve Braun, FDOT District 4
Ms. Loraine Cargill, SFRTA
Mr. Jose Clavell, Gannett Fleming
Mr. Cesar Garcia Pons, Miami DDA
Mr. Andrew Georgiadis, Dover Kohl
Ms. Kathy Gonot, PMG & Associates
Ms. Seyla Gonzales, Tindale-Oliver & Associates (TOA)
Mr. Jesus Guerra, Miami-Dade MPO
Mr. Sachin Kalbag, Miami DDA
Mr. John Lafferty, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Ms. Elaine Magnum, SFRTA
Ms. Lynda Westin, SFRTA
Ms. Natalie Yesbeck, SFRTA
Mr. Eric Zahn, SFRTA

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The Chair requested the roll call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

A motion was made by Mr. Jim Murley to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Irma San Ramon. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – None

CONSENT AGENDA
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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of May 16, 2012.

Ms. Kim Delaney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Irma San Ramon. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA
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R-1 – MOTION TO ELECT: Chair and Vice Chair of the planning Technical Advisory Committee

Ms. Irma San Ramon made a motion to elect Randy Whitfield as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Stubbs. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

Ms. Irma San Ramon made a motion to elect Joseph Quinty as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Flavien. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

R-2 – MOTION TO ENDORSE: SFRTA Transit Development Plan (TDP) Fiscal Year 2013-2022 Annual Update

Ms. Natalie Yesbeck of SFRTA gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the SFRTA Transit Development Plan (TDP) Fiscal year 2013-2022 Annual Update. Ms. Yesbeck noted that a presentation of key TDP attributes was given at the last PTAC meeting, and that the draft final document was included in today's PTAC meeting agenda package. Ms. Yesbeck explained that there was extra emphasis in this year's capital budget section of the TDP to identify changes from last year. She noted new color coding to better identify these changes. Ms. Yesbeck also spoke of how specific projects were shown, including the Wave streetcar and Fast Start Plan for Tri-Rail Coastal Service. In addition, she explained that the outer four years of the plan show unfunded needs that SFRTA hopes will soon become part of the official capital budget and first five years of the TDP. Ms. Yesbeck also stated that the document includes a new tenth year, FY 2021-2022. For this new tenth year, Ms. Yesbeck explained that there are no new projects specifically listed for that year, but is rather an extension of the unfunded needs that were identified in the previous TDP. She closed by noting that SFRTA staff is requesting PTAC endorsement of the TDP.

Mr. Phil Steinmiller made a motion to endorse the SFRTA TDP FY 2013-2022 Annual Update. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Flavien. The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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II. - INFORMATION: Fast Start Plan for Tri-Rail Coastal Service

Ms. Loraine Cargill of SFRTA staff introduced this item, noting that in recent months the SFRTA Fast Start team has met with over 18 municipalities. Ms. Cargill stated that SFRTA has offered to perform a Station Area Economic Analysis for each municipality, which would assess the economic potential of the station site and value capture strategies that could be applied to those areas. She then introduced John Lafferty of Parsons Brinckerhoff and Kathy Gonot with PMG Associates, who have been working on the economic analysis effort. Ms. Cargill closed by stating that once the economic analysis work is completed we will be going back to the municipalities to seek resolutions and ultimately work towards finalizing a partnership agreement. This is to secure the operating cost for the Fast Start Plan.

Mr. John Lafferty of Parsons Brinckerhoff began by stating that in addition to PMG, the South Florida and Treasure Coast RPCs have assisted with the municipal outreach. Mr. Lafferty said that the team has held initial meetings with senior municipal staff from various departments, including CRAs, DDAs, planning, community development, city managers, and in some cases mayors or council members. Mr. Lafferty noted that the economic analysis effort is evaluating up to 22 proposed station locations along the FEC corridor. He stated that one component of the team's work is a market analysis that's looking at base case and build case scenarios for the station areas. Mr. Lafferty emphasized that the intent of the work is not to do or recreate anything that has been done previously as part of the SFEEC Study, so all the existing documentation is being used and building off that and in some cases updating with respective economic analysis and market analysis. He said that the work includes looking at existing issues, understanding the existing market around the whole station areas. This includes a lot of assistance from the cities sharing the latest data and development plans in terms of what exactly could be built or developed. The other components of the analysis are looking at economic benefits and revenue capture of the potential new development within a half mile of stations. Mr. Lafferty noted that the effort will go beyond individual stations and include a sub-area, sub-region as well as regional level analysis. He closed by stating that the team expects to have preliminary results ready at the end of August or

September, which will allow the team to go back and meet with the cities and present our findings. The intent is to produce the findings in a simple and easy to understand format so municipal staff can establish dialogue with their council/commission to justify the proposed station area premium.

12. - INFORMATION: Downtown Miami Intermodal Terminal Feasibility Study

Mr. Jesus Guerra of the Miami-Dade MPO gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Downtown Miami Intermodal Terminal Feasibility Study. Mr. Guerra noted that the purpose of the study is to evaluate the feasibility of implementing an intermodal terminal in Downtown Miami that that would provide a centralized facility for integrating the rail and bus services within the same structure. He explained that the study area is along NW 1st Avenue from SW 1st Street to NW 8th Street. Multiple station arrangements and configurations were discussed, as well as the ability to balance the needs of transit and ability to attract new development. Mr. Guerra gave an overview of the study process and progress to date, noting that coordination with multiple parties has occurred. Mr. Guerra's presentation sparked extensive committee discussion of the pros and cons of the various downtown sites under consideration. Numerous national and international examples of such intermodal terminals were also cited and discussed.

13. - INFORMATION: Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Activities

Mr. Javier Betancourt of the Miami DDA provided an overview of the various transportation initiatives taking place in the Downtown Miami regional activity center. Mr. Betancourt stressed the importance and value of transit and transit oriented development to Downtown Miami. He cited the positive impact of Metrorail and Metromover to increase downtown's density since the 1980's. Mr. Betancourt also distributed a package of materials that documented Downtown's new transportation options. This package and committee discussion consisted of the new City of Miami trolley routes, a new car sharing program, the new MDT Metrorail Airport Link/Orange Line opening, water taxi, Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan, and Downtown Master Plan.

14. - INFORMATION: Reconnecting America Grantee TOD Peer Exchange August 22 & 23

Discussion of a HUD Sustainable Communities Grantee TOD Peer Exchange first occurred at the May 16, 2012 PTAC meeting. Some brief follow up on this planned event, to be conducted by Reconnecting America, also took place at the July 11 PTAC meeting. Region wide interest in the event has been expressed, which is tentatively scheduled for August 22 and 23 at SFRTA offices. Further coordination to advance this event will take place between the South Florida and Treasure Coast RPCs, SFRTA, Reconnecting America, and other parties.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) AND
NEW FREEDOM (NF) PROGRAMS

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) are two programs administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The JARC program has assisted individuals successfully transitioning from welfare to work by addressing the unique transportation challenges faced by welfare recipients and low-income persons seeking to get and keep jobs. The New Freedom program was established to support new public transportation services and public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. In order to prevent the Miami Urbanized Area (UZA) from losing funding through these programs, the SFRTA agreed in 2009 to become the region's designated recipient.

To date, the SFRTA has conducted three competitive funding cycles. At the September 18 PTAC meeting, staff will present an update on each of these funding cycles. The JARC and NF update will include a summary of spent funds, monitoring, and a list of sub-recipient agreements that have been executed for the last funding cycle. Staff will also update the PTAC on recent decisions made by the FTA, as well as a schedule for the next funding cycle, for Fiscal Year 2012.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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Information Item Presentation

SFRTA TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP)
FY 2014-2023 MAJOR UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) last developed a major update of its Transit Development Plan (TDP) in 2008. In 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, annual minor updates of the TDP were undertaken and completed. SFRTA staff is now preparing to begin work on a new TDP Major Update, which will cover fiscal years 2014 through 2023.

At the September 18 PTAC meeting, SFRTA staff will give a brief overview of its approach and schedule for this new TDP Major Update effort. Consistent with past SFRTA TDP updates, the PTAC will be used as a steering committee and receive regular briefings on the project's direction and progress.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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SFRTA CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE (PART 1 OF 2)

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

SFRTA currently has various capital projects moving forward. Some of these projects have been previously presented to the PTAC while in the planning stages, while others have included financial contributions or coordination with partner agencies. This fall, SFRTA seeks to share the progress of these multiple capital projects at its PTAC meetings.

On September 18, SFRTA Engineering and Planning staff will provide an update on various station improvement projects. This will be followed by a second presentation at the October 10 PTAC meeting that will cover new rolling stock and train storage projects.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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Information Item Presentation

TRI-RAIL COASTAL SERVICE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Regular updates on the *Fast Start Plan* for *Tri-Rail Coastal Service* have been provided to the PTAC since November 2011. As a reminder, the Fast Start Plan is SFRTA's accelerated approach to provide new regional passenger rail service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor. A critical characteristic of the Fast Start Plan is that new FEC service would be fully integrated with Tri-Rail, leveraging and complementing the decades of federal, state, and county investment in South Florida's existing commuter rail system.

Past updates to the PTAC have provided information on the Fast Start Plan's overall approach, technical components, outreach activities, incorporation into the South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Study process, and the independent passenger rail evaluation that has been performed on behalf of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC). Following the intent of the SEFTC Passenger Rail Evaluation Report's recommendations, as well as SFRTA Governing Board direction to work cooperatively with FDOT, SFRTA is concluding its "Fast Start" specific tasks. Future updates will be on the joint FDOT/SFRTA Tri-Rail Coastal Service efforts. SFRTA has redoubled its efforts on informing and advancing the SFECC Study so that Tri-Rail Coastal Service on the FEC corridor can be operational in an accelerated timeframe.

At the September 18 PTAC meeting, SFRTA staff will provide an update on its coordination with the SFECC Study/Tri-Rail Coastal Service team, efforts to develop a memorandum of understanding that defines FDOT and SFRTA roles and responsibilities, recent staff updates to the SFRTA Governing Board, and SFRTA's station area market and economic analysis that is nearing completion.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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Information Item Presentation

COMMUTER RAIL EXPANSION CASE STUDIES

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Over the years, SFRTA has gained valuable expertise on commuter rail best practices through its varied staff background, support from consultants with nationwide and worldwide resources, and direct, active involvement with agencies and organizations such as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and Rail-Volution.

For the past year, there has been extensive discussion on different approaches to expand commuter rail service in South Florida. Various meetings and tasks as part of the recent Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Passenger Rail Evaluation process identified a need for improved regional dialogue as well as a better understanding of nationwide best practices for commuter rail development and expansion.

SFRTA considers the PTAC to be an ideal forum for the sharing of such research and information. At the September 18 PTAC meeting, SFRTA staff will share its first commuter rail expansion case study. It is hoped that the committee will find this initial case study presentation to be useful, so that others can follow in subsequent months.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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OTHER BUSINESS

POTENTIAL WINTER PTAC/RTTAC MEETING DATE
IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

Extremely positive feedback has been received following the July 11 PTAC and RTTAC meetings in Downtown Miami. SFRTA extends its thanks to the Miami-Dade MPO for its hospitality and coordination that made July 11 a success.

In an attempt to periodically rotate the location of the PTAC and RTTAC meetings, preliminary discussions have taken place on holding a combined PTAC and RTTAC meeting date in Palm Beach County in the coming months. SFRTA staff is receptive and supportive of this idea. Committee feedback will be sought on this topic.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

