



# Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 11, 2012

**10:00 a.m.**

Stephen P. Clark Center  
Conference Room 18-4 (18<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
111 NW First Street  
Miami, FL 33128  
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### Members

Michael Busha, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council  
Monica Cejas, Miami-Dade Transit  
William Cross, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority  
James Murley, South Florida Regional Planning Council  
Irma San Roman, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Barney McCoy, Broward County Transit  
Gustavo Schmidt, Florida Department of Transportation, District IV  
Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI  
Greg Stuart, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran  
Jeff Weidner, FDOT, District IV  
Randy Whitfield, Chairman, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)**  
**MEETING OF JULY 11, 2012**

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m., and will be held in Conference Room 18-4 (18<sup>th</sup> Floor), of the Stephen P. Clark Center, located at 111 NW First Street, Miami, FL 33128.

**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.

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| <b>CONSENT AGENDA</b> |
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| 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 May 16, 2012

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| 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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R1 – MOTION TO ELECT: Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Technical Advisory Committee

R2 – MOTION TO ENDORSE: SFRTA Transit Development Plan (TDP) Fiscal Year 2013-2022 Annual Update

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| <b>INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS</b> |
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| Action not required, provided for information purposes only. |
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I1 – INFORMATION: Fast Start Plan for Tri-Rail Coastal Service

I2 – INFORMATION: Downtown Miami Intermodal Terminal Feasibility Study

I3 – INFORMATION: Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Activities

I4 – INFORMATION: Reconnecting America Grantee TOD Peer Exchange – August 22 & 23

OTHER BUSINESS:

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – September 19

ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING**  
**MAY 16, 2012**

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The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 in the Boardroom of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), Administrative Offices located at 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Ms. Monica Cejas, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)  
Mr. William Cross, SFRTA  
Ms. Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC)  
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Mr. Paul Flavien, Broward MPO  
Mr. Barney McCoy, Broward County Transit (BCT)  
Mr. Joseph Quinty, SFRTA  
Mr. Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6  
Mr. Greg Stuart, Broward MPO  
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran  
Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, Chairman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mr. Steve Anderson, SFRTA  
Ms. Loraine Cargill, SFRTA  
Ms. Seyla Gonzalez, Tindale Oliver Inc.  
Mr. Larry Hymowitz, FDOT District 4  
Ms. Karen Kiselewski, Renaissance Planning  
Mr. Dana Little, TCRPC  
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 10:38 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Chair requested the roll call.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVAL** – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

A motion was made by Ms. Kim Delaney to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Stubbs. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC** – None

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**C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE:** Minutes of Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of April 11, 2012.

Mr. Fred Stubbs made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Flavien. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

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None.

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**11. - INFORMATION:** SFRTA Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Update

Ms. Natalie Yesbeck of SFRTA staff gave a power point presentation summarizing work completed thus far on SFRTA’s TDP Annual Update covering the period Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2022. Basic information covered by Ms. Yesbeck included an overview of the agency, the current Tri-Rail service schedule, and connecting shuttle bus services operated by SFRTA. She also reviewed some of the goals and objectives that have been in place since the 2008 TDP Major Update. In the presentation, Ms. Yesbeck documented some of the challenges faced over the past year, including legislative issues, competing SFECC Study and Fast Start Plan visions for the FEC Railway corridor, and proliferation of connecting transit fees to/from Tri-Rail. Some of SFRTA’s accomplishments over the past year that were cited by Ms. Yesbeck included increased Tri-Rail train and shuttle bus ridership, a sharp increase in SFRTA Shuttle Bus productivity (passengers per hour rose from 8.7 to 15.3 during the February 2011 – April 2012 period), obtaining an additional two years of federal JARC funding for the FL2, FL3 and Opa-Locka South shuttles, development of new shuttle routes in Boynton Beach and Hollywood,

formation of a new partnership with the City of Boca Raton to fund the Arvida Park of Commerce (APOC) Shuttles, a continued partnership with the Fort Lauderdale TMA on the NW Community Link shuttle route, capitalization of the SFRTA shuttle fleet, and successful efforts to obtain competitive federal grants. Ms. Yesbeck stated that SFRTA's Capital Budget and Operating Budget were approved at the April 27, 2012 Governing Board meeting. She noted that having those budgets finalized and approved are a key component of the TDP. Ms. Yesbeck closed by explaining that the draft TDP document will be brought to the next PTAC meeting. The draft TDP Annual Update document will contain a detailed capital program and a new 10<sup>th</sup> year. Questions from committee members included daily shuttle bus ridership, details on the type of new shuttle buses to be purchased by SFRTA, a timeframe for delivery of the new locomotives, the number of employers and employees in SFRTA's Employer Discount Program (EDP), and details on The Wave streetcar project in Fort Lauderdale.

**12. - INFORMATION:** Broward Boulevard Mobility Hub and Gateway Project

Mr. Dana Little of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council gave an overview of the Broward Blvd Mobility Hub and Gateway project, which is a multi agency and multi task effort. Mr. Little stated that many years of planning and studies that have occurred along the Broward Blvd corridor, especially the segment from SR 7 to downtown Fort Lauderdale. He noted the paradigm shift towards transit in Broward County due to relatively built out conditions and a limited ability to widen roads. Mr. Little mentioned key ongoing transportation projects in the area, including the Broward Blvd transit study now being conducted by FDOT and Kittleson Associates as well as The Wave downtown streetcar project. He explained how the City of Fort Lauderdale is putting together a Joint Development Initiative (JDI) RFP for a couple of blocks north of Broward Blvd, across the street from the existing BCT terminal and tied to the planned storage and maintenance facility for The WAVE streetcars. Mr. Little noted that his project is tying all of this work in and looking at the Broward Blvd corridor from west of I-95 to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and half mile north and south. He stated that they will be looking at land uses, development opportunities, ways to integrate land use of development opportunities with what is happening with the enhanced transit plans, plus engaging the public. Mr. Little noted that the last time the public was really engaged in the planning process on this portion of Broward Blvd was 5 or 6 years ago. He said that the project involves 40 individual interviews (including elected officials and neighborhood association leaders) and are in the process of conducting a walkability analysis for downtown, something that the City of Fort Lauderdale is interested in. Mr. Little spoke of incorporating initial recommendations from the city for a north-south and east-west bike corridor into downtown from neighborhoods, along with more walkability and pedestrian safety. He noted that work will be continuing into the fall, and that further updates will be provided later this year.

**13. - INFORMATION:** Reconnecting America Grantee Peer Exchange

Ms. Kim Delaney of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council led a discussion on Reconnecting America's Grantee Peer Exchange program. Ms. Delaney explained that this program is being conducted as part of the region's HUD Sustainable Communities effort and that there seems to be interest in having such a program here in South Florida. She noted that Reconnecting America is an effective TOD advocate and facilitator and can help identify effective mechanisms to implement TOD projects in the region. Ms. Monica Cejas spoke of the good Miami-Dade Transit examples of implementing TOD projects, and that the latest MDT TDP has a TOD section. Much committee discussion ensued, with strong interest expressed in having a Reconnecting America peer exchange here in the region. The committee also expressed a strong interest in having MDT staff give a presentation at an upcoming PTAC meeting on their TOD initiatives.

**14. - INFORMATION:** Fast Start Plan for Tri-Rail Coastal Service

Mr. Joseph Quinty of SFRTA staff provided a brief update on Fast Start Plan activities that have occurred since the February PTAC presentation. Mr. Quinty mentioned the activities of the SEFTC independent passenger rail analysis and SFECC Study, with further details provided by Chairman Whitfield and Ms. Delaney. Mr. Quinty also summarized the meetings SFRTA staff has had with municipalities and other key entities. He noted that meetings had been conducted with senior staff of each city/town that is proposed to have a new station in the Fast Start Plan. He also stated that meetings were held or scheduled with three other cities/towns who have expressed interest in having a station. Mr. Quinty then spoke briefly about a station area economic analysis that was currently being performed and would be shared at the next PTAC meeting. He also spoke about the development of a project website, a new project video, and a slideshow that contains photos along the FEC corridor and of SFRTA's new locomotives and railcars. Mr. Quinty then played the draft slideshow, which he noted was going to be refined and that ways to post the large slideshow file onto the project website were being explored.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Potential Summer PTAC/RTTAC/SFECC Meeting Date in Miami

The committee reached consensus that the July PTAC and RTTAC meetings will be held in Miami. July 11 was identified as the likely date and Mr. Wilson Fernandez offered to investigate the reservation of a meeting room. Committee interest was expressed in rotating the PTAC and RTTAC meetings periodically, with a Palm Beach County site to also be considered in the coming months.

**PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. William Cross announced that the May 25 meeting of the SFRTA Governing Board was cancelled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. R1

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)  
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CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REQUESTED ACTION:

MOTION TO ELECT: Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Technical Advisory Committee

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

At the July 11, 2012 meeting of the SFRTA Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC), elections will be held for chairperson (chair) and vice-chairperson (vice-chair). SFRTA By-Laws state that the PTAC chairmanship term is served on a fiscal year basis. The chair and vice chair elected at the July 11, 2012 PTAC meeting will serve through the 2012-2013 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2013.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None



PTAC Action:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Unanimous

Amended Motion:

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SFRTA TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) FY 2013-2022 ANNUAL UPDATE

REQUESTED ACTION:

MOTION TO ENDORSE: SFRTA TDP FY 2013-2022 Annual 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, and 2011, annual minor updates of the TDP were undertaken. In recent days, SFRTA staff completed an updated draft version of the TDP document, which will be the last in this series of annual minor updates.

This new SFRTA TDP Annual Update covers the required ten year period through Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. Similar to past years, the first five years of the TDP match with SFRTA's adopted capital and operating budgets, while years six through ten contain planned projects and unfunded needs. Another key requirement is that the TDP shows the changes that have occurred during the past year. Some of the changes that are documented in the draft SFRTA FY 2013-2022 TDP include:

- An updated capital program and operating budget
- Increased train and shuttle bus ridership
- Successful award/receipt of multiple competitive federal grants
- Administration of a new funding cycle of federal Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) projects
- Adoption of a new Five Year Shuttle Bus Service and Financial Plan
  - Includes capitalization of the SFRTA shuttle bus fleet and development of new routes
- Delivery of new railcars
- Increased involvement in The Wave (Downtown Fort Lauderdale) streetcar project
- Development of the Fast Start Plan for Tri-Rail Coastal Service
- Planning for improved weekend Tri-Rail service (hourly service to begin in FY 2013)
- Changes in the SFRTA Governing Board composition and future changes to state funding as a result of passage and signing of HB 599

PTAC endorsement of the SFRTA TDP FY 2013-2023 Annual Update is requested. If endorsed by the committee, approval of the TDP would then be sought by the SFRTA Governing Board at its July/August meeting. SFRTA will complete a major update of its TDP in 2013.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None. The *SFRTA TDP FY 2013-2022 Annual Update* document will be provided under separate cover

PTAC Action:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Unanimous

Amended Motion:

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Information Item

Presentation

FAST START PLAN FOR 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 integrated with Tri-Rail, leveraging and complementing the decades of federal, state, and county investment in South Florida's existing commuter rail system. Further information is available online at [www.Tri-RailCoastalService.com](http://www.Tri-RailCoastalService.com).

Past updates to the PTAC have provided information on the Fast Start Plan's overall approach, technical components, and outreach activities. At the July 11 PTAC meeting, SFRTA's consultants will share details of a station area economic analysis that is currently being performed. When completed, this economic analysis will be utilized to quantify the benefits to each station area and the overall region. Such an analysis will be critical to cities and towns with planned stations, as the Fast Start Plan proposes that an annual station premium will be used towards the cost of system operations.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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Information Item       Presentation

DOWNTOWN MIAMI INTERMODAL TERMINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The Downtown Miami Intermodal Terminal Feasibility Study is an ongoing effort being led by the Miami-Dade MPO. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the feasibility of implementing an Intermodal Terminal in Downtown Miami that integrates different transportation modes, promotes economic development and improves traffic circulation in the area. The study area is along NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue from SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street to NW 8<sup>th</sup> Street. In addition, a transit/pedestrian mall along NW 1st Street between NW 1st Avenue and NW 2nd Avenue is also considered. This project will provide a centralized facility for integrating the rail and bus services within the same structure. Also, it will contribute to improve the economy by creating jobs in an area totally accessible by transit. The main challenge of this study is to create the necessary incentives for developing a public/private partnership to make this project a reality.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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Presentation

MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – an independent agency of the City of Miami – will provide an overview of the various transportation initiatives taking place in the Downtown Miami regional activity center, covering roadway, transit/rail, bicycle/pedestrian and other mobility projects in various stages of development.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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Information Item       Presentation

RECONNECTING AMERICA GRANTEE TOD PEER EXCHANGE - AUGUST 22 & 23

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

At the May 16, 2012 PTAC meeting, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council staff presented on a proposed training session on implementing transit oriented development (TOD). This TOD training would be offered by a team of consultants, headed by Reconnecting America, as part of the HUD Sustainable Communities effort.

Plans have progressed. The training will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the SFRTA offices in Pompano Beach. In addition to the consultant team, HUD grantee delegates from around the nation will be attending the training. The draft agenda is being developed with the assistance of survey input from the South Florida development community and the Reconnecting America team.

If PTAC members have any suggested agenda items or topics, please feel free to forward such ideas to Isabel Cosio Carballo ([isabelc@sfrpc.com](mailto:isabelc@sfrpc.com)) at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, who has been the point of contact for this opportunity.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

