



Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) Meeting

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
10:30 a.m.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Board Room
800 NW 33rd Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
www.sfrta.fl.gov

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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
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Nick Uhren, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Jeff Weidner, FDOT, District IV

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PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING OF MAY 20, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

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No items

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

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I1 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Update

I2 – INFORMATION: Update on Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Grant Awards

I3 – INFORMATION: Arvida Park of Commerce and Boca Center Shuttle Bus Inter-local Agreements

I4 – INFORMATION: New SFRTA Operations Center
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I5 – INFORMATION: South Florida Transit Resource Guide

I6 – INFORMATION: Applied Research on Integrated Transit Planning

OTHER BUSINESS:

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, June 10

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING
MARCH 18, 2014

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2014 in the SFRTA H.R. Training Room, 800 NW 33rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33064.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Ms. Jacqueline Carransa, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
Ms. Monica Cejas, MDT
Mr. William Cross, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
Ms. Kim DeLaney, Committee Chair, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (RPC)
Mr. Paul Flavien, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Ms. Aimee Goddeau, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4
Mr. James Murley, South Florida RPC
Mr. Joseph Quinty, SFRTA
Mr. Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit (BCT)
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Ms. Arlene Tanis, FDOT District 4
Mr. Nick Uhren, Palm Beach MPO

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Steve Anderson, SFRTA
Ms. Robyn Chiarelli, FDOT District 4
Mr. Israel Hernandez, BCT
Mr. N'nagbe Kaba, MDT
Ms. Elaine Magnum, SFRTA
Ms. Bhairvi Pandya, City of Opa-Locka
Mr. Joshua Salazar, HDR Engineering
Mr. Jim Udvardy, South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS)
Ms. Jessica Vargas, Tindale Oliver & Associates
Ms. Natalie Yesbeck-Pustizzi, SFRTA
Mr. Enrique Zelaya, Broward County

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The Chair requested the roll call.

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AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

Mr. James Murley made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jonathan Roberson. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – None

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Mr. James Murley 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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R1. - INFORMATION: SFRTA Five Year Shuttle Bus Service and Financial Plan

Mr. Joseph Quinty introduced the item, stating that the PTAC has been instrumental in the review of the SFRTA shuttle bus program and associated partnerships. Mr. Quinty noted that the committee’s review and approval of a formal five year shuttle bus plan has been going on for about four years, and today we are continuing that process, which feeds into the SFRTA operating budget. Mr. Steve Anderson of SFRTA planning staff then gave a presentation on the status of the shuttle bus program and the latest version of the five year shuttle bus plan.

Mr. Stephen Anderson stated that over 20 shuttle bus routes are part of the plan, which combines financial details and service changes. Mr. Anderson noted that over the past year, service improvements had been made for the Arvida Park of Commerce routes in Boca Raton, the City of Opa-Locka North route, and Downtown Fort Lauderdale TMA Northwest Link partnership. He also pointed out overall shuttle ridership growth and strong increases in weekend shuttle bus ridership. Mr. Anderson noted that in the near term, the Hollywood CRA will start a new trolley route that will serve the Hollywood Tri-Rail Station. Two other short term partnerships mentioned by Mr. Anderson are a new mid-day Uptown Shuttle Link in the Cypress Creek area and a new Boynton Beach shuttle.

In reviewing the details of the five year plan, Mr. Anderson explained that the blocks of red in the financial tables identify areas of concerns for the shuttle program going forward. He explained that the red areas show FTA JARC program grant funds that will be discontinued on July 1, 2016 for two of the

SFRTA Fort Lauderdale shuttle routes and the partnership with the City of Opa-Locka. Mr. Anderson stated that SFRTA wants to work with key partners sooner rather than later to find substitute funding sources for the JARC grant funds. Both Mr. Anderson and Mr. William Cross expressed a priority to fill the JARC funding gap for the Opa-Locka service. Other general information noted by Mr. Anderson include a baseline shuttle bus contract operating cost of \$55.00 per hour for the upcoming fiscal year, with a 3% annual increase to the contract hourly rate for following years. However, Mr. Anderson mentioned some uncertainty due to the SFRTA shuttle bus contract expiring at the end of 2015.

Ms. Bhairvi Pandya expressed the City of Opa-Locka's interest in finding a funding solution to replace the JARC program funds for the city's service. Ms. Monica Cejas asked about which services were covered in the shuttle bus contract's hourly rate. Mr. Anderson replied that the rate included the vehicle, vehicle maintenance, driver labor, and fuel. Multiple committee members inquired about the possibility of charging a fare for shuttle services. Mr. Cross replied that past focus groups with Tri-Rail riders identified opposition for add-on fees for services such as connecting shuttles and parking. He said that the focus groups indicated that riders prefer to have such services covered by the overall rail ticket, and would accept a higher rail ticket fare that was all inclusive. Chairwoman Kim Delaney asked if shuttle partnerships with the private sector have been explored. Mr. Anderson noted that new connecting shuttle services by the Miami Dolphins and private colleges have recently been implemented.

Mr. Paul Flavien made a motion to endorse the SFRTA Five Year Shuttle Bus Service Financial Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monica Cejas. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

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11. - INFORMATION: Regional Express Bus Update

Ms. Robin Chiarelli of FDOT District Four presented this item, beginning by noting that express bus planning has been a multi-agency team effort. Ms. Chiarelli provided an update on the efforts of the regional express bus subcommittee that has been meeting on a regular basis. Her presentation covered the existing express bus service, future service being planned, and future projects that are programmed. She invited additional agencies who are not currently participating in the subcommittee to join. Ms. Chiarelli noted that there are currently 11 regional express bus routes in place, and that the new routes that have been in place since February 2010 carry approximately 3,500 riders per weekday. She explained that the park-and-ride facility at the end of the Miramar route has been one of the program's greatest challenges, as the lot has had to be relocated due to development occurring at the Miramar Town Center site. The new replacement park-and-ride facilities on the Miramar route are already exceeding capacity. It was also noted that fare policy and interoperability issues are also a challenge for integrating the express buses with Tri-Rail and individual county systems.

Ms. Chiarelli also spoke about the schedule for upcoming managed lanes expansion, noting that 95 Express Phase 2 to Broward Blvd will be completed in 2015, Phase 3 to Pompano Beach in 2016, and an additional phase to Linton Blvd in Delray Beach in 2019. An update on the 595 Express was also provided, including details such as the express lanes opening in the coming months and the new Davie park-and-ride lot nearing completion. It was noted that a strategy is to provide new express bus service as part of any managed lanes expansion projects. Ms. Chiarelli also said that development of specific express bus guidelines and policies was taking place.

The committee asked a variety of questions, including policies for underperforming routes, the ability to put details for all of the express bus routes on one website, and plans for the future I-75 Express. Ms. Monica Cejas of MDT told the committee about plans moving forward for the upgrade of the Golden Glades intermodal facility, which serves most of the existing I-95 express bus services.

12. - INFORMATION: Tri-Rail Park-and-Ride Utilization

Mr. Joseph Quinty presented this item, beginning by explaining SFRTA's past park-and-ride analyses and its ongoing Tri-Rail parking lot monitoring. Mr. Quinty showed current park-and-ride capacity at Tri-Rail stations, which includes expansion projects in recent years at the West Palm Beach, Cypress Creek, and FLL/Dania Beach stations. He shared charts that demonstrated sharp growth in Tri-Rail parking lot utilization in 2008, but then dropped over the next few years when Tri-Rail ridership declined due to higher unemployment and lower gas prices. Additional charts were shown that identify a steady growth in Tri-Rail park-and-ride utilization during the 2012-2014 period.

Mr. Quinty said that SFRTA has most recently conducted field reviews of the parking lots in February 2014. The February totals shown indicated that utilization rates are higher than 80% at all southern stations between Hollywood and Hialeah Market, and that northern stations between Boca Raton and Mangonia Park all have utilization rates near 70% or higher. Slides also showed the Opa-Locka, FLL/Dania Beach, Cypress Creek, Boca Raton, and West Palm Beach stations as having highest growth in parking utilization from 2012 to 2014. Mr. Quinty said that if current trends continue, SFRTA will again pursue previously identified park-and-ride expansion projects. He noted that design plans are nearing completion of the Opa-Locka station parking lot expansion and circulation improvements.

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

Ms. Natalie Yesbeck-Pustizzi provided an update on the annual minor update to SFRTA's Transit Development Plan. She stated that projects and issues that will be reflected in the annual update are the transition of rail corridor dispatch and maintenance to SFRTA, changes in the Five Year Shuttle Bus Service and Financial Plan, latest information for the Wave Modern Streetcar and Tri-Rail Coastal Link projects, and SFRTA's pursuit of a new Operations Center at the Pompano Beach station. Ms. Yesbeck-Pustizzi noted that a key input into the TDP annual update is the adoption of SFRTA's operating and capital budgets, which is scheduled to occur at the April meeting of the SFRTA Governing Board. She said that the target schedule is for the draft TDP document to be reviewed by the PTAC at its May meeting and approved by SFRTA Governing Board in June.

14. - INFORMATION: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Programs

Ms. Natalie Yesbeck-Pustizzi provided a brief update on the recent activities related to the JARC and NF Programs. She said that sub-recipient agreements for the region's NF projects are in the process of being approved. However, some U.S. Department of Labor issues remain for one JARC project, which is delaying the overall JARC approval. She expressed hope that the JARC issues will be resolved by the next PTAC meeting. Ms. Yesbeck-Pustizzi also noted that work related to the monitoring and compliance of past JARC and NF award projects is ongoing.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday May 20, 2014

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

SFRTA TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

In 2013, SFRTA completed its first Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update since 2008. The TDP Major Update was named “Moving Our Region Forward” and covered the planning horizon of fiscal years (FY) 2014 through 2023.

SFRTA is now working to complete its first annual TDP update since the adoption of the Moving Our Region Forward plan. This minor update will document the various changes that have occurred over the past year and will extend through FY 2024. The TDP will also include the latest SFRTA Capital and Operating Budgets, which are on the agenda of the May 23 meeting of the SFRTA Governing Board.

At the May 20 PTAC meeting, SFRTA staff will provide an overview of the TDP project activities that have been completed to date. The current project schedule calls for the draft TDP Annual Update to be brought to the PTAC in June for endorsement. The TDP would then be brought to the SFRTA Governing Board in August for adoption, allowing for submittal to the Florida Department of Transportation by the September 1, 2014 deadline.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

UPDATE ON JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC)
AND NEW FREEDOM (NF) GRANT AWARDS

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 NF 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. SFRTA has been the region's designated recipient for the JARC and NF programs since 2009.

The most recent selection process, to distribute FY 2012 funds, resulted in the selection of eight JARC and seven NF projects. The list of selected projects for the FY 2012 funds was approved by the PTAC and SFRTA Governing Board last year. Selected projects were then sent to FTA for final review and approval.

At the last PTAC meeting held on March 18, it was noted that FTA had approved the NF projects, but various issues had held up FTA approval of the JARC projects. We are pleased to report that the JARC projects were approved by FTA on April 3, 2014.

These recent approvals are for the last of the remaining JARC and NF program funds. The passing of MAP-21 federal transportation bill led to the repeal of the JARC program. MAP-21 also combined NF with the Section 5310 program (enhanced mobility for seniors). The funds for this new combined program will be distributed through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) moving forward. A FTA fact sheet on the new combined Section 5310 program is enclosed.

SFRTA staff will provide an update on the overall program and the status of the current grants at the May 20 meeting.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: FTA Section 5310 Fact Sheet



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

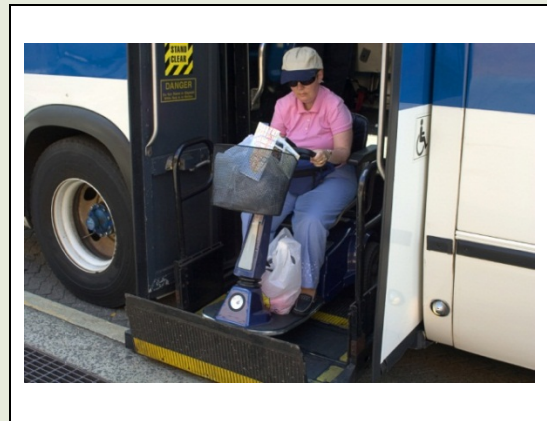


**FACT SHEET:
ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
SECTION 5310**

	FY 2013 (in millions)	FY 2014 (in millions)
Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	\$254.8	\$258.3

Purpose

This program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.



Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5310 / MAP-21 Section 20009

Eligible Recipients

- States (for all areas under 200,000 in population) and designated recipients.
- Subrecipients: states or local government authorities, private non-profit organizations, or operators of public transportation that receive a grant indirectly through a recipient.

Eligible Activities

- At least 55% of program funds must be used on capital projects that are:
 - Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.
- The remaining 45% may be used for:
 - Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA.
 - Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit.
 - Alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.

What's New?

- Consolidates New Freedom Program and Elderly and Disabled Program.
- Operating assistance is now available under this program.

Funding

- Funds are apportioned for urbanized and rural areas based on the number of seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Federal share for capital projects (including acquisition of public transportation services) is 80%.

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Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Funding (cont.)

- Federal share for operating assistance is 50%.
- Adopts New Freedom funding allocations:
 - 60% to designated recipients in urbanized areas with a population over 200,000.
 - 20% to states for small urbanized areas.
 - 20% to states for rural areas.

Ongoing Provisions

- Local share may be derived from other federal (non-DOT) transportation sources or the Federal Lands Highways Program under 23 U.S.C. 204 (as in former Section 5310 program).
- Permits designated recipients and states to carry out competitive process to select subrecipients.
- Recipients must certify that projects selected are included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. The plan must undergo a development and approval process that includes seniors and people with disabilities, transportation providers, among others, and is coordinated to the maximum extent possible with transportation services assisted by other federal departments and agencies.
- Permits acquisition of public transportation services as a capital expense.
- Up to 10% of program funds can be used to administer the program, to plan, and to provide technical assistance.

For additional information on FTA and MAP-21, visit www.fta.dot.gov/map21.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

ARVIDA PARK OF COMMERCE AND BOCA CENTER
SHUTTLE BUS INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENTS

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

SFRTA operates and participates in partnerships for numerous shuttle bus routes that connect with Tri-Rail commuter rail service. New inter-local agreements are being pursued to continue and improve two shuttle bus routes that serve the Boca Raton Tri-Rail Station.

Arvida Park of Commerce (APOC)

The SFRTA and the City of Boca Raton are proposing to continue their funding agreement for the operation of the Arvida Park of Commerce (APOC) Routes. The two APOC routes provide ever-important “last mile” connections to one of the largest concentrations of employment and education in Palm Beach County. The routes provide “front-door” service to over 25 employment and education centers along Yamato Road, Military Trail and the Broken Sound Parkway and Park of Commerce Boulevard areas. The routes serve over an average of 10,000 monthly passengers combined and each route surpasses the minimum seven passengers-per-hour SFRTA service threshold. The APOC routes offer weekday service to/from the Boca Raton Station with 15-minute headways in the peak periods and 30-minute headways in the midday.

The proposed inter-local agreement is for two years (2) and provides \$140,000 of SFRTA funds to the City per year, which is less than 50% of the routes’ operating costs. The proposed agreement would take effect July 1, 2014 and expire June 30, 2016.

Boca Center

The City of Boca Raton was recently awarded a Transit Service Development Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$221,468 for additional peak period service on the Boca Center Shuttle. Using its existing shuttle bus contractor to operate the buses, SFRTA is proposing to enter into a two-year inter-local agreement with the City. The Boca Center Shuttle averages between 15-16 passengers per hour, well surpassing SFRTA’s

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minimum standards and has a ridership of 30,456 passengers over the past twelve months. The proposed Agreement would allow existing peak headways to be reduced from 40 minutes to 20 minutes, which will alleviate some crowding on the buses, especially in the morning. The Boca Center Shuttle services the Boca Raton Tri-Rail Station, Boca Town Center, as well as numerous educational and employment destinations in the Boca Town Center area.

The SFRTA will be reimbursed 100% by the City for this service using the new FDOT grant funds. The proposed agreement would allow operation of enhanced service to begin on July 1, 2014 and expire June 30, 2016.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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NEW SFRTA OPERATIONS CENTER

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

At the November 22, 2013 South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Governing Board meeting, the Board approved the east parcel of the Pompano Beach Tri-Rail Station as the site for a New Operations Center and parking garage to house SFRTA's administration. The proposed 75,000 sq. ft. Operations Center will consist of a 3-story office building, including a 150 seat boardroom, a customer service and dispatch operations center along with loading and receiving areas. The proposed 4-level parking garage will house approximately 400 parking spaces and will support both the Operations Center and parking for Tri-Rail passengers.

At the May 20, PTAC meeting, staff will provide an update on the planning efforts for SFRTA's New Operations Center.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None. Presentation to be provided at meeting.

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Presentation

SOUTH FLORIDA TRANSIT RESOURCE GUIDE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

SFRTA coordinated with multiple partner agencies to produce the *South Florida Transit Resource Guide* in 2008. The original intent of the document was to be a useful reference for current and future transit in the region, to clarify the critical relationship between land use and transportation, and facilitate greater coordination among numerous stakeholders. The original 2008 South Florida Transit Resource Guide document is available online at <http://www.sfrta.fl.gov/docs/planning/Existing%20System/TransitResourceGuide.pdf>.

SFRTA has begun work on an update of the South Florida Transit Resource Guide. At the May 20 PTAC meeting, SFRTA staff will provide an overview of this new effort.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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Presentation

APPLIED RESEARCH ON INTEGRATING TRANSIT PLANNING

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four Office of Modal Development has been working on an applied research initiative to develop findings and potential recommendations for improving the effectiveness of transit planning activities in the South Florida region. The question:

Does a more integrated approach to transit planning relate to higher levels of transit service effectiveness and both federal and local funding support for transit?

The applied research focused on defining integrated transit planning and determining whether there is a relationship between better integration of transit planning efforts and higher levels of discretionary funding for transit and increased ridership.

The research found such a relationship, and has developed several suggested strategies and recommendations for inter-agency collaboration that are not only applicable to South Florida, but have potential for statewide application.

When FDOT District Four and its consultant met with the MPOs and transit agencies in the region during the initial phases of the project (June 2012), they promised to share findings and discuss the possible recommendations for strategies to improve the integration of transit planning activities. The purpose of this agenda item is to present the findings and recommendations and discuss potential ways to take the findings further and identify next steps.

A presentation will be provided at the meeting. Attached is a brief summary of the research and results.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: Summary Overview

Applied Research on Integrated Transit Planning



SUMMARY OVERVIEW

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MAY 20, 2014

What is Integrated Transit Planning?



- Applied Research Purpose: Does better integrated transit planning lead to more success in funding, implementing, and operating transit services?
- What is “integrated transit planning?”
 - *Transit planning is considered well integrated when a vision, goals, strategies, and measures of success are widely shared among the various agencies responsible for planning and delivering transit services in a region.*

Research Steps



1. Studied plans and planning processes in Southeast Florida and interviewed staff from local governments and regional agencies to understand issues and obstacles for integration
2. Interviewed planning staff at 12 national analysis regions and reviewed planning documents to learn how other regions pursue integration and to quantify the relationship between better integration and outcomes
 - **Analysis Regions:** Austin, TX; Charlotte, NC; Dallas-Fort Worth; Denton-Lewisville, TX; Denver-Aurora; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Mission Viejo-Lake Forest-San Clemente, CA; Olympia-Lacey, WA; Portland, OR; San Diego; Seattle; and Tucson, AZ.

Research Conclusions & Key Messages



- **Research Conclusions:**

- Quantified integration and found a relationship with better funding and service outcomes in the 12 analysis regions
- Demonstrates the importance of a compelling vision, clear agency missions, dedicated regional funding, legislative support, and an emphasis on communication.

- **Key Messages for Southeast Florida:**

- It Starts with a Vision
- Clearly Defined Roles
- Strengthen Existing Relationships and Processes

