



Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) Meeting

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 10, 2016
10:00 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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Jesus Guerra, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Nick Uhren, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization

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PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m., and will be held in the Board Room of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, 800 NW 33rd Street, 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 January 20, 2016

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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No items.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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I1 – INFORMATION: Miami River–Miami Intermodal Center Capacity Improvement(MR-MICCI)

I2 – INFORMATION: Tri-Rail Real Time Passenger Information System Update

I3 – INFORMATION: Glades Road PD&E Study – Multimodal Improvements Analysis

I4 – INFORMATION: Broward Transit System Plan

I5 – INFORMATION: Small & Disadvantaged Business Forum – March 9

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OTHER BUSINESS:

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, March 23, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2016

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 in the SFRTA Board Room located at 800 NW 33rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33064

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Ms. Isabel Cosio Carballo (via telephone), South Florida Regional Council
Ms. Nilia Cartaya, Miami-Dade Transit
Mr. William L. Cross, SFRTA
Ms. Kim DeLaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (RPC), Committee Chair
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Mr. Paul Flavien, Broward MPO
Mr. Neil Lyn, FDOT District 6
Mr. Larry Merritt, FDOT District 4
Ms. Valerie Neilson, Palm Beach MPO
Mr. Joseph Quinty, SFRTA, Committee Vice-Chair
Mr. Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit
Mr. Gregor Senger, FDOT District 4
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Jessica Vargas Astaiza, SFRTA
Ms. Loraine Cargill, SFRTA
Ms. Brandy Creed, SFRTA
Mr. Ian Debnam, Jacobs
Ms. Brittany Hubbard, SFRTA
Ms. Darci Mayer, SFRTA
Ms. Christina Miskis, South Florida Regional Council
Ms. Camila Perez, FDOT District 6
Ms. Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi, SFRTA
Ms. Lynda Kompelien Westin, SFRTA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ms. Kim Delaney called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Quinty requested the pledge of allegiance and Roll Call was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

Mr. Roberson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flavien. 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 September 16, 2015.

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

Mr. Quinty reordered the agenda to discuss item I2 first.

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.

No items.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.

I2 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Operations Center and Pompano Beach Station Improvements

Ms. Brandy Creed, the engineering Manager with SFRTA, introduced this item. She began her slide presentation outlining improvements to the amenities of the station and operations center. The Pompano Beach Station, with an original Tri-Rail station design, was built in 1988. The new station will be the first “Green” station, solar powered with generators for back-up power and electric vehicle charging stations. The operations center will be 25% solar powered and equipped with LED Lighting and low flow faucet fixtures. The goal is to reach a LEED GOLD Certified rating for the new structure. The operations center will be expanded to a 3- story 7,900 square feet building with a 4 story parking garage equipped with a covered walkway between the garage and building. The Engineering team learned that obtaining design

build approval from the City of Pompano first would have alleviated some of the issues they encountered during the process. She answered committee members' questions about bike/ped features, solar panel utilization, lighting, and safety.

Mr. Quinty invited up Ms. Loraine Cargill to discuss item I3.

I3 – INFORMATION: Downtown Boca Feasibility Study

Ms. Loraine Cargill, SFRTA Manager of Planning staff presented this item. The City of Boca Raton and business members approached the SFRTA Governing Board and asked to look at transit connections in Downtown Boca. In June, 2016 the Governing Board approved of the study conduction which began in October 2015. The study is looking at The City of Boca and the business market to see how transit can improve their downtown. Three (3) rail stations are planned to be connected to downtown area: (1) Existing Tri-Rail station at Yamato, one of busiest stations, (2) the proposed Tri-Rail station at Glades Road and Military Trail which is being studied now, and (3) the existing Deerfield Beach station which passengers use to access the down town area. The goal of the study focuses on how the City can improve mobility and access within the downtown area. It will serve as a foundation for the Boca Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the City to program funds to improve transit System. Services from T.Y. LIN have been procured to assist with the Study. The data collection phase is completed and the next step is securing a recommended service plan for the City. The Next meeting with the Boca CRA is in March 2016. Updates will be shared with PTAC and SFRTA Governing Board. Ms. Cargill opened the floor for questions, which were about the numerous transit and transportation studies in the Boca Raton area. The Glades Road PD&E study, the new Boca Town Center area Tri-Rail station study, TCRPC's 20th Street Corridor study, and Tri-Rail Coastal Link planning efforts were all acknowledged and explained. Mr. Quinty offered to bring presentation on some of these studies to the PTAC in the coming months.

I1 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Public Opinion Study

Ian Debnun with Jacobs Engineering presented a PowerPoint presentation on the findings of the SFRTA 2015 Public Opinion Study Survey results. The purpose of the survey was to gauge awareness of transportation agencies in south Florida and the public opinion about transit and funding sources. The study, which was conducted late last year, consisted of calls to cell phones and landlines and was conducted in Spanish where necessary. A finding showed that education was high but the income was low which could be indicative of retirees in the area. Transit dependency has gone up since the study done in 2009. The public is supportive of funding transportation, but is not sure where it should come from. Many people are not familiar with the formal names of many transportation agencies. For instance, "the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority" was unfamiliar to most, but many knew "Tri-Rail", which highlights that branding is high. Mr. Debnun concluded with the following highlights of findings: public Transport is extremely important, the public would like to see Tri-Rail go to different places and is supportive of funding for new transit, but there is no consensus on where the funds should come from. Joe Quinty thanked Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi and Vicki Gatanis for their assistance in working on the study.

Numerous committee questions and comments arose from the presentation. Mr. Fernandez and others suggested that county specific responses/results should be shared with the SFRTA Board and other partners. Other comments included the difference in traffic congestion, transit service levels, and gas prices from the past 2009 survey and current survey.

The Agenda progressed to item I4

I4 – INFORMATION: Tri-Rail Pedestrian Access Plan

Ms. Lynda Kompelien Westin briefly presented this item. She announced that the final document is being printed and will be sent out to the MPOs shortly. This final version incorporated all MPO and city comments, and also contains new estimated costs and right of way needs. Ms. Westin clarified that the plan covers a ¼ mile area surrounding existing Tri-Rail stations.

I5 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Update, FY 2017-2026

Mr. Joe Quinty explained the bullet points in the agenda package and explained that the TDP Annual Update process is now underway. Vicki Gatanis will be handling the update. It is anticipated that the PTAC will review the 5 year shuttle bus plan at the February meeting, TDP endorsement by PTAC will be sought in June, and will then go to the SFRTA Governing Board for approval in July or August.

I6 – INFORMATION: Draft PTAC 2016 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Joe Quinty proposed switching the 2016 PTAC schedule to the 2nd Wednesday of each month to coordinate with other regional meetings. He gave a brief overview of interesting items to look forward to on the February PTAC Agenda such as: the 5 year shuttle bus plan, AAF MiamiCentral station construction and the Real time presentation from the SFRTA IT department. Consensus was reached on the draft schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Wilson Fernandez thanked SFRTA and other partners for their participation in the Regional Transportation Plan 2040 Roll-Out Event in November. Ms. Neilson announced the Palm Beach Commuter Challenge program that is being held throughout the month of March. Multiple committee members inquired about the status of the Tri-Rail Downtown Miami Link and Tri-Rail Coastal Link projects, which led to lengthy discussion.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 10, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

MIAMI RIVER-MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT
(MR-MICCI)

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The 72-mile Tri-Rail corridor traverses the tri-county region of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. The Double Track Corridor Improvement Program, completed in 2006, added a second mainline track to all but the southernmost 1.25 miles of the Tri-Rail corridor, which is the subject of this effort. SFRTA, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and consistent with the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long Range Transportation Plan, has identified this section of single track for additional rail capacity, to improve access and connectivity to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC). SFRTA is managing a multi-year Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study, commonly referred to by its acronym - MR-MICCI, to evaluate potential corridor improvements, including track, signals, the Miami River Bridge and connections with the new Miami Airport Tri-Rail Station. Benefits of the MR-MICCI project include: improved connectivity to the Miami International Airport; improved passenger access to the numerous transit connections at the Miami Central Station; and relieving bottlenecks for Tri-Rail, Amtrak, and freight services in the area, resulting in improved operational efficiencies.

SFRTA staff and its consultants will inform about the progress of the PD&E activities since the last update presented to the PTAC on June 17, 2015. Given the single-track bridge over the Miami River is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), a Cultural Resources Committee (CRC) was formed to advance the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the potential Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 determination process. The CRC included the required consulting agencies and stakeholders including the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the US Coast Guard (USCG), the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Since the last update, two more CRC meetings were held to discuss the determination of effects of the proposed alternatives on the historic resources. An update on the outcome of these CRC meetings will be presented. In addition, the revised Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report was submitted to the FTA as the lead agency, and to the USCG, as cooperating agency, for their final review. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2016 once FTA approves the Final Draft EA for public availability.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None, presentation to be provided at meeting.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

TRI-RAIL REAL-TIME
PASSENGER INFORMATION SYSTEM UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority is planning to implement a Real-Time Passenger Information System (RTPIS) to provide train locations and predicted arrival times at each station. This information will be available to passengers via the internet, smartphone app, telephone, text message, and LCD displays location on the station platforms.

Additionally, the RTPIS project will also include onboard signage and an audio system on the train cars to display and announce next station arrival and destination information.

This project is being implemented in two phases. Phase I will deploy the train tracking technology utilizing existing infrastructure and resources hosted by a third party subscription service. This approach will allow for a quicker roll out of the train tracking technology and will be available via the internet and smartphone app by April 2016.

Phase II will require a formal procurement, which is currently in the process of being prepared. The documentation required to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to interested parties is being reviewed internally, with the RFP expected to be advertised during the 1st Quarter of 2016.

SFRTA Information Technology staff will present a slideshow to the PTAC that provides further RTPIS details and a demonstration of the Phase I effort.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

GLADES ROAD PD&E STUDY –
MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS ANALYSIS

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - District Four has recently evaluated the Glades Road corridor to determine the feasibility a series of multimodal improvements within the study area as part of the Glades Road PD&E Study. The Glades Road study area is centered along State Road 808 in southern Palm Beach County, extending roughly from Federal Highway to State Road 7. It includes significant employment numbers, as well as several key activity centers such as Florida Atlantic University, the Town Center Mall, and Boca Regional Hospital.

This process has included technical evaluation, preliminary improvement recommendations, initial capital and O&M cost estimates, and a series of stakeholder coordination meetings with the City of Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, Palm Tran, SFRTA, and the Palm Beach MPO.

Preliminary recommendations as a result of this analysis are mostly centered on operational improvements to Palm Tran's existing Route 91 and 94 local bus services. Other opportunities for improvement considered as a part of this effort include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, bus stop enhancements, ITS improvements, landscaping upgrades, and other measures of supplementing transit service to improve first/last-mile connectivity within the study area.

The FDOT project team will present an overview of the study and its preliminary recommendations to the PTAC on February 10.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

BROWARD TRANSIT SYSTEM PLAN

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) directed its staff to prepare a Transit System Plan for the Broward region. A draft Scope of Work for the Transit System Plan has been developed. This draft scope follows planning best practices for working with a variety of partners to develop a long-term vision with a realistic implementation program. Key steps include developing common goals and objectives, data gathering and analysis, development of alternatives, screening of recommendations, and development of a financial plan and implementation program.

At its April 9, 2015 meeting, the Broward MPO approved a Strategic Framework and Associated Strategic Business Plan to develop and position the MPO for change, to support the MPO planning efforts, and to strengthen the MPO as a regional asset. One of the seven strategic directions of the Strategic Business Plan is to establish a vision for multimodal systems in Broward, specifically through the development of a transit system plan.

The Strategic Business Plan lists three resource considerations for the Transit System Plan:

- Identify Goal Alignment between MPO and Broward County Transit (BCT)
- Perform Transit Needs Assessment and Transit Capabilities Audit
- Explore Opportunities for Increased Transit Funding

MPO staff would also include SFRTA, community bus providers, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and Palm Tran as additional partners to the first bullet.

The Broward MPO is currently preparing the documentation for the solicitation of bids for consultant services. Please note that the draft Scope is currently under revision. The initial version was included as Agenda Item NA-2 on both the Broward TCC and CIR Agendas for June 24, 2015 as well as the July 9, 2015 MPO Board meeting. Past MPO agendas can be found online at <http://www.browardmpo.org/about-us/agendas-minutes>.

Mr. James Cromar of Broward MPO staff will present this item. Questions/comments can be directed to Mr. Cromar at (954) 876-0038 or via email at cromarj@browardmpo.org.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS FORUM – MARCH 9

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The COMTO Fort Lauderdale Chapter, in conjunction with other partner agencies, is hosting a Small and Disadvantaged Forum on March 9. The forum will be held from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Florida Department of Transportation District 4 Auditorium. Further details and contact information can be found in the attached flyer.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: Small and Disadvantaged Forum Flyer



Save the Date

March 9, 2016

Small & Disadvantaged Business Forum



- Learn about resources from the U.S. Small Business Administration
- Learn about South Florida contracting opportunities
- Network with Prime Consultants & Contractors
- Register with Agencies to do Business

Where?

Florida Department of Transportation
District 4 Auditorium
3400 W Commercial Blvd,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309



When?

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 | 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)

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