



Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 20, 2008
10:30 a.m.

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

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Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Randy Whitfield, Chairman, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Nancy Ziegler, FDOT, District IV

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PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2008

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

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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of PTAC Meeting of July 23, 2008

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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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No items.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

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I1 – INFORMATION: 2008 Tri-Rail Parking Needs and Opportunities Study

I2 – INFORMATION: Lake Worth Transit Oriented Development Charrette

I3 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Survey Efforts

I4 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Transportation Workshops and Regional Summit

OTHER BUSINESS:

SFRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING JULY 23, 2008

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 in the Boardroom of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), Administrative Offices located at 800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Larry Allen, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Mr. William Cross, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
Ms. Lynn Everett, Broward County Transportation Department (BCT)
Mr. Joseph Quinty, SFRTA
Mr. Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District VI
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), PTAC Chair
Mr. Enrique Zelaya, Broward MPO

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Steve Braun, FDOT District IV
Ms. Lois Bush, FDOT District IV
Mr. Jose Clavell, FDOT, District VI
Mr. Dan Glickman, Citizen
Mr. Eric Goodman, SFRTA
Ms. Sabrina Kirkpatrick, South Florida Commuter Services/City of Boca Raton
Mr. John Lafferty, PB Americas, Inc.
Ms. Elaine Magnum, SFRTA
Mr. Dan Mazza, SFRTA
Mr. Chuck McGinness, Palm Beach Post
Ms. Naveen Modau, Kimley-Horn
Mr. Michael Moore, Gannett Fleming
Mr. Jeremy Mullings, FDOT District IV
Mr. Carlos Roa, Miami-Dade MPO
Mr. Michael Ronskavitz, Broward MPO
Mr. Tim Rosenberger, PB Americas, Inc.
Mr. Jim Udvardy, SFCS
Ms. Lynda Westin, SFRTA
Ms. Natalie Yesbeck, SFRTA

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The Chair requested the roll call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

Ms. Lynn Everett moved for approval of the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Enrique Zelaya. The Chair called for further discussion and/or opposition to the motion. Upon hearing none, the Chair called the motion to a vote and it was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – None.

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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of June 18, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Zelaya to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Everett. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

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R1. MOTION TO ENDORSE: SFRTA FY 2009-2018 Transit Development Plan Major Update

Mr. Joseph Quinty introduced the item and handed out copies of the draft TDP document to committee members. Mr. Quinty apologized for not getting the document to the committee in advance, but cited the change of the previously scheduled August 20 PTAC meeting to today as a significant challenge. He expressed a desire to get feedback from committee members as part of this meeting and also allow for a comment period for at least the following week.

Mr. John Lafferty of PB Americas, Inc. then started the presentation, providing details of the FY 2009-2018 TDP Major Update. Mr. Lafferty began by stating that there are three major components of his presentation- the overview of project goals and objectives, on-board survey results, and a 10-year work program. He commented that there was good information and data in last year's TDP, and that this current TDP effort built upon that to develop a comprehensive plan looking at the newly required 10-year planning horizon. Mr. Lafferty cited the TDP goals and objectives as an example of this, as last year's goals were amended and enhanced rather than completely starting from scratch. The goals mentioned by Mr. Lafferty covered areas such as cost effectiveness, expansion of systems facilities and operations,

funding opportunities, customer amenities, transit-oriented development (TOD), and sustainability and environmental initiatives. Mr. Lafferty then discussed the results of the Tri-Rail onboard survey conducted in May 2008. He reported that positive responses for all customer service related questions were above 80%, except for bus connections, which rated a 64% positive response. The highest positive response was in the area of price/value, which received a 95% favorable rating. Other key survey results shared were that 60% of respondents ride Tri-Rail five days per week, over 50% of riders arrive to the train station by car (either parked or dropped off), 38% of riders either drive or carpool from the station to their final destination, 39% of respondents have been riding Tri-Rail for less than one year, and in addition 6% of respondents were riding Tri-Rail for the first time.

Mr. Lafferty then provided information on the 10-year work program of projects. He stated that the work program includes new rolling stock in FY 2009 (2 passenger cars) and FY 2010 (12 Passengers cars), new ticket vending machines and smart card fare payment, various station area and parking improvements, rehabilitation of existing rolling stock, new locomotives, new planning studies, and potential new Tri-Rail station locations. Mr. Lafferty also noted key unfunded needs identified in the TDP, including dispatch and maintenance of the South Florida Rail Corridor, a new northern train layover and storage facility , and various shuttle bus improvements. He then gave a short overview of the SFRTA existing capital and operating budgets and a description of the financial analysis performed as part of the TDP looking out to FY 2018. He commented that although it is expected that both candidates for U.S. President would expand federal funds for transit, this is not quantified in the TDP. Mr. Lafferty mentioned that the TDP Financial chapter has not been finalized, and that committee members would receive it in the coming days. He closed by mentioning the project's remaining steps, which include a public workshop on July 24, submission of the final draft for SFRTA staff for final review, review and endorsement by the SFRTA Governing Board on August 22, and submission to FDOT on September 1.

Mr. Dan Glickman asked if the additional rolling stock will allow for some existing railcars and locomotives to be retired. Mr. William Cross replied that the new rolling stock will be in addition to existing equipment, not replacing it. Mr. Glickman also asked for SFRTA's annual operating budget, which Mr. Cross answered is in the \$50 million range and typically raises about 5% per year. Mr. Zelaya asked if there had been coordination with the other TDP's being produced by the region's transit agencies. Mr. Quinty replied that one chapter in SFRTA's TDP document reviews the key elements of recent TDP's completed by Palm Tran, Broward County, and Miami-Dade Transit. Mr. Zelaya also commented that a regional park and ride study is needed. Mr. Quinty noted that some of the technical findings in the SFRTA Strategic Regional Transit Plan effort are included in the TDP document. Mr. Stubbs then asked if projects on the FEC Railway corridor have a negative impact on Tri-Rail ridership. Mr. Quinty responded that the analysis shows a positive impact if a Tri-Rail extension runs on the FEC, a neutral impact if FEC service connects to Tri-Rail, and a negative impact if the FEC is run as a standalone system with no Tri-Rail connections. Ms. Lois Bush recommended that funds from transit-oriented development at Tri-Rail stations be considered as a funding source. Mr. Steve Braun recommended that details on the future I-595 managed lanes and their express bus routes be included in the TDP.

Mr. Phil Steinmiller expressed a desire for more time to review the TDP document. Discussion then ensued on holding an additional PTAC meeting in August or having an extended comment period. Mr. Stubbs made a motion to endorse the Draft SFRTA FY 2009-2018 Transit Development Plan. Mr. Zelaya suggested amending the motion, so that it is a motion to endorse but includes a review period through August 8 with all PTAC members submitting comments that will be incorporated into the final draft. Mr. Stubbs agreed to the amendment. Mr. Zelaya then seconded the motion. The motion was called to a vote and passed 6 to 1, with Mr. Steinmiller voting against.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

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11. - INFORMATION: Broward County FY 2009-2018 Transit Development Plan

Ms. Everett of Broward County Transportation Department presented this item. She stated that Mr. Jonathan Roberson is their TDP project manager, but is on vacation and could not attend today. Ms. Everett gave a brief overview of the Broward TDP effort, which she said is a little behind where the RTA is in their TDP process. Ms. Everett discussed their TDP Advisory Review Committee (ARC), of which PTAC member Mr. Larry Allan is one of the co-chairs. She mentioned that the ARC has been meeting monthly to hash out the goals and objectives and other key TDP issues. Ms. Everett also discussed the process of public involvement and public input gathering, mentioning a meeting last Thursday at the Riverland library and another meeting coming up on the 14th of August. She also announced that the next ARC meeting is this Friday at 9:30 am at the Broward County Engineering Office on Commercial Blvd. Ms. Everett also stated that their TDP consultants have completed a random telephone survey that includes a mix of 400 riders and non riders, with the information and results now being finalized. She announced that half of the respondents have ridden transit at some point and 70% expressed a willingness to support funding for public transit. Mr. Everett said that their draft TDP will be done in September and the final version is not expected to be submitted to FDOT until after September. Ms. Everett stated that Mr. Roberson will provide a more detailed presentation to the PTAC in the fall. Mr. Quinty commented that he has been part of some of the ARC meetings, and was impressed with the broad mix of people represented on the ARC. Ms. Everett agreed, saying the ARC meetings have been helpful and its members have had a great dialogue.

12. - INFORMATION: Tri-Rail Stations Parking Update

Mr. Cross presented this item, beginning by stating that parking has become quite an issue for Tri-Rail recently. He stated that just one year ago, a system wide parking study was completed, but is pretty much outdated already. Mr. Cross said that the previous study produced a good list of improvements, but now RTA staff is looking to update the study to add a greater magnitude of projects and revise projections to reflect a higher demand. He noted that the phasing plan for parking projects is going change considerably. A similar presentation on this issue is going to be given at the August meeting of the SFRTA Governing Board, and then findings of the updated parking study will follow at its September meeting.

Mr. Cross referenced a handout chart comparing parking use in late 2006 with counts done this month. The chart shows that in 2006 only a couple of stations were at capacity, but now most of our stations are full with the exceptions being the large FDOT park and ride lots. Mr. Cross also referenced another chart showing planned parking expansion projects, and described the plans for each station. Projects mentioned include additional parking on the west side of the West Palm Beach station in 2009, proposed expansion on RTA owned land at Boynton Beach using TRIP funds, a TOD project at Delray Beach that would result in additional structured parking, parking tied to TOD at Boca Raton, and a new lot on the west side at Cypress Creek. Other projects mentioned by Mr. Cross include both short and long range expansion at the Fort Lauderdale Airport Station, additional parking on RTA owned land at Opa-Locka, and FDOT plans to add parking at Golden Glades. He noted that another short step is adding bike lockers at all of our stations, as funding has been secured to add 20 lockers at each station. It was mentioned that the bike lockers will help because our trains are running full and the growing number of bikes onboard the train are becoming a problem.

Chairman Whitfield asked why Cypress Creek is a priority when there is so much capacity left in the current lot. Mr. Cross explained that the far distance from the current lot to the station discourages use, while the new lot on the west side is immediately adjacent to the platform. Mr. Carlos Roa asked if the issue of carpool/vanpool parking at the Fort Lauderdale Airport Station had been resolved. Mr. Cross replied that it had not fully been addressed, but steps are being taken to enforce those boarding the shuttle bus to the airport terminal to have a valid Tri-Rail ticket. He also commented that as part of the update of the parking study, the consultant will examine satellite parking locations for short term relief, with shuttles back and forth possible. Mr. Glickman recommended a golf cart or other similar device to shuttle between the Fort Lauderdale Station and the park and ride spaces to the north of Broward Blvd. He also recommended improvements to the pedestrian crossing signal at the Cypress Creek Station. Chairman Whitfield asked if it was possible to move back the fence to allow for more Tri-Rail parking at the new Lake Worth Station lot. Mr. Cross mentioned that both the main and overflow lots at Lake Worth are now full, while Mr. Dan Mazza added that he has received help from FDOT in helping to convince the School Board staff that Lake Worth High School does not need so many spaces in the new parking area. Mr. Mazza stated that the high school is going to evaluate parking needs and use for the first 12 days of the school year, and then meet with RTA and FDOT staff to discuss further. Mr. Jeremy Mullings asked about the results of the overnight parking survey recently conducted by RTA. Mr. Quinty responded that the survey was completed in May, and results show that the majority of cars parked overnight are being used to get train riders from the station to their final destination. He said that he had copies of the results available and would provide them to Mr. Mullings and other interested parties.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Cross informed committee members of the upcoming APTA 2008 Intermodal Operations Planning Workshop being held at the Miami Marriot Dadeland August 4- 6. Mr. Cross encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Quinty asked PTAC members if the new 10:30 am start time for today's meeting worked well. There was positive feedback from the committee and consensus to continue the PTAC meeting time at 10:30am.

SFRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECT OR REPORTS/COMMENTS

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Everett announced that this would be her last PTAC meeting, as she is leaving her position and the transportation field. Multiple committee members wished her well in her new endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am

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

Information Item

Presentation

2008 TRI-RAIL PARKING NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES STUDY

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

In 2007, SFRTA completed a comprehensive analysis of future park-and-ride needs at its 18 Tri-Rail stations. The study included projections of future parking demand and concepts of how to add additional parking capacity at numerous locations. However, the unprecedented growth in Tri-Rail ridership and parking demand since the 2007 study's completion has already rendered it out of date.

As a result, in recent months SFRTA has worked to complete its 2008 Tri-Rail Parking Needs and Opportunities Study. This study provides updated projections for future parking demand and also identifies potential locations for satellite parking use. Not surprisingly, the updated study identifies an increased need for parking capacity along the Tri-Rail system.

SFRTA Planning staff and its project consultants will conduct a presentation on the details of the 2008 Tri-Rail Parking Needs and Opportunities Study.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None. Draft materials will be made available at the meeting.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

LAKE WORTH TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT CHARRETTE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

In June 2008, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) conducted a planning charrette in the City of Lake Worth to evaluate opportunities for transit-oriented development at the existing Lake Worth Tri-Rail station, as well as identify future transit stations and TOD opportunities along the FEC corridor. The charrette was funded by the Palm Beach MPO, FDOT, SFRTA, and City and CRA of Lake Worth.

Ms. Kim Delaney, Growth Management Coordinator with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, will be on hand to conduct a presentation covering the detailed charrette effort. Further information regarding the charrette and its findings is provided in the attached memorandum.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: TCRPC Memorandum



TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

INDIAN RIVER – ST. LUCIE – MARTIN – PALM BEACH

MEMORANDUM

TO	Joe Quinty, AICP, Transportation Planning Manager South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
FROM	Kim DeLaney, Ph.D. Growth Management Coordinator
DATE	October 15, 2008
RE	Presentation of Lake Worth TOD Charrette Results

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide background information regarding the Lake Worth Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Charrette Update for the October 20, 2008 SFRTA PTAC meeting.

In June 2008, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) conducted a planning charrette in the City of Lake Worth to evaluate opportunities for transit-oriented development at the existing Lake Worth Tri-Rail station as well as identify future transit stations and TOD opportunities along the FEC corridor. The charrette was funded by the Palm Beach MPO, FDOT, SFRTA, and City and CRA of Lake Worth. More than 100 participants attended the planning charrette and week-long studio, and subsequently, the “work-in-progress” recommendations were presented to the community on June 27.

The charrette addressed a range of transportation, redevelopment, neighborhood, and economic issues. The primary recommendations pursuant to SFRTA interests are summarized below:

- A transit oriented development district should be established adjacent to the existing Lake Worth Tri-Rail station, including a mix of residential, commercial, and civic uses; expanded station parking; and improved multi-modal access including a new southern route from 6th Avenue South to the station area.
- A town center station should be located at the intersection of Lake Avenue and the FEC Corridor, which would service historic downtown Lake Worth and the core community, including a parking structure and adjacent redeveloped industrial district.
- A local park-and-ride station should be located at the intersection of 10th Avenue North and the FEC Corridor, which could accommodate several hundred structured parking spaces, allow convenient access from I-95, and service southern Palm Beach County.

Additional details will be presented at the PTAC meeting. It should be noted the final charrette recommendations will be presented to the City and CRA in the Fall of 2008 for approval.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

SFRTA SURVEY EFFORTS

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

SFRTA is conducting a multi-pronged public opinion study and rider survey this fall. The effort commences with a Tri-Rail on-board survey Wednesday, October 22, to be conducted in some form on all 50 train runs starting with the first train at 4 AM. The primary purpose of the on-board survey is to gather data on rider itinerary and demographics for both comparison and modeling.

In the following weeks a web-based public opinion survey will be launched, with an attempt to get saturated advertisement of the survey through major employers and media outlets in the tri-county area. The web-based survey, and the subsequent survey types, have as their principal purpose to learn how to attract new riders to transit and how to improve current riders' experience. In addition, public opinion will be gauged on the best method of establishing stable funding for transit.

A telephone poll will be conducted by the University of Florida's Survey Research Center throughout the tri-county region, asking questions similar to the web survey. The poll will take less than 10 minutes, will be professionally conducted and analyzed. It is anticipated the results will have a statistical accuracy of +/- 3%.

Face to face survey sessions will also be held using similar questions but in a productive and entertaining format using hand held answering devices with group answers being displayed on a video screen (similar to the method used on various popular TV shows). Six of these sessions with 50 – 100 participants each are planned to be held at major employer sites the week of November 10.

All of the above surveys, with the exception of the on board survey, will ask for volunteers to participate in one of three Focus Groups sessions planned for the week of December 8; one in each county. The groups will consist of 10 -15 volunteers and will go into further depth with questioning as to why people do not ride transit and what can be done to attract them.

SFRTA Planning staff and representatives from project consultant Gannett Fleming will conduct a presentation of this item.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: Onboard Survey Instrument
 Phone Survey Script
 Web Survey Questions
 Focus Group Questions

PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE YOUR TRI-RAIL SERVICE !

Por favor ver al reverso para español • Souple mande pouyon fòm an Kreyòl

Tri-Rail is conducting a survey to help determine future service and station improvements. You can help by filling out this survey while you ride today. Please print clearly. **Return your completed Survey to a surveyor before leaving the train.** If you make another trip today on Tri-Rail, you may be given a survey each time you ride Tri-Rail. It is important that you **complete a survey each time** that you ride Tri-Rail today. **THANKYOU!**

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT THE ONE-WAY TRIP YOU ARE MAKING NOW ON TRI-RAIL

PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE RESPONSE PER QUESTION

1. BEFORE COMING TO TRI-RAIL, I ORIGINALLY **STARTED** TODAY'S

ONE-WAY TRIP AT: Home Airport _____
Name
 Work College School(K-12) Other _____
Specify (for example: "Beach")

2. WHICH IS LOCATED AT (IMPORTANT!):

Nearby Landmark (for example: Name of Building, Mall, Hospital or School)

Nearby Intersection or Address City or Town Zip Code

3. TO GET TO TRI-RAIL I: Walked Biked

Took a Taxi Rode a School Bus Rode a Metrorail Train
 Rode a Transit Bus (Route #/Name) _____
 Rode a Tri-Rail Shuttle Bus (Route #/Name) _____
 Drove and parked at the station. Number of people in vehicle including me. (# of people) _____
 Rode with someone that dropped me off at the station. Number of people dropped off including me. (# of people) _____
 Rode with someone that parked his/her vehicle at the station. Number of people in vehicle including me. (# of people) _____
 Other (Please specify) _____

4. I GOT **ON** THIS TRAIN AT: _____ Station

Station Name

5. I WILL GET **OFF** THIS TRAIN AT: _____ Station

Station Name

6. WHEN I LEAVE TRI-RAIL I WILL: Walk Bike

Take a Taxi Ride a School Bus Ride a Metrorail Train
 Ride a Transit Bus (Route #/Name) _____
 Ride a Tri-Rail Shuttle Bus (Route #/Name) _____
 Drive a vehicle I parked at the station. Number of people that will get in the vehicle including me. (# of people) _____
 Ride with someone that is picking me up at the station. Number of people that will be picked up including me. (# of people) _____
 Ride with someone that parked his/her vehicle at the station. Number of people that will get in vehicle including me. (# of people) _____
 Other (Please specify) _____

7. AFTER LEAVING TRI-RAIL, I WILL ULTIMATELY **FINISH** TODAY'S

ONE-WAY TRIP AT: Home Airport _____
Name
 Work College School(K-12) Other _____
Specify (for example: "Beach")

8. WHICH IS LOCATED AT (IMPORTANT!):

Nearby Landmark (for example: Name of Building, Mall, Hospital or School)

Nearby Intersection or Address City or Town Zip Code

9. TODAY I WILL MAKE ANOTHER TRI-RAIL TRIP TO GET BACK TO WHERE I STARTED.

Yes. What time will you board Tri-Rail again today? _____:_____ (am/pm)
Time
 No

10. I HAVE BEEN USING TRI-RAIL TO MAKE THIS TRIP FOR:

First Time/Occasional Trip (Skip to question 13)
 Less than 6 months (Go to question 11)
 6 months or more but less than 2 years (Skip to question 12)
 Over 2 years (Skip to Question 12)

11. I BEGAN RIDING TRI-RAIL LESS THAN 6 MONTHS AGO BECAUSE:

Gas prices have increased Tri-Rail trains come more often
 New School/Job Other (Please specify) _____

12. HOW OFTEN DO YOU RIDE TRI-RAIL:

On a typical day 1 2 3 4 or more times per day.
In a typical week 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 days per week
or less than one day per week.

13. IN MY GROUP THERE ARE (# of children) _____ CHILDREN AND/OR
(# of adults) _____ ADULTS (ELDERLY OR OTHER) WHO CANNOT FILL OUT THIS SURVEY.

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

14. I LIVE IN ZIP CODE:
Zip Code

15. I LIVE/STAY IN SOUTH FLORIDA: Less than 1 month per year

1 to 6 month(s) per year More than 6 months per year

16. I AM: MALE FEMALE

17. MY AGE IS: Under 16 16-24 25-34
 35-44 45-54 55-64 65 or Over

18. MY RACE IS BEST DESCRIBED AS: (You can check more than one box.)

American Indian Asian Black/African American
 Spanish/Hispanic/Latino White
 Other (Please specify) _____

19. I AM: in Middle School in High School
 in College Not in School

20. I GRADUATED: Middle School High School/GED
 College Not Applicable

21. I HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE: Yes No

22. MY HOME'S TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME IS: Under \$25,000
 \$25,001-35,000 \$35,001-50,000 \$50,001-75,000
 \$75,001-100,000 Over \$100,000 I do not know.

23. INCLUDING ME, (# of people) _____ PEOPLE LIVE IN MY HOME AND OF THOSE (# of people) _____ HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

24. _____ VEHICLES ARE OWNED BY PEOPLE IN MY HOME.
of vehicles (Including Vans, SUV's, Motorcycles, Scooters and Pick-Up Trucks)

25. I COULD HAVE TRAVELED TODAY BY CAR BUT CHOSE TO RIDE TRI-RAIL INSTEAD: Yes No

26. I FILLED OUT ANOTHER SURVEY CARD EARLIER TODAY: Yes No

Comments: _____

Thank you for your participation!



SFRTA Transit Survey

Hello, my name is %name and I am calling from the Florida Survey Research Center at the University of Florida. We're working with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, who operates public transit in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties, to collect citizen opinions about using and funding public transit in your area.

This is not a sales call and your answers will be completely confidential. You may stop the interview at any time. On average, this survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. May I please speak with the person in the household who is age 18 or older and has the next birthday?

First, we have a few general questions about transportation.

1. How much of a problem would you say traffic congestion is in the greater Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties area? Would you say traffic congestion is a major problem, a minor problem, or not much of a problem at all? [Major, Minor, Not, DK, R]
2. How many motor vehicles, including cars, trucks, vans, and motorcycles, are in running condition and available for use in your household? [0, 1, 2, 3 or more, DK, R]
3. Do you have a valid driver's license? [YNDR]
4. How many other people [Prompt if needed: Not including yourself] in your household are licensed drivers? [#, DR]

Next, we'd like to ask you some more specific questions about public transportation.

5. In the past two months, about how often have you used public transit, including buses, trains, trolleys, and lightrail, in South Florida? [INT: If respondent asks for clarification by name, including: Miami-Dade MetroRail, MetroBus, MetroMover, TriRail, Broward County Transit (BCT), West Palm Beach Downtown Trolley (WPBDT), Palm Beach County Transit (PalmTran), and City Cruiser (Ft. Lauderdale Community Bus)] Would you say you've used public transit:
[Two or more days per week (11+ times); About once a week (5 to 10 times); Once or twice a month (2 to 4 times); Less than once a month (1 time); Never; DK; R]

IF "Two or More Days per Week" or "About once a week": GO TO Q11

IF “Never”:

6. Have you ever used public transit in South Florida? [YNDR]

IF YES: GO TO Q9

IF NO:

7. I'll read you a list of reasons people sometimes give for not using public transit. Please tell me which of these are reasons why you haven't used public transit in South Florida. **[INT: Read list. Mark ALL that apply.]**
[checkbox
Does not serve the area where I live
Does not serve the area where I work
Does not come close enough to where I live
Does not come close enough to where I work
It's too expensive
It's too crowded
It's not safe
It takes too much time
Most forms of public transit are poorly maintained
The stations, shelters, and signs are poorly maintained
It's difficult to park at the station or lot
The service is unreliable
Schedules are not convenient
I don't know how to use public transit
I'm not aware of all of the transit options available
I like the privacy of my car
I need a car for use at work
I need a car for use before and/or after work
My employer pays for my parking
Other (describe)
DK
R]
8. Now, I'll read you a list of things that might encourage you to use public transit. Please tell me which of the following might encourage you to use public transit in South Florida. **[INT: Read list. Mark ALL that apply. If respondent indicates at start that “nothing” would increase ridership, mark this option at the bottom of the list and continue to next question.]**
[checkbox
Provide service to more destinations
Provide stops closer to my home or work
Reduce fares
Provide more frequent service
Reduce the travel time

- Increase express service
 - Improve on-time performance
 - Improve safety at stops and stations
 - Improve on-board safety
 - Improve the comfort and cleanliness
 - Reduce over-crowding
 - Make information and schedules more readily available
 - Provide more park and ride lots
 - Provide more buses with bike racks
 - Employer-sponsored reduced or free fares
 - Other (describe)
 - DK
 - R
- Do not read, mark as appropriate: "Nothing"]*
GO TO Q11

IF "Once or Twice a Month" or "Less than Once a Month":

9. I'll read you a list of reasons people sometimes give for not using public transit very often. Please tell me which of these are reasons why you don't use public transit very often. **[INT: Read List. Mark ALL that apply.]**
[checkbox
- Does not serve the area where I live
 - Does not serve the area where I work
 - Does not come close enough to where I live
 - Does not come close enough to where I work
 - It's too expensive
 - It's too crowded
 - It's not safe
 - It takes too much time
 - Most forms of public transit are poorly maintained
 - The stations, shelters, and signs are poorly maintained
 - It's difficult to park at the station or lot
 - The service is unreliable
 - Schedules are not convenient
 - I'm not aware of all of the transit options available
 - I like the privacy of my car
 - I need a car for use at work
 - I need a car for use before and/or after work
 - My employer pays for my parking
 - Other (describe)
 - DK
 - R]
10. Now, I'll read you a list of things that might encourage you to use public transit more often. Please tell me which of the following might encourage you to use public

transit more frequently than you currently do. **[INT: Read list. Mark ALL that apply. If respondent indicates at start that “nothing” would increase ridership, mark this option at the bottom of the list and continue to next question.]**

[checkbox

Provide service to more destinations

Provide stops closer to my home or work

Reduce fares

Provide more frequent service

Reduce the travel time

Increase express service

Improve on-time performance

Improve safety at stops and stations

Improve on-board safety

Improve the comfort and cleanliness

Reduce over-crowding

Make information and schedules more readily available

Provide more park and ride lots

Provide more buses with bike racks

Employer-sponsored reduced or free fares

Other (describe)

DK

R

Do not read, mark as appropriate: “Nothing”

[ALL Respondents]

Now we have some questions about your opinions on funding for public transit in your community.

11. Knowing that transportation budget funds are limited, we'd like to know which of the following options you support for generating local transit funding. I'll read you a list of funding sources, please tell me how much you support each option, using a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is “do not support at all” and 5 is “strongly support.”

A. Dedicated sales tax [1-5, DR]

B. Gas tax [1-5, DR]

C. Rental car surcharge [1-5, DR]

D. Tourist tax [1-5, DR]

E. Toll revenue [1-5, DR]

F. Auto registration [1-5, DR]

G. Alcohol/tobacco tax [1-5, DR]

H. Property tax [1-5, DR]

I. Transit user fares [1-5, DR]

J. Higher traffic fines [1-5, DR]

K. Redirect funds currently used for streets and highways [1-5, DR]

L. Other (describe) [1-5, DR]

12. If it were possible for every local dollar to be matched by \$1 from the state and \$2 from the federal government, how willing would you be to pay:

A. \$10 more in taxes each year to support local transit? Would you be very willing, somewhat willing, or not at all willing? [V, SW, N, DK, R]

IF Not at all: GO TO Q13

IF Somewhat or Very Willing:

B. Would you be very willing, somewhat willing, or not at all willing to pay \$25 more in taxes per year to support local transit? [V, SW, N, DK, R]

IF Not at all: GO TO Q13

IF Somewhat or Very Willing:

C. And, would you very willing, somewhat willing, or not at all willing to pay \$50 more in taxes per year to support local transit? [V, SW, N, DK, R]

13. Next, I'll read you a list of different groups of people. Please tell me whether you think members of each group should pay full fare, a discounted fare, or receive free service for public transit:

A. The elderly [Full, Discount, Free, DK, R]

B. The disabled

C. Active duty military personnel

D. Military veterans

E. Students

F. Low-income families

Finally, we just have a few demographic questions for statistical purposes.

14. Gender [**Don't ask, just record**] [M,F]

15. In what year were you born? [year]

16. Including yourself, how many adults age 18 and older live in your household? [#,
DR]

17. And, how many children under age 18 live in your household? [#, DR]

18. Including yourself, how many people in your household work full-time [Prompt if needed: 32 hours a week or more]? [#, DR]
19. And, how many people in your household work part-time [Prompt if needed: Less than 32 hours per week]? [#, DR]
20. Just for statistical purposes, can you tell me if your family's total yearly income before taxes is \$35,000 or less, or more than \$35,000 [\$35,000 or less, more than \$35,000, DK, R]

IF \$35,000 or Less:

20A. And, is that: [Under \$25,000, \$25,000 to \$35,000, DK, R]

IF More than \$35,000:

20B. And, is that: [\$35,001 to \$50,000; \$50,001 to \$75,000; \$75,001 to \$100,000; or more than \$100,000, DK, R]

21. Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino? [*INT: Prompt if needed – For example, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Mexican American, etc.*] [YNDR]
22. And what is your race? [*INT: Prompt if needed with response categories*] [White, Black/African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American, Other (describe), DK, R]
23. What is the five-digit zip code where you live? [#, DR]
24. What is the five-digit zip code where you work? [#, N/A, DR]
25. SFRTA will be conducting Focus Group Meetings during the week of December 8 in order to discuss the issue of improving transit in South Florida in greater depth. Would you be interested in participating in one of these focus groups? [YNDR]

IF YES:

May I please have your name? [text, DR]

And, is @PHONE@ the best number at which to reach you? [YNDR]

IF YES: Enter number [phone]

IF NO: What is the best number for organizers to reach you? [phone]

26. Do you have any questions regarding this study or your rights as a participant? [YNDR]

IF YES: For questions regarding this study you may contact Dr. Mike Scicchitano at the Florida Survey Research Center toll free at 866-392-3475. For questions regarding your rights as a participant you may contact the University of Florida Institutional Review Board at 352-392-0433.

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That concludes our survey, thank you very much for your time and participation.

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, the operator of Tri-Rail, is conducting a public opinion study within its operating area to learn what it must do to attract more ridership. The questions that follow, of both current and potential riders, are designed for that purpose.

Questions

A. Demographics: Objective: To learn transit related facts about respondent as an individual without being too intrusive. (To be asked of everyone)

1. How old are you?

Younger than 16 _____ 16-24 _____ 25-34 _____ 35-44 _____
45-54 _____ 55-64 _____ 65 or older _____

2. What best describes your race? (You can check more than one.)

American Indian _____ Asian _____ Black/African American _____
Spanish/Hispanic/Latino _____ White/Caucasian _____
Other _____

3. What is your HOME address? (or nearest intersection or landmark)

4. What is your WORK address? (or nearest intersection or landmark)

5. Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes _____ No _____

How many other people in your household are licensed drivers? _____

6. How many motor vehicles, including cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles are available for use at your household? 0 _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 or more _____

7. Including yourself, how many people are in your household? _____

8. Including yourself, how many people in your household work

Full time? (32 or more hours a week) _____

Part time? (less than 32 hours a week) _____

9. Do you have a disability? Yes _____ No _____ Temporarily _____

10. What was your household total income last year before taxes?

Less than \$25,000	_____	\$25,001 - \$35,000	_____
\$35,001 - \$50,000	_____	\$50,001 - \$75,000	_____
\$75,001 - \$100,000	_____	Over \$100,000	_____

11. How often do you use transit? (Transit: public bus or train, including Metromover, trolley, tram or any type rail)

Daily (5+days per week) _____ Weekly (4 or less days per week) _____
Monthly (3 or less days per month) _____ Seldom _____ Never _____

12. Do you use Tri-Rail on either a daily or weekly basis?

Yes, on a weekly basis _____ **PLEASE CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 13.**
No, I do not use Tri-Rail on a daily or weekly basis _____ **PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 17.**

B. Transit User: Objective: To learn how often, why and to where they use transit. What improvements can be made to increase ridership or enhance their experience? (The following questions to be asked of regular {daily or weekly} transit users).

13. Other than Tri-Rail, which transit service do you normally ride and how often?

Miami-Dade Metrorail: Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____
Seldom _____ Never _____

Miami-Dade Metrobus: Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____
Seldom _____ Never _____

Miami-Dade Metromover: Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____
Seldom _____ Never _____

Broward County Transit (BCT): Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____
Seldom _____ Never _____

West Palm Beach Downtown Trolley: (WPBDT) Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____
Seldom _____ Never _____

Palm Beach County Transit (PalmTran): Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____
Seldom _____ Never _____

City Cruiser: (Ft. Lauderdale Community Bus) Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____
Seldom _____ Never _____

14. Can you tell us about your last transit ride?

a. Where did you come from before arriving at the transit stop?

Home _____ Work _____ School _____ Shopping/recreation/dining _____

Other _____

b. What mode of transportation did you use to get to the transit stop?

Car _____ Bicycle _____ Walk _____ Dropped off _____

Other _____

c. Where did you go on transit?

Home _____ Work _____ School _____ Shopping/recreation/dining _____

Other _____

d. What mode of transportation did you use when you got off at the transit stop to go to your final destination?

Car _____ Bicycle _____ Walk _____ Picked up _____

Other _____

15. What is the main reason you currently use transit?

Convenience _____ Economical service; gas price too high _____

No vehicle/license _____ Environmental concerns _____

Incentive program at work _____ Other _____

16. Have you ever decided not to board a bus because the bike rack was full? Yes ____ No ____

PLEASE SKIP NOW TO QUESTION 25.

C. Infrequent/Non-transit User: Objective. To learn why they do not use transit; what SFRTA can do to entice/convince them to use transit. (The following questions to be asked of infrequent or non-transit users).

17. a. Have you ever used transit in South Florida? Yes ____ No ____

b. Have you ever used transit elsewhere? Yes ____ No ____

18. I do not use transit for the following reason(s): (Check all that apply)

- Does not serve the area where I live
- Does not serve the area where I work
- Does not come close enough to where I live
- Does not come close enough to where I work
- Too expensive
- Too crowded
- It takes too much time
- Poorly maintained
- Poor amenities (stations, shelters, signs)
- Difficulty parking at station or lot or garage is full
- Unreliable service
- Schedules are not convenient
- Schedules and routes are too difficult to understand
- Not aware of what is available
- Like the privacy of my car
- My employer pays for my parking
- Other _____

19. To what price must gasoline rise for you to consider using transit?

- \$4/gal _____ \$5/gal _____ \$6gal or higher _____
- Price would have no effect on my decision _____

20. Would you use transit if your walk to the closest transit stop was less than:

- ¼ mile _____ ½ mile _____ 1 mile _____
- I would not walk to transit _____

21. Would you use transit if your drive to the closest transit stop was less than:

- ¼ mile _____ ½ mile _____ 1 mile _____ 5 miles or more _____
- I would not drive to transit _____

22. What is your current commuting time to work?

- More than 1 hour _____ 1 hour or less _____
- 30 minutes or less _____ 15 minutes or less _____
- I don't work _____

23. How do you currently commute to work?

- I don't work _____ Walk _____ Bike _____ Drive alone _____
- Car/Van Pool _____ Dropped off _____
- Transit – Bus _____ Tri-Rail _____ Metro Rail _____
- Other _____

24. Would you use transit if your commuting time was reduced by:

- 1 hour _____ 30 minutes _____
15 minutes _____ 5 minutes? _____

25. How frequent do services need to be for you to feel comfortable using transit?

- 2 minutes _____ 15 minutes _____ Don't know _____
5 minutes _____ 30 minutes _____
10 minutes _____ 1 hour _____

D. All Respondents: Objective: To learn from all what can be done to attract more riders or, amongst current riders, more frequent ridership and their opinion on funding and expansion.

26. Which transit feature is most important to you:

- ___ Having more morning rush hour service earlier in the morning
___ Having more evening rush hour service later in the evening
___ Having more mid-day service
___ Having more night service
___ All of equal importance?

27. How many transfers (changes in buses or trains) are you or would you be willing to make during a one-way trip?

- ___ None _____ 3
___ 1 _____ 4 or more
___ 2

28. How many minutes are you or would you be willing to wait for a transfer connection?

- ___ 2 minutes _____ 15 minutes
___ 5 minutes _____ 30 minutes
___ 10 minutes _____ I am not willing to transfer

29. How many minutes are you or would you be willing to ride with standing room only conditions?

- ___ 2 minutes _____ 15 minutes
___ 5 minutes _____ 30 minutes
___ 10 minutes _____ I am not willing to ride standing up

30. How difficult is it to understand transit routes and schedules as they are published today?

- Very difficult Not difficult
 Difficult Don't know

31. How important is it that transit serves the following destinations: (Place a check next to the top 5)

- Home Ports
 Workplaces Medical centers
 Shopping areas Religious institutions
 Cultural events Parks
 Airports Beaches

32. Which do you think is the bigger transportation problem?

- North/south travel
 East/west travel

a. Why?

- Congestion Not enough roads Lack of transit options
 Other _____

33. How important to you is it that the following items be at a transit stop? (Rank each with a 1 through 5, with 1 being *not* important and 5 being *very* important.)

- (1-5) Sign identifying routes stopping there (1-5) Shelter from weather
 (1-5) Seating (1-5) Schedule showing stop times
 (1-5) Bicycle rack (1-5) Bicycle lockers
 (1-5) Electronic message board
 displaying next arrival time (1-5) Pay phone
 (1-5) Public restroom (1-5) Parking
 (1-5) Lighting (1-5) Food or other retail service
 (1-5) Vending machines

34. How important to you are the following options for improving South Florida's transit system? (Rank each with a 1 through 5, with 1 being *not* important and 5 being *very* important.)

- (1-5) Add routes to cover more area
 (1-5) Add more frequent service on existing routes
 (1-5) Add more service specifically at midday, nights and weekends
 (1-5) More direct service, less connections, fewer stops
 (1-5) Better integration of service across counties
 (1-5) Better information; better advertising
 (1-5) Single fare card for all regional transit
 (1-5) Other (please specify) _____

35. Do you think South Florida's transit system is

- Effectively operated
- Has a good frequency of service
- Has reasonable fares
- All of the above
- None of the above

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CONCERN YOUR THOUGHTS ON TRANSIT FUNDING.

(These questions to be asked of all respondents).

36. What would be your preferred options for stable/dedicated local transit funding? (Rank each with a 1 through 5, with 1 being strongly preferred and 5 being strongly not preferred).

- | | |
|---|---|
| ___ (1-5) Dedicated Sales tax | ___ (1-5) Alcohol/tobacco tax |
| ___ (1-5) Gas tax | ___ (1-5) Property tax |
| ___ (1-5) Rental car surcharge | ___ (1-5) Transit user fares |
| ___ (1-5) Tourist tax | ___ (1-5) Higher traffic fines |
| ___ (1-5) Toll revenue | ___ (1-5) Redirected funds currently used for streets
and highways |
| ___ (1-5) Auto registration | |
| ___ Other _____ | |
| ___ Stable/dedicated local funds for transit are not needed | |

37. If it were possible for every local dollar to be matched by \$1 from the state and \$2 from the federal government, how much additional would you be willing to pay each year to support local transit?

- | | |
|----------|-------------|
| ___ \$0 | ___ \$100 |
| ___ \$10 | ___ \$200 |
| ___ \$25 | ___ \$500 |
| ___ \$50 | ___ \$1,000 |

38. Should members of the following groups pay full fare, a discounted fare, or receive free service for public transit?

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| a. Elderly | ___ Free | ___ Discount | ___ Full fare |
| b. Disabled | ___ Free | ___ Discount | ___ Full fare |
| c. Active duty military | ___ Free | ___ Discount | ___ Full fare |
| d. Military veterans | ___ Free | ___ Discount | ___ Full fare |
| e. Students | ___ Free | ___ Discount | ___ Full fare |
| f. Low income families | ___ Free | ___ Discount | ___ Full fare |

39. SFRTA will be conducting Focus Group Meetings during the week of December 8 in order to discuss the issue of improving transit in greater depth. Would you be willing to participate?

Yes _____ No _____

a. If Yes, may we please have your:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

FOCUS GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1.** Why do you use transit?
- 2.** Why don't you use transit?
- 3.** What would be the number one change that would attract or influence you to use transit?
- 4.** What would be the number one improvement to the current transit system you would like to see happen?
- 5.** Is the current system going to serve the area satisfactorily for the foreseeable future?
- 6.** Should we pursue transit projects that have large, long term benefits or projects that have short term immediate benefits? Both?
- 7.** Do you think the state should do more to assist in funding local transit options?
- 8.** What is the best way to fund local transit options?
- 9.** Given a quick explanation of Transit Oriented Development (TOD), do you believe it to be a good idea? Do you support the accompanying higher density surrounding major transit stops?
- 10.** Does the apparent increase in our national concern for the environment make transit a more preferred option? Are you depending on alternative fuel cars to be the answer? Is energy conservation a priority for you? Do you consider transit as a means of energy conservation?

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

Information Item

Presentation

SFRTA TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOPS AND REGIONAL SUMMIT

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

On September 26, SFRTA worked with its partner agencies to host a Transportation Workshop at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton campus. The workshop was focused on Palm Beach County issues, and was the first of three such workshops to be held at the request of the SFRTA Governing Board. The Miami-Dade workshop is scheduled for November 14 and the Broward workshop is scheduled for November 19. It is the intention for these three workshops to build momentum for a Regional Transportation Summit to be held in January or February.

SFRTA Planning staff will present this item, seeking feedback on the recent Palm Beach County Workshop and sharing further details on the ongoing workshop and summit efforts.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

