



# Citizens Advisory Committee

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

August 14, 2009  
10:00 a.m.

Board Room

800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Pompano Beach, FL 33064

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### **SFRTA Board Members**

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Joseph Giulietti

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**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OF AUGUST 14, 2009**

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m., and will be held in the Board Room of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Administrative Offices, 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVAL** - Additions, Deletions, Revisions.

**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.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

D1 – Grass Roots Efforts for Dedicated Funding

D2 - Legislative Strategy Coordination

D3 – Citizens Advisory Committee Goals

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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Those matters included under the Consent Agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require review or discussion. Items will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired by any Committee Member, however, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.
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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting of April 9, 2009

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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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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None.

<b>INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS</b>
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Action not required, provided for information purposes only. If discussion is desired by any Member, however, that item may be considered separately.
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I 1 – PRESENTATION: Federal Stimulus Update

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

### 1. General SFRTA Update

## OTHER BUSINESS

## ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, must at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, provide a written request directed to the Executive Department at 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, Florida, or telephone (954) 942-RAIL (7245) for assistance; if hearing impaired, telephone (800) 273-7545 (TTY) for assistance.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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.

**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OF JUNE 12, 2009**

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The Citizens Advisory Committee meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 12, 2009 in the Board Room of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), Administrative Offices, located at 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL 33064.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Patricia Archer, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Tomas Boiton  
Ms. Isabel Cosio Carballo  
Ms. Nadine Hankerson  
Mr. Allan Hooper

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Susan Haynie, Chair  
Mr. Anthony Robinson  
Mr. Rick Rodriguez Pina

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mr. Joseph Giulietti, SFRTA Executive Director  
Mr. Jack Stephens, SFRTA Deputy Executive Director  
Ms. Bonnie Arnold, SFRTA  
Mr. Brad Barkman, SFRTA  
Mr. Chris Bross, SFRTA  
Mr. Dan Glickman  
Mr. Dan Mazza, SFRTA  
Ms. Flavia Silva, SFRTA

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Vice-Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** - Additions, Deletions, Revisions.

The Vice-Chair requested the following change to the Agenda:

Information Item I1 – SFRTA/Tri-Rail Legislative Recap and Information Item I2 – SFRTA/Tri-Rail SFRTA’s FY 2010 Budget be heard before Discussion Item D1 - Citizens Advisory Committee Strategic Visioning.

There was no quorum to re-order the Agenda however; the members agreed to hear the Information Items before the Discussion Item.

**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.

None.

<b>INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS</b>
Action not required, provided for information purposes only. If discussion is desired by any Member, however, that item may be considered separately.

*Mr. Hooper arrived at 10:20am.*

I 1 – PRESENTATION: SFRTA/Tri-Rail Legislative Recap

Ms. Wooldridge, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Government Affairs, provided information on the current status of the State Legislative Plan. Ms. Wooldridge stated that the 2009 Legislative Session is over and that SFRTA bid for dedicated funding was once again rejected.

Ms. Wooldridge stated that House Bill 1021 was signed into law, which had the effect of redefining the term “agency” in the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 120) to exclude transportation authorities created under Chapter 343, such as SFRTA. As a result, SFRTA staff would request that the Governing Board amend the By-Laws to delete the requirement that Board and Committee meeting notices be advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly however; notices would still be placed in local newspapers and on the SFRTA website.

**The Vice-Chair moved the discussions to the next item on the Agenda.**

I 2 – PRESENTATION: SFRTA/Tri-Rail SFRTA’s FY 2010 Budget

Mr. Stephens, SFRTA Deputy Director, stated that at the May 22, 2009 Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board approved the SFRTA FY 2009-2010 Capital and Operating Budgets. These budgets were developed under the assumption that the SFRTA would be operating only thirty (30) weekday trains and no weekend service for FY 2009-2010. After approving both the Capital and Operating Budgets, the Governing Board requested that SFRTA staff bring back to the June 26, 2009 Governing Board meeting, revised Capital and Operating Budgets using the Counties’ \$2.67 million contributions (per Florida Statute 343.58) as a match

to the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) operating contribution. This scenario would provide funding for fifty (50) weekday trains, as well as sixteen (16) Saturday and sixteen (16) Sunday trains.

Mr. Stephens continued stating that Tri-Rail will continue to run the full schedule of 50 weekday trains and 16 weekend and holiday trains, if the amended budget passes otherwise; Tri-Rail service would be reduced to approximately 30 weekday trains and service on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays would be eliminated.

Mr. Stephens stated that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a letter to the SFRTA informing that SFRTA would be in breach of contract if trains were reduced to less than 48 a day, and that the SFRTA could be held liable for the return of \$256 million the FTA contributed to support the Double Track Corridor Improvement Program.

Ms. Cosio Carballo suggested that written updates be sent to the State Legislative Delegation in a way to keep them apprised of any funding issues the SFRTA is currently facing.

**Mr. Hooper moved for the adoption of a CAC Resolution recommending to the SFRTA Governing Board that it direct the total annual contributions of \$2.67 million and \$1.565 million received from Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties to operations in support of a 50-train schedule for at least one year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosio Carballo.**

**The Vice-Chair called for further discussion and/or opposition to the motion. Upon hearing none, the Vice-Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.**

**The Vice-Chair moved the discussions to the next item on the Agenda.**

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of the CAC Advisory Committee Meeting of April 9, 2009

**Ms. Cosio Carballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hankerson.**

**The Vice-Chair called for further discussion and/or opposition to the motion. Upon hearing none, the Vice-Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.**

**The Vice-Chair moved the discussions to the next item on the Agenda.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

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There were no Regular Agenda items.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

D1 – Citizens Advisory Committee Strategic Visioning

Mr. Stephens facilitated the CAC Strategic Visioning discussion.

The Members discussed the following:

- 1) Ability to make reasonable changes, provide suggestions, share information with the SFRTA Board and bridge the gap to the public;
- 2) Have a position at the table for the 20 year Long Range Transit Development Plan;
- 3) Provide feedback to the Florida State Governor and the Legislative Leaders in support of the SFRTA;
- 4) Establish 1-3 goals for the Committee. One of the Committee goals would involve the development of outreach efforts to provide information in support of mass transit to communities;
- 5) Hold a joint meeting with the SFRTA Governing Board during the fall of 2009;
- 6) Develop strategies for political outreach;
- 7) Hold a joint session with the SFRTA Board and Staff to develop a Visioning for 2030;
- 8) Get involved with the Florida East Coast (FEC) corridor development;
- 9) Develop plans to facilitate interconnectivity between agencies;
- 10) Network for the SFRTA;
- 11) Develop an animated map to show a spine of the bigger picture;
- 12) Research and development of a new paradigm to open up opportunities for the future;
- 13) Make alliances with other connectivity / community groups – bicyclists, bus, pedestrian - local shuttles, smart growth movements, environmental groups, etc.;

After the CAC Strategic Visioning discussion, the members of the Committee decided to continue the discussion and establish goals for the Committee at an upcoming meeting.

**The Vice-Chair moved the discussions to the next item on the Agenda.**

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS**

#### 1. General SFRTA Update

None.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING: AUGUST 14, 2009

PRESENTATION ITEM REPORT

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Information Item       Presentation

FEDERAL STIMULUS UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. Goals of the Statute include the preservation or creation of jobs and the promotion of an economic recovery, as well as the investment in transportation, environmental protection and other infrastructure providing long-term economic benefits.

Along with other transit properties throughout the nation, SFRTA has been a beneficiary of ARRA economic stimulus funds. Thus far, SFRTA has received a formula allocation of ARRA funds that is being applied to the purchase of new locomotives. Recent action by Congress also allows for the option of using up to 10% of these ARRA funds towards operating expenses.

In addition, SFRTA has submitted two project applications seeking ARRA funds through the competitive Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program. The aim of the TIGGER program is to support transit capital projects that will result in greenhouse gas reductions or reduced energy use. Notification of TIGGER awards will occur in September. SFRTA is also currently developing four project applications seeking ARRA funds through the competitive Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. TIGER is a multi-modal discretionary program to support major capital infrastructure investments for highways, transit, aviation, and ports.

SFRTA Planning and Capital Development Department staff will present this item and provide further details on SFRTA's ARRA efforts.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.