



Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 20, 2010
10:30 a.m.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL JOSEPH QUINTY AT (954) 788-7928

Members

Maria Batista, Miami-Dade Transit
Michael Busha, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
William Cross, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Carolyn Dekle, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Jose Luis Mesa, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization
Barnie McCoy, Broward County Transit
Gustavo Schmidt, Florida Department of Transportation, District IV
Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
Greg Stuart, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Jeff Weidner, FDOT, District IV
Randy Whitfield, Chairman, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization

Directions to SFRTA: I-95 to Copans Road. Go west on Copans to North Andrews Avenue Ext. and turn right. Go straight to Center Port Circle, which is NW 33rd Street, and turn right. SFRTA's offices are in the building to the right. The SFRTA offices are also accessible by taking the train to the Pompano Beach Station. The SFRTA building is southeast of the station. Parking is available across the street from SFRTA's offices, at the Pompano Beach Station.

PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2010

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

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 December 16, 2009

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: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Programs

I2 – INFORMATION: PGA Boulevard Park-and-Ride Lot

I3 – INFORMATION: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Applications

I4 – INFORMATION: 95 Express BRT Kick-Off

OTHER BUSINESS:

OB1 – BCT Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Public Meetings

OB2 – Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Resolutions

SFRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – February 17, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

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Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Directors for the South Florida Regional Transportation 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.

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SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY **PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING** **DECEMBER 16, 2009**

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 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 (RPC)
Ms. Lois Bush, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4
Mr. William Cross, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
Ms. Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast RPC
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Mr. John Garcia, Miami-Dade Transit
Mr. Joseph Quinty, SFRTA
Mr. Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit
Mr. Phil Steinmiller, FDOT District 6
Mr. Greg Stuart, Broward MPO
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Mr. Jeff Weidner, FDOT District 4
Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, PTAC Chair
Mr. Enrique Zelaya, Broward MPO

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Steve Anderson, SFRTA
Mr. Bob Chapman, Kimley-Horn
Mr. Marcin Gadek, SFRTA
Mr. Dan Glickman, Citizen
Mr. Greg Kyle, Kimley-Horn
Mr. Mark Ledford, Kimley-Horn
Ms. Elaine Magnum, SFRTA
Mr. Dan Mazza, SFRTA
Mr. Larry Merritt, FDOT District 4
Mr. Joel Rey, Tindale-Oliver & Associates
Mr. Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn
Ms. Cindi Ritzer, SFRTA
Mr. Asela Silva, Tindale-Oliver & Associates
Mr. Jack Stephens, SFRTA
Ms. Jessica Vargas, Cambridge Systematics
Mr. Krishnan Viswanathan, Cambridge Systematics
Ms. Lynda Westin, SFRTA

Ms. Vicki Wooldridge, SFRTA
Ms. Natalie Yesbeck, SFRTA
Mr. Eric Zahn, 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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – None

CONSENT AGENDA

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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of October 21, 2009.

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

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.

II. - INFORMATION: SFRTA Legislative Update

Mr. Quinty expressed thanks to Vicki Wooldridge, SFRTA Government Affairs Manager, and Jack Stephens, SFRTA Deputy Executive Director, for attending and providing an update on this issue. Ms. Wooldridge stated that the official bill signing for Special Session HB 1 is today (Dec. 16) with the Governor attending signing ceremonies at multiple locations across the state, including this afternoon at Tri-Rail's Fort Lauderdale Airport Station. She expressed excitement about the session's outcome and thanked all of the region's transportation partners and fellow SFRTA staff who provided support and information throughout the legislative process. Ms. Wooldridge stated that the bill provides dedicated funding to SFRTA operations beyond what is currently contributed by FDOT, and also establishes the Florida Rail Enterprise. She also expressed FTA's satisfaction with the passage of the new bill. Ms. Wooldridge also mentioned that the legislature strongly believed the annual county contributions to SFRTA capital and operations should continue, and that the bill specifically allows for the flexibility to shift capital funds to operations, if needed. Mr. Stephens thanked the committee for their efforts and cooperation on behalf of SFRTA Executive Director Joe Giuliatti. Mr. Stephens noted that while the bill does not directly address future Tri-Rail expansion, it does specify TRIP funds for passenger rail in the coming years and continues the annual county contributions for SFRTA capital purposes. He also mentioned the possibility of enhancing Tri-Rail weekend service as a result of the new operations funding.

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

Ms. Natalie Yesbeck of SFRTA Planning and Capital Development staff gave a brief update on the status of the JARC and NF Programs. Wrapping up the past JARC and NF funding cycle, Ms. Yesbeck mentioned that grant awardees are in the process of having their Sub-Recipient Agreements approved by the SFRTA Governing Board. She noted that one awardee, The Coalition for Independent Living, had its Sub-Recipient Agreement approved by the SFRTA Governing Board at its December 11, 2009 meeting. She stated that the other awardees are scheduled to follow at subsequent Governing Board meetings. Ms. Yesbeck also reported that activity for the new JARC/NF funding cycle is also taking place. She said that the new JARC/NF application was posted on the SFRTA website in mid December, with completed applications due on February 19. Ms. Yesbeck also reported that a JARC/NF applicant workshop with FTA is being planned for late January.

13. - INFORMATION: Tri-Rail Parking Management Study

Mr. Greg Kyle of Kimley-Horn gave a presentation on the Tri-Rail Parking Management Study. The presentation provided an update of the study's progress, as it has been presented to the PTAC at its September and October meetings. Mr. Kyle spoke about the results of multiple Tri-Rail rider focus group sessions, which had a total of 28 participants. He said that the focus group participants showed a general appreciation of Tri-Rail's value, but expressed apprehension about any attempts to charge a parking fee at station lots. Mr. Kyle noted that focus group participants asked questions about potential impacts to riders who leave cars at both ends of their Tri-Rail trip, as well as those who ride to the airport and are gone for multiple days. He also mentioned that specific issues arose in each county, with Miami-Dade frustration of non Tri-Rail users parking in the Miami Airport station lot, Broward rider dissatisfaction with the Cypress Creek lot location, and Palm Beach rider praise for the new West Palm Beach station west lot. Mr. Krishnan Viswanathan then provided details on the data being used to develop an elasticity model and Mr. Bob Chapman spoke about the financial model to be used as part of the study. Mr. Viswanathan noted that the elasticity model would help determine the drop in ridership that would be associated with a parking fee, while Mr. Chapman stated that the financial model would determine the long term revenue and expenses resulting from the implementation of a parking payment system. Committee members questioned whether charging for parking is realistic in this current economic climate. Mr. William Cross

emphasized that the study is looking at overall parking management strategies, and that charging fees for parking is just one component. Mr. Stephens acknowledged that it is highly unlikely for any parking fees to be instituted in the short term.

14. - INFORMATION: SFRTA Shuttle Bus Service and Financial Assessment

Mr. Joel Rey of Tindale-Oliver and Associates gave a presentation on the SFRTA Shuttle Bus Service and Financial Assessment study. Mr. Rey noted that the first phase of the study was completed earlier in 2009, but a second, more-detailed phase is now underway. He stated that the first phase had provided a financial inventory of the overall shuttle bus system and identified specific performance measures to evaluate each route's effectiveness. Mr. Rey said that this second phase will further refine the evaluation methodology and examine potential changes (such as route changes, route elimination, or new routes) to the shuttle system, due to the forthcoming reductions in feeder bus funding.

Mr. John Garcia pointed out that completion of the MIC and the opening of the MIC-MIA Mover in 2012 would result in the end of the MIA to Tri-Rail shuttle service. Mr. Roberson asked for clarification on how counts are conducted onboard the SFRTA operated shuttles. Mr. Marcin Gadek replied that the SFRTA shuttle drivers conduct the passenger counts. Mr. Stephens followed up by stating that SFRTA's shuttle contractor is not paid on a per trip or per passenger basis. Mr. Larry Allen suggested using more fuel efficient or alternative fuel vehicles for the SFRTA shuttles. Mr. Jeff Weidner stated that "L-shaped trips" are the ones best served by shuttles rather than the county fixed-route bus services. Mr. Rey closed by stating that further updates on the study will be provided to the PTAC in the months ahead.

15. - INFORMATION: Miami-Dade MPO FEC Connection Study

Mr. Wilson Fernandez of the Miami-Dade MPO introduced this item, followed by a detailed presentation given by Stewart Robertson of Kimley-Horn. Mr. Robertson stated that the study is examining premium transit options for the FEC rail corridor that runs from the Dadeland area due north to the future Miami Intermodal Center (MIC). He noted that land use along the corridor changes significantly at SW 44th Street, with it being residential to the south and primarily industrial in nature to the north. He commented that a busway and at-grade passenger rail are the transit modes under consideration for the corridor, with elevated Metrorail already eliminated from contention. Mr. Robertson stated that a key aspect of the study is to successfully co-locate transit with the Ludlam Trail bicycle and pedestrian facility, which is also planned for the same corridor. He noted that future bus or rail on this corridor could connect or be integrated with existing transit services such as the South Dade Busway, Tri-Rail, and Metrorail, or planned transit services such as the Kendall Drive rapid bus/BRT and Kendall area CSX corridor bus or rail. Mr. Robertson closed by saying that some of the ongoing questions regarding the corridor are ROW acquisition, typical section, intersection treatments, and the merging and refinement of the FEC and CSX corridor concepts in the Kendall area. Mr. Quinty asked about bus prioritization when potential busway service on the Ludlam corridor intersected with cross streets. Mr. Robertson replied that bus prioritization on the Ludlam corridor would be easier than on the existing South Dade Busway because there is not a major road paralleling the corridor like U.S. 1 does in South Dade. Mr. Garcia added that bus signal prioritization has been restored to the South Dade Busway.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Quinty mentioned that similar to the past year, the tentative 2010 PTAC schedule called for monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. He added that some meetings during the course of the

year would likely be cancelled. There was consensus among the committee to continue meeting on a monthly basis.

SFRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECT OR REPORTS/COMMENTS

None.

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Delaney stated that the RFP for development of the West Palm Beach TOD site is being issued on January 10, 2010. She reminded the committee that the site is the wedge parcel where the new West Palm Beach Intermodal Center and new Tri-Rail park-and-ride lot are located. She also stated that the West Palm Beach charrette for the CSX-FEC crossover and city FEC station locations will be taking place on January 9-15. Mr. Weidner announced that the ceremonial opening of 95 Express bus service will take place on January 22, with FTA Regional Administrator Yvette Taylor expected to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

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

Information Item

Presentation

JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) AND NEW FREEDOM (NF) PROGRAMS

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 New Freedom 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. In order to prevent the Miami Urbanized Area (UZA) from losing funding through these programs, the SFRTA agreed in 2009 to become the region's designated recipient.

Updates have been given at recent PTAC meetings on the progress and status of the new JARC/NF funding cycle. Continuing this effort, a presentation will be made at the PTAC meeting on January 20 outlining the details for the planned JARC/NF Applicant Workshop.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

PGA BOULEVARD PARK-AND-RIDE FACILITY

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

From March 20 through April 3, 2009, the City of Palm Beach Gardens and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) conducted a public design charrette to create a vision for the future of passenger transit on the Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC) corridor. One of the outcomes of the charrette was the recommendation of the “Wedge/AIA” site immediately north of PGA Boulevard as the future passenger station and park-and-ride location.

On January 7, 2010, SFRTA issued a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to PB Americas, Inc. to conduct due diligence and survey work for a park-and-ride facility at this location. The three month study will determine the viability of potential acquisition of two parcels of land for an intended park-and-ride facility to serve future bus transit and passenger rail services. The two parcels are currently owned by Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District and located in the northwest quadrant of SR Alternate A1A and PGA Boulevard. The two lots total 3.1 acres in size. These parcels are cleared and maintained; one of the lots is located under an existing flyover ramp, while both parcels are currently utilized as drainage facilities.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) APPLICATIONS

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will be one of strategies utilized to make transit a greater part of the South Florida region's future transportation network. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4 staff had requested that a general presentation on BRT be given to the SFRTA PTAC. This presentation will take place at the January 20 PTAC meeting, and provide a brief overview of things to consider in planning Bus Rapid Transit.

The presentation will outline common characteristics of BRT systems, how much they cost, funding opportunities and things to consider when choosing corridors and features. The discussion will also present case studies from other jurisdiction with actual total costs and system elements. While it is thought that this information may not be new to many of the committee members, it is hoped that the presentation will fill in any knowledge gaps and give all meeting attendees a common base of information to use as planning efforts more forward.

Kelly Blume and Darryl dePencier of Kittelson & Associates, Inc. will be the presenters. Kelly has a breadth of experience that includes transportation planning, traffic operations, and traffic design for a variety of transportation studies and projects. She has worked on several BRT studies in Florida and co-authored TCRP Report 118: Bus Rapid Transit Practitioners Guide. Kelly has also been involved in several FTA grant applications. Darryl has participated in a number of transit performance measurement projects using data collected from ITS systems. He has helped in the developed a number of tools to assist planners in making transportation decisions ranging from transit corridor selection to transit oriented development.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

95 EXPRESS BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) KICK-OFF

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Beginning January 25th, 95 Express Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will provide service for commuters between Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. Three new routes will provide direct express service to Downtown Miami, making use of the 95 Express lanes. Routes will originate from CB Smith Park & Ride, Broward Blvd. Park & Ride, and Sheridan Street Park & Ride. Commuters will travel on brand new, Wi-Fi accessible, hybrid articulated buses. Free fares will be offered to encourage commuters to try the new service during the week of January 25th.

A comprehensive marketing campaign has been launched to promote the new service, including radio, newspaper, online, television, and billboard advertisements. Messages will be displayed on Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) in both Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, and e-mail blasts will be sent to over 50,000 commuters from the South Florida Commuter Services and Miami Heat fan databases. The express buses will be wrapped so that commuters can differentiate them from local buses. Additionally, South Florida Commuter Services has organized street teams to distribute flyers to potential riders in Broward and Downtown Miami.

Federal and State Legislators, local elected officials, and other stakeholders have been invited to join FDOT, BCT, and MDT to inaugurate the service on January 22nd at Golden Glades Interchange at 11:00 AM. Those interested in travelling to the event on an Express Bus may board at one of two locations: CB Smith Park & Ride or Broward Blvd Park & Ride. Buses will depart at 10:00 AM.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
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OTHER BUSINESS

BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT (BCT) COA PUBLIC MEETINGS

For the committee's information, attached is a flyer that includes a schedule of public meetings being held as part of BCT's Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) study. Although some of the COA public meetings have already passed, four of these meetings have yet to take place.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: BCT COA flyer

A New Transit Vision

Now is your chance to see the results –

See what faster, more frequent service looks like and means to you!

Broward County Transit (BCT) is undergoing a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), a comprehensive study and evaluation of BCT service operations. The upcoming public meetings will present findings from the study as well as preliminary recommendations for service improvements.



Public Meeting Dates and Times:

1/11/10, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Miramar Branch Library

2050 Civic Center Place
Miramar, FL 33025

954-437-1806

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1/11/10, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Hollywood Branch Library

2600 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, FL 33020

954-926-2430

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1/12/10, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Davie/Cooper City Branch Library

4600 SW 82nd Avenue
Davie, FL 33328

(954) 680-0050

*2, 2 Breeze

1/12/10, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Pompano Beach Civic Center

1801 NE 6th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

954-786-4111

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1/13/10, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Main Library

100 S. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

954-357-7444

*1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 20, 22, 30,
31, 40, 50, 60, 81, 1 Breeze

1/20/10, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Northwest Regional Library

3151 University Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33065

954-341-3900

*2, 2 Breeze

1/21/10, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Galt Ocean Mile Branch
Reading Center**

3403 Galt Ocean Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

954-537-2877

*11, 36, 55, 72

1/23/10, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Lauderdale Lakes City Hall
Multi-Purpose Room**

4300 NW 36th Street
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

954-535-2788

*56, 81

1/23/10, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

West Regional Library

8601 W. Broward Blvd
Plantation FL 33324

954-382-5860

*2, 12, 22, 30, 56, 88

**Served by BCT Route*

COA Phases:

▶ Service Assessment

A review of BCT transit services that identifies travel patterns and transit needs.

▶ Service Evaluation

A review of existing service performance and effectiveness.

▶ Public Participation

An extensive community dialogue providing BCT with valuable input to help shape a new service plan.

COA Goals:

▶ Insight

Gain insight into who BCT's existing and future customers are and what their transit needs will be.

▶ Dialogue

Engage in dialogue with the Broward County community about BCT's direction for the future.

▶ Advocacy

Build advocacy for increased public transportation services.

YOU play a role in shaping the future of your transit system.

Please share your ideas on how the BCT system can be improved.

Visit our Web site at <http://bct.tmdinc.net>

For more information, contact

Jonathan Roberson, BCT, at (954) 357-8338

This public document was promulgated at a cost of \$300, or \$.06 each, to inform the public about Broward County Transit's Comprehensive Operational Analysis.



SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
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OTHER BUSINESS

MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) RESOLUTIONS

On December 18, 2009, the Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors passed two resolutions in support of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and Tri-Rail service. Resolution 12/2010 is in support of extending Tri-Rail service to Downtown Miami, while Resolution 13/2010 is in support of dedicated funding for SFRTA and Tri-Rail operations. The two resolutions can be viewed in the subsequent pages of the agenda.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: Miami DDA Resolution No. 12/2010 (3 pages)
Miami DDA Resolution No. 13/2010 (1 page)

RESOLUTION NO. 12/2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("DDA") OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA EXPRESSING THE DDA'S SUPPORT OF AN EXTENSION OF THE REGIONAL TRI-RAIL COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE INTO DOWNTOWN MIAMI ("PROJECT"); AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO URGE THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ("RTA"), METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ("MPO"), FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("FDOT") AND OTHER KEY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES TO PRIORITIZE THE PROJECT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE WORK PLANS.

WHEREAS, Downtown Miami is South Florida's largest, most utilized transit-oriented neighborhood, featuring the State's largest employment center, a growing high-density residential community, major cultural and entertainment destinations, and an existing premium transit infrastructure that includes three Metrorail stations, three Metromover loops, and two major Metrobus terminals; and

WHEREAS, despite these facts, the regional Tri-Rail commuter rail does not currently service Downtown Miami; and

WHEREAS, an extension of Tri-Rail service to Downtown is included in the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's ("RTA") Strategic Regional Transit Plan, and the DDA's 2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan, as provided in Exhibit "A"; and

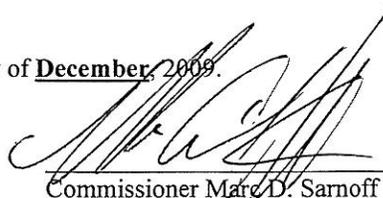
WHEREAS, the Miami DDA desires to urge the RTA, Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO"), Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") and other key transportation agencies to prioritize the extension of Tri-Rail to Downtown in their respective work plans.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Miami Downtown Development Authority of the City of Miami, Florida.

Section 1. The recitals are true and correct and are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The DDA Board of Directors supports an extension of the regional Tri-Rail commuter rail service into Downtown Miami; and further directs the Executive Director to urge the RTA, MPO, FDOT and other key transportation agencies to prioritize the Project in their respective work plans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2009.

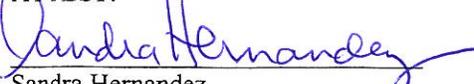


Commissioner Marc D. Sarnoff
Chairman



Alyce M. Robertson
Executive Director

ATTEST:



Sandra Hernandez
Secretary to the Board of Directors

EXHIBIT A

Downtown Miami Tri-Rail Extension

Major Land Uses Served:

- Biscayne Boulevard Historic District
- Miami Design District
- Midtown Miami
- Miami-Dade Government Center
- Miami-Dade College
- Miami Art Museum
- Historical Museum of Southern Florida
- Miami Federal Courthouse Complex
- Dade County Courthouse
- Historic Overtown District
- American Airlines Arena
- Bayside Festival Marketplace
- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
- James L. Knight Center & Miami Convention Center

Potential Stations:

- NW 22nd Avenue
- Little Haiti/Upper Eastside/NE 62nd Street
- Design District/Midtown Miami/NE 36th Street
- Downtown Miami

Transfer Opportunities:

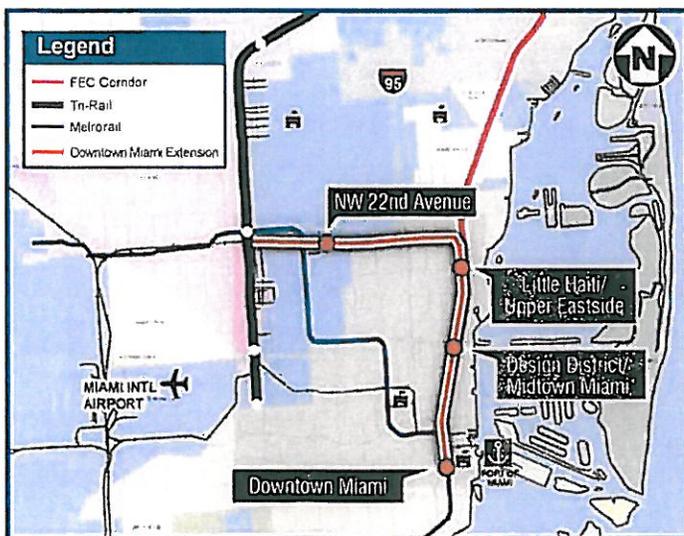
- MDT Metromover
- MDT Metrorail
- MDT Downtown Bus Terminal
- 25 MDT Bus Routes
- Potential Baylink Light Rail
- Potential City of Miami Streetcar

Summary

Corridor Ownership.....	FEC
Corridor Length (miles).....	9.9 miles
Number of Potential New Stations.....	4
Average Station Spacing (miles).....	2.5 miles
Number of Grade Crossings.....	26
Headway.....	20/30/60

Status

This project is included in the SFRTA Strategic Regional Transit Plan and the north-south segment on the FEC corridor is included in the Miami-Dade MPO 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and the People's Transportation Plan.

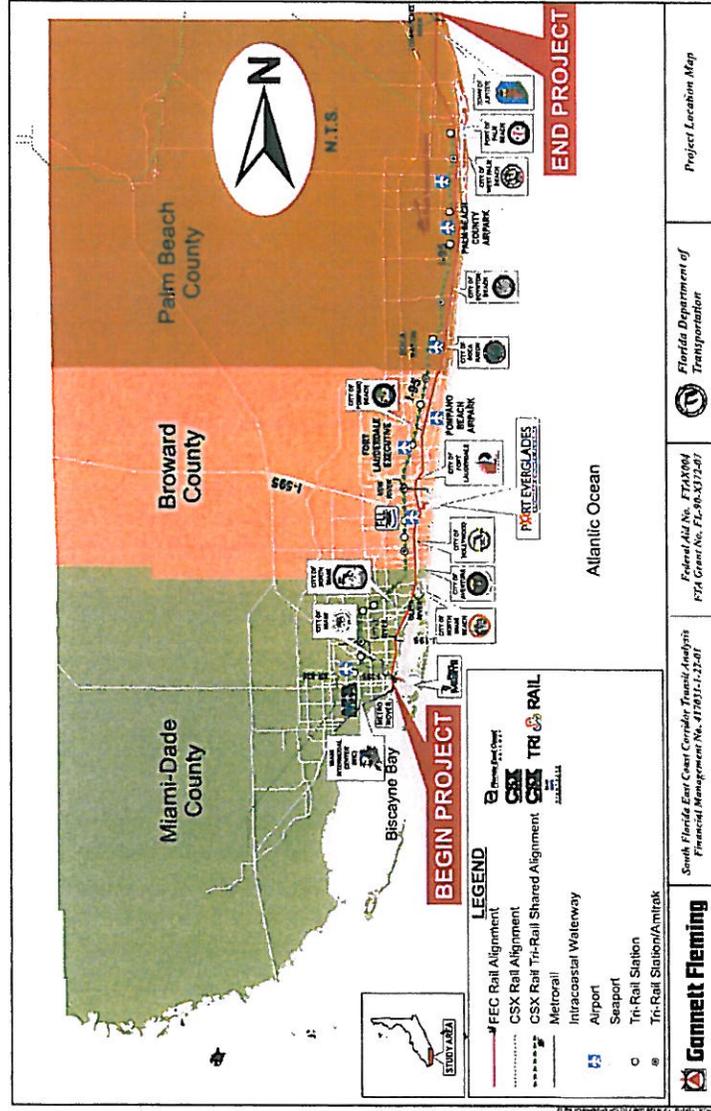


Summary and Purpose

Remarkable commercial and residential growth continues to take place in Downtown Miami. An extension of Tri-Rail service to Downtown Miami would provide commuter rail access to/from the vibrant area via a Tri-Rail "one-seat ride," requiring no transfers. In addition to faster and more convenient access to downtown, this Tri-Rail extension would serve residential areas in Miami-Dade and connect with redeveloping areas such as the Design District and Midtown Miami. The Downtown Miami Tri-Rail Extension can be an effective early phase of eventual corridorwide FEC service.

5. Promote transit & regional connectivity

5.4 Promote Regional Level/Commuter Transit such as **SFEC Corridor, Tri-Rail and High-Speed Rail**

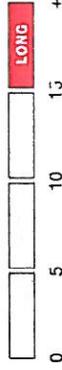


SFEC Corridor Transit Analysis

FDOT



- Support and connect Downtown through commuter rail to other Florida East Coast cities along the FEC corridor.
- Designate and provide train stop locations within downtown to encourage transit utilization.
- Promote and advertise a direct connection from TriRail to Downtown Miami upon completion of the MIC-Earlington Heights Metrorail connection.
- Encourage subsidies to transit users for downtown employees



RESOLUTION NO. 13/2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("DDA") OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO ENACT A TWO-DOLLAR (\$2) PER DAY CAR RENTAL SURCHARGE OR SIMILAR DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE TO BE UTILIZED TO MAINTAIN EXISTING TRI-RAIL OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the South Florida region – Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties – comprise thirty percent (30%) of the population of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the regional Tri-Rail commuter rail service is the sole provider of premium transit across the tri-county region and provides a critical service for transporting workers, residents and visitors within and across county lines, including indirect service to Downtown Miami via Metrorail; and

WHEREAS, despite the recent enactment of fare increases, Tri-Rail is in critical need of an additional revenue source to maintain existing operations; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Rail's governing body, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, has requested the enactment of a two-dollar (\$2) per day car rental surcharge or similar dedicated funding source to be utilized to maintain existing operations; and

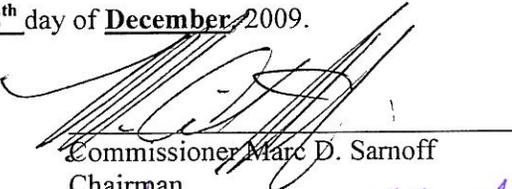
WHEREAS, the Miami DDA finds that Tri-Rail is critical to the continuing revitalization of Downtown Miami and the economic competitiveness of the South Florida region.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Miami Downtown Development Authority of the City of Miami, Florida.

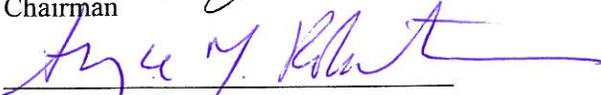
Section 1. The recitals are true and correct and are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The DDA Board of Directors urges the State of Florida to enact a two-dollar (\$2) per day car rental surcharge or similar dedicated funding source to be utilized to maintain existing Tri-Rail operations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2009.

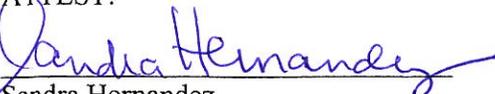


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Sandra Hernandez
Secretary to the Board of Directors

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