



# Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 17, 2010  
10:30 a.m.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority  
Boardroom  
800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064  
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Carolyn Dekle, South Florida Regional Planning Council  
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Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI  
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Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran  
Jeff Weidner, FDOT, District IV  
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**PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)**  
**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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.

<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 PTAC Member, however, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.
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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of PTAC Meeting of January 20, 2010

<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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No items.

<b>INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS</b>
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Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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I1 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Shuttle Bus Service and Financial Assessment, Phase 2

I2 – INFORMATION: Broward Boulevard Transit Study

I3 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Northern Layover and Maintenance Facility Study

I4 – INFORMATION: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Programs

OTHER BUSINESS:

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – March 17, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

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### **SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY** **PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING** **JANUARY 20, 2010**

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The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 in the Boardroom of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), Administrative Offices located at 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Lois Bush, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 4  
Mr. William Cross, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)  
Ms. Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (RPC) (Via Telephone)  
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Mr. John Garcia, Miami-Dade Transit  
Ms. Amie Goddeau, FDOT, District 4  
Mr. Joseph Quinty, SFRTA  
Mr. Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit  
Mr. Phil Steinmiller, FDOT, District 6  
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran  
Mr. Bryan Taylor, South Florida RPC  
Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, Chairman  
Mr. Enrique Zelaya, Broward MPO

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Mr. Steve Anderson, SFRTA  
Mr. David Bjerneboe, FDOT District 6  
Ms. Kelly Blume, Kittelson & Associates, Inc  
Ms. Robyn Chiarelli, FDOT District 4  
Mr. Darryl Depencier, Kittelson & Associates, Inc  
Ms. Khalilah Ffrench, FDOT District 4  
Mr. Marcin Gadek, SFRTA  
Ms. Sabrina Glenn, South Florida Commuter Services  
Mr. Dan Glickman, Citizen  
Mr. John Lafferty, PB Americas, Inc.  
Ms. Thuha Lyew, Kittelson & Associates, Inc  
Mr. Jeremy Mullings, FDOT District 4  
Ms. Cindi Ritzler, SFRTA  
Mr. Jim Udvardy, South Florida Commuter Services  
Ms. Lynda Westin, SFRTA  
Mr. Joseph Yesbeck, Jacobs  
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. Lois Bush to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jonathan Roberson. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC** – None

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**C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE:** Minutes of Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of December 16, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. John Garcia to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Stubbs. 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.

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

Ms. Natalie Yesbeck of SFRTA gave an update on the JARC and NF process. Ms. Yesbeck handed out the agenda for the upcoming teleconference scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2010 @ 10:00 AM with participation from Myra Immings – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Joanne Hutchinson – United We Ride. Ms. Yesbeck stated that all JARC and NF contacts had received the teleconference information via e-mail, but she also encouraged committee members to forward this along to any

additional interested parties. She closed by noting that all JARC and NF application information is available on the SFRTA website and encourages anyone with questions to contact her.

## **12. - INFORMATION: PGA Boulevard Park-and-Ride Lot**

Mr. Stephen Anderson of SFRTA gave a presentation on a recently initiated study that is examining the feasibility of a new park-and-ride lot on PGA Boulevard in Palm Beach Gardens. Mr. Anderson stated that on January 7, 2010, a notice to proceed (NTP) was issued to PB Americas, Inc. for this study. He added that the study is funded by the SFRTA, has a 3 to 4 month schedule and will determine the viability of potential acquisition for park-and-ride uses. Mr. Anderson stated that the study is a due diligence effort for a site at the northwest quadrant of PGA Boulevard and Dixie Highway, adjacent to the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway tracks. He noted that the site is already in public ownership, owned by the Northern Palm Beach County Water Improvement District. Mr. Anderson commented that the site was recommended as a future rail station and park-and-ride facility as part of the Palm Beach Gardens Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Charrette, conducted by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) in March 2009. He closed by stating that Palm Beach MPO funds already reserved for the FEC corridor could potentially be used for design and construction of the park-and-ride facility.

## **13. - INFORMATION: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Applications**

Ms. Amie Goddeau of FDOT District 4 introduced this item, noting that it is part of the department's attempt to educate various entities about BRT techniques. This was followed by a detailed presentation given by Darryl de Pencier of Kittelson & Associates. Mr. de Pencier's presentation covered basics such as BRT characteristics, goals, and advantages, such as improved travel time and reliability. Mr. de Pencier also provided details on technology treatments such as automatic vehicle location, transit signal priority, and queue jumping. He also pointed out differing BRT running characteristics, such as mixed traffic, exclusive lanes on arterials, and busways. He also referenced specific BRT projects across North America, such as those in Cleveland, Kansas City, and Los Angeles. Mr. de Pencier shared information on these individual projects, such as vehicle costs, ROW costs, service characteristics, and resulting ridership. He noted that the details can vary greatly from project to project. Mr. de Pencier also spoke about BRT funding opportunities and challenges, on both the federal and state level. He pointed out three federal funding possibilities- the New Starts, Small Starts, and Very Small Starts programs. Mr. de Pencier closed by presenting a Los Angeles MTA (Metro) marketing video called, "LA's Orange Line: Bus Rapid Transit" (plus bike path). He noted that the video shows Metro's 14-mile BRT system in the San Fernando Valley, which opened in October 2005. This video can be found at [www.streetfilms.org](http://www.streetfilms.org).

Mr. Enrique Zelaya asked about the typical length of BRT corridors. Mr. de Pencier replied that it varies, but about 10 miles is the average length. The issue was also raised of eventually converting BRT corridors to light rail. Mr. de Pencier commented that Ottawa is the only example he knows of that is actively converting an existing BRT corridor to light rail. Mr. Wilson Fernandez noted that the South Dade Busway was built with specs to allow for eventual conversion to Metrorail. Mr. Garcia added that currently three layers of bus service operate on the South Dade Busway. Ms. Sabrina Glenn commented that park and ride facilities for BRT could be challenging here in South Florida, due to the lack available land. Ms. Goddeau stated that FDOT was planning to use Kittelson & Associates, CUTR and a few other consultants that the department has on board to look more specifically into more examples on how the BRT systems are operating today and look at some of their hindsight issues of what they would have done differently. There was consensus among PTAC members that the committee would welcome such presentations in the months ahead. Mr. Joseph Quinty acknowledged that studies of the Broward Blvd and

Oakland Park Blvd corridors are moving forward, and that SFRTA is a partner in funding the Broward portion. He added that these two corridors could possibly be a PTAC agenda item as soon as next month.

#### **14. - INFORMATION: 95 Express BRT Kick-Off**

Mr. Jeremy Mullings and Ms. Robyn Chiarelli of FDOT gave a presentation on this item, noting that on January 27, 2010, next week, the 95 Express bus service between county lines will start. Mr. Mullings gave an overview of the multiple phases of the 95 Express managed lanes project, with toll collection on the southbound segment from Golden Glades to Downtown Miami (Phase 1 B) having started on January 15. He mentioned that the new service will be free for all riders during the first week. He added that the 95 Express bus services runs every 15 to 30 minutes, depending on where you pick it up, during the early morning and afternoon peak travel periods. There is no midday or weekend service. Further details were shared, such as Broward County Transit (BCT) operating the express bus route that starts at C.B. Smith Park, with three Broward stops before hitting I-95, while Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) is operating the two express routes that leave Broward County from the Tri-Rail park-and-ride lots on Sheridan Street and Broward Boulevard. Ms. Chiarelli announced details on the substantial outreach and publicity efforts that have been conducted in advance of the new service. She mentioned billboards, radio, cable television, newspapers, e-mail blasts, and street teams as some of the tactics used.

The committee then had extensive discussion about the fares charged for these new express routes and some of the complications for MDT and BCT monthly pass holders who wish to transfer to local bus routes in the county for which they do not have the monthly pass. Mr. Zelaya then asked if Tri-Rail riders could transfer for free to the new express bus service. Mr. William Cross replied that there is no such agreement in place, so anyone transferring between Tri-Rail and the express bus would have to pay both fares. Mr. Garcia commented that MDT expects to see a drop in park-and-ride occupancy at Golden Glades due to the new services.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Roberson spoke briefly about the BCT Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Study flier that was in the PTAC meeting packet. He stated that the second round of COA public workshops are currently in progress and he encouraged committee members to attend. Mr. Roberson said that the COA will recommend system changes and rapid bus concepts are part of the evaluation.

#### **SFRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECT OR REPORTS/COMMENTS**

None.

#### **PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Quinty spoke briefly about the recently completed West Palm Beach CSX-FEC Connector Charrette. He applauded the Treasure Coast RPC staff for conducting the week long effort. Mr. Quinty noted that the charrette looked at station locations on the FEC corridor throughout the city, as well as tackling the CSX-FEC connector location. He said that a new concept to relocate the existing Northwood connection immediately north of 25<sup>th</sup> Street and build a passenger rail station on the new connector was warmly received. Mr. Quinty commented that Treasure Coast RPC staff would likely provide a full summary of the charrette to the PTAC in the coming months.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

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Information Item

Presentation

SFRTA SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT, PHASE 2

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) currently contracts for the operation of 15 shuttle bus routes to provide feeder bus service to and from Tri-Rail stations. FDOT District 4 staff, in consultation with SFRTA staff, funded the “SFRTA Shuttle Bus Service & Financial Assessment, Phase 1: Fiscal Year 2009/10.” One of the conclusions of the Phase 1 effort was the need for a Phase 2, which has the goal of “identifying opportunities to provide new service, implement service modifications, and potentially discontinue low performing routes.”

At this time, the first two technical memorandums of the Phase 2 effort have been completed. These technical memorandums address key components of the SFRTA shuttle bus program including development of performance measures and identifying existing and potential future funding sources. Numerous sources and strategies were reviewed as part of both of these tasks. The findings of the first two technical memorandums will be presented to the PTAC at its meeting on February 17.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

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Information Item                       Presentation

BROWARD BOULEVARD TRANSIT STUDY

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The recently adopted Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) has a far greater emphasis on transit projects than past Broward LRTPs. There is a desire to build off of the momentum of the 2035 LRTP and implement one or two demonstration premium transit projects in a short timeframe.

The segment of Broward Boulevard from SR 7/US 441 to Downtown Fort Lauderdale is identified as a premium transit corridor in the Broward 2035 LRTP. This corridor has been considered a strong candidate as a demonstration premium transit project due to being a relatively short corridor (4 miles), having peak directional travel flows, and serving as a key regional connector, linking Downtown Fort Lauderdale (a regional activity center), Broward Central Terminal, Broward County Transit's strong performing routes on SR 7/US 441 and US 1, and the Fort Lauderdale Amtrak/Tri-Rail Station (and its park-and-ride facility).

A partnership has been formed among Broward County Transit, the Broward MPO, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and SFRTA to advance both Broward Boulevard and Oakland Park Boulevard as two corridors for a potential demonstration project and/or quick implementation. Preliminary work on the Broward Boulevard Transit Study has taken place over the past two months, consisting of extensive data collection, agency coordination, and a corridor workshop held on February 5. It should be noted that a parallel preliminary study effort is taking place for the Oakland Park Boulevard corridor and will be presented to the PTAC in future months. FDOT District 4 has allocated funds for a more detailed component of both the Broward Boulevard and Oakland Park Boulevard studies to follow.

A presentation on the preliminary Broward Boulevard Transit Study effort will be given at the PTAC meeting on February 17, 2010. The presentation will include materials and feedback from the corridor workshop held on February 5.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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Information Item

Presentation

SFRTA NORTHERN LAYOVER AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY STUDY

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

For many years, the lack of a major layover and maintenance facility at the northern end of the Tri-Rail service area has caused operational challenges. Although SFRTA currently operates a layover and light maintenance facility adjacent to the West Palm Beach station, it does not have sufficient area to expand storage or maintenance operations. This constraint will become especially challenging in the coming years as additional rolling stock is added to the SFRTA/Tri-Rail fleet, which will exceed the West Palm Beach facility's track lengths and require additional deadhead miles to/from the Hialeah Yard.

A notice to proceed (NTP) was issued on January 26 for the SFRTA Northern Layover and Maintenance Facility Study. This new study will seek to identify sites along the northern portion of the South Florida Rail Corridor that can meet SFRTA's short-term and long-term layover and maintenance needs. A key component of the study will be coordination with SFRTA's Operations Department and its operations and maintenance contractors on specific needs and desirable attributes. Another important aspect of the study is coordination with the South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Study team on the layover and maintenance facility concepts being considered for future passenger rail service on the FEC Railway corridor.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

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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. A presentation will be made at the PTAC meeting informing members of important upcoming dates, including:

- Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 NOON: JARC/NF application due date.
- March 17<sup>th</sup>: PTAC meeting to discuss and make recommendations on JARC/NF applications
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>: SFRTA Board Meeting; approval of PTAC recommendations

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None.

