



Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 9, 2011

10:30 a.m.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Boardroom
800 NW 33rd Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
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Barney McCoy, Broward County Transit
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Jeff Weidner, FDOT, District IV
Randy Whitfield, Chairman, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization

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PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2011

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 October 19, 2011

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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None

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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I1 – INFORMATION: Regional Express Bus Planning Update

I2 – INFORMATION: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Applications, Phase II

I3 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Fast Start Plan – Integrated Tri-Rail Coastal Service

OTHER BUSINESS:

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2011

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 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/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Ms. Maria C. Batista, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
Ms. Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (RPC)
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Mr. Paul Flavien, Broward MPO
Mr. Joseph Quinty, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
Mr. Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit (BCT)
Mr. Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Mr. Jeff Weidner, FDOT District 4
Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Steve Anderson, SFRTA
Mr. Jore Azur, Zuni Transportation
Mr. Chad Betts, SFRTA
Mr. Tomas Boiton, Citizens for Improved Transit
Ms. Kelly Blume, Kittleson & Associates
Mr. Owan Carney, City of Opa-Locka
Ms. Shannon H. Cash, Volen Center
Mr. Raphael Clemente, West Palm Beach DDA
Ms. Brandy Creed, SFRTA
Ms. Wanda Del Toro, BCT
Mr. Darryl dePencier, Kittelson & Associates
Mr. Shawn Dewar, HACFL
Mr. Chris Dube, FDOT District 6
Ms. Mary Francis, City of Hallandale Beach
Mr. Lars Gilbertos, South Florida Urban Ministries
Mr. Earl Hahn, City of Lauderhill
Ms. Barbara Handrahan, SFRTA
Mr. Larry Hymowitz, FDOT District 4
Ms. Marie Jarman, SFRTA
Mr. Earl King, City of Hallandale Beach
Ms. Mary Lynn Lovejoy, United Way/Broward

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Ms. Elaine Magnum, SFRTA
Mr. Dan Mazza, SFRTA
Ms. Carla McKeever, SFRTA
Ms. Kim Morrow, City of Miramar
Ms. Charmaine Parchment, City of Opa-Locka
Mr. Robert Pearsall, Miami-Dade Transit
Ms. Linda Rosa, Volen Center
Mr. Ravi Wijesundera, Kimley-Horn
Ms. Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi, SFRTA
Mr. Chris Zachritz, City of West Palm Beach
Mr. Eric Zahn, SFRTA
Mr. Enrique Zelaya, Broward County Planning

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The Chair requested the roll call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

A motion was made by Mr. Fred Stubbs 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

CONSENT AGENDA

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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of July 13, 2011.

Mr. Paul Flavien made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maria Batista. 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.

R1. - MOTION TO ENDORSE: Recommended Ranking and Funding Levels for JARC and NF Programs Grant Applications

Ms. Natalie Yesbeck introduced the JARC and New Freedom (NF) item, as well as other members of the grant review team, Ms. Marie Jarman, Ms. Carla McKeever, and Mr. Ravi Wijesundera of Kimley-Horn. Ms. Yesbeck gave a review of the JARC and NF programs and the grant application process. She noted that eleven JARC and nine NF applications were received. Ms. Yesbeck also stated that the total funds sought by the eleven JARC applicants was \$1.5 million more than available in this cycle. The total request of eligible NF applications resulted in \$136,000 in remaining funds.

Ms. Carla McKeever provided an overview of the nine NF applications. Ms. McKeever also explained that a portion of the available NF funds are FY 2007 funds that were never able to be used and would require follow up coordination with FTA. She noted that a staff and consultant review team first evaluated the NF projects for compliance with FTA guidelines. She stated that only those applications found in compliance were considered for funding, which eliminated one NF application. Ms. McKeever identified the City of Miramar-Access to Health application as ineligible. She said that the Miramar application did not meet the intent of NF because of its emphasis on the elderly and no data to support service for the disabled. Ms. McKeever explained that staff contacted the FTA for clarification of whether “age” is a protective pass under the ADA, and received confirmation that it is not.

Ms. McKeever continued and provided a review of each NF application, including some potential concerns for each. The committee then engaged in a discussion of whether the City of Miramar’s application met NF requirements, including whether it could be submitted to FTA pending clarification. Multiple committee members also asked about the details of the membership fee component of the Volen Center’s Lift application. The applicant confirmed that the membership fee will be waived for low income users. There was also some discussion of whether the use of a line of credit was appropriate as an application’s local match. The committee also asked about whether the \$136,000 in remaining NF funds would be lost or rollover. The review team stated that the \$136,000 would rollover, which prompted some interest in making the funds available as quickly as possible. After deliberation, the committee agreed with the review team’s proposed ranking and funding levels for the NF program. Mr. Fred Stubbs made the motion to approve the NF ranking and funding levels as shown. Ms. Maria Batista seconded the motion. The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

Ms. Yesbeck-Pustizzi then gave an overview of all eleven JARC applications. She explained that recalculations of funding requests were made to multiple applications to reflect mathematical errors or a lack of consistency within applications. Explanations also took place of why the team partially funded some projects. Two of the routes within Miami-Dade Transit’s application and the West Palm Beach Trolley lost points due to not having spent past year JARC funds. The SFRTA Boynton Beach application was cited for not having an immediate implementation timetable. Considerable discussion also took place of the Ways to Work application, which is an eligible, but new approach to obtain JARC funds in the region. The committee and applicant both agreed with the review team’s approach to only fund the operating cost of the Ways to Work application. Lack of data and lack of detail for target population were cited as shortcomings of the SFRTA Tri-Rail Weekend Trains and City of Hallandale Beach applications,

neither of which was recommended for funding. During the discussion of the JARC applications, the committee recommended different text in some cells of the scoring/ranking spreadsheet to better explain various categories and the adjustments made by the review team versus the each application's original request.

Ms. Batista made the motion to approve the review team's recommended ranking and funding levels. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Weidner. The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

R2. - MOTION TO ENDORSE: Palm Tran Transit Development plan (TDP) Major Update

Mr. Fred Stubbs of Palm Tran introduced this item and Ms. Kelly Blume of Kittelson & Associates then gave a detailed power point presentation on the Palm Tran TDP Major Update. Ms. Blume's presentation highlighted the changes to the TDP since the last time it appeared before the PTAC. She noted that one of the TDP's highlights is a ten year bus replacement schedule that is cost feasible. Ms. Blume also noted that a key assumption that had to be made in the TDP is to keep federal funding flat because there is such uncertainty. However, she pointed out that this assumption is a key reason for a financial shortfall beginning in 2014, regardless of whether new routes or service are added. Mr. Joseph Quinty thanked Mr. Stubbs and Ms. Blume for their coordination with the PTAC throughout the TDP development process.

The Chair requested an endorsement. Mr. Joseph Quinty made a motion to endorse. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jonathan Roberson. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS
Action not required, provided for information purposes only.

II. - INFORMATION: SFRTA Status Report

Mr. Joseph Quinty gave a detailed powerpoint presentation on the SFRTA Status Report. He noted that it is generally the same presentation that was given to the Broward MPO the prior week and will be given to other partners through the rest of the month. Mr. Quinty stated that the presentation is SFRTA's formal response to a number of issues raised by FDOT in recent months. He said that having to respond and give the presentation was unfortunate, since SFRTA staff has a good relationship with local FDOT staff at Districts 4 and 6. The presentation addressed the issues of potential state legislation to change the structure and/or fully privatize SFRTA, financial details, and expansion on the FEC corridor. Mr. Quinty closed by stating that he hoped SFRTA would have a more positive message to present to partners in November.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Quinty congratulated the Broward MPO and its partners on receiving a federal grant for the University Drive corridor. He also announced that SFRTA had just gotten word that it will receive a \$4.5 million federal grant to be used for the capitalization of its shuttle fleet.

It was also announced that the next PTAC Meeting will be November 9, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

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

Information Item Presentation

REGIONAL EXPRESS BUS PLANNING UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4 staff will provide an update on 595 Express, 95 Express and a TIGER Grant proposal for service on I-75. This item will also continue previous PTAC discussions on how to move forward and plan for additional service for the 95 Express Phase 2 project that extends the managed lanes to Broward Boulevard.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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

Information Item

Presentation

BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) APPLICATIONS, PHASE II

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

In February 2010, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) tasked Kittelson and Associates with preparing the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Applications Phase 1 report. That report discussed in general terms the characteristics, system costs, and funding opportunities for BRT as well as described the running way types used by several BRT systems in the U.S. and Canada. It also included a summary of six previous BRT related studies for South Florida.

FDOT District 4 Office has initiated the preparation of the BRT Applications Phase II report. This effort is intended to provide a summary of various U.S. BRT systems, to support development of BRT, in correlation with the Broward MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The task is being led by the National Bus Rapid Transit Institute at the University of South Florida and Parsons Brinckerhoff.

The BRT Applications Phase II report will pick up where the Phase 1 report left off, by providing detailed summaries of eight U.S. BRT systems. Each summary has six parts: project background, capital and operating costs, before and after performance, system operating characteristics, lessons learned, and future plans. Under system characteristics, information is provided on the running way configurations, stations, vehicles, method of fare collection, ITS technologies, service and operations, and branding. The eight systems include the Cleveland HealthLine, the Eugene EmX, the Kansas City MAX, the Los Angeles Metro Rapid system and Orange Line, the San Pablo Rapid, the Boston Silver Line, and the Las Vegas MAX.

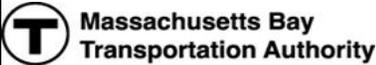
In January 2012, FDOT District 4 will host a BRT workshop to present a summary on the findings of the BRT Application Phase II report as well as facilitate a roundtable session with representatives from three (3) of the BRT systems featured:

- Mr. Frank Polivka, Director of Procurement, Cleveland RTA
- Mr. Mark Huffer, General Manager of Kansas City Transportation Authority
- Ms. Martha Butler, Planning Manager at L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Metro Rapid

The BRT workshop is scheduled for the morning of January 18, 2012. It will be followed by the National Transit Institute (NTI) Characteristics of BRT training, scheduled for January 18-19, 2012.

This agenda item will give an overview of the upcoming workshop.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

Agency		BRT System	Year Started	Length (miles)	Implementation Configuration	Service Area (square miles)	Service Area Population	Density	2009 Passenger Trips
	LACMTA	Metro Rapid Ventura Line	2000	16	Bus Lane in Mixed Traffic Overlay on Local Route	1,513	8,626,817	5,702	466,016,785
		Metro Rapid Wilshire Line	2000	26					
	LAMTA	Orange Line	2005	14.5	Dedicated Busway New Service				
	MBTA	Silverline	2002	2.4	Bus Lane in Mixed Traffic Replaced Local Route	3,244	4,510,400	1,390	322,273,081
	AC Transit	San Pablo Rapid	2003	14	Bus Lane in Mixed Traffic Overlay on Local Route	364	1,415,129	3,888	60,468,401
	RTC	Las Vegas MAX	2004	7.5	Bus Lane in Mixed Traffic Overlay on Local Route	280	1,986,146	7,093	1,026,178
	KCATA	Kansas City MAX	2005	6	Bus Lane in Mixed Traffic Replaced Local Route	919	1,445,584	1,573	15,063,738
	LTD	EmX	2007	4	Bus Lane in Mixed Traffic Replaced Local Route	241	291,600	1,210	11,718,289
	GCRTA	HealthLine	2008	7.1	Bus Lane in Mixed Traffic Replaced Local Route	458	1,412,140	3,083	45,071,314

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

Information Item

Presentation

SFRTA FAST START PLAN – INTEGRATED TRI-RAIL COASTAL SERVICE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

On October 28, 2011, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Governing Board directed staff to move forward with the SFRTA *Fast Start Plan*, an initiative to bring Tri-Rail Coastal Service to the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor. This *Fast Start Plan* builds on years of SFRTA involvement in planning for the FEC corridor.

Planning for regional passenger rail on the FEC was initiated by SFRTA in 2002, and along with other FEC efforts was merged with the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Study in 2004-05. SFRTA was a key partner in Phases 1 and 2 of the SFECC effort and had direct participation in SFECC project management meetings in late 2009 and throughout 2010. The SFRTA Governing Board approved a resolution of support for the SFECC's Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in January of 2011. Unfortunately, SFRTA has not been invited to participate in Phase 3 of the SFECC Study, which is now examining critical regional issues such as service phasing, service implementation, and financing alternatives.

The SFRTA Fast Start Plan provides a cost effective approach and allows for short term implementation of passenger rail service on the FEC. Unlike other concepts currently being proposed, the Fast Start Plan integrates new FEC passenger rail service with the existing Tri-Rail system and provides new rail service in all three counties. The Fast Start Plan has estimated capital costs of approximately \$270 million and new operating costs of \$15 million per year. The Fast Start Plan's capital and operating costs are only about one-tenth of the capital and operating costs proposed as part of the SFECC Study's LPA.

As directed by the SFRTA Governing Board, SFRTA staff is seeking partner agency feedback on the Fast Start Plan. A detailed presentation will be given to the PTAC at the November 9 meeting.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: Motion passed by SFRTA Governing Board on October 28, 2011

Motion to Direct SFRTA Staff to:

- A. Initiate discussions on the SFRTA FEC Proposal with each of the MPOs, each county administrator, local municipalities, FDOT, and the FEC to: (1) determine their receptiveness to the Tri-Rail Coastal Service Proposal; and (2) to address major assumptions and refine the proposal;
- B. To present the Proposal to regional business leaders and the public to also determine their receptiveness to it; and
- C. Enter into discussions with FDOT about the assignment of the FEC Study to SFRTA

