



# Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 16, 2011  
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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Michael Busha, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council  
William Cross, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority  
Barney McCoy, Broward County Transit  
B. Jack Osterholt, South Florida Regional Planning Council  
Irma San Roman, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization  
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

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**PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)**  
**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 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 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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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of PTAC Meeting of December 15, 2010

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R1 – MOTION TO DIRECT: Response to Previously Awarded Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Projects That Are No Longer Active

<b>INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS</b>
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Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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I1 – INFORMATION: Miami River-Miami Intermodal Center Capacity Improvement (MR-MICCI)

I2 – INFORMATION: Regional Transit System Plan - Best Practices Research

I3 – INFORMATION: Palm Tran Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update

I4 – INFORMATION: 2011 PTAC Draft Meeting Schedule

**OTHER BUSINESS**:

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD

ADJOURNMENT

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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2010**

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The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 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/ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Ms. Maria Batista, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)  
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)  
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Mr. Paul Flavien, Broward MPO  
Ms. Amie Goddeau, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4  
Mr. Joseph Quinty, SFRTA  
Mr. Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit (BCT)  
Mr. Gustavo Schmidt, FDOT, District 4  
Mr. Greg Stuart, Broward MPO  
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran  
Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, Chairman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ms. Loraine Cargill, SFRTA  
Mr. Jim Eriksen, Parsons Transportation Group  
Ms. Khalilah Ffrench, FDOT District 4  
Mr. Peter Haliburton, Cambridge Systematics  
Ms. Barbara Handrahan, SFRTA  
Mr. John Kulpa, Jacobs  
Mr. John Lafferty, PB Americas  
Ms. Elaine Magnum, SFRTA  
Mr. Dan Mazza, SFRTA  
Mr. Derek Miura, FDOT District 4  
Ms. Jill Quigley, Jacobs  
Mr. Jeff Stiles, Jacobs  
Ms. Jessica Vargas, Cambridge Systematics  
Ms. Lynda Westin, SFRTA  
Mr. Eric Zahn, SFRTA  
Mr. Peng Zhr, Cambridge Systematics

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:40 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. Gus Schmidt. 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 November 17, 2010.

Mr. Fred Stubbs made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kim DeLaney. 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**  
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**11. - INFORMATION:** Oakland Park Boulevard Transit Improvement Study

Ms. Amie Goddeau introduced the item, explaining that FDOT and its partners were looking at transit corridors to jump start the transformation outlined in the new Broward MPO 2035 LRTP. Ms. Goddeau said that Broward Blvd and Oakland Park Blvd are the first two corridors moving forward. She noted that Oakland Park Blvd is now undergoing preliminary work via FDOT’s district-wide planning contract,

and will begin a full-fledged alternatives analysis (AA) study in FY 2012. Mr. Peter Haliburton of Cambridge Systematics then began the presentation, which gave an overview of Oakland Park Blvd's work to date and upcoming tasks to keep the project moving along until the AA phase. Mr. Haliburton noted that an initial corridor workshop was held in February 2010, which gathered various agencies and stakeholders and documented existing conditions. He summarized the various planning activities that have been initiated, including data collection, coordination among project partners, documenting on-going studies and initiatives, development of a problem statement, and a micro-simulation analysis for the most congested segment of the corridor. Among the on-going studies & initiatives mentioned by Mr. Haliburton were BCT's bus shelter improvements, the MPO's mobility hubs and livability studies, and SFRTA's analysis of a potential new Oakland Park Blvd Tri-Rail station to match up with improved east-west transit.

Mr. Peng Zhu followed with a more detailed description of the micro-simulation activities. Mr. Zhu noted that the analysis will be multi-modal and use the VISSIM program. He mentioned NW 31<sup>st</sup>, SR 7, and Inverrary Blvd as three of the most saturated intersections that will be analyzed. Mr. Haliburton stated that some of the improvement concepts expected to be explored are transit signal priority and queue jumpers. He stated that project next steps would be completion of the micro-simulation work, testing of preliminary improvement concepts, a partner workshop in March 2011, and development of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) among all of the partner agencies involved in the corridor. At the conclusion of the presentation, questions were asked by PTAC members regarding current transit capacity on the corridor, right-of-way, redevelopment opportunities, emphasis on transit ridership impact rather than automobile throughput, and transit signal priority.

## **12. - INFORMATION: Central Broward East-West Transit Study**

Ms. Khalilah Ffrench, project manager for the Central Broward East-West (CBEW) Transit Study introduced this item, stating that FDOT has been working with the Broward MPO, BCT and SFRTA on this project since 2002. Ms. Ffrench noted that in 2006 the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) granted approval to for the project to move into the current Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) phase, which is scheduled to continue through 2012. Ms. Ffrench then introduced Ms. Jill Quigley of Jacobs Engineering to give a presentation on the study's status and progress.

Ms. Quigley stated that the CBEW was one of the Illustrative projects shown in the Broward MPO 2035 LRTP. She noted that there are five major activity centers in the study area and the CBEW has been included in the Broward LRTP since the 2025 plan was adopted. Ms. Quigley also summarized the project goals, purpose & need, travel patterns, and activities included in the DEIS phase. She spoke of how draft scoping has been completed, and that through the study's Technical Advisory Group the locally preferred alternative (LPA) had been modified. Ms. Quigley explained that over the past year, the Broward MPO directed the study team to re-examine the project and its approach. This resulted in partner meetings, a peer workshop, and a MPO TCC workshop. She noted that these activities have prompted a new approach, with a series of transit projects now proposed to serve the study area, rather than one continuous transit alignment. This new approach calls for a combination of modern streetcar and bus rapid transit services that would build off of the proposed shorter term express bus service on I-595 and The Wave downtown Fort Lauderdale streetcar. Three variations of this new approach were shown to the PTAC. Ms. Quigley noted that the CBEW would be brought back to the Broward MPO at its February meeting. She said that challenges remain for the project, including whether this fits in with the county and region's transit priorities, strong community opposition along some parts of the corridor, identifying who the operator should be, and funding. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. William

Cross spoke in support of the new approach and said that the new proposed series of projects were an improvement over past efforts. He suggested that the CBEW purpose and need statement may need updating to reflect the changes.

**13. - INFORMATION: WTS South Florida Transit Summit**

Mr. Denis Eirikis appeared on behalf of the Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) to discuss the upcoming WTS South Florida Transit Summit. Mr. Eirikis stated that the luncheon event is scheduled for January 12 at the Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel. Mr. Eirikis spoke of nationwide trends and challenges now facing the public transportation industry, despite business leaders and CEOs generally being supportive of transit. He noted that the directors of South Florida's four transit systems will participate in a panel at the summit, and that the program will include a number of other of guest speakers from Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. Mr. Eirikis commented that Florida could be at the epicenter of nationwide transportation discussions in the months ahead, as the Tampa-Orlando high-speed rail project will be debated and Representative John Mica is now head of a critical congressional committee and will be involved in federal reauthorization efforts.

Mr. Eirikis also pointed out that the summit will serve as the kickoff of FPTA's "IM4Transit" campaign. The campaign intends to recruit over 100,000 pro-transit Floridians as part of its efforts. He stated that a recent survey sponsored by FPTA demonstrated strong support for transit and a desire to spread the word about its benefits. The IM4Transit campaign will attempt to tap into this sentiment, using social media and other methods to promote transit. Mr. Eirikis encouraged PTAC members to spread the word about IM4Transit and sign up online at [www.im4transit.org](http://www.im4transit.org).

**14. - INFORMATION: A New Era of Transportation Choices: Linking Transportation, Land Use, and Sustainability (Video Speech by Gordon Price)**

This item was deferred due to time constraints and will be addressed in a future PTAC meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. DeLaney gave a brief update on the Amtrak/FEC project (Jacksonville to Miami). She announced that a liability agreement had been reached and that \$118 million of matching funds for the project has been included in the new FDOT work program. Ms. Goddeau added that the FRA has told FDOT that the environmental documentation for the Amtrak project is sufficient. Mr. Wilson Fernandez asked if the proposed Miami River capacity improvements on the SFRC were included in the Amtrak project application. The committee members who have been involved with the Amtrak project expressed the belief that Miami River SFRC improvements were not included in the Amtrak project application.

**PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Goddeau mentioned the possibility of a transit master plan that would fill the gap between the transit agencies' TDPs and the MPOs LRTPs. She mentioned that FDOT has some funds in FY 2012 for this purpose. Mr. Greg Stuart stated that this started as a Broward specific effort, but after further thought, there is a growing interest to make it a regional effort and also include Miami-Dade and Palm Beach. Both Mr. Fernandez and Chairman Whitfield generally expressed support, but noted that the details of such an effort would be critical. Mr. Stuart commented that he foresees this transit master plan being

managed by the MPOs under the SEFTC/RTTAC umbrella. Mr. Fernandez suggested further discussion at upcoming RTTAC meetings.

Mr. Stuart also announced that the Broward MPO will be hosting a managed lanes workshop immediately following its MPO meeting on February 11.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)  
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AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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Consent     Regular     Public Hearing

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUSLY AWARDED JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE  
(JARC) AND NEW FREEDOM (NF) PROJECTS THAT ARE NO LONGER ACTIVE

REQUESTED ACTION:

MOTION TO DIRECT: Response to Previously Awarded Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Projects That Are No Longer Active

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

In early 2009, the SFRTA agreed to become the designated recipient of the region's JARC and NF Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program funds. The SFRTA PTAC has been directly involved in the JARC and NF process during this period, serving as a review and steering committee. The JARC and NF funding cycles handled since this new process (SFRTA as designated recipient and PTAC as review/steering committee) was implemented are FY 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Most of the projects that received JARC and NF funds during this time period are progressing. However, some other JARC and NF projects have been cancelled or have not had any activity. SFRTA staff has been communicating regularly with Broward County Transit (BCT) on this issue, as BCT has cancelled three JARC and NF projects due to lack of matching funds and has requested reallocation of some funding for two other projects. In addition, limited progress has been made with Oakwood Center in finalizing their agreement for the use of FY 2007 funds. The status of all JARC and NF projects awarded during the FY 2007, 2008, and 2009 cycles can be found in the enclosed summary sheet.

SFRTA staff is seeking PTAC direction on action to be taken in response to the JARC award to Oakwood Center. SFRTA staff will also discuss BCT's cancelled projects and share recent conversations with FTA regarding this issue.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: Status Update of JARC/NF Projects, FY 2007-FY 2009  
BCT Letter (from Mr. Chris Walton) regarding FY 2007 matching funds  
BCT E-mail (from Ms. Rebecca Blitman) regarding project status and funds

PTAC Action:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Unanimous

Amended Motion:

**JARC and NF Project Status Update**FY 2007 Job Access and Reverse Commute

<b>Sub-Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Executed Agreement</b>	<b>Quarterly Reporting</b>	<b>Billing</b>	<b>Action</b>
Oakwood Center	\$17,758	Purchase Communication System	No	No	No	Request direction from PTAC
Broward County Transit	\$150,000	Fixed Service & Bus Pass Program	No	No	No	BCT has cancelled the project

FY 2007 New Freedom

<b>Sub-Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Executed Agreement</b>	<b>Quarterly Reporting</b>	<b>Billing</b>	<b>Action</b>
Coalition for Independent Living	\$50,000	Getting There Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Project progressing
Mae Volen Center	\$174,316	Mobility Management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Project progressing
Broward County Transit	\$189,900	Digital Signage & Self-Serve Kiosk	No	No	No	BCT has cancelled the project
Broward County Transit	\$650,800	Digital Signage & Self-Serve Kiosk	No	No	No	BCT has cancelled the project

FY 2008 and 2009 Job Access and Reverse Commute

<b>Sub-Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Executed Agreement</b>	<b>Quarterly Reporting</b>	<b>Billing</b>	<b>Action</b>
City of Opa-Locka (North Route)	\$187,900	New Shuttle Service	Yes	No	No	Project progressing
Palm Tran	\$510,000	Route 94 Service Expansion	Yes	No	No	Project Progressing
City of West Palm Beach	\$688,500	Downtown Circulator	No	No	No	Agreement will be executed on March 7, 2011 by the City
SFRTA (Opa-Locka South Route)	\$371,800	New Shuttle Service	Yes	Yes	No	Project Progressing
SFRTA	\$479,050	New Shuttle Service	Yes	Yes	No	Project Progressing

FY 2008 and 2009 New Freedom

<b>Sub-Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Executed Agreement</b>	<b>Quarterly Reporting</b>	<b>Billing</b>	<b>Action</b>
Tropical Non-Medical Transportation	\$210,268 (Capital) \$537,002 (Operating)	On-demand Transportation	Yes	Yes	No	Project progressing
Mae Volen Center	\$172,726 (Capital) \$334,371 (Operating)	On-demand Transportation	Yes	Yes	No	Project progressing
Broward County Transit	\$175,634	Digital Signage	No	No	No	BCT has requested reallocate funds
Broward County Transit	\$1,827,440	Mobility Management	No	No	No	BCT has requested reallocate funds
City of Ft. Lauderdale Housing Authority	\$52,400	Mobility Management	Yes	Yes	No	Project Progressing



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April 29, 2010

Mr. Joseph Giuliatti  
Executive Director  
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority  
800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064

Dear Mr. Giuliatti:

This letter is to inform you that Broward County Transit will not be able to move forward with the awarded FY 2007 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant. Our partner, WorkForce One, has informed us federal funding under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, a source we identified as a match for the JARC Grant application, is not available due to more pressing needs.

WorkForce One was an important participant in developing the grant application. We regret, but understand, that with limited dollars, priorities needed to be re-evaluated. We welcome the opportunity to partner with WorkForce One in the future to provide more transit funding to the region.

If you have questions, or require additional information, please call me at 954-357-8361 or John A. Ramos at 954-357-8450.

Sincerely,

Chris Walton, Director  
Transportation Department

c: Barney McCoy, Transit Manager, Service and Capital Planning  
John Ramos, Senior Planner, Service and Capital Planning

## McKeever Carla

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**From:** Blitman, Rebecca [RBlitman@broward.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:18 AM  
**To:** McKeever Carla  
**Cc:** Garling, Tim; Strobis, Paul  
**Subject:** New Freedom Grants/Return and Reallocation of Funds

Hello Carla,

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me this morning. I wanted to follow up on our conversation in regards to Broward County, Transit Division (BCT), returning some of the New Freedom funding we were initially allocated. Specifically, we will not be moving forward with the projects from both the 2007 awards, including the Fixed Route Digital Signage and Kiosks (\$237,350) and the Find My Bus Stop (\$813,500) projects. As I mentioned earlier, internally, we are undergoing an analysis of our various transit communications systems, which will take some time to complete. We would not want to hold onto the unexpended funds for an indefinite period, making them unavailable to other agencies; nor would we want to purchase equipment now, that may ultimately become ineffective prior to the end of their useful life because they do not fit into our larger communications system.

As to the 2008/2009 award designated for Digital Signage and Paratransit to Fixed Route Gap Remediation, we anticipate being able to use a portion of that money. While we will have to return the funds allocated for signs, we will present to South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) a plan to use at least a portion of the remaining money, specifically those funds set aside to 1) identify barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from accessing fixed route transit and 2) travel training. Our expectation is to fit closely enough into the original intent of the grant, so that it may not require months of additional approvals.

Please know that we are extremely grateful to the SFRTA and Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) for having the confidence in BCT to award these grants. Thank you again for all your support and you will hear from me with additional details before the week is out.

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Information Item

Presentation

MIAMI RIVER-MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT (MR-MICCI)

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

SFRTA, in cooperation with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6 and District 4, and the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has recently initiated the Miami River-Miami Intermodal Center Capacity Improvement (MR-MICCI) Phase 1 analysis. MR-MICCI is an effort to provide needed rail capacity on the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) by adding mainline track(s) from just north of the Tri-Rail Hialeah Market Station (Milepost 1035.96), to just north of the existing Tri-Rail Miami Airport Station and future Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) Central Station (Milepost 1037.21). The project limits include the existing single track Miami River movable bridge.

MR-MICCI Phase 1 involves data collection tasks such as geotechnical investigation, surveying and mapping, and bridge inspection. The Phase 1 efforts also include the necessary work to support the project through the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) process along with coordination of the project with various federal, state and local agencies.

The MR-MICCI project team and SFRTA staff will provide a more in-depth presentation of the data collection findings, ETDM comments and outline the next steps for advancing the project.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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Presentation

REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM PLAN - BEST PRACTICES RESEARCH

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The concept of developing a regional transit system plan has been discussed at recent PTAC meetings. In preparation for this upcoming effort, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has conducted research of best practices from exemplary state-of-the-art regional transit master plans (RTMPs) from throughout other regions in the United States. These findings will be shared with the PTAC at its February 16 meeting.

Discussion will include the state-of-the-art plans that have been identified and the selection criteria that were utilized. The best practices screening process included up to twenty RTMPs, with five exemplary RTMPs identified and summarized to assist committee members' understanding of best practices. This research is intended to support technical scoping activities for the upcoming Transit Master Plan for which the Broward MPO has funding available next fiscal year in 2011/12. FDOT is providing technical support to both the Broward MPO and SFRTA for this upcoming planning study. Additional discussions with both the Palm Beach and Miami-Dade MPOs will continue to occur relative to this study with the intent of working towards a "Regional Transit Master Plan."

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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Presentation

PALM TRAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) MAJOR UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Kittelson & Associates, Inc. is assisting Palm Tran with a major update to its 10-year Transit Development Plan (TDP). Palm Tran is seeking input from SFRTA PTAC members in the interests of providing better regional transit connectivity to and in Palm Beach County.

Kittelson staff will introduce the scope, schedule, as well as goals and objectives that will guide the development of the Palm Tran TDP Major Update. It is hoped that dialogue with the PTAC throughout the TDP development process will lead to better coordination and improved transit service for the community.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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2011 PTAC DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Below you will find the draft 2011 PTAC meeting schedule. Meetings will continue to generally be held on a monthly basis, except for likely breaks during the summer months and holiday season. The regular meeting date will continue to be the third Wednesday of each month, with a start time of 10:30 AM. However, there may be some modifications to the meeting dates/times due to conflicts or a desire to match up with meetings of SEFTC's RTTAC or other transit projects.

*2011 Draft PTAC Meeting Schedule*

February 16  
March -- TBD  
April 20  
May 18  
June 15  
July 20  
August 17  
September 21  
October 19  
November 16  
December 21

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

