



Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

December 7, 2011

10:00 a.m.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Boardroom
800 NW 33rd Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
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Michael Busha, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
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Barney McCoy, Broward County Transit
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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 DECEMBER 7, 2011

The meeting will convene at **10:00 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 November 9, 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 Workshop

I2 – INFORMATION: Draft 2012 PTAC Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – January 11

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2011

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 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. Monica Cejas, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
Mr. William Cross, SFRTA
Mr. Chris Dube, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6
Ms. Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (RPC)
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Mr. Joseph Quinty, SFRTA
Mr. Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit (BCT)
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, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Angela Alba, AMEC E&I
Mr. Steve Anderson, SFRTA
Mr. Alan Brick-Turin, Gannett Fleming
Ms. Robyn Chiarelli, FDOT
Ms. Khalilah Ffrench, FDOT District 4
Ms. Seyla Gonzales, Tindale-Oliver & Associates
Ms. Barbara Handrahan, SFRTA
Ms. Marjorie Hilaire, FDOT District 4
Ms. Karen Kiselewski, Renaissance Planning
Mr. Dan Mazza, SFRTA
Ms. Elaine Magnum, SFRTA
Mr. Jeremy Mullings, FDOT District 4
Mr. Jack Schnettler, Atkins
Ms. Lynda Westin, SFRTA
Ms. Natalie Yesbeck, SFRTA
Mr. Eric Zahn, SFRTA

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:42 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. Jeff Weidner. 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 19, 2011.

Mr. Greg Stuart made a motion 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
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None.

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

11. - INFORMATION: Regional Express Bus Planning Update

Mr. Jeff Weidner provided committee members with a presentation on the status and progress of multiple express bus services and planning efforts in the region. Mr. Weidner began by giving an overview of the existing Dade-Broward 95 Express services and their performance. He noted that ridership is growing on all of these routes, particularly the new Miramar to downtown Miami service. Mr. Weidner stated that the capacity and quality of park-and-ride facilities is related to route success, and that additional park-and-ride spaces are needed. It was explained that new combined I-595 and 95 Express routes will begin service in 2012, which will provide additional express bus options. Mr. Weidner also shared plans

for new I-75 express bus routes, utilizing planned managed lanes for I-75 and the SR 826 corridors. He noted that funds for this new service will be sought via a federal TIGER grant. Details for new I-75 service include a park-and-ride facility at the Griffin Road interchange and connections with Metrorail and the Doral trolley system. Ms. Monica Cejas expressed interest in a direct ramp from the I-75 managed lanes to the Palmetto Metrorail Station to benefit express bus service and transit connections. Mr. Weidner also stated that ridership on the Palm Beach-Martin County Commuter Express route is struggling and that solutions or modifications to that service are needed. Mr. Fred Stubbs and Ms. Kim Delaney both mentioned some discussions that have taken place regarding extending this route further north to St. Lucie County.

Mr. Weidner also initiated discussion on the need for further regional coordination for developing the next round of express bus services. He stated that the 95 Express UPA application calls for an extension of express bus routes, with some flexibility allowed. Mr. Weidner expressed hope that the cumulative expertise of various transportation partner agencies could help shape future express bus decisions. He asked the committee if a workshop to address these issues could occur soon. Mr. Joseph Quinty offered that plans for a December PTAC meeting are uncertain, so perhaps an express bus workshop could be held in its place. Mr. Weidner also mentioned an RTTAC subcommittee meeting on December 14 that could be combined for such a purpose. It was agreed that FDOT District 4 and SFRTA staff would work together to find an available date and whether or not the express bus workshop would be held as part of a regular PTAC meeting.

12. - INFORMATION: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Applications, Phase II

Ms. Khalilah Ffrench of FDOT District 4 reminded the committee that the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Applications Phase 1 Report was presented to PTAC in February 2010. Ms. Ffrench announced that a follow up Phase 2 effort is now underway and that a BRT workshop will be held on the morning of January 18, 2012. She noted that eight BRT systems are being analyzed as part of Phase 2 and some of the key staff from the operating agencies will be in attendance at the workshop on January 18. Ms. Ffrench also announced that the workshop is scheduled to coincide with the National Transit Institute (NTI) Characteristics of BRT class that will begin in the afternoon of January 18 and continue on the morning on January 19.

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

Mr. Joseph Quinty gave a presentation on the SFRTA's new approach to bring new passenger rail service to the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor in the near term. Mr. Quinty noted that on October 28, the SFRTA Governing Board heard this new approach, called the *Fast Start Plan*, for the first time and then directed staff to share it with partner agencies, the business community, and the public. Key facets of the Fast Start Plan highlighted by Mr. Quinty include the utilization of the existing SFRTA/Tri-Rail administrative structure and operating contracts, new locomotives and railcars already on order, and modifications to east-west tracks in Pompano Beach to implement new integrated FEC rail service in a three to five year timeframe. Mr. Quinty explained the Fast Start operating plan, which includes 26 trains mimicking existing Tri-Rail service between Mangonia Park and Miami International Airport, 24 trains running between Mangonia Park and downtown Miami (via the Pompano Beach east-west connection between rail corridors), 26 additional trains per day on the FEC between Fort Lauderdale and downtown Miami, and a starter regional service of 6 trains per day on the FEC between Jupiter and downtown

Miami. Mr. Quinty clarified that all four of these services are part of the near term three to five year implementation plan.

Mr. Quinty also explained details of the proposed financing plan. He noted that a key aspect is to not seek federal funds via the New Starts project development process. He noted that the Fast Start Plan proposes to use state funds to cover the estimated \$270 million capital cost and facilitate a faster project schedule. Mr. Quinty also reviewed the Fast Start Plan's approach to cover operating costs. He stated that additional operating costs are estimated to be \$15 million per year. Mr. Quinty stated that the Fast Start approach does not seek further operations funding from FDOT nor the region's three county governments. He shared a plan to combine SFRTA reallocation of resources and savings, new fare revenue, a potential fare increase, and new annual municipal station fee to cover the necessary annual operating costs.

Mr. Weidner asked for clarification of how the new SFRTA locomotives and railcars already on order will be sufficient to cover the rolling stock needs of new FEC service. Mr. Quinty stated that 10 new locomotives and 24 new railcars have been procured and are slated for delivery within the next three years. He added that integrating existing Tri-Rail service with new FEC service provides efficient use of rolling stock, as one train set could be used to operate all four proposed Fast Start services at various times of the day. Mr. William Cross provided further details on the low costs of the new locomotives and railcars, as well as the intent to keep using all of the Tri-Rail railcars currently in service. Mr. Greg Stuart and Ms. Kim Delaney both expressed concern about the current rift between FDOT and SFRTA and expressed a desire that face to face meetings between the parties be held.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was not yet confirmed, pending plans for the regional express bus workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING: DECEMBER 7, 2011

INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

REGIONAL EXPRESS BUS PLANNING WORKSHOP

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

In recent years, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), Broward County Transit (BCT), and Palm Tran have been planning and implementing regional express services throughout South Florida. Updates and discussion of these express bus initiatives have been provided to the PTAC on a regular basis.

Consensus among PTAC membership and its partner agencies is that the PTAC is an appropriate venue to have detailed discussions regarding continued express bus expansion and improvements. Therefore, a special Regional Express Bus Workshop session has been scheduled as the primary component of the December 7, 2011 PTAC meeting. Below you will find the agenda for the Regional Express Bus Planning Workshop item:

- 95 Express Discussion
 - Phase II Construction / Public Involvement
 - Phase II Transit Planning

- 595 Express Discussion
 - Final Plans
 - Marketing

- I-95 Commuter Express (Martin-Palm Beach) Discussion
 - Evaluation of Existing Service
 - Service Improvement

- Open Forum

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: 95 Express Phase II Update Presentation



95 EXPRESS



**95 Express Phase 2
Project Update
SFRTA PTAC
December 7, 2011**

Project Partners



95 Express is being developed in partnership with:

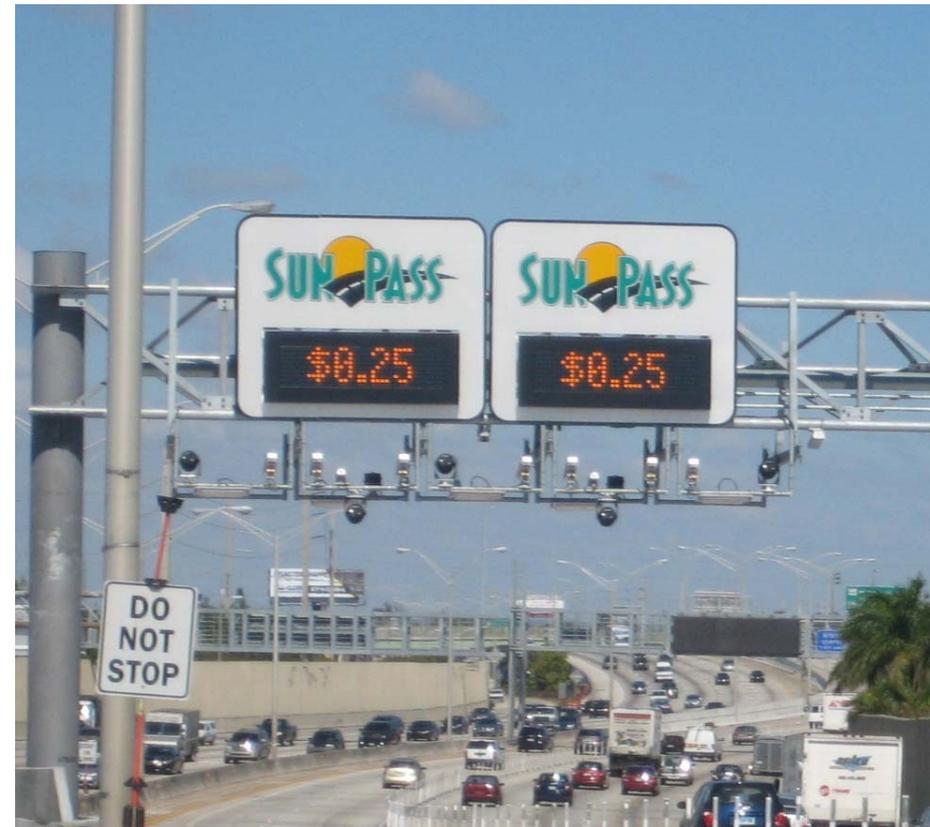
- FDOT Districts Four and Six
- Broward MPO
- Miami-Dade County MPO
- Broward County Transit
- Miami-Dade County Transit
- South Florida Commuter Services
- Florida Turnpike Enterprise



Project Overview



- ▶ Phase 1 A & B began construction in February 2008 from SR 836 to the Golden Glades Interchange
- ▶ Phase 1A Tolling began December 2008
- ▶ Phase 1B Tolling began January 2010



Project Overview



- ▶ Phase 2 construction began 11/28/2011
- ▶ Limits: from the Golden Glades Interchange to Broward Boulevard
- ▶ Estimated Construction Time: 3 years
- ▶ Construction Cost: \$106 million
- ▶ Engineering & Inspection Cost: \$7.4 million
- ▶ Construction being funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act using realized savings from other ARRA projects





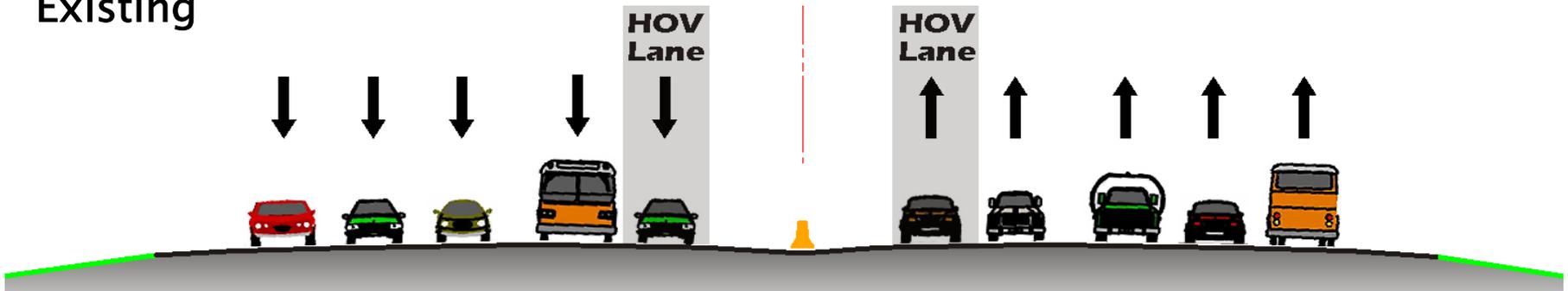
Project Overview

- ▶ Addition of one lane in each direction
- ▶ Restriping all travel lanes
- ▶ Installing new ITS equipment
- ▶ Modifying the Ives Dairy Road Interchange
- ▶ Installing noise walls at locations between Hollywood Boulevard and Taft Street
- ▶ Widening bridges at the following locations:
 - Snake Creek
 - Hallandale Beach Boulevard
 - Pembroke Road
 - Hollywood Boulevard
 - Stirling Road

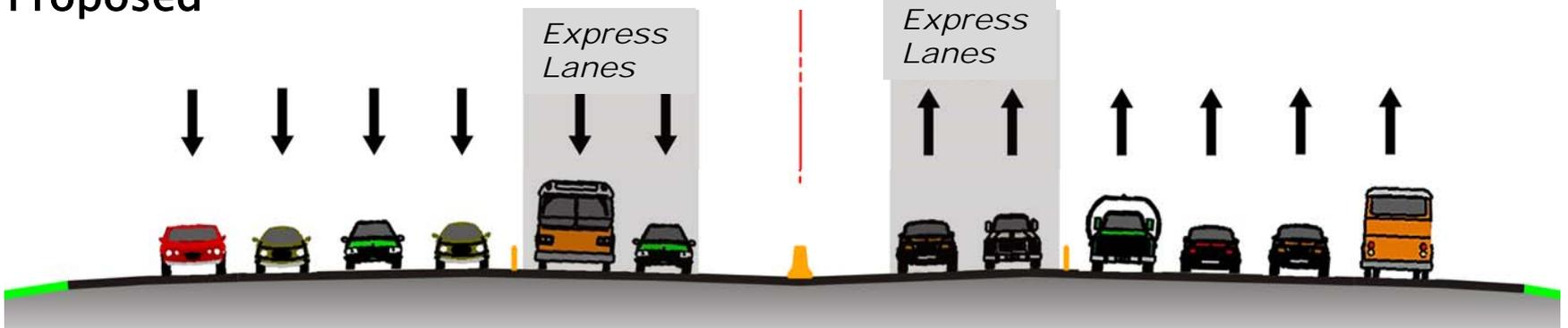


Project Overview

Existing



Proposed



Entry/Exit Points

Northbound Entry:

- From North of the Golden Glades Interchange
- From Ives Dairy Rd.

Northbound Exit:

- To Ives Dairy Rd.
- To Griffin Rd.
- To Broward Blvd.

Southbound Entry:

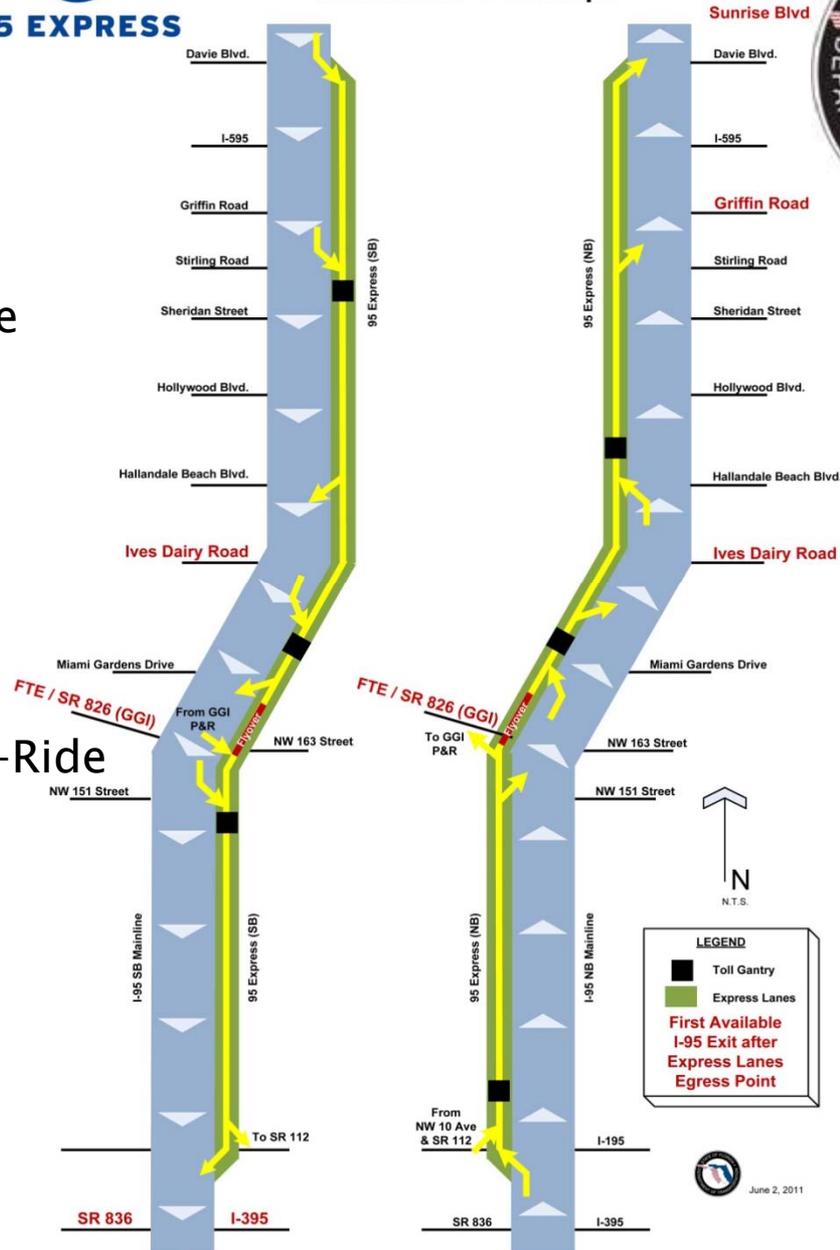
- From Broward Blvd. Park-n-Ride
- From Griffin Rd.
- From Ives Dairy Rd.

Southbound Exit Points:

- To Ives Dairy Rd.
- To the Golden Glades Interchange



Phase 2
Alternative 1 Concept



Project Benefits



- ▶ Phase 1 A&B report significant improvements in traffic flow since express lanes opened
- ▶ Additional travel options for motorists
- ▶ Enhanced Transit Service between counties
- ▶ New Noise Barrier Walls in Hollywood and Hallandale

Construction Impacts



- ▶ Nighttime and off-peak lane closures
- ▶ Full closure of local streets w/detours for bridge widening
 - Anticipated four to six weekend closures for each bridge
- ▶ Removal of the HOV Lane designation early in project
- ▶ Potential noise impacts in residential areas
- ▶ Potential impacts to existing express lanes



Mitigation Measures



- ▶ Lane closures on I-95 are restricted to non-peak travel times only
- ▶ Maintain same number of travel lanes during peak travel times throughout construction
- ▶ Stagger bridge work to avoid impacting two adjacent bridges and interchanges at the same time
- ▶ Work scheduled around major events and holidays



Public Outreach/Education



- ▶ Public Information Management Team (PIMT) includes partner agencies and organizations
- ▶ Close and continuous coordination with Broward MPO, transit agencies and local municipalities
- ▶ Two preconstruction public meetings – one in Broward County, one in Miami–Dade County
- ▶ Continuing outreach & education efforts utilizing variety of tools and techniques



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SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING: DECEMBER 7, 2011

INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

DRAFT 2012 PTAC MEETING SCHEDULE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

For the committee's consideration, a draft 2012 PTAC meeting schedule has been developed. The schedule proposes to continue the past practice of typically meeting on the third Wednesday of the month. However, the draft 2012 schedule also proposes to shift PTAC meetings ahead to the second Wednesday during certain months to match up with the schedule of the SEFTC Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC). This practice would continue the ongoing efforts to hold the PTAC and RTTAC meetings on the same date.

The draft schedule calls for monthly PTAC meetings throughout 2012, but it is likely that some of these dates will be cancelled due to circumstances such as summer vacations, proximity to holidays, or conflicts with other meetings or workshops in the region.

The following is the draft 2012 PTAC meeting schedule:

January 11*
February 15
March 21
April 11*
May 16
June 20
July 11*
August 15
September 12 or 19**
October 10 or 17**
November 14***
December 19

*Meeting date moved to second Wednesday to match with SEFTC/RTTAC schedule

**September & October RTTAC meeting dates will depend on potential need for TRIP prioritization

***Meeting date moved to second Wednesday to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

