



**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 1:30 PM
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Board Room
800 NW 33rd Street
Pompano Beach, Florida

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. April 22, 2009 Meeting Notes
- III. Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update Status
 - A. LRTP Plan Status
 - B. Schedule Update
 - C. Regional and Local Revenue Forecasts
 - D. Transit Capacity Quality of Service
 - E. Needs Plan Update
 - F. Cost Feasible Plan Approach and Schedule
- IV. Other Business
- V. Next Meeting-June 24 (4th Wednesday)
- VI. Adjournment



MEETING NOTES

Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC)

April 22, 2009

Date: April 23, 2009 Project #: 9338.16

To: Randy Whitfield, RTTAC Chair

From: Jessica Josselyn and John Zegeer, PE

The following is a summary of the RTTAC meeting held on April 22, 2009.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

SFRTA, 1:30 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDEES

1. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, rwhitfie@pbcgov.com
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19. Larry Allen, SFRPC, Lallen@SFRPC.com

MEETING NOTES

Below is a summary of the key points discussed at the meeting. The comments have been organized by agenda topic. Underlined text highlights deadlines/schedule items.

I) Call to Order

Randy Whitfield called the meeting to order.

II) March 18, 2009 Meeting Notes

The March 18, 2009 meeting notes were approved by the RTTAC as is.

III) Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update Status**a) LRTP Plan Status**

Miami-Dade MPO has concluded a two-day workshop to identify the Needs Plan projects. Over 200 projects were evaluated. In early May, the subcommittee will re-convene to select the Cost-Feasible Plan projects.

Palm Beach MPO has reviewed the Needs Plan projects. The MPO is doing a final review of the Revenue estimates. The first alternative for the Cost Feasible Plan has been developed. The model runs for the Cost Feasible Plan will begin next week. There have been significant land-use changes in The Acreage. However, these changes will not have an effect on the Regional Corridors. Any updates to the socioeconomic data, E+C network or baseline needs network will be established in June.

Broward MPO has had some shift in direction. There is new Vision and Mission Statement with more emphasis placed on transit. Mobility Hubs have been established. These Hubs will be connected by the transit network. The Needs Assessment has been reviewed by the TCC. These projects will be reviewed by the CIR on May 5 and the MPO Board in a Workshop on May 28. The Broward MPO revenue estimates will be released by the end of next week.

b) Project Schedule

Jessica Josselyn reviewed the milestones for the project. Adoption of the three county plans will occur in October and November 2009. The Regional Plan will be adopted in January 2010. Everything is currently on schedule. RTTAC members were asked to review the schedule handout and send any comments/concerns to Jessica Josselyn, jjosselyn@kittelton.com.

c) Environmental Objectives

Jessica Josselyn and Randy Whitfield have reviewed comments from Bruce Offord of DEP regarding the GOMs. We have developed a plan to respond to these comments

by including additional objectives in the GOMs if they can be measured. Some of the suggestions made by DEP for additional objectives were already included in the previous objectives. Lois Bush asked if all greenhouse gases (in addition to CO₂) would be defined for transportation projects. Randy Whitfield said that carbon dioxide would be specially called out to represent greenhouse gases. A baseline will be set for mobile source emissions.

d) Regional and Local Revenue Forecasts

At the last SEFTC meeting, there was discussion that suggested consideration for developing a Long-Range Transportation Plan that excludes funding for Tri-Rail commuter rail service. A ten-year forecast for funding Tri-Rail has been distributed by SFRTA. At this time, funding is uncertain. Budget discussions in Palm Beach County as to their level of Tri-Rail funding will be known in July. Wilson Fernandez suggested that in terms of projecting revenues, we could assume that each county will continue to contribute to Tri-Rail at the current rate throughout the life of the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan. Phil Steinmiller said that the plan could be amended next year if the assumptions for Tri-Rail funding change. Joe Quinty suggested that we assume current levels in terms of Tri-Rail funding. A consensus was reached that each MPO would assume that the current revenue for funding Tri-Rail would remain as it is today for LRTP purposes.

e) Modeling

The Regional Baseline Needs Plan projects have been coded by Corradino. The transit speeds among the three counties were resolved in an impromptu telephone conference. The SERPM network has been turned over to the three counties. Updates to the E+C and Needs Plan projects will occur in June. The draft Regional Cost-Feasible Plan will be run in August by Corradino.

f) Public Involvement

Jessica Josselyn reminded everyone that a final round of Broward County and Miami-Dade County Workshops will occur and that Dickey Consultants will attend these meetings. Sheryl Dickey will reach out to the three MPOs to provide regional information for the next edition of the LRTP Newsletters. The SEFTC website will be updated in May. RL RTP materials will also be updated on the website.

g) Transit Quality of Service

A status report concerning the TQoS work will be distributed for the RTTAC review. TQoS is the application of the TCQoS Manual. The FDOT Central Office no longer requires a TQoS evaluation, but we will move forward for the regional evaluation. On page 3 of the memorandum that was distributed at the

meeting, O/D pairs 1 through 10 are the same as the O/D pairs that were analyzed by Gannett-Fleming in 2002. The remaining five O/D pairs considered based on FSUTMS output, knowledge of the region, and consideration of the Goals and Objectives. Two of the 15 O/D pairs currently do not have transit service. This can be addressed when the need for regional transit route additions are considered in the regional LRTP. This memorandum will be distributed to all RTTAC members. Each member is requested to provide feedback on the list of 15 O/D pairs within one week of receiving the review package from Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

h) Prioritization Process

As part of the RL RTP scope, the Prioritization Process that was previously used to identify projects for TRIP funding will be reviewed and revised as needed for the 2035 Plan. A work session will be held with the Regional Management Team in May to go over previous issues, concerns, and new ideas. A draft and final process will be presented to the RTTAC for review, comment, and approval. Arlene Davis requested that the RTTAC send a review package a week in advance of the RTTAC meeting so the material can be properly reviewed.

IV) SEFTC Meeting

The SEFTC meeting occurred last week. At that time, the SEFTC Board requested that a status report regarding the implementation and operation of major projects be provided in subsequent meetings. These major projects include the I-595 improvements, the I-95 Express (Managed Lanes), and the FEC Corridor (premium transit service). The regional freight study and the U.S. 27 rail corridor study were also discussed. A presentation was made regarding the status of Phase 2 of the FEC study. A request was also made that the Universal Fare Card status be presented at the next RTTAC meeting.

V) Other Business

There was no other business.

VI) Next Meeting – May 20

The next RTTAC meeting will be held on May 20th at 1:30 at the SFRTA Board Room.

VII) Adjournment