

September 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC)

Modeling Subcommittee

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To: Wilson Fernandez, RTTAC Modeling Subcommittee Chair
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The following is a summary of the RTTAC Modeling Subcommittee meeting held on September 22, 2009. Meeting presentations should be provided separately via email and ftp.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

1:30 pm
Florida Department of Transportation, District IV
Administrative Conference Room, First Floor
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

MEETING ATTENDEES (*alphabetical order by agency/firm*)

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MEETING NOTES

Below is a summary of the key points discussed at the meeting. The comments have been organized by agenda topic.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Wilson Fernandez called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm and everyone introduced themselves. No preliminary discussions.

II. Status Report on E+C Update Reflecting TIP Adoptions

Srin made a presentation on the process to update the E+C network. Palm Beach and Broward still need final review. Wilson established a deadline of October 1st for receiving all remaining comments on the E+C network with a final version of network distributed by October 8th.

III. Status of Draft Cost Feasible Plan Coding

Srin made a presentation on the process to code the CFP network. Unfunded fixed guideways were removed for the Cost Feasible Plan but transit only links were left in the CFP network because these will not affect the results and can be used in the future for alternatives testing. Srin will review Miami-Dade MPO comments that were already submitted and update based on that. Several partially funded projects were coded in the network, but those errors have been flagged in comments from the Miami-Dade MPO. For clarification purposes, Arturo will send a new list for Palm Beach County with projects highlighted that should have been coded.

IV. Cost Feasible Consistency Review

The following projects were discussed as part of Rob's presentation on the consistency review:

- CS will provide a listing of unfunded Needs Plan projects not removed from CFP network coding.
- Turnpike 8-laning in Miami-Dade County is not cost feasible... 4 lanes per direction ends at northside ramps to the football stadium.
- I-95 at Broward/Miami-Dade County line is apparently ok.
- I-95 at Broward/Palm Beach County line is wrong on the Broward County side (Broward MPO made the wrong assumption that the managed lanes project was unfunded).
- Turnpike should show 6 lanes from Sawgrass Expressway to PB County line. Turnpike staff will review the E+C network and provide comments on this as well as the CFP net.
- Dixie Highway and Federal Highway might be flip-flopped at the Broward/Palm Beach County line (Dixie should be 4 lanes and US 1 is 6 lanes).
- Tri-Rail should not have a new station at Glades Road and headways should be 20/30/60.
- Griffin Road should be "as is" at 6 lanes east of Flamingo Road.
- SR A1A lane drop at Broward/Miami-Dade County line is correct and reflects today.
- SW 10th Avenue should be 6-lane divided arterial in CFP (uninterrupted coding is wrong).
- It appears that the same situation exists on Flamingo Road, except with 6 lanes in Miami.
- Hillsboro Blvd extension coding is actually correct, as strange as it looks.
- Dolphin Expressway SW Extension - remove project.
- Dolphin Expressway Managed Lanes - remove west of SR 826.

- HEFT laneage reductions needed north of Kendall Drive.
- I-75 Express Lanes – not cost feasible but discussed whether or not to keep for future use.
- Tamiami Trail/SW 8th Street/87th Ave – remove interchange and reconnect crossroads.
- CS will provide listing of E+C revisions that should also be made to the CFP.

Lina will forward the Broward Cost Feasible Plan transit projects listing to Rob for review.

V. Comments on Draft Cost Feasible Plan Coding

Gannett Fleming provided their comments in advance of the meeting. The North Corridor was discussed, as well as interlining future Miami-Dade BRT (since MetroRail extension will not be funded) with BRT proposed in Broward County. A few additional comments from Broward and Palm Beach MPO consultants were discussed. Each consultant will submit their own list of comments. Wilson requested that remaining CFP comments be provided by the end of this week (9/25). Revised CFP networks will be provided to the consultants on October 1st.

VI. Remaining Work Efforts/Schedule

Final network cleanup, development of regional plan, regional performance statistics, and ongoing network maintenance will be the topics for our final meeting. Regional plan is scheduled for adoption in January, including interim years. Wilson questioned whether or not interim year networks were needed in this post-air quality maintenance era. Jess needs GIS shape files for MPO Needs Plan and eventually the Cost Feasible Plan as well (after adoption).

VII. Other Business

none.

VIII. Schedule/Next Meeting

Final meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 3rd at 9am. See item VI for meeting topics.