



**MEETING NOTICE**  
**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC)**  
**November 21, 2011**  
**10:00 AM**

South Florida Regional Planning Council  
3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140  
Hollywood, Florida 33021

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AGENDA:

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- \*II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA\*\*
- \*III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - \*A. Approval of July 25, 2011 Minutes\*\*
- IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  - \*A. Southeast Florida Regional Partnership – HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program Update
  - \*B. Regional Smart Card Update
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - \*A. South Florida East Coast Corridor Study Status Report
  - \*B. South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Report
  - \*C. MPOAC Report
  - \*D. 2012 Meeting Dates and Locations\*\*

- VII. CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS
- IX. STAFF COMMENTS
- X. NEXT MEETING – TBD
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

\* Supporting Documentation Provided

\*\*Action Requested



MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA  
TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC) MEETING  
Monday, July 25, 2011

Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board Room  
Trade Centre South, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

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**Southeast Florida Transportation Council  
Attendance Record – 2010-2011**

<b>Name/Representing</b>	<b>Feb 2010</b>	<b>Apr 2010</b>	<b>Jul 2010</b>	<b>Sept 2010</b>	<b>Jan 2011</b>	<b>Apr 2011</b>	<b>Jul 2011</b>
Mayor Richard Kaplan* Broward MPO Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro*** Miami-Dade BCC	E	P	E	P	E	P	E
Councilor Robert Friedman** Palm Beach MPO Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

\*Chair \*\*Vice Chair \*\*\*New Appointment

P – Member Present ALT-Alternate Member Present E-Excused A-Absent

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**INDIVIDUAL NAMES**

Arlene Davis  
Brittany Croone  
Chris Ryan  
Darryl DePencier  
David Amdertom  
Glenn Wiltshire  
Gregory Stuart  
Irma San Roman  
Jessica Josselyn  
Joe Quinty  
Ken Jeffries  
L. (Leslie) Wetherell  
Larry Merritt  
Lois Bush  
Malissa Booth  
Paul Flavien  
Phil Steinmiller  
Randy Whitfield  
Robyn Chiarelli  
Tim Garling  
Wilson Fernandez

**REPRESENTING**

Port Everglades  
Kittelson & Associates, Inc.  
Broward MPO  
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Port Everglades  
Port Everglades  
Broward MPO  
Miami-Dade MPO  
Kittelson & Associates, Inc.  
SFRTA  
PLEMO – FDOT District VI  
FDOT – District IV  
FDOT – District IV  
FDOT – District IV  
Palm Beach MPO  
Broward MPO  
FDOT – District VI  
Palm Beach MPO  
FDOT – District IV  
BCT  
Miami-Dade MPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by MAYOR KAPLAN.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MAYOR KAPLAN asked for a motion for the adoption of the agenda. Motion to adopt the agenda was made by COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN; seconded by MAYOR KAPLAN. Motion carried unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 25, 2011

**MAYOR KAPLAN asked for a motion for approval of the April 25, 2011 minutes. Motion to approve the April 25, 2011 Minutes was made by COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN; seconded by MAYOR KAPLAN. Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

There were no transportation matters brought forth by citizens.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities

RANDY WHITFIELD gave an overview of the agenda item. A revised version was submitted to the Board.

MAYOR KAPLAN wanted to give Port Everglades representatives a chance to speak about TRIP items because they want to move \$10 million in TRIP funding three years into FY '14/'15.

GLENN WILTSHIRE, the Deputy Director of Port Everglades, requested the deferral of TRIP funding that was previously approved and funded by the Legislature for the Port Bypass Road from the Port Master Plan in 2007. They applied for \$10.95 million in TRIP funding in 2008, which was 50% of the total estimated project cost. The funding was approved and moved around in the work program for FDOT and ended up in FY '11/'12. At the time of application, the project was a single project constructing a bypass road through the Port that would free up traffic on Route 1 to the Port. In 2009, the project was going to remove the current entrance at the north end where the convention center is located. Because of Port user and stakeholder input, the project was modified to add an entrance back in and, to meet immediate needs of the convention center, the project was spilt into phases. Phase 1 is to move the entry checkpoint. Phase 2 is to build the rest of the Bypass Road. They thought they were in good shape until FDOT informed them that they had to be in 100% project design and fully permitted within the '11/'12 time period. Because of the phasing, the contract cannot go out on the street in the current year. Right now, Phase 1 is advertised, but Phase 2 is not. FDOT informed them that rather than losing

the funds they can request a deferral. Initially, they were doing a design build. FDOT recently stated that because of a legislative change last year none of the funding can be used for design, only for construction. Therefore, the Port needs the funding to be pushed out to FY '14/'15.

GLENN WILTSHIRE made a request to defer funding for the project to a later year.

COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN asked if FDOT had given approval to the deferral.

LESLIE WETHERELL from FDOT District IV reports that the Department is in support of the deferral of the TRIP funds to FY '14/'15 because the project still will meet TRIP criteria.

MAYOR KAPLAN expressed concern over whether or not TRIP funding will be available in the future. He shares his philosophy that "If you have the money spend it, but do not count on it being there in the future." Overall, MAYOR KAPLAN does not have a problem with the deferral, he is just not sure that the funds will be available later.

LESLIE WETHERELL stated that TRIP funding is accessible now through FY '14/'15. She also affirms that even though funding for the SEED program was taken from the TRIP funding, District IV has still been able to fund all of its TRIP projects.

MAYOR KAPLAN does support the deferral, but he does not support pushing the money back thinking that it may be lost. MAYOR KAPLAN discusses other options with GREG STUART. A new round of TIGER grants have just come out. MAYOR KAPLAN would like to take advantage of this. He has developed a concept to try and raise funds to replace the shuttle bus fleet with hybrid or electric vehicles and charging stations to help control operations and management costs. The particular vehicle type has not yet been determined. The Mayor prefers the Port project be deferred to FY '14/'15 and the staff start exploring other options for funding the shuttle bus replacement. Also, Palm Beach County could look at intersection improvements that could possibly be pushed up. Overall, if the money is available and the project is available, MAYOR KAPLAN wants to spend it.

COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN has no objection.

RANDY WHITFIELD, IRMA SAN ROMAN, and GREGORY STUART will get started and report findings at the next meeting.

Since TIGER grants have to be applied by October 1<sup>st</sup>, a special meeting will be necessary to deal with this issue.

LESLIE WETHERELL points out that the vehicle replacement project does not add capacity to the system, which is one of the requirements of TRIP funding. MAYOR KAPLAN responds that the project will add capacity because it will re-establish routes that were removed. She also states that projects considered for this TRIP funding must have been previously vetted.

MAYOR KAPLAN asks the Staff to not wait until September, but to find the earliest opportunity possible to utilize the TRIP funding. If nothing is found, then they will consider moving the funding back with the Port Bypass Road Project.

**MAYOR KAPLAN asked for a motion to move the Port Bypass project back to FY '14/'15 and to look at using the funds now on another project. Motion was made by COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN; seconded by MAYOR KAPLAN. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Southeast Florida Regional Partnership – HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program Update

RANDY WHITFIELD opened up the agenda item for the HUD grant status and introduced JIM MURLEY, SFRPC project director for the SEFL regional partnership and deputy director at the SFRPC, to give the status report. He presented a few additions from the April briefing:

- They have formed a Management Team under the grant.
- The Executive Committee adopted a statement of organization for expanding to select other needed representatives. The Executive Committee has two subcommittees: Statement of Organization Subcommittee and the Operations Subcommittee (overseeing statement of qualifications process; choosing a master consultant; received six full RFQ responses last Friday).
- The Technical Advisory committee will rank the responses for interviews by the third week of August; RANDY WHITFIELD and LOIS BUSH are on that selection committee
- A master consultant will be in place by September.

JIM MURLEY states that one of the benefits of the HUD grant is that any application for HUD funding in the seven-county region is eligible for a two-point bonus if applying for a competitive grant in the HUD menu of grants. They are writing letters of support for competitive grants coming out of the region. They want to work with SEFTC and other groups to support any further grants.

There are no questions from COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN.

GREG STUART stated that the Broward MPO is doing alternative analyses on all of their major corridors and asked if they could get a letter of support for that. JIM MURLEY replied that they could do that. GREG STUART will be contacting them shortly.

MAYOR KAPLAN would like to implement a single regional system. Although there would be funding challenges and political power struggles, he believes that a regional system is necessary for efficiency and overall system success. He stated that at one time, it was logical to have three MPOs, but now that the cities have grown together, it does not make as much sense.

C. Regional Smart Card Update

RANDY WHITFIELD opened up the agenda item and introduced TIM GARLING from Broward County Transit to give the update. TIM GARLING stated that Broward, Palm Beach, Miami Dade, and the RTA have all been working together to move forward with the study.

The study has six main criteria:

1. Enable the ease of use for riders across the tri-county area
2. Support existing pass products and cash payments
3. Support the future tri-county regional pass products
4. Minimize dependence on a single vendor
5. Reuse existing equipment to the maximum extent possible
6. Make sure the architecture will support future technologies

The committee has held very productive and positive meetings. They have agreed upon a number of key findings: having an open architecture and sticking with a single vendor seems to be the most modern and flexible way, seamless experiences for all customers is possible, not necessary to have a single set of fare rules. They are developing a concept that consists of two phases. They want to immediately get into a position where Broward and Palm Beach transit systems can read the existing RTA and Miami smart card. If they buy the right technology, it would be the same that has the ability to read bank cards. This would accomplish short and long term goals. A final draft report for the study is expected on August 15<sup>th</sup> and a final written report on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Once they have the report, they will be costing out and deciding what they could begin to buy. The committee is seeing a positive future with very impressive technologies. They are really excited about providing a modern and seamless system to make it really easy for users. The committee is also moving towards using smart phone technology.

MAYOR KAPLAN wants the report on the next meeting agenda. Also, he asked if BCT is signed up for the Broward Green Expo in November. MAYOR KAPLAN then requested them to submit.

COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN asked if all parties involved will agree with the report once it is released. TIM GARLING responded that it is too early to tell, but the way it appears, they can just add on to what already exists. That should not cause any problems.

COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN requested that in addition to the final report a response to the report from the various groups indicating whether or not they have any issues with it should be included.

MAYOR KAPLAN announced that in the next legislative session there will be a bill put in stating that all technology must be compatible with other smart card technology.

#### D. Regional Transit Operations Study

RANDY WHITFIELD opened the agenda item. He introduced PAUL FLAVIEN from the Broward MPO. PAUL FLAVIEN gave a presentation on the Regional Transit Operations Study findings.

MAYOR KAPLAN expressed that in order to accomplish a regionalized system one needs to create an autonomous operational entity. PAUL FLAVIEN disagreed, stating that only one card is needed, not necessarily one entity.

MAYOR KAPLAN asked LESLIE WETHERELL if this project adds capacity, could TRIP funding be used? LESLIE WETHERELL responded affirmatively as long as they could demonstrate that capacity would be added with a study.

MAYOR KAPLAN suggested this as something else the Staff should look in to.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. 2040 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Process

RANDY WHITFIELD opened the agenda item. The local Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) updates needs to be completed by December of 2014. The SERPM development is already underway.

MAYOR KAPLAN asked how many years in advance does the plan have to cover. RANDY WHITFIELD responded that USDOT requires a twenty year planning horizon. The region has been working with a twenty-five year horizon because it has been working for them.

MAYOR KAPLAN asked if it costs more to do a 2040 plan or to just amend the 2035 plan.

RANDY WHITFIELD responded that in the past, the LRTP updates are similar, but the financial factors change so much that one has to go through the whole process again to avoid the plan falling apart financially. Also, the air quality factor may soon come into play. If the region is in non-attainment again, that changes the approach and projects.

MAYOR KAPLAN did not understand the logic of making these plans for certain years very distant in the future, if we just update them every five years anyway. He brought up FDOT's 2060 plan. RANDY WHITFIELD replied that plan was for policy purposes only. He also stated that the HUD plan is for 2060, and that the 2040 plan could be an interim to the 2060 HUD plan.

### B. SEFTC Five-Year Plan Process

RANDY WHITFIELD opened the agenda item. He included a memorandum in the minutes outlining the process. The RTTAC has discussed creating a Five-Year Work Plan SEFTC to serve as a guide to its activities and a resource for allocation of funding and staff. The Plan would identify the activities associated with regional transportation planning and coordination among the MPOs, FDOT districts and other partners. The Plan could be similar to the current Unified Planning Work Programs adopted by each MPO and reflect common elements and each MPO's activities related to regional planning. Some of the activities that could be included in the Work Plan are listed below:

- SERPM model preparation and maintenance
- RL RTP preparation and maintenance
- Performance measures evaluation
- Regional Prioritization activities
- TRIP project identification and ranking
- SEFTC Staffing
- Regional Public Involvement
- Integrated Transportation Information System
- Web Site hosting and maintenance
- Regional Freight Planning
- Regional Greenways Planning

- TIP coordination
- Regional Transit Planning
- Regional reporting

The staff is continuing discussions to determine the tasks to be included, level of detail for each task and how the work program would fit into the overall transportation planning process for South Florida.

No additional discussion transpired.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to discuss.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN would like to receive a hard copy of the meeting agenda a week in advance.

**MAYOR KAPLAN asked for a motion to allow the Chair to cancel and reset meetings based on staff recommendations. Motion was made by COUNCILOR FRIEDMAN; seconded by MAYOR KAPLAN. Motion carried unanimously.**

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

X. NEXT MEETING - TBD

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 A.M.



MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.  
Director Palm Beach MPO

DATE: November 21, 2011

RE: **Southeast Florida Regional Partnership - HUD Sustainable Communities  
Planning Grant Program Update**

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The Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach MPOs are participating in a regional partnership through the South Florida Regional Planning Council and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to plan, design, and implement a multi-jurisdictional regional plan for sustainable development. This process will create a Regional Vision and Blueprint with a horizon of 2060. This seven-county initiative includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe, and Miami-Dade.

The Partnership has selected a consultant team led by Dover, Kohl and Partners to carry out the work plan. The team has met with the RTTAC to provide an overview and discuss the interaction with the MPOs in the transportation element of the Blueprint. Further information will be provided at the meeting.

**Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.**

RMW/eer



## MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.  
Director Palm Beach MPO

DATE: November 21, 2011

RE: **Regional “Smart Card” Update**

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At the last meeting, the Board received an update related to implementation of a universal fare card in Southeast Florida. This “Smart Card” would be used by Tri Rail and the three county transit systems. The South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA) and the Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) system have implemented compatible technology for use by their respective agencies. Broward and Palm Beach transit operators are working with an FDOT consultant relative to equipment compatibility and fare policies by the various operators. FDOT has included \$1.32 million in the FY 13-17 Tentative Work Program to fund the smart card interface for Broward and Palm Beach counties. The regional partners have held several meetings relative to moving forward with a smart card. Further information will be provided at the meeting regarding the study and schedule.

**Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.**

RMW/eer



## MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.  
Director Palm Beach MPO

DATE: November 21, 2011

RE: **South Florida East Coast Corridor Study Status Report**

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Several years ago, FDOT initiated a study to provide transit services in the FEC railroad corridor. The study was not limited to rail but include roadways and considered rail and bus modes. The results of the study recommended rail service on the FEC railroad using technology similar to that currently used by Tri Rail. The Locally Preferred Alternative was accepted by the Palm Beach and Broward MPOs. The Miami-Dade MPO actions was deferred. The next phase of the study would include detailed evaluation of the various segments of the service from Jupiter to downtown Miami. The Department has retained a consultant to provide overall guidance for the entire length of the corridor for the three segments. The consultants for the three segments have not been selected. FDOT staff will provide a status report of the study at the meeting.

**Staff Recommendation: For information purposes.**

RMW/eer



## REVISED

### MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.  
Director Palm Beach MPO

DATE: November 21, 2011

RE: **South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Report**

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The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) staff is providing a status report presentation to its partner transportation agencies. The presentation will provide a brief overview of SFRTA and its recent projects and initiatives. The Fast Start Plan recently announced by the RTA will also be presented to the Council. This proposal would provide commuter rail service on the FEC railroad with varying levels of service within the three counties. SFRTA staff will provide the overview and proposal.

**Staff Recommendation: The SEFTC encourages FDOT, SFRTA and FEC to work together actively on a plan for passenger service on the FEC railroad and provide periodic reports to local governments and the public.**

RMW/eer



## MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.  
Director Palm Beach MPO

DATE: November 21, 2011

RE: **MPOAC Report**

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The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) has representatives from the 26 MPOs in the State of Florida. There is a committee composed of the staff directors and a board which includes an elected official from each MPO Board. The MPOAC serves as a forum for transportation issues and a mechanism to disseminate information from Federal and State transportation agencies.

At a recent MPOAC meeting, FDOT staff presented items under consideration for submittal to the 2012 legislative session by the Department. The items included increased seaport funding, elimination of the Florida Passenger Rail Commission, consideration of a bicycle access pilot project and a number of administrative changes. Two items were of particular interest to the MPOs. One item would consider providing incentives for regional coordination or merging of MPOs. The other item would call for submission of one project priority list for those urbanized areas with multiple MPOs, beginning in 2013. This requirement would not be limited to TRIP funds. At the time of this memo, no final decisions had been made concerning the FDOT legislative submission.

**Staff Recommendation: For information and discussion.**

RMW/eer

DOT Package Summary

Bill Section	Page Number	Statute	Section Heading	Summary	Fiscal Impact	In 2011 HB 1363
46	71	339.155	Transportation Planning	<p>Conforms state law to recent changes in federal requirements for statewide transportation planning.</p> <p>Clarifies the statewide planning process and simplifies the terminology used in state law.</p> <p>Provides that representatives of the department shall serve as nonvoting advisers to a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and authorizes additional nonvoting advisors.</p>	None	Yes
47	81	339.175	Metropolitan Planning Organization	<p>Requiring MPOs in urbanized areas containing more than one MPO to adopt a single list of project priorities for the urbanized area.</p>	None	Yes-Nonvoting advisors
48	84	339.2819	Transportation Regional Incentive Program	<p>Revises cross-references and revises the state matching funds requirement to up to 50% of the project's cost.</p>	None	No
53	93	341.840	Tax Exemption-High Speed Rail	<p>Replaces references to the "authority" with references to the "department."</p>	None	No
54, 55	98	343.52; 343.42	South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)	<p>Eliminates authority to expand the area served by the SFRTA.</p> <p>Changes the composition of the governing board of the SFRTA.</p>	None	No

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2220 general circulation for the area affected. These notices must be  
 2221 published twice, with the first notice appearing at least 15  
 2222 days, but no later than 30 days, before the hearing.

2223 3. A copy of the notice of opportunity for the hearing  
 2224 must be furnished to the United States Department of  
 2225 Transportation and to the appropriate departments of the state  
 2226 government at the time of publication.

2227 4. The opportunity for another hearing shall be afforded  
 2228 in any case when proposed locations or designs are so changed  
 2229 from those presented in the notices specified above or at a  
 2230 hearing as to have a substantially different social, economic,  
 2231 or environmental effect.

2232 5. The opportunity for a hearing shall be afforded in each  
 2233 case in which the department is in doubt as to whether a hearing  
 2234 is required.

2235 Section 47. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and paragraph  
 2236 (b) of subsection (8) of section 339.175, Florida Statutes, are  
 2237 amended to read:

2238 339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

2239 (4) APPORTIONMENT.—

2240 (a) The Governor shall, with the agreement of the affected  
 2241 units of general-purpose local government as required by federal  
 2242 rules and regulations, apportion the membership on the  
 2243 applicable M.P.O. among the various governmental entities within  
 2244 the area. At the request of a majority of the affected units of  
 2245 general-purpose local government comprising an M.P.O., the  
 2246 Governor and a majority of units of general-purpose local  
 2247 government serving on an M.P.O. shall cooperatively agree upon

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2248 and prescribe who may serve as an alternate member and a method  
 2249 for appointing alternate members who may vote at any M.P.O.  
 2250 meeting that an alternate member attends in place of a regular  
 2251 member. The method shall be set forth as a part of the  
 2252 interlocal agreement describing the M.P.O.'s membership or in  
 2253 the M.P.O.'s operating procedures and bylaws. The governmental  
 2254 entity so designated shall appoint the appropriate number of  
 2255 members to the M.P.O. from eligible officials. Representatives  
 2256 of the department shall serve as nonvoting advisers to ~~members~~  
 2257 ~~of~~ the M.P.O. governing board. Additional nonvoting advisers may  
 2258 be appointed by the M.P.O. as deemed necessary; however, to the  
 2259 maximum extent feasible, each M.P.O. shall seek to appoint  
 2260 nonvoting representatives of various multimodal forms of  
 2261 transportation not otherwise represented by voting members of  
 2262 the M.P.O. An M.P.O. shall appoint nonvoting advisers  
 2263 representing major military installations located within the  
 2264 jurisdictional boundaries of the M.P.O. upon the request of the  
 2265 aforesaid major military installations and subject to the  
 2266 agreement of the M.P.O. All nonvoting advisers may attend and  
 2267 participate fully in governing board meetings but shall not have  
 2268 a vote and shall not be members of the governing board. The  
 2269 Governor shall review the composition of the M.P.O. membership  
 2270 in conjunction with the decennial census as prepared by the  
 2271 United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and  
 2272 reapportion it as necessary to comply with subsection (3).

2273 (8) TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Each M.P.O. shall,  
 2274 in cooperation with the state and affected public transportation  
 2275 operators, develop a transportation improvement program for the

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2276 area within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. In the development of  
 2277 the transportation improvement program, each M.P.O. must provide  
 2278 the public, affected public agencies, representatives of  
 2279 transportation agency employees, freight shippers, providers of  
 2280 freight transportation services, private providers of  
 2281 transportation, representatives of users of public transit, and  
 2282 other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to  
 2283 comment on the proposed transportation improvement program.

2284 (b) Each M.P.O. annually shall prepare a list of project  
 2285 priorities and shall submit the list to the appropriate district  
 2286 of the department by October 1 of each year; however, the  
 2287 department and a metropolitan planning organization may, in  
 2288 writing, agree to vary this submittal date. Beginning with the  
 2289 priority list submitted no later than October 1, 2013, if more  
 2290 than one M.P.O. exists within an urbanized area or a  
 2291 transportation management area designated by the secretary of  
 2292 the United States Department of Transportation, a single list of  
 2293 project priorities shall be developed and approved by the  
 2294 M.P.O.'s in the urbanized area. The list of project priorities  
 2295 must be formally reviewed by the technical and citizens'  
 2296 advisory committees, and approved by the M.P.O. or M.P.O.'s,  
 2297 before it is transmitted to the district. The approved list of  
 2298 project priorities must be used by the district in developing  
 2299 the district work program and must be used by the M.P.O. in  
 2300 developing its transportation improvement program. The annual  
 2301 list of project priorities must be based upon project selection  
 2302 criteria that, at a minimum, consider the following:

- 2303 1. The approved M.P.O. long-range transportation plan;

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2304 2. The Strategic Intermodal System Plan developed under s.  
2305 339.64.

2306 3. The priorities developed pursuant to s. 339.2819(4).

2307 4. The results of the transportation management systems;  
2308 and

2309 5. The M.P.O.'s public-involvement procedures.

2310 Section 48. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
2311 339.2819, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2312 339.2819 Transportation Regional Incentive Program.—

2313 (1) There is created within the Department of  
2314 Transportation a Transportation Regional Incentive Program for  
2315 the purpose of providing funds to improve regionally significant  
2316 transportation facilities in regional transportation areas  
2317 created pursuant to s. 339.155(4) ~~s. 339.155(5)~~.

2318 (2) The percentage of matching funds provided from the  
2319 Transportation Regional Incentive Program shall be up to 50  
2320 percent of project costs.

2321 (3) The department shall allocate funding available for  
2322 the Transportation Regional Incentive Program to the districts  
2323 based on a factor derived from equal parts of population and  
2324 motor fuel collections for eligible counties in regional  
2325 transportation areas created pursuant to s. 339.155(4) ~~s.~~  
2326 ~~339.155(5)~~.

2327 Section 49. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 339.62,  
2328 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2329 339.62 System components.—The Strategic Intermodal System  
2330 shall consist of appropriate components of:

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2691 not paid at the time of purchase or fabrication shall be  
 2692 immediately due and payable to the Department of Revenue,  
 2693 together with the appropriate interest and penalty, computed  
 2694 from the date of purchase, in the manner prescribed by chapter  
 2695 212.

2696 (e) If a contractor fails to apply for a high-speed rail  
 2697 system exemption permit, or if a contractor initially determined  
 2698 by the department ~~authority~~ to not qualify for exemption is  
 2699 subsequently determined to be eligible, the contractor shall  
 2700 receive the benefit of the exemption in this subsection through  
 2701 a refund of previously paid taxes for transactions that  
 2702 otherwise would have been exempt. A refund may not be made for  
 2703 such taxes without the issuance of a certification by the  
 2704 department ~~authority~~ that the contractor was authorized to make  
 2705 purchases tax-exempt and a determination by the Department of  
 2706 Revenue that the purchases qualified for the exemption.

2707 (f) The department ~~authority~~ may adopt rules governing the  
 2708 application process for exemption of a contractor as an  
 2709 authorized agent of the department ~~authority~~.

2710 (g) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules governing  
 2711 the issuance and form of high-speed rail system exemption  
 2712 permits, the audit of contractors and subcontractors using such  
 2713 permits, the recapture of taxes on nonqualified purchases, and  
 2714 the manner and form of refund applications.

2715 Section 54. Subsection (3) of section 343.52, Florida  
 2716 Statutes, is amended to read:

2717 343.52 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

2718 (3) "Area served" means Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm

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2719 Beach Counties. ~~However, this area may be expanded by mutual~~  
 2720 ~~consent of the authority and the board of county commissioners~~  
 2721 ~~representing the proposed expansion area.~~

2722 Section 55. Section 343.53, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 2723 to read:

2724 343.53 South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.—

2725 (1) There is created and established a body politic and  
 2726 corporate, an agency of the state, to be known as the "South  
 2727 Florida Regional Transportation Authority," hereinafter referred  
 2728 to as the "authority."

2729 (2) The governing board of the authority shall consist of  
 2730 seven ~~nine~~ voting members, as follows:

2731 (a) The county commissions of Miami-Dade, Broward, and  
 2732 Palm Beach Counties shall each elect a commissioner as that  
 2733 commission's representative on the board. The commissioner must  
 2734 be a member of the county commission when elected and for the  
 2735 full extent of his or her term.

2736 ~~(b) The county commissions of Miami-Dade, Broward, and~~  
 2737 ~~Palm Beach Counties shall each appoint a citizen member to the~~  
 2738 ~~board who is not a member of the county commission but who is a~~  
 2739 ~~resident of the county from which he or she is appointed and a~~  
 2740 ~~qualified elector of that county. Insofar as practicable, the~~  
 2741 ~~citizen member shall represent the business and civic interests~~  
 2742 ~~of the community.~~

2743 (b)(e) The secretary of the Department of Transportation  
 2744 shall appoint one of the district secretaries, or his or her  
 2745 designee, for the districts within which the area served by the  
 2746 South Florida Regional Transportation Authority is located.

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2747 ~~(d) If the authority's service area is expanded pursuant~~  
 2748 ~~to s. 343.54(5), the county containing the new service area~~  
 2749 ~~shall have three members appointed to the board as follows:~~

2750 ~~1. The county commission of the county shall elect a~~  
 2751 ~~commissioner as that commission's representative on the board.~~  
 2752 ~~The commissioner must be a member of the county commission when~~  
 2753 ~~elected and for the full extent of his or her term.~~

2754 ~~2. The county commission of the county shall appoint a~~  
 2755 ~~citizen member to the board who is not a member of the county~~  
 2756 ~~commission but who is a resident and a qualified elector of that~~  
 2757 ~~county. Insofar as is practicable, the citizen member shall~~  
 2758 ~~represent the business and civic interests of the community.~~

2759 ~~3. The Governor shall appoint a citizen member to the~~  
 2760 ~~board who is not a member of the county commission but who is a~~  
 2761 ~~resident and a qualified elector of that county.~~

2762 ~~(c)(e)~~ The Governor shall appoint three ~~two~~ members to the  
 2763 board who are residents and qualified electors in the area  
 2764 served by the authority but who are not residents of the same  
 2765 county and ~~also not residents of the county in which the~~  
 2766 ~~district secretary who was appointed pursuant to paragraph (e)~~  
 2767 ~~is a resident.~~

2768 (3)~~(a)~~ Members of the governing board of the authority  
 2769 shall be appointed to serve 4-year staggered terms, except that  
 2770 the terms of the appointees of the Governor shall be concurrent.

2771 ~~(b) The terms of the board members currently serving on~~  
 2772 ~~the authority that is being succeeded by this act shall expire~~  
 2773 ~~July 30, 2003, at which time the terms of the members appointed~~  
 2774 ~~pursuant to subsection (2) shall commence. The Governor shall~~



## MEMORANDUM

TO: SEFTC Members

FROM: Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.  
Director Palm Beach MPO

DATE: November 21, 2011

RE: **2012 meeting Dates and Locations**

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The SEFTC Board meeting is generally held on the fourth Monday of the first month of each quarter. Using this guidance, the staff has compiled a schedule for the 2012 meetings. The proposed meeting dates are listed below.

- January 23
- April 23
- July 23
- October 22/ September 24

Two dates are shown for the fourth quarter in case the Board needs to approve a list of projects for TRIP funds prior to October 1.

The meetings would begin at 10:00 AM. Some of the members has expressed a desire to vary the location of the meetings. The Board should provide direction to the staff relative to the location of the meetings. Further discussion will occur at the meeting.

**Staff Recommendation: The Board approve the 2012 meeting dates and provide direction on the location of the meetings.**

RMW/eer