

Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

MEETING OF April 10, 2024, at 1:30 PM

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AGENDA

Chair

Aileen Bouclé, AICP
Miami-Dade
Transportation Planning
Organization

Executive Director

Member Organizations

Palm Beach
Transportation Planning
Agency

Broward Metropolitan
Planning Organization

Miami-Dade Transportation
Planning Organization

Florida Department of
Transportation Districts 4 & 6

South Florida Regional
Transportation Authority

Palm Tran

Broward County Transit

Treasure Coast Regional
Planning Council

South Florida Regional
Planning Council

Miami-Dade Department of
Transportation and Public
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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES – *Meeting of March 13, 2024*

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *2 minutes each speaker*

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. U.S. 27 / Okeechobee Freight Corridor
- B. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measure Coordination

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Public Participation Subcommittee (PPS)
- B. Model Subcommittee (MS)
- C. Transportation System Management and Operations Subcommittee (TSM&O)

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

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**Regional Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) Virtual Workshop
Wednesday, March 13, 2023, 1:30 PM**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Mara Teresita Vilches-Landa called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. Roll CALL

The following members were present (online) for the workshop of the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee on March 13, 2024:

Members Present

Name	Agency
Chair Maria Teresita Vilches-Landa	Miami - Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Andrew Uhler	Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Paul Flavien	Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Lois Bush	Florida Department of Transportation District 4
Natalie Yesbeck	South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Kim Delaney	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Christina Miskis	South Florida Regional Planning Council
Tewari Edmonson	Miami Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works
Bruce Guyton	Palm Tran
Khalilah Ffrench	Broward County Transit
Ken Jeffries	Florida Department of Transportation District 6

Attendees.

Name	Agency
Malcolm Moyse Jr	Miami - Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Hector DiDonato	Miami - Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Elizabeth Rockwell	Miami - Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Jerry Jackson	Miami - Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Christopher Rosenberg	Miami - Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Paul Calvaresi	Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Peter Gies	Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Matthew Masa	Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
George Nathan	Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

Sabrina Aubery	Florida Department of Transportation District 4
Gabriella Serrado	Miami - Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works
Rogelio Perez	South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Victoria Williams	Florida Turnpike Enterprise
James Brown Jr.	Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Jessica Josselyn	2050 RTP Consultant PM
Franco Saraceno	2050 RTP Consultant PM

III. Review of Agenda

Chair María Teresita Vilches-Landa asked for members to review the agenda. The agenda was not amended.

IV. Review of Minutes – February 7th, 2023

Chair María Teresita Vilches-Landa requested that the members review the minutes from February 7th, 2023. Approval of minutes was postponed to the next in person RTTAC meeting.

V. Public Comments

None.

VI. Comments from the Chair

Chair Maria Vilches-Landa briefed the attendees on historic transportation facts in reference to the 130th anniversary of Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway and its significance on growth and development of the South Florida Region.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Jessica Josselyn of Kittelson & Associates updated the group on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, highlighting completed tasks like finalizing network models and technical memorandums on accessibility methodology. She stressed the importance of scheduling and coordination.

Franco Saraceno of Kittelson & Associates provided a Regional Modeling Update and Accessibility Analysis Update, focusing on the discussion from the previous meeting regarding accessibility methodology. He suggested focusing on specialty hospitals and trauma centers and discussed challenges with data

availability inconsistencies.

Mr. Andrew Uhilir of the Palm Beach TPA raised concerns about the purpose of including level 1 trauma centers in the hospital list and mentions a potential future train station near a hospital in Palm Beach County.

Franco explained the rationale behind including trauma centers, highlighting their regional impact beyond patient care. Nathan George supported this perspective, emphasizing the significance of trauma centers.

Paul Calvaresi of the Broward MPO raised concerns about potential double counting of hospital impacts and emphasized the need for clarity on their inclusion in the accessibility analysis.

Franco responded, explaining the focus on transit accessibility and the multiple purposes hospitals serve beyond patient care. Nathan George supported this, highlighting the significance of hospitals as destinations.

Nathan George suggested focusing on level 1 trauma centers as major regional destinations, acknowledging concerns about map overload raised by Paul Calvaresi. Chair María Teresita Vilches-Landa emphasized the importance of transit accessibility for underserved communities.

Jessica Josselyn confirmed the group's decision made two to three months ago. Tewari Edmonson and Rogelio Perez emphasized the significance of hospital accessibility for underserved communities and the region's economy.

Tewari Edmonson of the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works highlighted the importance of accessibility, particularly concerning hospitals. Rogelio Perez emphasized hospitals as economic assets and job centers. Chair María Teresita Vilches-Landa acknowledged their input.

Andrew Uhilir sought clarification on the methodology for creating the accessibility model. Franco provided an overview, emphasizing the importance of travel time in the analysis and outlined the next steps.

Chair María Teresita Vilches-Landa noted procedural requirements for decisions regarding adding VA facilities. Nathan George expressed reservations about the approach to accessibility analysis, highlighting the importance of local amenities.

Paul Calvaresi expressed concern about a shift in analysis and advocated for prioritization of transit accessibility for daily needs over event-based destinations. Franco reassured him that the model provides separate results

for each destination category and suggested potential adjustments in weighting based on importance.

Lois Bush of FDOT District 4 inquired about the incorporation of regional centers into the 2040 regional plan, emphasizing the significance of Southeast Florida as a region of centers.

Nathan George sought clarification on future transit evaluation and its level of certainty, particularly regarding cost feasibility. Franco Saraceno responded, explaining that the focus would be on testing accessibility in a needs plan scenario, emphasizing the importance of consistency and collaboration among LRTP teams.

The 2050 RTP team continued the presentation by discussing the scenario planning efforts. Paul Flavien provided updates on travel demand modeling, emphasizing the need for timely coding of needs plans. Chair María Teresita Vilches-Landa provided insights into scenario planning, stressing collaboration and timely project submission.

Jessica Josselyn emphasized clarity and accountability in the submission of coded needs networks in addition to outlining next steps.

Franco Saraceno updated the group on scenario planning, mentioning completion of initial land use scenarios pending further refinement. Paul Flavien sought clarification on e-retail scenario impacts, and Franco assured adjustments for increased goods movement and industrial employment. Chair María Teresita Vilches-Landa and Jessica Josselyn facilitated discussions.

B. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measure- Open Discussion

An open discussion was held on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measure.

Ken Jeffries of FDOT District 6 provided information on discussions with Dana Redding regarding the MPOs' progress and the need to await directions from the central office regarding target establishment.

Kim DeLaney offered assistance to facilitate discussion with Martin County MPO, if necessary.

Committee members present held discussion and provided feedback.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Participation Subcommittee (PPS)

Elizabeth Rockwell, chair of the PPS, discussed the progress of LRTP and outreach efforts. She reviewed the utilization of fact sheets, regional art, and the 2050 RTP fact sheet. The regional survey, which is still open, will continue to be utilized for outreach.

B. Modeling Subcommittee (MS)

Paul Flavien, chair of MS provided updates on the SERPM 9 model development, stating that LRTP teams now had access to the latest model. He mentioned the transition from the Cube Voyager platform to PTV Vissum and upcoming meetings related to model development. The Next MS meeting will be held on March 25th, 2024.

C. Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittee (TSM&O)

Hector Di Donato of the Miami-Dade TPO provided information regarding the upcoming meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for April 19th, 2024.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

Tewari Edmonson from DTPW expressed his thoughts on the accessibility discussion. Edmonson proposed building upon this approach by integrating bicycle and pedestrian accessibility into the transit-focused analysis. He highlighted the importance of transit as the intermediary for regional bike/ped trips and emphasized the value of prioritizing transit accessibility in the decision-making process.

Paul Flavien also requested an agenda item for the next RTTAC meeting to discuss the potential of US 27 as a rail corridor traversing all three counties. Madame Chair Vilches expressed interest in the proposed agenda item and requested Paul to send an email to Ms. Franchesca Taylor to formalize the request.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

NEXT RTTAC MEETING: Wednesday April 10, 2024, at the Broward MPO Office