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Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Workshop

MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2024 10AM-12PM

Virtual Workshop Teams Link

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AGENDA

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. REVIEW OF AGENDA
- IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES Meeting of July 12, 2024
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS 2 minutes each speaker
- VI. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

VII. ACTION ITEM

- A. <u>Consensus to Recommend</u> resolution language to the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) requesting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) program a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for the implementation of rail along the US-27 corridor from Miami-Dade to Palm Beach County
- **B.** Consensus to Recommend Agenda of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Meeting for October 18, 2024

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. RTTAC & SEFTC Calendar Year 2025
- B. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Workshop
- C. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update
 - 1. Regional Network Cross Countyline Projects Overview
 - 2. Scenario Update
 - 3. Modeling Update and Accessibility Analysis
 - 4. Revenue and Finance Update
 - 5. MPO/TPO/TPA LRTP/MTP Updates

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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



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Regional Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) Meeting
Wednesday, July 12, 2024 10:00 AM
Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA)
301 Datura Street
West Palm Beach, FI 33401

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson María Teresita Vilches-Landa called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Roll CALL

The following members were present (either in-person or online) for the meeting of the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee on July 12th, 2024:

Members Present

Chair Maria T. Vilches-Landa, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization Peter Gies, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Andrew Uhlir, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Elijah Brown, Palm Tran Khalilah Ffrench, Broward County Transit Tewari Edmonson, Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works Barbara Handrahan, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Lois Bush, Florida Department of Transportation District 4 Ken Jeffries, Florida Department of Transportation District 6

Also Present

Brian Ruscher, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Melissa Eble, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Ruth Del Pino, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Nathan George, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (Online)
Franchesa Taylor, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Malcolm Moyse Jr, Miami Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Chrispher Rosenberg, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Paul Flavien, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (Online)
Paul Calvaresi, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Franco Saraceno, Kittleson & Associates, Inc (Online)
Unverified Caller, General Public (Online)

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Edmonson to approve the agenda and seconded by Mr. Gies. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2024, March 13, 2019, April 10, 2024, and June 12, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Uhlir to approval the minutes of the February 17, 2024, March 13, 2019, April 10, 2024, and June 12, 2024 meetings and seconded by Mr. Gies. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

V. Public Comments

Chairperson Vilches-Landa opened the meeting for the reasonable opportunity to be heard. There being no speaker cards presented, Chairperson Vilches-Landa closed the public comment period.

VI. Comments from the Chair

Chairperson Vilches-Landa provided a statement regarding the new express bus service between Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties. She announced that Palm Tran will soon launch the Port St. Lucie Express, connecting West Palm Beach to Port St. Lucie.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend Approval of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council Agenda

Mr. Uhlir of the Palm Beach TPA asked whether the US-27 Connector item was a discussion or presentation.

Mr. Gies of the Broward MPO clarified it is a discussion, but historical context can be provided by Paul Flavien of the Broward MPO.

Mr. Jeffries of FDOT District 6 noted there are no updates besides the Planning and Conceptual Engineering (PAC)) study which was completed in 2013.

Mr. Gies stated the importance of connection for a commuter rail in Broward County.

Motion made by Mr. Jeffries, seconded by Ms. Handrahan, to approve the Southeast Florida Transportation Council Agenda. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Mr. Franco Saraceno of Kittleson & Associates presented on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and timeline.

Mr. Gies asked for the timeline of the Palm Beach TPA's development of network coding status.

Mr. Uhlir stated it would be complete within the next two weeks.

B. Major Regional Corridors Discussion

Franchesa Taylor presented this item.

Mr. Jeffries asked if the PD&E study is included in the North Corridor project.

Mr. Gies noted only three phases are shown and it may be an issue that should be resolved with the Central Office of FDOT.

Mr. Flavien stated Power Line Rd from SW 10th Street to PBC line is a priority for Broward County and asked whether that is a priority in Palm Beach County. Mr. Uhlir noted that is a priority.

Mr. Uhlir asked what funding source is being allocated for the projects mentioned. Mr. Gies clarified that the US 27 study is state funded.

Mr. Flavien asked how Miami-Dade plans to show US-27 in its plan. Ms. Taylor noted they have the iron triangle included but not rail corridor.

Chairperson Vilches-Landa stated there will be a discussion with FDOT about project inclusion in their LRTP as they approve their deadline.

Mr. Jeffries noted it should be included as a cost estimate.

Mr. Gies stated the importance of including this because plans for Commuter Rail north of Miami-Dade County need to include freight, per FEC.

Mr. Gies stated a feasibility study would be included.

Mr. Flavien said there are ongoing efforts with FDOT District 4 and District 6 to classify US-27 as part of the national highway freight network which

could provide funding for the corridor.

Mr. Uhlir asked whether grade separation is being discussed in Broward or Miami. Mr. Gies stated Broward presented projects that are regional in nature including SFRC and FEC grade separation.

C. Discussion of 2045 Multimodal Regional Corridors Network

Chairperson Vilches-Landa initiated the discussion by providing background on the development of the 2045 Multimodal Regional Corridors Network. She explained that since 2019, the regional corridor map has been in use, outlining various regional facilities, including rail lines and waterways. The map has served as a foundational tool for regional planning and funding decisions.

The Chairperson Vilches-Landa noted a specific issue raised by FDOT District 6 regarding the omission of the Palmetto Station from the regional map. Although the Metrorail line is depicted, individual stations like Palmetto are not clearly shown. FDOT suggested that clarification is needed to address this and ensure accurate representation of facilities eligible for regional funding.

Mr. Jeffries (FDOT District 6) explained that while the map was updated to include major rail lines such as CSX and Brightline, specific stations were not added. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that key stations like Palmetto are reflected on the map.

Mr. Edmonson (DTPW) highlighted the precedent set by past projects, noting that funding has been awarded to other stations and corridors despite similar mapping omissions. He cited the Palmetto Intermodal Terminal, which received funding in 2021 even though the station wasn't explicitly marked on the map. The inherent understanding was that stations are integral to the system and therefore eligible for funding.

Mr. Calvaresi (Broward MPO) supported the idea of ensuring clarity and consistency in the criteria for designating regional networks and associated facilities. He mentioned previous discussions with FDOT and underscored the importance of clear guidelines for funding eligibility.

Ms. Bush (FDOT District 4) agreed to review statutory guidelines to ensure proper alignment with funding processes and promised to share additional details regarding the legal framework for regional entities setting priorities for trip funding. She also suggested that enhancements to the

communication around the inclusion of stations and connectors to corridors could be beneficial for future planning.+*

Ms. Delaney stated that it was an omission that Metrorail is not listed as an urban fixed guideway system and questioned why it cannot be.

Chairperson Vilches-Landa noted the 2050 plan will not be adopted for another year so any application regarding Metrorail would not qualify.

Ms. Delaney said we have precedent, and we should amend the map to include Metrorail and clarify the language.

Mr. Calvaresi stated changing the memo that has been in effect for 5 years is not effective.

Mr. Jeffries expressed that it was be helpful to add this clarifying information and the FDOT District 6 Secretary requested Metrorail be shown on the map with this single station.

Ms. Delaney noted it is ineffective to show a single station and an illustrative list could show every single station.

Motion made by Mr. Gies, seconded by Ms. Delaney to amend the multimodal regional corridors network to include additional language in number 5 in the 2045 refined network criteria to read "All active rail lines and passenger rail stations that are not part of the SIS, not abandoned, and not rail spurs; (2) All Tri-Rail station; and (3) all Brightline stations; (4) all Metrorail stations. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously. Chairperson Vilches-Landa referred to the original motion to approve SEFTC agenda, adding an action item to approve amending language on the 2045 regional multimodal corridor network of April 2019 on page 5, amending the language as agreed. Motion made by Mr. Jeffries and seconded by Ms. Handrahan. In a voice note, the **motion** passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (no discussion)

A. Public Participation Subcommittee

Next Public Participation Subcommittee meeting is September 15, 2024.

B. Modeling Subcommittee

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Paul Flavien provided a Model Subcommittee report and said SERPM 9 is in development for fall of 2024.

C. TSM&O Subcommittee

Next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2024.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chairperson Vilches-Landa adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

NEXT RTTAC MEETING: September 5, 2024

NEXT SEFTC MEETING: Monday, July 19, 2024 at the Palm Beach TPA Office

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC) REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) PROGRAM A PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RAIL ALONG THE US 27 CORRIDOR FROM MIAMI-DADE TO PALM BEACH COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, SEFTC was created in 2006 through an Interlocal Agreement among the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) to strengthen regional transportation planning coordination and to prepare a Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, US 27 is part of the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), and is also designated by SEFTC as a regionally significant corridor; and

WHEREAS, US 27 serves as a critical link for the movement of freight in Southeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, FDOT in 2012 conducted a Planning and Conceptual Engineering (PACE) study to analyze multimodal options to connect PortMiami by rail with inland logistics centers around Lake Okeechobee in western Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, this study considered the feasibility of removing freight traffic from congested coastal corridors and facilitate the restoration of passenger rail service along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, rail along US 27 has been included as an unfunded need in the SIS 2045 Multimodal Unfunded Needs Plan; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail service along the FEC corridor has been restored with Brightline providing 32 daily trains connecting Orlando to Miami; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) has been awarded a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant to provide passenger rail service on the FEC corridor connecting Aventura to Miami; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Transit (BCT) and FDOT District Four are currently finalizing an Environmental Assessment for the Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) South to apply for an FTA grant, which will provide passenger rail service along the FEC corridor from south of the New River in Fort Lauderdale to Aventura; and

WHEREAS, BCT and FDOT District Four have plans to extend passenger rail service from south of the New River in Fort Lauderdale to the Broward/Palm Beach County line; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach TPA has plans to extend passenger rail service from the Broward/Palm Beach County line to north of West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, SEFTC will include the US 27 Rail project in its 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade TPO, Broward MPO and Palm Beach TPA will include portions of the US 27 rail project within their planning boundaries in their respective 2050 Long Range Transportation Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Florida region desires to prioritize a regional rail corridor outside of the urban area along US 27, that would serve as an alternative route for the urban freight currently utilizing the FEC corridor and providing the needed capacity for passenger rail,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL, that this Board:

- <u>Section 1.</u> Requests the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) program a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study for the implementation of rail along the US 27 corridor from Miami-Dade to Palm Beach County; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- **Section 2.** The above "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
- <u>Section 3.</u> All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- <u>Section 4.</u> If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.
- **Section 5.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2024 at 9:00AM

Miami-Dade TPO: 150 W Flagler Street, Suite 1924, Miami, FL 33130

AGENDA

Beam Furr, Chair Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Chelsea Reed, Vice Chair
Palm Beach
Transportation Planning Agency

Esteban Bovo, Jr., Board Member Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

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- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Meeting of July 19th, 2024
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS 2 minutes each speaker
- VI. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR
- VII. ACTION ITEM(S)
 - A. <u>Motion to Adopt a Resolution</u> requesting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) program a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for the implementation of rail along the US-27 corridor from Miami-Dade to Palm Beach County
 - B. <u>Motion to Approve</u> the Calendar Year 2025 South Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Meeting Dates
- VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - A. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update
- IX. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS
 - A. Member Comments
- X1. MOTION TO ADJOURN



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MEETING MINUTES SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Monday, July 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency 301 Datura, West Palm Beach 33401

Board Members Present

Chair Beam Furr, Broward MPO Vice-Chair Chelsea Reed, Palm Beach TPA Christi Fraga, Miami-Dade TPO

Also Present

Valerie Neilson, Executive Director, Palm Beach TPA Aileen Boucle, Executive Director, Miami-Dade TPO Greg Stuart, Executive Director, Broward MPO Andrew Uhlir, Palm Beach TPA Brian Ruscher, Palm Beach TPA Ruth Del Pino. Palm Beach TPA Paul Calversi, Broward MPO Maria Teresita Vilches, Miami-Dade TPO Christopher Rosenberg, Miami-Dade TPO Franchesca Taylor, Miami-Dade TPO Malcolm Movse Jr. Miami-Dade TPO David W. Deck, Executive Director, SFRTA Rogelio Perez. SFRTA Loraine Cargill, SFRTA Fredlyne Johnson, Palm Tran Ira Dangleben, Palm Tran Bruce Guyton, Palm Tran Coree Cuff Lonergan, Broward County Transit Carlos Cruz . Miami- Dade. Miami-Dade DTPW Lisa Colmenares, Miami-Dade, Miami-Dade DTPW Gabriella Serrado, Miami-Dade, Miami-Dade DTPW Lois Bush, FDOT District 4 James Brown, FDOT Carlos Castro, FDOT District 4 (Online) Justin Strow, FDOT District 6 (Online)

Ken Jeffries, FDOT District (Online)

Clay Miller, Broward County

Phil Schwab, FDOT In-House Consultant Barney McCoy, Broward County Transit Franco Saranceno, Kittleson & Associates, Inc. Todd J. Bonarron. PBC Administration Kamila Detullio, City of Doral

Regular Items (All Items Open for Public Comment)

I. Call to Order

Chair Furr called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Taylor called the roll of SEFTC members. All members were present, the quorum was met.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Vice Chair Reed, seconded by Ms. Fraga, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2024

Motion made by Ms. Fraga, seconded by Vice Chair Reed, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

V. Public Comments

Gus Carera, Representing Resia, offered his support for action Item A.

Dr. Natacha Yacinth, representing Port Everglades, introduced herself virtually.

VI. Comments from the Chair

Chair Furr recognized Dave Dech, Executive Director of SFRTA and his efforts in implementation of Tr-Rail express service. He also thanked Miami- Dade TPO for the Dutch Cycling Embassy Bike Immersion Program they hosted.

Aileen Boucle, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade TPO thanked Chair Furr for the acknowledgment.

Valerie Neilson, Executive Director of the Palm Beach TPA thanked Aileen Boucle and Miami-Dade TPO for organizing the Dutch Cycling Embassy Bike Immersion Program and provided a summary of her experience. She also provided the FY 24 Palm Beach TPA Annual Report to the members and informed them of the Safe Streets Summit, hosted by the TPA on February 6-7, 2025.

Mr. Greg Stuart, Executive Director of the Broward MPO provided an update on their projects and accomplishments.

Aileen Boucle provided information regarding the Dutch Cycling Embassy Bike Immersion Program.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. MOTION TO APPROVE the Amendment to the 2045 Regional Multimodal Corridor Network Report, dated April 2019

Franco Saraceno, Kittleson and Associates representative, provided a summary on the development of the 2045 Regional Multimodal Corridor Network Report and the added language regarding the rail stations.

The proposed amendment updates 5. Active Rail Lines Definition to: "(1) All active rail lines <u>and passenger rail stations</u> that are not part of the SIS, not abandoned, and not rail spurs; (2) All Tri-Rail stations; (3) <u>all</u> Brightline stations; <u>and (4) all Metrorail lines and stations."</u>

A discussion was held to consider adding "all active and planned rail lines and passenger rail stations" to ensure coverage of future needs.

Motion made by Ms. Fraga, seconded by Vice Chair Reed, to approve the amendment to the 2045 Regional Multimodal Corridor Network Report, dated April 2019. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Motion to amend made by Vice Chair Reed, seconded by Ms. Fraga to approve the amendment to the 2045 Regional Multimodal Corridor Network Report, dated April 2019 to add the words "and planned" to the definition. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - Update

Franchesca Taylor of the Miami-Dade TPO presented an update on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the timeline.

Vice Chair Reed expressed her support.

Chair Furr noted how technology can improve efficiency and showed support.

B. Regional Fare Interpretability- Update

Coree Cuff Lonergan, Director of Broward County Transit, expressed Broward County's commitment to participating in regional fare interoperability initiatives aimed at enhancing convenience for passengers. She emphasized the importance of regionalism.

Lee I. Taylor, Project Manager for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) provided an update on the regional fare project, which began in October 2021 with a \$1.6 million grant from the Broward MPO to improve fare interoperability among South Florida transit agencies, including SFRTA, Broward County Transit, Palm Tran, and Miami-Dade Transit. The project is divided into three phases:

Phase 1, successfully completed, updated a mobile app to include Miami Central Station and facilitate ticket purchases.

Phase 2 focuses on creating a mobile fare back office, independent of Miami-Dade Transit, to enable discount fares and stored value ticket sales.

Phase 3 aims to develop a unified app for trip planning, real-time vehicle tracking, and ticket purchasing across agencies, with completion expected by November 2024.

Carlos Cruz from Miami-Dade's Department of Transportation also discussed the transition to an open-loop card system, which will allow passengers to use credit or debit cards for fare payment instead of the Easy Card.

C. US-27 Freight Rail Discussion

Chair Furr spoke on the US-27 Corridor and waste management discussions. He noted there was a study from 2008 that needs to be located.

Vice Chair Reed stated the plan was completed in 1920 and it was shown as a proper corridor. She also noted Treasure Cost Regional Planning did a plan.

Vice Chair Reed stated the next step would be to ask FDOT to conduct a PD&E study to allow it to open commuter rail for freight and waste.

Mr. Stuart suggested the board move a motion to include a PD&E study in the work program.

Motion made by Vice Chair Reed, seconded by Ms. Fraga for FDOT collaboration to commission a PD&E study for US-27. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. Member Comments

Ms. Neilson introduced the new Palm Tran Executive Director, Ivan Maldonado.

Mr. Maldonado provided a brief introduction.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

NEXT SEFTC MEETING: October 18, 2024

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SEFTC/RTTAC
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Key

SEFTC Meetings

SFRTA Board Meetings

RTTAC Meetings @ 1:30PM

PTAC Meetings @ 10:00 AM

Holiday

Miami-Dade TPO Board Meeting

Broward MPO Board/Exec. Committee

Palm Beach TPA Board Meeting

SEFTC Meeting Host Key

1 Miami-Dade TPO

1 Broward MPO Office

Palm Beach TPA Office

1 Miami-Dade TPO

RTTAC - January 8th SEFTC - June 20th

RTTAC - June 11th

RTTAC - September 10th

RTTAC - November 12th

1 Broward MPO

RTTAC - February 12th

SEFTC - February 21st

RTTAC - April 9th

RTTAC - November 12th

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RTTAC - March 12th

SEFTC - October 17th

RTTAC - May 14th

RTTAC - July 9th

RTTAC - October 8th

RTTAC - December 10th



Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) & Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC)

2025 Meeting Calendar

SEFTC Meeting Dates and Locations

| Meeting Date | Meeting Location | |
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| Friday, February 21st at 9:30AM | Broward MPO | |
| Friday, June 27 th at 9:30AM | Miami-Dade TPO | |
| Friday, October 17 th at 9:30AM | Palm Beach TPA | |

RTTAC Meeting Dates and Locations

| Meeting Date | Meeting Location | |
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| Wednesday, January 8 th at 1:30PM | Miami-Dade TPO | |
| *Wednesday, February 12 th at 1:30PM | Broward MPO | |
| Wednesday, March 12th at 1:30PM | Palm Beach TPA | |
| *Wednesday, April 9th at 1:30PM | Broward MPO | |
| Wednesday, May 14th at 1:30PM | Palm Beach TPA | |
| *Wednesday, June 11 th at 1:30PM | Miami-Dade TPO | |
| Wednesday, July 9th at 1:30PM | Palm Beach TPA | |
| August Recess | | |
| Wednesday, September 10 th at 1:30PM | Miami-Dade TPO | |
| *Wednesday, October 8 th at 1:30PM | Palm Beach TPA | |
| Wednesday, November 12 th at 1:30PM | Broward MPO | |
| *Wednesday, December 10 th at 1:30PM | Palm Beach TPA | |
| | *PTAC meetings are also scheduled for this date. | |

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