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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2024 at 9:30AM

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

AGENDA

- 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. **Motion to Adopt a Resolution** 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. **Motion to Approve** 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 Uhler, 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 Moyse 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 and passenger rail stations that are not part of the SIS, not abandoned, and not rail spurs; (2) All Tri-Rail stations; (3) all Brightline stations; and (4) all Metrorail lines and stations.”

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 Coast 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

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:

Section 1. 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.

Section 3. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. 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.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024



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

2025 Meeting Calendar

SEFTC Meeting Dates and Locations

Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Friday, February 21 st at 9:30AM	Broward MPO
Friday, April 18 th 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
Wednesday, January 15 th at 1:30PM	Miami-Dade TPO
*Wednesday, February 12 th at 1:30PM	Broward MPO
Wednesday, March 12 th at 1:30PM	Palm Beach TPA
*Wednesday, April 9 th at 1:30PM	Broward MPO
Wednesday, May 14 th at 1:30PM	Palm Beach TPA
*Wednesday, June 11 th at 1:30PM	Miami-Dade TPO
Wednesday, July 9 th at 1:30PM	Palm Beach TPA
<i>August Recess</i>	
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
<i>*PTAC meetings are also scheduled for this date.</i>	

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