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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2024, AT 9:00 AM

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 November 3rd, 2023*
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *2 minutes each speaker*
- VI. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**
- VII. ACTION ITEM(S)**
 - A. Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2030 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) List**
- 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
Friday, November 3, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
100 West Cypress Creek Road
6th Floor, Suite 650
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2181**

Board Members Present

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

Also Present

Josennie Bermudez, Miami-Dade TPO
Aileen Boucle, Executive Director, Miami-Dade TPO
Franchesca Taylor, Miami-Dade TPO
Hector DiDonato, Miami-Dade TPO
Malcolm Moyse, Miami-Dade TPO
Tawana Parker, Miami-Dade TPO
Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO
Paul Calvaresi, Broward MPO
Amanda Christon, Broward MPO
Peter Gies, Broward MPO
Mark Plass, Broward MPO
Valerie Neilson, Executive Director, Palm Beach TPA
Lois Bush, FDOT D4
Barbara Handrahan, SFRTA
Barney McCoy, BCT
Clay Miller, Legislative Director to Chair Beam Furr
Rogelio Perez, SFRTA
Franco Saraceno, Kittelson and Associates
Lee Taylor, SFRTA
Marion Troitino, City of Doral
Jamie Opperee, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Regular Items

(All Items Open for Public Comment)

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Furr called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

Vice Chair Reed informed the members that Clinton Forbes, Executive Director of Palm Tran, had passed away. All present observed a moment of silence in his memory.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of July 24, 2023

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Furr recalled that at the Broward MPO's November 2, 2023 meeting, there was a presentation on the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) recommendations from the Broward MPO's recent recertification. One of these recommendations addressed fare interoperability, which has been an issue for several years. Fare interoperability would allow for seamless transfers between different counties' transit systems as well as Tri-Rail. He concluded that he had asked that SEFTC see a presentation on fare interoperability as well and emphasized the importance of this system for the residents of the three South Florida counties.

Aileen Boucle, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade TPO, advised that there are currently requests for proposals (RFPs) underway in Miami-Dade County for both fare collection and back-of-office operations equipment. She will provide a more comprehensive update at the appropriate time.

Amanda Chris Boward MPO Staff addressed the fare interoperability project, which the MPO has worked on for several years. MPO Staff is working with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), which operates Tri-Rail and is a true regional transit provider for the region.

The fare interoperability project has gone through multiple iterations, with the original goal of a single fare encompassing all transit systems. This would simplify transfers among different systems. This was ultimately dropped in favor of devising front- and backoffice

operations, including a mobile app, which will allow each of the transit properties to continue using their fare structure and receive appropriate payment for that use.

Ms. Christon explained that there must be support for the next phase of the process from the three South Florida counties, including support for the integration of technology into their current systems. She emphasized that fare interoperability is closer than it has been before, with a year remaining in the current phase of funding. SFRTA has been provided with roughly \$1.6 million for this effort, of which approximately \$1 million remains on the contract. Once back office operations can work together, the next phase will address concept development and deployment of the app.

Ms. Christon noted that at present, Broward County Transit (BCT) will not be able to access fare collection when the current phase is complete. BCT does not have the capability to use an open network with its current contractor, Genfare. BCT will need to purchase technology that would allow its networks to be open so they can be an equal partner in the fare interoperability effort. Palm Tran and Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) are currently on board with SFRTA, while BCT continues to participate in discussions and meetings although they cannot access the necessary technology without purchasing a key component.

Lee Taylor, SFRTA Project Manager, stated that one issue with fare interoperability is that none of the agencies were willing to have a separate agency or third-party provider hold onto their money for a period of time. This means the technical solution will need to reach into each agency's existing fare back office operations to process payments and offer and issue fares. This will require an application programming interface (API).

Mr. Taylor explained that Palm Tran also purchased the Genfare system used by BCT. One aspect of this system is account-based architecture, which automatically provides the required API to access back office operations and allow for the purchasing of tickets and other exchanges of information. BCT, however, did not purchase this specific component of Genfare. They will be able to participate in interoperability by offering their real-time fees and schedule for publication. An upcoming Evaluation Committee meeting will consider proposals received from seven vendors. The hope is that BCT will eventually be able to participate using the same platform as the other agencies.

Chair Furr asked if it would be possible to send information to his office regarding exactly what BCT needs in order to participate so he can follow up on this issue.

Ms. Boucle acknowledged that she has discussed these issues with the Broward MPO's Executive Director, as well as Executive Director Valerie Neilson of the Palm Beach TPA. She noted Broward MPO's and SFRTA's leadership. While these efforts are being coordinated, however, Miami-Dade County is under a cone of silence for an RFP for a complete and open system technology for fare collection. The RFP is being expedited so it will be in place for the opening of the SMART Corridor in South Dade.

Ms. Boucle continued that a second RFP will be issued for the back office operations required for open technology. This remains the greatest challenge to connecting systems in which some technologies can connect more easily than others. This open technology will be applicable to both fares and back office operations. She concluded that the TPO unanimously passed a resolution of which one core recommendation is solving the issue of interoperability.

Valerie Neilson, Executive Director of the Palm Beach TPA, advised that this organization has also worked toward fare interoperability and partnered with SFRTA, as well as the Broward and Miami-Dade transit entities.

Chair Furr asked if the open-ended system will eventually be needed by all transit agencies. Ms. Boucle replied that this system provides the opportunity for all counties to interact, although she deferred to information technology (IT) experts regarding how an open system will work. She characterized it as a “game-changer” for the interoperability effort.

Chair Furr asked if Broward should also be pursuing an open system. This was confirmed. Chair Furr concluded that he felt SEFTC was the appropriate entity to encourage fare interoperability, which could be important when applying for future grant funds.

VII. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Motion to Approve the Calendar Year 2024 – Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Meeting Dates

The members discussed the calendar, noting that meeting dates for April and July 2024 may require change. It was confirmed that alternate dates would be circulated among the Executive Directors. No vote was taken at this time.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

A. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Public Involvement Update

1. Regional Survey and Video

Franchesca Taylor, representing the Miami-Dade TPO, showed a video on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and what has been accomplished thus far. She noted that many of the issues surrounding the RTP address public participation and SEFTC support.

Ms. Taylor thanked the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee’s (RTTAC’s) Public Participation Subcommittee, which worked with representatives of all three transportation entities in putting the video together. It will roll out soon and will hopefully encourage more responses from a regional survey.

Ms. Taylor continued that the survey will remain live through spring 2024. The RTP is scheduled for adoption in 2025. Survey questions include how residents of all three counties travel, the frequency of their movement between counties, barriers to regional travel, and what should be focused on in the future.

As of November 2, 2023, the following responses have been compiled:

- Many workers continue to telecommute, and this has been integrated into the RTP
- People travel frequently across county lines, with 25% of respondents crossing these lines one to five times per month
- Barriers to transportation include traffic congestion
- There is ongoing interest in investing in transit, as well as in emerging technologies

Franco Saraceno, representing RTP consultant Kittelson and Associates, added that barriers include limited access to transit, limited connectivity, and inconvenient transit service. Many respondents indicated that the travel times for regional transit were too long, and that regional transit does not effectively take them to their destinations. A plurality of respondents suggested that they are interested in investing in transit and other non-roadway-development travel options. Final results of the survey will be presented in the coming months.

Ms. Neilson requested clarification of whom the video is being shared with outside the three transportation entities. Ms. Taylor replied that the agencies have reached out through their own Long Range Transportation Plan/Metropolitan Transportation Plan (LRTP/MTP) efforts, including newsletters and e-blasts. The survey can be sent to major employers and other outlets in the future. Ms. Neilson recommended that it be shared with economic development councils and South Florida Commuter Services, who can share the survey further.

B. SEFTC Accomplishments

Ms. Taylor provided copies of a flyer showing the RTP's progress since 2045. The flyer addresses efforts made to move projects forward since that time, as well as significant activities since the 2045 RTP was adopted in 2019. This includes the current status of Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funds.

Ms. Boucle recognized the staff of all three transportation agencies, including the level of collaboration and coordination that is necessary for regional transportation efforts in a large, urbanized region.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Member Comments

None.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

NEXT SEFTC MEETING: February 16, 2024 (hosted by Miami-Dade TPO)

TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PROJECT PRIORITY LIST
Fiscal Years (FY) 25-30
Broward MPO, Miami-Dade TPO, and Palm Beach TPA

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County-Rank	Proj. #	Year Added	New / DTWP / TIP	Sponsor Agency	Project	Location	Improvement	Upcoming Transportation Improvement Programs							Notes
								Current Year	Next Year						
								FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	
MDC-1		2024	New	Miami-Dade DTPW	Palmetto TOC	Next to the Palmetto Metrorail Station	Station development plan includes a new 1,602-space parking garage, with 400 spaces exclusively for Palmetto Station riders and 300 shared among transit users and workforce housing residents. Additionally, the Development Partner will invest \$1 million in station improvements, covering a covered walkway, bicycle racks, enhanced drop-off and kiss-and-ride areas, and upgrades to the plaza with landscaping, hardscape, fountains, pavers, and a canopy area. These enhancements aim to improve the overall transit experience and infrastructure at the station.			Private \$7,632 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$7,632</u>					JPA between Developer and DTPW on file. Requesting funding for shared use transit parking and transportation related development improvements.
MDC-2		2024	New	Miami-Dade DTPW/SFRTA	Sunshine Station Kiss n Ride	Golden Glades Multimodal Transportation Facility (GGMTF)	The project involves creating a kiss-and-ride facility within the Sunshine State Industrial Park, strategically positioned on the west side of the South Florida Rail Corridor just north of the Golden Glades Tri-Rail Station. This facility is designed to facilitate the efficient pick-up and drop-off of transit passengers. Additionally, new pedestrian bridges will be constructed to link the kiss-and-ride facility with both the Golden Glades Tri-Rail station and the Golden Glades Multimodal Transportation Facility (GGMTF)				LF \$4,200 SU \$4,200 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$8,400</u>			Requesting funding to complete construction for the project. All other phases have already been funded. Partnering with SFRTA to complete regional project	
MDC-3		2024	New	Miami-Dade DTPW	Miami Beach Convention Center Extension (Formerly Beach Express South)	Miami Beach Convention Center Extension	The Miami Beach Convention Center Extension project will provide the necessary infrastructure to provide BRT service along Washington Avenue in the City of Miami Beach between the intersection of 5th Street and Washinton Avenue and the Miami Beach Convention Center. The proposed 1.5 mile segment route will feature dedicated bus lanes along Washington Avenue between 5th Street and 17th Street, signalization modifications including transit signal priority (TSP) treatment, and stations equipped with amenities such as real-time information equipment			LF \$222 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$222</u>	LF \$222 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$222</u>			Requesting funding to complete Design Phase. Planning phase with 30% design complete	
BC-1	4369801	2023	TIP	Broward MPO	Pembroke Road	From Douglas Road (SW 89 Ave) to SR-817/University Drive	Add lanes and Reconstruct					ACSU \$1,204 SU \$7,827 TRIP \$4,502 TRWR \$701 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$1,914</u>		Request to add \$1,913,333 TRIP funding to bring SU match to 50% in 2028	
BC-2	4449772	2023	TIP	Broward MPO	SR-820 Pines Boulevard	At 196th Avenue	Intersection Improvement						DDR \$1,243 DIH \$117 SU \$1,512 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$1,512</u>	Request to replace \$1,512,008 in SU with TRIP in 2029	
BC-3	4496901	2023	TIP	Broward MPO	Pembroke Road	From SW 145th Ave to Flamingo Road	Bike Lane/Sidewalk					TALU \$711 SU \$3,875 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$3,875</u>		Request to replace \$3,874,586 in SU with TRIP in 2028	
PBC-01	448103.1	2020	TIP	SFRTA	Rolling Stock for South Florida Rail Corridor	South Florida Rail Corridor	Additional rolling stock for increased capacity and to meet the needs for additional stations.		SU \$2,500 TRIP \$65 TRWR \$1,748	SU \$2,500 TRIP \$3,187 TRWR \$400	SU \$2,500 TRIP \$2,100				
PBC-02	446098.1	2020	TIP	PalmTran	US 1	Camino Real to Indiantown Road	Purchase electric buses and charging stations to add transit capacity and support introduction of corridor-based BRT	SU \$2,168 TRWR \$1,690							
PBC-03	438386.4	2018	TIP	PalmTran	US 1	Palmetto Park Rd to Northlake Blvd (SR-850)	Construct 14 enhanced transit shelters within existing ROW	DIH \$238		SU \$2,536 SA \$844 TRIP \$1,538 TRWR \$974	SU \$25				
PBC-04	4405754	2024	TIP	FDOT D4 / Palm Beach TPA	Atlantic Ave	Florida's Turnpike to Cumberland Dr	Widening from 4L to 6L, including 7' buffered bike lanes and 10' shared-use-paths where feasible						SU \$4,285 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$2,100</u>	Request to replace \$2.1 M currently programmed SU funding with TRIP.	
PBC-05	4417584	2024	New	PalmTran	Okeechobee Blvd and SR 7 corridor	Okeechobee Blvd and SR 7 from Wellington Mall to downtown West Palm Beach	Construct enhanced transit shelters within existing ROW							SU \$2,500 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$2,500</u>	Request to replace \$2.5 M currently programmed SU funding with TRIP.
PBC-06	TBD	2024	New	SFRTA	Tri-Rail Extension to VA Medical Center	Expansion of Tri-Rail Service on the SFRC to the VA Medical Center	Design and construction of station and vehicle purchase							SU \$2,500 <u>TRIP</u> <u>\$2,500</u>	
Notes:							Total TRIP Funding Request	\$1,690	\$1,813	\$13,953	\$10,722	\$10,992	\$3,612	\$5,000	\$47,782
1. For each project, the TRIP funding request is equal to the identified matching funds in each year.															
2. Bold Underlined text = request for new project and/or new funding															
3. LF - Local Funds; SU - Surface Transportation Funds (STP), Urban Areas > 200K															

	Non-Programmed TRIP Funding Summary	Fiscal Year	FY 24	FY 25 ^a	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
		FDOT D4			\$766,198	\$877,033	\$109,421	\$9,119,922	\$9,119,922	\$19,992,496
		FDOT D6	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$4,661,850	\$6,039,978	\$5,998,228	\$5,998,228	\$26,698,284
		Total	\$0	\$0	\$4,766,198	\$5,538,883	\$6,149,399	\$15,118,150	\$15,118,150	\$46,690,780
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