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MEETING MINUTES
BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Regional Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 1:30 PM
100 West Cypress Creek Road
6th Floor, Suite 650
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2181

Members Present

Acting Chair Bill Cross, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Anna Bielawska, Palm Tran
Lois Bush, Florida Department of Transportation District 4
Loraine Cargill, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Tewari Edmonson, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Ken Jeffries, Florida Department of Transportation District 6
Christina Miskis, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit
Andrew Uhlir, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

Staff

Paul Calvaresi, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Paul Flavien, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Lisa Tayar, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

REGULAR ITEMS

(All Items Open for Public Comment)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Recognition of Quorum

Acting Chair (A/Chair) Cross called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2020

Motion made by Mr. Uhlir, seconded by Mr. Edmonson, to approve.

Ms. Cargill noted the following correction on p.7, paragraph 5: her question regarding connectivity had requested clarification of a funding match, as well as the reason the project was listed in fiscal year (FY) 2025 rather than FY 2026. It was determined that Ms. Cargill and Paul Calvaresi of Broward MPO Staff would make the necessary correction following today's meeting.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously [as amended].

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made, and duly seconded, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Comments from the Chair

A/Chair Cross noted that only two Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) meetings remain, as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will be complete in August 7, 2020.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Endorsement of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Policy Recommendations

Motion made by Ms. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Edmonson, to approve.

The Committee discussed the 2045 RTP policy recommendations, with Mr. Roberson requesting that the document's terminology refer to "transportation systems" rather than citing a specific mode. Mr. Calvaresi advised that there are some references to highway systems in order to show state partners there are no plans to replace or undermine those systems.

Mr. Roberson pointed out that transit has ongoing funding issues regarding operations and maintenance. Ms. Delaney recommended the addition of a clause to clarify that the highway system is one of multiple modes of transportation.

A/Chair Cross explained that one intention of the document is to focus on the need for increased flexibility in capacity programs while not taking away funds dedicated to the operations and maintenance of the state highway system. It was noted that these funds contribute to the overall system's state of good repair.

Mr. Edmonson stated that a bullet point referring to the demand for auto travel should also mention the limited ability to increase roadway capacity and the importance of regional transit to long-term mobility in support of expected growth. He also recommended mentioning the amount of growth anticipated in the region when referring to land use components, and noting the need for transit-oriented development (TOD) and

mixed-use development. The intent of the policy recommendations is to slow the rate of increased demand, which cannot entirely be addressed through transit.

The members further discussed technical, grammatical, and other changes to the language of the policy recommendations.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Calvaresi reported that the 2045 RTP remains on schedule. Now that policy recommendations have been approved, the document will go before SEFTC on April 3, 2020. The target adoption date for the RTP is August 7, 2020.

Over the next weeks, Committee members will receive emails and links to the RTP website so they may review documents. Staff is working to compile the results of all three Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs). Preliminary findings have identified gaps between the plans' cost feasible lists and unfunded needs. Staff is still working to identify what this means and how this affects policies.

Now that the policies have been endorsed, next steps include public outreach through the three transportation entities and the Public Participation Subcommittee. These groups will champion the RTP to the public, including business leaders and elected officials. The policies will be included in a handout that will be provided as part of larger presentations.

The documents emailed to members for review will lead up to the final 2045 RTP. This document will be approximately 30 pages, with online technical appendices. A draft RTP will come before the RTTAC in June 2020 before going to SEFTC in August. The Public Participation Subcommittee is developing a public outreach schedule tentatively extending from August through November. This will consist primarily of providing presentations at existing meetings.

A/Chair Cross reiterated that the intent of coordinated public outreach is to engage elected officials and business leaders to build support for legislative policy changes. The first public outreach will take place at the Southeast Florida Transportation Summit, which will be held by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) on April 22, 2020.

2. Draft Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Agenda

Mr. Calvaresi reviewed the draft Agenda for the April 3, 2020 SEFTC meeting, noting that in-depth presentations and discussions will accompany the RTP update in light of pending public outreach.

A/Chair Cross addressed an Agenda Item related to potential emergency powers for SEFTC in the event that physical meetings cannot be held. One possibility is for SEFTC members to determine and vote upon an emergency process for meetings at which all are not present in person. Another proposal is that the SEFTC members delegate authority to the three Executive Directors of the transportation agencies, with any action taken under this delegated authority to come back before the next physical SEFTC meeting.

The members discussed this Agenda Item, with Mr. Uhlir pointing out that there are few items on which SEFTC takes official action. A/Chair Cross suggested that if there is no opposition to the proposal of emergency powers, it should be placed on the Agenda so they may come to a decision. There was consensus among the RTTAC members to place emergency powers on the SEFTC Agenda and allow that body to determine if action is necessary for continuity of operations.

3. Florida Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Bush showed a PowerPoint presentation on the update of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), stating that her primary goal was to encourage the Committee members to provide input that will help shape the plan. The FTP provides policy guidance and establishes a policy framework for allocation of the state and federal funds that flow through the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT's) five-year Work Program.

The FTP not only sets a long-range vision for the future, it guides current transportation decision-making. The plan helps determine how to reach the goal of zero fatalities on Florida's transportation system, provide a more efficient mobile transportation system, meet the needs of a growing population, make the economy more competitive, enhance quality of life, increase opportunities for access to transit and other modes of transportation, and address emerging issues, including technology.

The 2020 FTP led to the creation of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), which includes the state's largest and most strategic transportation facilities across multiple modes of travel. The current FTP added choices as a goal in response to demand for a wider range of transportation options. It also added resilience to the infrastructure goal and emphasizes safety, the workforce, and plan implementation.

The updated FTP will have three elements:

- Vision element: focuses on major trends and themes that will shape the future of transportation in Florida over a long period of time
- Policy element: establishes goals and elements to guide FDOT and partners in making planning and investment decisions over a 25-year horizon
- Implementation element: focuses on the topics of technology, resilience, state/regional transportation, and regional/local needs, with specific defined actions for the short and medium terms

The seven FTP goals determined in the last update remain intact, with the addition of refinements such as addressing accessibility and equity in conjunction with the transportation choices goal based on input from the public and partners. These goals represent the themes historically highlighted in FTPs and also consider emerging trends in transportation systems.

Objectives identified for these goals often overlap across goal areas. The current update of the FTP will consider objectives and strategies across multiple topics to provide clear direction for implementation. FDOT prepares a number of statewide plans that are both guided by and inform the FTP. The plans of transportation partners, including transportation planning agencies and regional planning councils, are key source materials for the FTP update.

Ms. Bush reviewed polling software that would allow individual RTTAC members to provide input relating to the FTP's four key cross-cutting topics: technology, resilience, state/interregional transportation, and regional/local needs. All present provided responses to polling questions. Emerging trends documents were provided for several of the topics.

All input received will be considered by the project team and steering committee in updating the FTP. Regional workshops on the FTP will be held later in the year, including one in Miami on June 6, 2020, and one in Palm Beach County on June 17, 2020. Once a draft plan has been released in the fall, there will be a 30-day review period during which comments from the public may be submitted. The final FTP will be published by December 2020. Additional information can be found at www.floridatransportationplan.com.

4. Probed GPS / Mobile Spatial and Temporal Data Update and Discussion

Paul Flavien of Broward MPO Staff advised that this item refers to the acquisition of data. The three transportation agencies and Broward County heard request for information (RFI) presentations from multiple vendors and met afterward to discuss next steps. Mr. Edmonson, as Chair of the RTTAC Modeling Subcommittee, will develop a draft scope of services, while Mr. Flavien will write the memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the acquisition of data. The plan is for these two draft items to be available at the next RTTAC meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (no discussion)

1. Modeling Subcommittee

Training for Southeast Florida Regional Planning Model (SERPM) 8 is scheduled for March 18, 2020, followed by a meeting of the Modeling Subcommittee on March 19.

2. Public Participation Subcommittee

Mr. Calvaresi advised that the Public Participation Subcommittee will contact the RTTAC members via email to coordinate an outreach schedule identifying potential stakeholders and appropriate meetings for presentations.

3. TSM&O Subcommittee

There was no update at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Member Comments

Mr. Uhlir reminded all present that Palm Beach County will host a Mobility Summit on April 1, 2020 at the Convention Center.

The members agreed by consensus to cancel the April 8, 2020 RTTAC meeting. Staff may contact the members regarding the possibility of electronic conferencing and/or communications.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT SEFTC MEETING: April 3, 2020 @ Broward MPO Office