



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Friday, October 4, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

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Board Members Present

Bryan Caletka, Chair

Oliver G. Gilbert III, Vice Chair

Robert Weinroth

Also Present

Aileen Boucle, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Agency

Paul Calvaresi, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Ian Debnam, Tindale-Oliver

Ken Jeffries, Florida Department of Transportation District 6

Jessica Josselyn, Kittelson and Associates

Greg Stuart, Executive Director, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Kevin Tilbury, Cambridge Systematics

Nick Uhren, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

Allen Davis Walcott, South Florida Regional Planning Council

Tatiana Guerrier, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Regular Items

(All Items Open for Public Comment)

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

Chair Caletka called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2019

Motion made by Mr. Weinroth, seconded by Vice Chair Gilbert, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Weinroth, seconded by Vice Chair Gilbert, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Comments from the Chair

Chair Caletka reminded the members that decisions by the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) must be unanimous regarding items that affect the entire region and transportation organization budgets.

Action Items

1. ADOPTION of the 2020-2022 Southeast Florida Transportation Council Meeting Schedule

Paul Calvaresi of the Broward MPO showed a PowerPoint presentation of the SEFTC meeting dates. Per its interlocal agreement (ILA), SEFTC must meet once per quarter. The calendar also reflects the schedule for completion of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Motion made by Vice Chair Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Weinroth, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Mr. Calvaresi advised that the target date for approval of the RTP is July 1, 2020. Additional time is built into the schedule to accommodate moving this date until October 2020 if necessary.

2. APPROVAL of Travel Demand Model Memorandum of Understanding

Chair Caletka noted that every 10 years, the Broward MPO, Miami-Dade TPO, and Palm Beach TPA work together to create a single regional travel demand model. This model is used by each agency to develop and maintain their Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs).

Motion made by Vice Chair Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Weinroth, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. MOTION TO ENDORSE a Resolution of Support for Inclusion of NW 27th Corridor and University Drive on the Strategic Intermodal System

Aileen Boucle, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade TPA, advised that this organization adopted a similar Resolution, and received input recommending the addition of two clauses indicating that both MPOs would have the North Corridor/27th Avenue/University Drive designated as a regionally significant corridor.

Ms. Boucle explained that the Miami-Dade TPA has reached out to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding funding for the development of the corridor; however, funding is not yet where they would like it to be. She emphasized the importance of the designation. Chair Caletka stated he was in favor of the proposed addition.

Motion made by Vice Chair Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Weinroth, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Greg Stuart, Executive Director of the Broward MPO, asked if this language should be added to a Resolution on the same topic which will come before the Broward MPO Board the following week. Chair Caletka confirmed this.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Update

- **Scenario Planning Results**
- **Funding Sources and Programs Overview**
- **Transportation Policy Considerations**

Jessica Josselyn of Kittelson and Associates showed a PowerPoint presentation on the RTP, which addresses three significant categories:

- Growing population: the population of South Florida is expected to increase by 30%
- Mismatched investments: although 100% of the highest priorities in the 2040 RTP were transit, only 14% of funding went toward transit investments
- Limited access: the way land is developed is not compatible with the urbanized South Florida area, and most of the population does not have walkable access to high-capacity transit

When development of the 2045 RTP began in 2018, a series of goals were adopted, followed by a regional network that defined what constitutes regional corridors of significance. Throughout 2019, the project team has tested scenarios to determine what the future could look like if the three categories listed above were developed. They believe that with a transit system, appropriate land use, and funding, the transit system the region needs can be implemented and the vision of SEFTC can be adopted.

The transit system prepared by the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) is consistent with the systems reflected in Broward's Surtax Plan, Miami-Dade's Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, and Palm Beach's Desires Plan. It would provide 400 miles of high-capacity transit, with more than 350

stops. The cost of this system is \$12 billion to build, with \$560 million to operate the system once it is completed.

Regarding land use, the RTTAC concluded that roughly 75% of new growth can occur around transit corridors. From a funding perspective, the team concluded that 30% to 50% of three state categories could provide \$9 billion toward the creation of the \$12 billion system. These three categories were Strategic Intermodal Systems (SIS), other arterial programs, and managed lanes programs.

Analysis shows that the proposed scenario can successfully move the growing South Florida population. The changes would increase the percentage of the population with pedestrian access to high-capacity transit from 5% to 30%, and from 10% to 50% for residents who can access high-capacity transit to get to their jobs.

Ms. Josselyn urged the Council members to take these proposed policies to the State Legislature, as well as to the County and local levels, and requested the members' feedback on the long-term objectives of transit, complementary land use, shifting existing highway dollars to transit, and securing new resources. All four will be necessary to achieve the desired goal.

Mr. Weinroth asked if the project team had taken Virgin Brightline service into account. Ms. Josselyn confirmed that private train systems were included in the model. The policies are sufficiently flexible to accommodate changes in private industry.

Chair Caletka commented that it is preferable to provide additional resources to transit rather than shift highway resources to transit. Ms. Josselyn noted that Smart Growth America is expected to release recommendations for policy changes at the federal level, and recommends using existing rather than new funding sources.

Mr. Weinroth observed that the update did not provide significant information on "first/last mile" transit connections, which are key to the success of fixed-route and rail systems. He emphasized the importance of investing in these connections, whether they are circulators or other modes of transportation. Ms. Josselyn replied that this component would be added. She concluded that the RTP is expected to be completed by summer 2020, with flexibility to move this target to fall 2020 if necessary. Policy documents will be provided to SEFTC in February 2020.

2. Florida Department of Transportation Response to Resolution 2018-1

Chair Caletka recalled that the Council had objected to FDOT's removal of Tri-Rail from the SIS program. FDOT had replied that this removal would not be made at this time. He thanked representatives of Districts 4 and 6 for facilitating the response from the Central Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – no discussion

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Member Comments

It was determined that the next SEFTC meeting will be held at the Broward MPO.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 21, 2020