



MEETING MINUTES
BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Regional Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:30 PM
Via Zoom

Members Present

Chair Greg Stuart, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Anna Bielawska, Palm Tran
Lois Bush, Florida Department of Transportation District 4
Loraine Cargill, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Tara Crawford, Broward County Transit
Bill Cross, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Tewari Edmonson, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Ken Jeffries, Florida Department of Transportation District 6
Christina Miskis, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Andrew Uhlir, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Nick Uhren, Palm Beach TPA

Broward MPO Staff

Paul Calvaresi
Paul Flavien
Erica Lychak
Rebecca Schultz

Also Present

Jessica Josselyn, Kittelson and Associates
Gabe Klein, Cityfi
Lisa Tayar, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

REGULAR ITEMS
(All Items Open for Public Comment)

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

Chair Stuart called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present. The Chair reviewed virtual meeting procedures.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2020

Motion made by Ms. Bielawska, seconded by Ms. Cargill, to approve the March 11, 2020 minutes. The **motion** was approved by unanimous consent.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Uhlir, seconded by Ms. Bielawska, to approve the June 10, 2020 Agenda. The **motion** was approved by unanimous consent.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Comments from the Chair

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1. MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC) APPROVE THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Chair Stuart advised that Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) members have provided comments on the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which have been reviewed and addressed by the project management team. Paul Calvaresi of Broward MPO Staff thanked the Committee members for their comments on the 2045 RTP. He added that once the document has been adopted, this does not mean the Committee is finished with the RTP, but has only concluded the first phase. Phase 2 of the RTP will begin once the document has been approved.

Jessica Josselyn of Kittelson and Associates, Consultant Project Manager, explained that the RTP was reviewed by more than 15 individuals across five agencies, which provided a significant range of perspectives. Nearly 250 comments were received and are being addressed. She noted that some comments will not be addressed in the final document, including:

- Request for addition of objectives
- Comments related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Comments on MDX legislative issues, which is exclusive to Miami-Dade County and therefore not considered a regional issue
- Comments on the three counties' revenue forecasts
- Comments related to photographs in the RTP

The RTP was reviewed by a professional editor to ensure that it can be read smoothly. A section clarifying acronyms was added, and any consistency issues regarding data or other forms of information were reported. The project team received a comment

suggesting that funding may have been over-emphasized in the Policy segment of the document, which is being reviewed to ensure balance.

Another consideration is the recent completion of work by the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, which will be expanded upon within the RTP to demonstrate that the region is planning ahead to be a resilient community. Equity within transportation systems will be integrated into the story as well. Other items to be addressed include first/last mile connections, safety, freight, and technology. Finally, the RTP will include Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) performance measurement requirements. Performance measures within the Goals and Objectives section of the RTP were developed as a guideline for local agencies to follow.

Mr. Uhlir expressed concern with the table showing sales taxes, pointing out that these taxes are not consistent across the three counties. He also noted that a list of other miscellaneous revenue sources does not tell the full story of these sources and could trigger more questions than answers. He suggested that the Committee determine the best way forward for this table before the document is approved.

Ms. Josselyn advised that she has met with individual representatives of each of the three transportation agencies in order to better understand how each entity documented its miscellaneous revenues. She hoped to remove this table from the document and include it in a technical memorandum instead, replacing it with different graphics that break down funding percentages for each county. The goal is to tell a story rather than to delve into highly technical details. The tech memorandum would more clearly indicate the differences in how information is reported by each county.

Mr. Uhlir stated that his intent is to make sure the RTP clearly shows flexibility in funding sources, including changes in how each agency approaches funding policy. Ms. Josselyn noted that the team was able to confirm funding sources, such as transit operations and maintenance (O&M) funding classified by one agency as a subset of dollars and by the other two agencies as part of their state and federal funding forecast. The three county agencies consistently show a desire to use their funds in a multimodal manner rather than committing all funds toward roadway projects.

Mr. Uhlir asked if the final table will break down funding by total capital as well as O&M. Ms. Josselyn replied that because this breakdown is evident in the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP), her intent was to show its use through allocations rather than showing the formulas necessary to arrive at the funding forecast.

Mr. Calvaresi observed that the scope of the RTP was written before the three agencies began their LRTP processes. The consultants and project managers for the RTP were given clear direction to take a "hands off" approach regarding revenue projections, which they have continued up to the present day. He acknowledged that it can be a challenge to create a cohesive story from three different methodologies; however,

taking a deep dive into the methodologies used to create revenue projections is outside the scope of the RTP.

Mr. Uhlir commented that Palm Beach would be more comfortable if all three agencies showed their total transit O&M funding separately from capital costs in order to provide consistency. He did not feel it was necessary to break down this funding into different sources such as fare box revenue and ad valorem funding; however, he felt the state and federal capital sources could be shown more consistently. Ms. Josselyn replied that she can work with Palm Beach to ensure consistency in the transit line item.

Motion made by Mr. Uhlir, seconded by Mr. Edmonson, to recommend adoption of the RTP 2045. The **motion** passed by unanimous consent.

2. Approval of Probed GPS / Mobile Spatial and Temporal Data Memorandum of Understanding

Paul Flavien of Broward MPO Staff provided an update on the Probed GPS/Mobile Spatial and Temporal Data Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was first presented to the RTTAC in May 2020 as an informational item. He recalled that the project team has made a number of the edits requested from different partner agencies in order to provide greater clarity.

The changed items include:

- Clarification of partner agencies
- Clarification of adequate notice
- Clarification of products defined in the scope of services
- Clarification of terms, including “vendor” as the party from which the agencies are purchasing data
- Clarification of how the MOU may be amended

Motion made by Mr. Edmonson, seconded by Mr. Uhlir, to approve. The **motion** passed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Uhren joined the meeting at this time.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Erica Lychak of Broward MPO Staff, Chair of the Public Participation Subcommittee (PPS), reported that this group met in May 2020 to review items that were proposed to the RTTAC at their May meeting. This included a list of suggested audiences to be targeted for outreach. Each region includes specific supplemental groups with whom the Committee and/or Subcommittee members will want to engage. The outreach is

intended to focus on policy and ways to gain support for flexibility with regard to transportation issues.

While the PPS is expected to address the logistics of this outreach, they will work with the RTTAC members who may have relationships with some of the individual groups or organizations. The PPS will provide regular updates to the RTTAC to ensure all members are informed of the ongoing outreach process. Ms. Lychak estimated that this process is expected to begin in August 2020 and continue through October and possibly November, with the understanding that each region's schedule is different.

Ms. Josselyn introduced Gabe Klein, co-founder of Cityfi, who was brought into the outreach process to act as a spokesperson for the policies the RTP will advance. Now that changes make a large forum more unlikely, Mr. Klein has focused on how to perform virtual and digital outreach. Mr. Klein previously served as the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation, Director of the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, and has been involved with other major transportation efforts throughout the nation.

Mr. Klein observed that the RTP recognizes significant aspects of Southeast Florida and reflects a commitment to providing both a long-range plan and a current call to action. Because outreach in a physical forum is not likely due to present conditions, the PPS plans to use technology to achieve this goal.

Mr. Klein advised that the website focuses on four pillars:

- Land use
- Transportation
- Funding
- Return on investment

The PPS plans to partner with other agencies across jurisdictional lines, as well as with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Mr. Klein pointed out that the website needs to serve as an integrated marketing plan that speaks to transportation officials, elected leaders, and citizens in a non-intimidating manner. He provided an overview of the site, which recognizes the growth occurring in South Florida as well as the fact that the existing transportation system may not be up to the task of accommodating this growth.

Mr. Klein emphasized the desire to promote economic growth and create both economic and physical resiliency throughout the region. The website provides links to important documents and articles related to current conditions, including the COVID-19 pandemic. It recognizes that a different kind of system is required in order to be successful in the 21st century. In addition, access to shared mobility equals better upward mobility from an equity standpoint.

Actions proposed under the four pillars listed on the website include:

- Transportation: premium transit to link the region
- Land use: education of the public on why land use and transportation are linked together
- Funding: engagement with the private sector
- Return on investment: clarify the difference between spending and investment in the future by calculating this return

Mr. Klein advised that some of Cityfi's work with Miami-Dade County considers the 30-year cost benefit of investments. The external costs, which include health considerations, environmental impacts, and loss of productivity, can be easily overlooked because there are so many; however, in the end they may add up to be greater than the internal costs. This provides a baseline for the understanding that a long-range plan must consider long-term costs and benefits, including those not necessarily transportation- or land-oriented.

If a strong land use/transportation system is created, it is likely that the region can lure more companies to South Florida. This will include educating the public about transit-oriented development (TOD), responsible land use investments, and the effect of greater density and transit on parking and driving. What the region decides to invest in will dictate future O&M costs. The website allows for the downloading of technical memoranda as well as the final summary report, and provides links to the three transportation planning agencies.

The Committee discussed the presentation, with Ms. Bush noting that the site may wish to provide information on how to transition from using cars to using transit and how the evolution of land use may play a role in this change. Mr. Klein noted that this addresses the management of change: the goal is to build support for this change from all stakeholders and the public. He agreed that visually showing the transition from single vehicles to transit could be a strong component.

Ms. Josselyn noted that while no verbatim steps have been cited thus far with regard to the transition from cars to transit, the PPS is expecting questions of this nature when they reach out to various groups.

2. Draft Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Agenda

Mr. Calvaresi reviewed the upcoming Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Agenda, which includes significant content that is similar to today's RTTAC meeting. Action Items include adoption of the 2045 RTP and adoption of the MOU for the travel demand model.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (no discussion)

1. Modeling Subcommittee

This update was provided under Action Item 2.

2. Public Participation Subcommittee

This update was provided under Non-Action Item 1.

3. TSM&O Subcommittee

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Member Comments

Mr. Edmonson asked if the three agencies will have the opportunity to review the RTP to ensure their comments are addressed before it is transmitted to SEFTC for approval. Mr. Calvaresi replied that the project team has recorded all comments in a matrix, which will be provided to the Committee members for review.

The Committee members agreed by consensus to cancel the July 8, 2020 RTTAC meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

NEXT SEFTC MEETING: August 7, 2020