



Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

10:00 a.m.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

The meeting will take place virtually. Attendees wishing to attend must click here to join the meeting:

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Members

Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Loraine Cargill, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Tewari Edmonson, Miami-Dade Transportation & Public Works
Paul Flavien, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Khalilah Ffrench, Broward County Transit
Raymond Freeman, Florida Department of Transportation, District 6
Christina Miskis, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Yash Nagal, Palm Tran
Jayne Pietrowski, FDOT, District 4
Brian Ruscher, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Kevin Walford, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m., and will be held virtually, via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

DISCUSSION ITEMS – SFRTA PTAC Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2024

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – Persons wishing to address the Committee are requested to complete an “Appearance Card” and will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please see the Minutes Clerk prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Those matters included under the Consent Agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require review or discussion. Items will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired by any PTAC Member, however, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.
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REGULAR AGENDA

Those matters included under the Regular Agenda differ from the Consent Agenda in that items will be voted on individually. In addition, presentations will be made on each motion, if so desired.
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INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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I1 – INFORMATION: 2024 Tri-Rail On-Board Survey Results

I2 – INFORMATION: LULA Lights Project –Lake Worth Beach Tri-Rail Station

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I3 – INFORMATION: City of Opa-Locka Safe Streets and Roads for All Update

I4 – INFORMATION: Freebee Microtransit Service at Cypress Creek Station Update

OTHER BUSINESS

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES/MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – December 11, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2024

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 in the Board Room of the SFRTA Operations Center at 801 NW 33rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33064. Participants were also able to attend virtually, via Zoom.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Kim Delaney, TCRPC
Loraine Cargill, SFRTA
Ira Dangleben, Palm Tran
Tewari Edmonson, M-D DTPW
Paul Flavien, Broward MPO
Khalilah Ffrench, BCT
Christina Miskis, SFRPC
Brian Ruscher, PB TPA
Kevin Walford, M-D TPO
Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi, SFRTA

ALSO PRESENT:

Corinn Beem, Kimley-Horn
Vicki Gatanis, SFRTA
Barbara Handrahan, SFRTA
John Lafferty, Kimley-Horn
Rogelio Perez, SFRTA
Vince Sciullo, SFRTA
Jessica Vargas Astaiza, SFRTA

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Kim Delaney called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi completed the roll call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

Motion was made by Mr. Brian Ruscher and seconded by Ms. Christina Miskis. The agenda was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

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C1– **MOTION TO APPROVE:** SFRTA PTAC Meeting Minutes from December 2023, February 2024, and June 2024

A Motion to Approve was made by Mr. Ruscher and seconded by Mr. Tewari Edmonson. The item passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA
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R1–**MOTION TO APPROVE:** SFRTA “Building Stronger Connections” Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Progress Report Fiscal Years 2025-2034

Ms. Jessica Vargas Astaiza presented this item to the PTAC. She began by providing a brief overview of the recently adopted TDP Rule, outlining changes made from the previous rule. Ms. Vargas next provided Tri-Rail Ridership trend data, beginning with rail passengers and continuing with bicycle and scooter usage on-board and at stations. The trend analysis concluded with SFRTA’s Ride Partner Services ridership, as well as parking lot and bicycle locker occupancy rates. Next, Ms. Vargas provided a detailed list of SFRTA’s accomplishments achieved during FY 2024. These included:

- Vision: Service expanded to MiamiCentral in Downtown Miami, ridership recovery to pre-COVID levels, and the completion of the VA Extension Feasibility Study
- Partnerships: Adoption of the SFRTA Five-Year Strategic Plan and the creation of several new advisory committees
- System Performance: Significant maintenance-of-way work along the South Florida Regional Corridor (SFRC), station facility improvements, and other capital projects to improve SFRC capacity and reliability
- System Performance: Improved Ride Partner Services, the identification of bicycle and pedestrian needs for station area, and fleet improvements
- Safety: signal replacements and security cameras
- Sustainable Funding: continued search for a dedicated funding source
- Economic growth through facilitation of joint developments
- Environmental Sustainability through electric Freebee vehicles

Lastly, Ms. Vargas presented the FY 2025-2025 SFRTA Capital and Operating Budgets. Ms. Vargas stated that the TDP APR will be brought to the SFRTA Governing Board for adoption on August 30, following the requested PTAC endorsement.

Motion was made by Mr. Paul Flavien and seconded by Mr. Edmonson. The item passed unanimously.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.

I1 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update – FY 2026-2035

Ms. Vargas began her presentation by reminding the PTAC that they are serving as the Project Technical Advisory Committee for the TDP Major Update. As such, Ms. Vargas and her project team will bring periodic updates throughout the project. The presentation began with a brief overview of the requirements of a Major Update, per the Revised TDP Rule (effective July 9, 2024). Ms. Vargas detailed the project schedule, noting that the new due date for TDP submission is March 1st.

The next portion of the presentation focused on progress to date. Upcoming Public Outreach activities include the drafting of the Public Involvement Plan and the finalization of project branding, website and intercept platform surveys. Baseline conditions were outlined next, including regional demographics, existing transit service options and an analysis of peer agencies.

Ms. Vargas briefed the PTAC on next steps before taking questions from the committee.

I2 – INFORMATION: SFRTA Ride Partner Services Update

Mr. Vince Sciuлло presented this item to the PTAC. He began by identifying the SFRTA-supported first/last mile connections to the Tri-Rail system. These include Rideshare options (taxi, Uber and Lyft), Freebee at the Cypress Creek Station, and the Fort Lauderdale Airport Shuttle. Mr. Sciuлло noted that the Ride Partner Services have gone through different iterations of funding and availability. Mr. Sciuлло provided data related to the most recent iteration (RPS 2.0). He reported that the average trip length for

Uber and Taxis was 3.32 miles and the average wait time for Uber services was 8 minutes. This program is being provided for a total cost of \$934,880 (50% covered by FDOT).

Lastly, Mr. Sciullo identified changes made by the SFRTA Governing Board regarding the next year of the program (RPS 3.0). Changes to the program include: the addition of Lyft and Miami Taxi as service providers, Golden Glades, Opa-Locka and Hialeah Tri-Rail Stations as locations, capping the program to 12 rides a month (per provider) and requiring EASY Card registration of all participants. Mr. Sciullo stated that SFRTA is currently working to standardize the internal processes for voucher requests. Additional updates will be presented to the PTAC as the year progresses. Mr. Sciullo then answered questions from the PTAC.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 9, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 12:01 p.m.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 2024

INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

2024 TRI-RAIL ON-BOARD SURVEY RESULTS

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

SFRTA conducts statistically valid On-Board Surveys every 5 years to update ridership characteristics including Origin-Destination patterns, trip purpose, mode of access and egress, as well as socio-economic characteristics, customer opinions and preferences. SFRTA conducted its most recent On-Board Survey effort on May 22, 2024. The survey methodology was established so that data was collected from passengers to reflect at least one leg of a typical weekday trip. Door counts and parking utilization counts were also collected during this time. The goal of this survey was to achieve a margin of error of +/- 3%, at a 95% confidence level (standard level of acceptable statistical accuracy).

The final product for the 2024 On-Board Survey will be ready in December 2024. This will include a master database of information collected during the survey, along with a final report containing the compiled tables, maps, and graphs showing the results of the data collection and analysis process. This will be used to support and inform multiple SFRTA planning initiatives, most importantly the Major Update to the agency's Transit Development Plan (TDP).

A presentation of the Draft Results will be presented to the PTAC at the November 13 meeting.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: none

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

LULA LIGHTS PROJECT – LAKE WORTH BEACH TRI-RAIL STATION

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Connectivity, mobility, and placemaking are all key components to successful transit access and productivity. To reinforce these qualities, the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils completed an assessment of Tri-Rail station access and amenity conditions in Palm Beach and Broward counties, which was completed in May 2024. Among the stations, a unique access and placemaking opportunity was identified at the Lake Worth Beach station. Unlike the majority of stations in the system, this station is located along Lake Worth Road, with a parking area below I-95 but without I-95 access and the accompanying on-ramps. Consequently, the station area lends itself to potential improvements regarding bicycle/pedestrian access as well as varied placemaking components such as specialty lighting and public art.

To explore potential improvements, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) has facilitated a design process that explores a variety of concepts. Coordinating entities in the design discussion have included SFRTA, the Florida Department of Transportation – District IV, City of Lake Worth Beach, Lake Worth Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency, and South Florida Regional Planning Council. Kim DeLaney, TCRPC’s project manager, will present an overview of the process and project concepts.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: none

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The City of Opa-locka is working toward a Vision Zero goal to eliminate all traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030, and at the same time, it's committed to improving safe, reliable, sustainable, and fair transportation for everyone. Thanks to a Safe Streets for All Action Plan Grant, Opa-locka is working to develop set of innovative strategies and actions geared towards cutting down on transportation-related fatalities and injuries, while also aligning with national safety goals. This effort includes the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), a Safety Improvements Toolkit, and a High Injury Network (HIN).

An update on the City of Opa-locka's Safe Streets for All initiative will be made at the November 13th PTAC Meeting.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: none

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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

FREEBEE MICROTRANSIT SERVICE AT CYPRESS CREEK STATION - UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

On June 23, 2023, SFRTA received support from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in Transit Corridor Grant funds to continue the demonstration service of the SFRTA's Tri-Rail On-Demand Microtransit Demonstration Project ("Project") at Tri-Rail Cypress Creek Station operated by Freebee. The funds allowed SFRTA to expand the Project for a second year to an expanded service area around Cypress Creek Station with three (3) electric vehicles and (1) wheelchair accessible hybrid van during weekday peak hours only. Project ridership during Year 2 increased by over 100% from Year 1, with the system averaging 2,700 passengers a month. However, due to the popularity of the service, the average passenger wait time increased over the average wait time goal of less than 10 minutes.

Based on the encouraging results of the Project and to address increasing passenger waiting times, Staff recommended to the SFRTA Governing Board the continuation of the Project for a third demonstration year with the addition of a fifth vehicle. Thanks to the continued support of another year of FDOT Transit Corridor Funds, the SFRTA Governing Board approved an amendment to the service agreement between Freebee and SFRTA on August 30, 2024 to extend the Project for another year.

Staff will present an update to PTAC on the performance achieved by the Project in the first two demonstration years in its goal of attracting new riders to the Tri-Rail system, increase transit demand and confidence riding Tri-Rail, and ultimately reduce traffic congestion in the Cypress Creek service area.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: none

PTAC Members/Alternates Meeting Attendance Summary			FY 2025					
			Aug	Nov	Dec	Feb	April	June
BCT								
Member	Khalilah Ffrench	X						
Alternate	Barney McCoy							
Broward MPO								
Member	Paul Flavien	X						
Alternate	Paul Calverisi							
FDOT D4								
Member	Jayne Pietrowski							
Alt	Paula Scott							
FDOT D6								
Member	Raymond Freeman							
Alt	Nilia Cartaya							
Miami-Dade TPO								
Member	Kevin Walford	X						
Alt	Maria Teresita Vilches							
MD DTPW								
Member	Tewari Edmonson	X						
Alt	Francisco Arbelaez							
Palm Beach TPA								
Member	Brian Ruscher	X						
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Member	Yash Nagal							
Alt	Ira Dangleben	X						
South Florida RPC								
Member	Christina Miskis	X						
Alt	Isabel Cosio Carballo							
South Florida RTA								
Member	Loraine Cargill	X						
Alt	Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi	X						
Treasure Coast RPC								
Member	Kim DeLaney	X						
Alt	Thomas Lanahan							