

Meeting Notes:

MTF Rail and Transit Committee Teleconference

Meeting notes by Cesar Segovia, URS

Action items in bold

Attendees:

Scott Seeberger, FDOT District 4 -- Chair

Diana Fields, FDOT CO

Terry Corkery, FDOT CO

Gabrielle Matthews, FDOT CO PTO

Min-Tang Li, FDOT District 4

Bud Whitehead, Hillsborough County MPO

Michael Escalante, NCFRPC

David Schmitt, AECOM

Neelam Fatima, St. Lucie County MPO

Evangelos Kaisar, FAU

Steve Pozin, USF/CUTR

Jeanette Berk, HNTB

Steve Ruegg, PB

Thomas Rossi, CS

Sheldon Harrison, CS

Ashutosh Kumar, AECOM

Dan Macmurphy, Traf-O-Data

Chunyu Lu, RS&H

Santanu Roy, HDR

Jingcheng Wu

Kacia Monts

Cesar Segovia, URS

Scott Seeburger began the meeting.

Item 1: Model Task Force Meeting:

1.a. Do we want to meet face to face? The answer was YES.

Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday March 25, in the afternoon, @ the Embassy Suites in Orlando, FL

Members suggested possible agenda/discussion topics:

-STOPS release, introduction and experiences with it, (David Schmitt)

-SunRail update

-Transit Model Update (TMU), as related to new CO contract and/or as it relates to Managed Lanes

-Emerging issues on the fair payment, employer subsidies programs, other employment programs, bike share, etc. (Steve Ruegg)

-Transit surveys (Steve Ruegg), an update on recent evolution/collection of data. Survey work done by *ETC* (David Schmitt, Steve Ruegg), other firm doing transit surveys (Pacific surveys services?).

-Small studies/areas transit analysis, sketch planning applications

-FTA presenter (**Scott volunteer to talk to them**)

Scott Seeburger will prepare a tentative list

1.b. Presentations for the MTF meeting main agenda

STOPS presentation would be good

1.c. Issues or news to be brought up at the MTF Committee round robin

TMU: how to move this up to implementation. There is a paper submitted by Scott Seeburger and others describing transit improvements. More on this under Item 3.

Item 2: Future Meeting Presentations

-Emerging issues, as listed above in 1.a

-Recent TRB meeting, update on transit topics

Suggest topics and then look for an appropriate presenter for it.

Discuss in the face to face @ the MTF meeting.

Item 3. Transit Model Update follow up:

A small paper prepared by Scott Seeburger, Dan McMurphy, David Schmitt was submitted to all Committee members along with a spreadsheet with all models across Florida related to highway/transit modeling information, kind of an inventory of all models available, by Terry Corkery.

Steve Ruegg: Application/implementation should be very flexible. Not just transit itself, there are several component to the TMU (techniques about data collection, trip generation, model calibration)

District modeling coordinators should be informed so they can talk to MPOs. It is about educating users of the TMU, FDOT could encourage with some kind of incentives, considering the different needs and complexities of models around Florida.

How the Transit Committee can help? In deploying the models, guidance to Districts, cost or efforts to update the models, schedule of the implementation. How FDOT CO can help?

In terms of the implementation schedule, models are being updated on varying cycles 2 to 5 years. Districts and MPOs do the model updates as separate projects and others as part of the LRTP process.

Overall MTF should be aware of the TMU and the push to implement it within the next round of model updates across the State. It should be part of the Transit presentation at the MTF Committee round robin.

Scott Seeburger will prepare a tentative “gameplan” to start discussions with FDOT CO staff and its Consultants. Possibly prepare a Task Work Order

Dan McMurphy mentioned that there are some stumbling blocks like the mode choice calibration, and not all components of the TMU might be applicable to all models. It has to be analyzed model by model .

Item 4. Short updates on issues relevant to the Committee:

Not discussed

Item 5: Other Items as time allows

Not discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm