



**SOUTH FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC)  
ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

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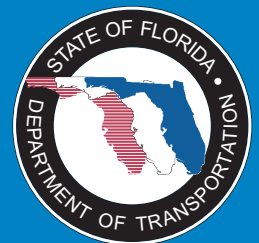
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# *Notice of Intent*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

The **Florida Department of Transportation**, District 4 announces the scheduling of Phase 2 project scoping and public kickoff meetings to which all persons are invited. These meetings will address the same subject.

DATE AND TIMES: January 21, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Jupiter Town Hall Council Chamber, 210 Military Trail, Jupiter, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: January 27, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Boca Raton Community Center, Royal Palm Room, 150 Crawford Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: February 4, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Raymond F. Kravis Center, Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: February 5, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Riviera Beach City Hall, Council Chamber Room C202, 600 West Blue Heron Boulevard, Riviera Beach, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: February 10, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Greater Bethel AME Church, Lower Auditorium, 245 NW 8th Street, Miami, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: February 11, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Delray Beach City Hall, Council Commission Chamber, 100 NW 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: February 12, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Miami Shores Country Club Ballroom, 10000 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Shores, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: February 17, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hollywood Center for the Performing Arts – Auditorium & Cafe, 1770 Monroe Street, Hollywood, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: February 18, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: E. Pat Larkins Community Center Auditorium – West Side, 520 NW 3rd Street/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: February 24, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Aventura Community Recreation Center – Classrooms 1A, 1B, and 2, 3375 NE 188th Street, Miami, Florida.

DATE AND TIMES: February 25, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: African American Research Library & Cultural Center, Auditorium & Seminar Room #2, 2650 West Sistrunk Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

### **GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

These meetings are being held to afford interested persons the opportunity to participate in scoping and public kickoff meetings for Phase 2 of the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis (SFECCTA).

The SFECCTA was begun using a Tiered Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) – Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) process. In processing the Tier 1 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) agreed that the process followed during Tier 1 was consistent with the NEPA early scoping process. This early scoping process will be continued through the next phase of

the study, including the selection of one or more locally preferred alternatives (proposed actions) in the corridor. Under this process, the Tier 1 Draft PEIS will be considered an interim planning report and, as such, the final report for this first phase of the study has been renamed the Final Conceptual Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Screening Report (AA/ESR). With the continuation of early scoping, FDOT will discontinue the pursuit of a Tiered PEIS process and continue the statutorily required Alternatives Analysis process.

The Tier 1 Draft PEIS and Phase 1 Conceptual AA/ESR will serve as the primary administrative record documenting the NEPA analysis performed to support the advanced alternatives analysis phase of decision-making, federal agency oversight, agency coordination, and public comments and responses. The Conceptual AA/ESR may be viewed or downloaded from the project's website at [www.sfecstudy.com](http://www.sfecstudy.com). An electronic copy of this interim report is available upon request from:

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[scott.seeburger@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.seeburger@dot.state.fl.us). Also, bound copies of the Conceptual AA/ESR will be available for public review, between January 9, 2009 to March 10, 2009, at the following locations:

Florida Department of Transportation  
District 4 Planning and Environmental Management Office  
3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-3421  
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Florida Department of Transportation  
District 6 Planning and Environmental Management Office  
1000 NW 111th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172  
Phone: (305) 470-5220

The next phase (Phase 2) of the early scoping-ETDM process will examine technologies, including regional rail, rapid rail, light rail, and bus rapid transit; station locations and types; grade crossing issues; maintenance facility and yard locations; locations for interconnecting passenger services between the existing South Florida Rail Corridor that is served by Tri-Rail Commuter Services and the FEC Railway corridor; costs; funding; ridership; economic development; land use; engineering feasibility; and environmental factors in a selected corridor. To satisfy FTA New Starts (49 USC 5309) alternatives analysis requirement, FDOT will also evaluate options for transportation improvements in the study area that do not involve significant capital investment including Transportation System Management (TSM) improvements and the implications of taking no action (i.e., the "no build" alternative). It is the purpose of this early scoping-ETDM process to identify mode and general alignment in the SFECC and develop a well-defined locally preferred alternative.

Special accommodation requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act should be made at least seven days prior to the meetings.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing to: Mr. Scott Seeburger, 3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309.