

Notice of Public Hearing

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The **Florida Department of Transportation** (FDOT) District 4 announces the scheduling of the Public Hearing for Phase 2 of the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study to which all persons are invited. For the convenience of the public, the same subject will be covered at several times and locations.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: McDonald Center, 17051 NE 19th Avenue, North Miami Beach, Florida

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 16, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus, Building 2, James K. Batten Room 2106, 300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Holiday Park, 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This hearing is being held to afford the public the opportunity to participate in a public hearing for Phase 2 of a multi-phased study known as the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis (SFECCTA) Study. This study is designed to evaluate transit improvements within the SFEC corridor. The study area extends from the Town of Jupiter in northern Palm Beach County to downtown Miami generally centered on the Florida East Coast Railway. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the SFECCTA study followed an Alternative Analysis (AA) – Early Scoping process to be completed in 2010. The approach for the early consideration of environmental factors for this study was developed in consultation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and resource agencies via the FDOT Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) process. Phase 2 of the AA-Early Scoping process has examined transit technologies, including regional rail, rapid rail, light rail, and bus rapid transit; station locations and types; railroad grade crossing issues; maintenance facility and yard locations; waterway crossings, locations for interconnecting passenger services between the existing South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) that is served by Tri-Rail Commuter Services and the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor; costs; funding; ridership; economic development; land use; conceptual engineering; and environmental factors in the corridor. FDOT has evaluated alternatives for transportation improvements in the study area that do not involve significant capital investment including the low cost/Transportation System Management (TSM) Alternative and the implications of taking no action (i.e., the “No Build” Alternative). It is the purpose of this AA-Early Scoping process to identify mode and general alignment in the SFEC corridor identified as “Alternatives,” leading to the selection of a locally preferred alternative (LPA) by the three county Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

The Draft AA Report and a Draft Detailed Environmental Screening Report (ESR) for Phase 2 are available on the study’s website, www.sfecstudy.com. An electronic copy of these interim reports are available upon request from: Scott P. Seeburger, Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, District 4, Office of Planning and Environmental Management, 3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-3421, (954) 777-4632, Toll-Free (866) 336-8435, ext. 4632; Fax (954) 777-4671, scott.seeburger@dot.state.fl.us. In addition, bound copies of the Draft AA Report and ESR will be available for public review, between August 24, 2010 to October 2, 2010, at the following locations: Florida Department of Transportation, District 4, Office of Planning and Environmental Management, 3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-3421, (954)777-4632; and Florida Department of Transportation, District 6, Planning and Environmental Management Office, 1000 N. W. 111th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172, (305) 470-5220. In addition, copies will be available for review in Miami-Dade County at the following locations: Miami-Dade County Main Public Library, 101 W. Flagler St., Miami; Lemon City Branch Library, 430 NE 61st St., Miami; Northeast Branch Library, 19200 W. Country Club Drive, Aventura; in Broward County at the following locations: Hallandale Beach Branch Library, 300 S. Federal Highway, Hallandale Beach; Broward County Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale; Pompano Beach Branch Library, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach ; in

Palm Beach County at the following locations: Delray Beach Branch Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach; Lake Worth Public Library, 15 North M St., Lake Worth; Palm Beach County Governmental Center, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach; Jupiter Branch Library, 705 Military Trail, Jupiter.

Special accommodation requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act or for translation services (free of charge) should be made at least seven days prior to the hearings by contacting the the FDOT District 4 office. A copy of the agenda may also be obtained by the FDOT District 4 Office. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.