

**South Florida East Coast Corridor
Transit Analysis Study**

Federal Aid Number FTAX004

FTA Grant Number FL-90-X372-07

Financial Management N^o 417031-22-01

Public Hearing

Formal Presentation Script

November 8, 9 and 15, 2006



1 **SPEAKER: SCOTT SEEBURGER**

2 **Formal Presentation Slide #1 - TITLE**

3 Good Evening and Welcome. The time is now 6:30 p.m.

4 Is there anyone in the hall waiting admission to this room?

5 **[PAUSE]**

6 Hearing that there are none, we will proceed.

7 This public hearing is being held to receive your comments regarding
8 proposed public transportation improvements in the South Florida East Coast
9 Corridor between Miami and Jupiter in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach
10 Counties. My name is Scott Seeburger and I am the project manager for Florida
11 Department of Transportation, District Four. Here with me tonight are [ADD
12 OTHER FDOT STAFF WHO WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE]. Also here tonight are
13 representatives of the department's consultant planning and engineering firm,
14 Gannett Fleming.

15 At this time I would like to recognize any elected public officials here
16 tonight. If there are any others public officials here this evening who wish to be
17 recognized, please stand and introduce yourself.

18 **[PAUSE FOR ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO BE RECOGNIZED]**

19 **Formal Presentation Slide #2 - REGULATIONS**

20 This Public Hearing is being held in accordance with:

- 21 ▪ Chapter 23 of United States Code 128
- 22 ▪ Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508
- 23 ▪ Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 771



- 24 ▪ Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968, as amended
- 25 ▪ Florida Statute 339.155
- 26 ▪ Florida Statute 120
- 27 ▪ Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- 28 ▪ Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
- 29 ▪ Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended
- 30 ▪ Florida Statute 335.18, "Access Management"
- 31 ▪ Executive Order No 11988, "Floodplain Management"
- 32 ▪ Executive Order No 11900, "Environmental Justice"
- 33 ▪ US Department of Transportation Act of 1966
- 34 ▪ Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Highways"
- 35 ▪ Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Protection of
- 36 Environment"
- 37 ▪ Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Wildlife and Fisheries"

Formal Presentation Slide #3 - NOTICES

39 The public hearing was advertised in Palm Beach County on October 25th
40 and November 1st, 2006 in the Palm Beach Post; in Broward County on October
41 22nd and 29th, 2006 in the Sun Sentinel and on October 27th, 2006 in the
42 Broward Times; and in Miami-Dade County on October 25th and November 1st,
43 2006 in the Miami Herald, El Nuevo Herald, Diarios Las Americas, The Miami
44 Times and the Haiti en Marche. Notice of this meeting was also provided in the
45 project website. In addition, adjacent property owners, interested citizens, and
46 elected and public officials were notified by letter of tonight's meeting.



47 **Formal Presentation Slide #4 – TITLES VI & VIII**

48 This meeting is also being held in compliance with Title VI of the Civil
49 Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended.
50 Public participation at this hearing is solicited without regard to race, color,
51 religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, or family status. Persons wishing
52 to express their concerns relative to adherence to Titles Six and Eight of the Civil
53 Rights Act may do so by contacting Florida's equal opportunity office at the
54 address shown in handout. All inquiries or complaints will be handled according
55 to department procedures in an expeditious manner.

56 **Formal Presentation Slide #5 – IDENTIFICATION & PARTNERS**

57 The purpose of tonight's Public Hearing is to provide the latest project
58 information to the public and to receive formal comments from the public. After
59 the close of the comment period for the Public Hearing and consideration of the
60 comments received, the environmental documents will be finalized.

61 This hearing is being held relative to the South Florida East Coast Corridor
62 Transit Analysis (also referred to as Financial Management Number 417031-22-
63 01, Federal Aid Number FTAX004, and Federal Transit Administration Grant
64 Number FL-90-X372-07).

65 This study is being conducted by the Florida Department of
66 Transportation, Districts Four and Six, in conjunction with the Federal Transit
67 Administration, Region IV. It was sponsored by the South Florida Regional
68 Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations of Palm
69 Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties and conducted in coordination with



70 the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Railroad Administration, U.S.
71 Maritime Administration, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Aviation Administration and
72 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Input has been sought from Miami-Dade
73 Transit, Broward County Transit, Palm Tran, the South Florida and Treasure
74 Coast Regional Planning Councils, the tri-county Leagues of Cities, CSX
75 Transportation and the Florida East Coast Railway.

76 **Formal Presentation Slide #6 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

77 A Public Involvement Program was conducted for this project in
78 conformance with federal and state guidelines and this hearing is part of that
79 program. Numerous meetings were held with affected and interested groups and
80 individuals.

81 Project information is available for review at nine locations in Miami-Dade,
82 Broward, and Palm Beach Counties until December 11, 2006. A list of locations
83 is available at the registration desk. You may view the project materials by
84 visiting these sites during the hours listed on your handout.

85 Handouts and brochures regarding the project are available at the sign-in
86 desk. You were invited to listen to an introductory presentation describing the
87 project before this hearing convened and that presentation will be transcribed
88 into the final record of this hearing.

89 We welcome any oral or written comments you might have that will help
90 us make decisions regarding this project. If you have not already filled out a
91 speaker registration card and would like to make a statement, please raise your
92 hand and our staff will provide you with one. A court reporter is available to



93 record your statement. Written statements or exhibits may be submitted for the
94 record in lieu of or in addition to verbal statements. Written statements received
95 at the district offices of the Florida Department of Transportation by December
96 11, 2006 will be documented as part of this hearing. However, please be
97 advised that the last day written comments will be received is December 11,
98 2006.

99 **Formal Presentation Slide #7 – CORRIDOR IMAGE**

100 At this time I would like to invite any public officials or their aides who are
101 here tonight and would like to make a public statement relative to this project,
102 please step up to the microphone. Repeat your name and office for the reporter.

103 **[FOLLOWING PUBLIC OFFICIAL COMMENTS]**

104 Persons who wish to make a statement or submit written views and/or
105 exhibits relative to this project will now have the opportunity to do so. If you are
106 holding a speaker registration card, please turn that in now so we can call you
107 up. If you have not received a speaker card but wish to speak, please raise your
108 hand and our staff will provide one for you.

109 To allow for everyone who wishes to speak to have an opportunity to do
110 so, I ask that if your comment represents a group collectively, that you limit your
111 input to five minutes, and ask that you limit individual comments to three minutes.
112 If we have additional time later, you may come back and continue.

113 I remind you that we are here to receive your input into the project record.
114 Limited time and resources require us to restrict our responses to any questions



115 you may have to those of clarification only. When you are called, please state
116 your name, address and affiliation if representing a group for the reporter.

117 **[FOLLOWING PUBLIC COMMENTS]**

118 **Formal Presentation Slide #8 – REPEAT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

119 I remind you that written comments and/or exhibits may be presented in
120 addition to the verbal comments we receive. A comment sheet is provided with
121 the handout that was distributed at the front door this evening. You may send in
122 as many comments as you like. All written materials received at this Public
123 Hearing or mailed, as long as they are received by December 11, 2006, will
124 become part of the Public Hearing record for this project.


125 A verbatim transcript of tonight's proceedings, together with all written
126 materials received as part of the hearing record, and all studies, displays and
127 informational material provided at the hearing will be made a part of the project
128 decision-making process and made available at the Florida Department of
129 Transportation, District Four office for public review upon request.

130 **Formal Presentation Slide #9 – CLOSING SLIDE**

131 I thank you for attending the meeting tonight and providing your input on
132 this project. It is now **[STATE PRESENT TIME]** and I hereby officially close the
133 Public Hearing for the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis in
134 Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

135 The study team will remain here as necessary to answer any further
136 questions that you may have. Good night and thank you for coming.

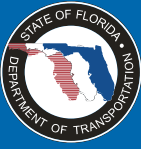




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This Public Hearing was advertised in:

Miami-Dade County

- *Miami Herald*
- *El Nuevo Herald*
- *Diarios Las Americas*
- *The Miami Times*
- *Haiti en Marche*
 - October 25, 2006
 - November 1, 2006

Broward County

- *Sun Sentinel*
 - October 22, 2006
 - October 29, 2006
- *Broward Times*
 - October 27, 2006

Palm Beach County

- *Palm Beach Post*
 - October 25, 2006
 - November 1, 2006



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In Accordance with Title VI and Title VIII

Public Participation at this Hearing is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or familial status.

Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to adherence with Title VI and Title VIII may do so by contacting either:

Florida Department of Transportation
District Four
Title VI and VIII Program Office
3400 West Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309-3421

Florida Department of Transportation
Minority Programs Office
605 Suwannee Street
Room 260, M.S. 65
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450



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