



**TPA STEERING COMMITTEE FOR TRI-RAIL EXTENSION TO NORTHERN
PALM BEACH COUNTY MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: Monday, February 26, 2018
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: North County Courthouse, Suite 2601
3188 PGA Boulevard
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Review Committee Purpose
3. Review Project Map
4. Discuss Service Alternatives
 - Capital Costs (Stations, Track, Trains)
 - Capital Fund Sources (FTA, State, Local)
 - Operating Costs (Stations, Track, Service)
 - Operating Fund Sources (fares, existing taxes, new sources)
5. Next Steps
6. Adjournment

CHARGE

To meet as needed between November 2017 and July 2018 to:

1. Develop a viable operations and maintenance funding source for the project, and
2. Define the access fee and conditions to use the private Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor for the project.

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TPA STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Maria Marino, Mayor
City of Palm Beach Gardens

Lynne Hubbard, Councilwoman
City of Riviera Beach

Keith James, Commissioner
City of West Palm Beach

Hal Valeche, Commissioner
Palm Beach County

Katherine Waldron, Commissioner
Port of Palm Beach

Michael O'Rourke, Mayor
(Advisory Member)
Town of Lake Park

Todd Wodraska, Mayor
(Advisory Member)
Town of Jupiter

Susan Haynie, Mayor
(Ex Officio as TPA Chair)
City of Boca Raton



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MEETING SUMMARY

November 27, 2017

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Elect a Committee Chair

Motion to Elect Commissioner Hal Valeche to serve as the Steering Committee Chair by Mayor Wodraska, seconded by Commissioner James, and carried unanimously.

Project Overview

Ms. Valerie Neilson reviewed the following:

- Status of Northern Layover Facility in Mangonia Park – an overnight parking lot for trains. This TPA priority project creates capacity and improves efficiency. Final design and construction scheduled for 2018-2020.
- Status of Northwood Crossover in West Palm Beach – a new connection between the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) and the FEC Railway around 25th Street with construction in 2018-2019.
- Committee purpose: Develop a viable capital and operations/maintenance funding strategy for the project, as well as define the access fee and conditions to use the private Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor. Conclude by July 2018 to hold existing PD&E funding in place for FY 2020.
- Tri-Rail Coastal Link memorandum of understanding signed between agency partners.
- Potential station locations in West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Lake Park, Palm Beach Gardens, and Jupiter along with each station's strengths, opportunities, weaknesses and barriers.

The committee discussed project funding status and sources.

Mr. Larry Merritt (FDOT) noted that federal, state, and/or local funding could be used for the project. He noted that if federal funding was the main source than ridership will be critical, as it will drive the competitiveness.

The Committee discussed the following:

- The need to tailor the desired outcome based on funding availability, and utilization of FTA funds for art within the station.
- Local municipal sentiments related to Brightline services and potential Tri-Rail services.

Next Steps

The TPA will provide a consultant for future meetings to present supporting data and analysis and to facilitate discussion. Specifically, the TPA consultant will present:

- Estimated capital costs for the project
- Summary of capital funding sources available
- Estimated operations and maintenance cost for the service and each station
- Summary of how SFRTA funds their existing operations and maintenance expenses
- Summary of O&M funding sources, including special assessment district funding and examples from other projects within the region

TPA staff noted the next meeting would occur in late January/early February.

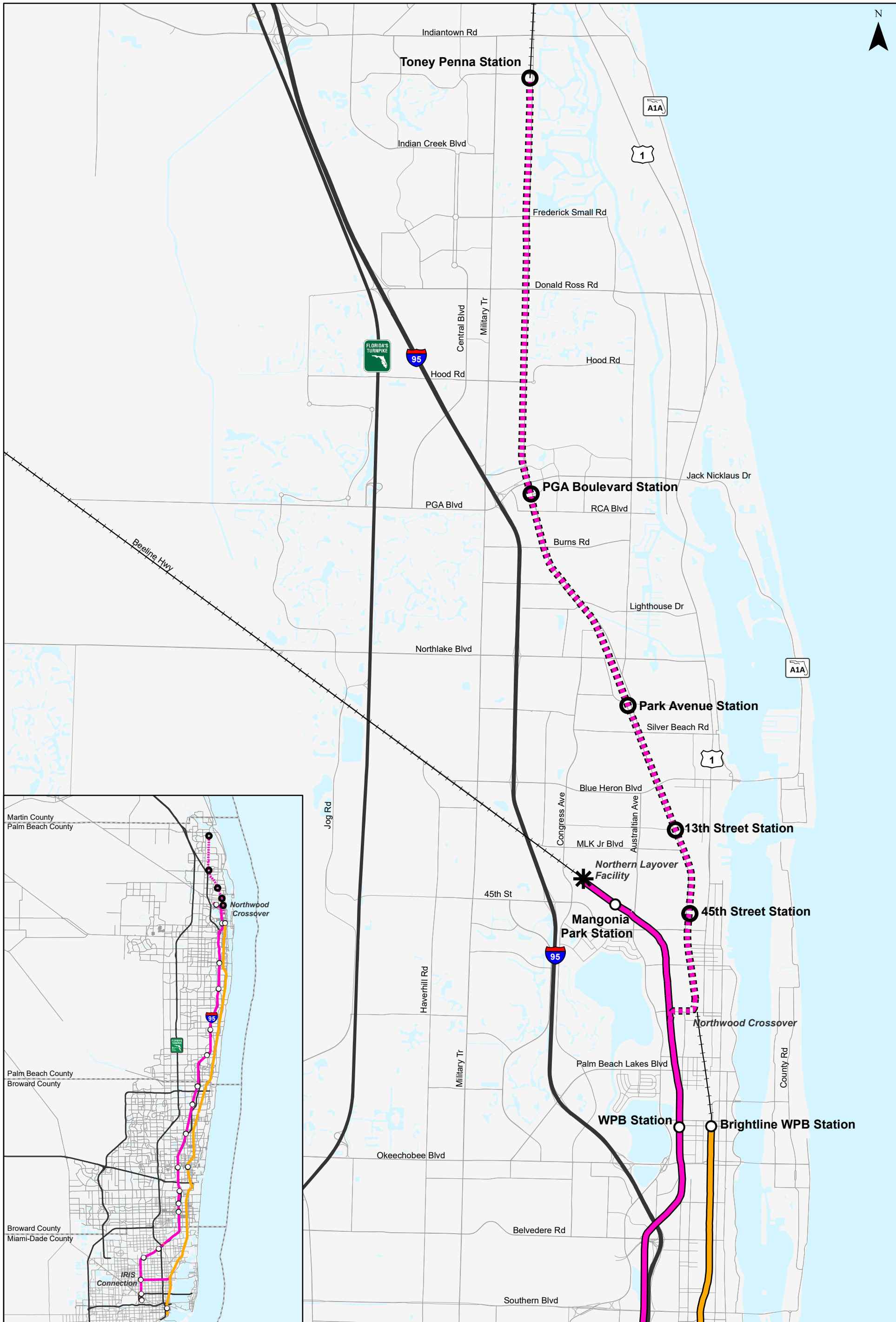
Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Maria Marino, City of Palm Beach Gardens
Commissioner Keith James, City of West Palm Beach
Commissioner Hal Valeche, Palm Beach County
Mayor Michael O'Rourke, Town of Lake Park – Advisory Member
Mayor Todd Wodraska, Town of Jupiter – Advisory Member

Others in Attendance

Larry Merritt, Florida Department of Transportation
Sarah Peters, Palm Beach Post
Malissa Booth, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Valerie Neilson, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Margarita Pierce, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Nick Uhren, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
Tony Catalina, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

Palm Beach County Tri-Rail Extension



- Existing Tri-Rail/Brightline Station
- Potential Tri-Rail Northern Extension Station
- ✳ New Northern Layover Facility
- Existing Tri Rail
- - - Future Tri-Rail in FEC
- Brightline

