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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 19, 2022

9:00am – 11:00am

Location: SFWMD Office, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers Florida 33901

In Person and Virtual

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Mission Statement:

To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

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Jon Iglehart, FDEP	Keith Robbins, FDOT
Phil Flood, SFWMD	(Vacant) SFWMD

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Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director
Rebekah Harp
Amelia Williams
Jim Burch
Tracy Whirls
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Regional Planning Council Functions and Programs

March 4, 2011

- **Economic Development Districts:** Regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts by the U. S. Economic Development Administration. From January 2003 to August 2010, the U. S. Economic Development Administration invested \$66 million in 60 projects in the State of Florida to create/retain 13,700 jobs and leverage \$1 billion in private capital investment. Regional planning councils provide technical support to businesses and economic developers to promote regional job creation strategies.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Statewide Regional Evacuation:** Regional planning councils have special expertise in emergency planning and were the first in the nation to prepare a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study using a uniform report format and transportation evacuation modeling program. Regional planning councils have been preparing regional evacuation plans since 1981. Products in addition to evacuation studies include Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans and Business Disaster Planning Kits.
- **Local Emergency Planning:** Local Emergency Planning Committees are staffed by regional planning councils and provide a direct relationship between the State and local businesses. Regional planning councils provide thousands of hours of training to local first responders annually. Local businesses have developed a trusted working relationship with regional planning council staff.
- **Homeland Security:** Regional planning council staff is a source of low cost, high quality planning and training experts that support counties and State agencies when developing a training course or exercise. Regional planning councils provide cost effective training to first responders, both public and private, in the areas of Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste, Incident Command, Disaster Response, Pre- and Post-Disaster Planning, Continuity of Operations and Governance. Several regional planning councils house Regional Domestic Security Task Force planners.
- **Multipurpose Regional Organizations:** Regional planning councils are Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions on multi-jurisdictional issues, support regional economic development and provide assistance to local governments.
- **Problem Solving Forum:** Issues of major importance are often the subject of regional planning council-sponsored workshops. Regional planning councils have convened regional summits and workshops on issues such as workforce housing, response to hurricanes, visioning and job creation.
- **Implementation of Community Planning:** Regional planning councils develop and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans to guide growth and development focusing on economic development, emergency preparedness, transportation, affordable housing and resources of regional significance. In addition, regional planning councils provide coordination and review of various programs such as Local Government Comprehensive Plans, Developments of Regional Impact and Power Plant Ten-year Siting Plans. Regional planning council reviewers have the local knowledge to conduct reviews efficiently and provide State agencies reliable local insight.

- **Local Government Assistance:** Regional planning councils are also a significant source of cost effective, high quality planning experts for communities, providing technical assistance in areas such as: grant writing, mapping, community planning, plan review, procurement, dispute resolution, economic development, marketing, statistical analysis, and information technology. Several regional planning councils provide staff for transportation planning organizations, natural resource planning and emergency preparedness planning.
- **Return on Investment:** Every dollar invested by the State through annual appropriation in regional planning councils generates 11 dollars in local, federal and private direct investment to meet regional needs.
- **Quality Communities Generate Economic Development:** Businesses and individuals choose locations based on the quality of life they offer. Regional planning councils help regions compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled personnel.
- **Multidisciplinary Viewpoint:** Regional planning councils provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary view of issues and a forum to address regional issues cooperatively. Potential impacts on the community from development activities are vetted to achieve win-win solutions as council members represent business, government and citizen interests.
- **Coordinators and Conveners:** Regional planning councils provide a forum for regional collaboration to solve problems and reduce costly inter-jurisdictional disputes.
- **Federal Consistency Review:** Regional planning councils provide required Federal Consistency Review, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars annually.
- **Economies of Scale:** Regional planning councils provide a cost-effective source of technical assistance to local governments, small businesses and non-profits.
- **Regional Approach:** Cost savings are realized in transportation, land use and infrastructure when addressed regionally. A regional approach promotes vibrant economies while reducing unproductive competition among local communities.
- **Sustainable Communities:** Federal funding is targeted to regions that can demonstrate they have a strong framework for regional cooperation.
- **Economic Data and Analysis:** Regional planning councils are equipped with state of the art econometric software and have the ability to provide objective economic analysis on policy and investment decisions.
- **Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators:** The Small Quantity Generator program ensures the proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste generated at the county level. Often smaller counties cannot afford to maintain a program without imposing large fees on local businesses. Many counties have lowered or eliminated fees, because regional planning council programs realize economies of scale, provide businesses a local contact regarding compliance questions and assistance and provide training and information regarding management of hazardous waste.
- **Regional Visioning and Strategic Planning:** Regional planning councils are conveners of regional visions that link economic development, infrastructure, environment, land use and transportation into long term investment plans. Strategic planning for communities and organizations defines actions critical to successful change and resource investments.
- **Geographic Information Systems and Data Clearinghouse:** Regional planning councils are leaders in geographic information systems mapping and data support systems. Many local governments rely on regional planning councils for these services.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (SWFRPC) ACRONYMS

ABM - Agency for Bay Management - Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

ADA - Application for Development Approval

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

AMDA -Application for Master Development Approval

BEBR - Bureau of Economic Business and Research at the University of Florida

BLID - Binding Letter of DRI Status

BLIM - Binding Letter of Modification to a DRI with Vested Rights

BLIVR -Binding Letter of Vested Rights Status

BPCC -Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

CAC - Citizens Advisory Committee

CAO - City/County Administrator Officers

CDBG - Community Development Block Grant

CDC - Certified Development Corporation (a.k.a. RDC)

CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (a.k.a. OEDP)

CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

CTC - Community Transportation Coordinator

CTD - Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

CUTR - Center for Urban Transportation Research

DEO - Department of Economic Opportunity

DEP - Department of Environmental Protection

DO - Development Order

DOPA - Designated Official Planning Agency (i.e. MPO, RPC, County, etc.)

EDA - Economic Development Administration

EDC - Economic Development Coalition

EDD - Economic Development District

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

FAC - Florida Association of Counties

FACTS - Florida Association of CTCs

FAR - Florida Administrative Register (formerly Florida Administrative Weekly)

FCTS - Florida Coordinated Transportation System

FDC&F -Florida Department of Children and Families (a.k.a. HRS)

FDEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs

FDLES - Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

FDOT - Florida Department of Transportation

FHREDI - Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative

FIAM – Fiscal Impact Analysis Model

FLC - Florida League of Cities

FQD - Florida Quality Development

FRCA -Florida Regional Planning Councils Association

FTA - Florida Transit Association

IC&R - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

IFAS - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida

JLCB - Joint Local Coordinating Boards of Glades & Hendry Counties

JPA - Joint Participation Agreement

JSA - Joint Service Area of Glades & Hendry Counties

LCB - Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee

MOA - Memorandum of Agreement

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPOAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

MPOCAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee

MPOTAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

NADO – National Association of Development Organizations

NARC -National Association of Regional Councils

NOPC -Notice of Proposed Change

OEDP - Overall Economic Development Program

PDA - Preliminary Development Agreement

REMI – Regional Economic Modeling Incorporated

RFB - Request for Bids

RFI – Request for Invitation

RFP - Request for Proposals

RPC - Regional Planning Council

SHIP -State Housing Initiatives Partnership

SRPP – Strategic Regional Policy Plan

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee

TDC - Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (a.k.a. CTD)

TDPN - Transportation Disadvantaged Planners Network

TDSP - Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

USDA - US Department of Agriculture

WMD - Water Management District (SFWMD and SWFWMD)

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Minutes of the April 21, 2022 Council/Executive Meeting

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**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
APRIL 21, 2022, MEETING**

The in-person and zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and Executive Board was held on April 21, 2022, at the South Florida Water Management District Office with a conference call option. Governor Appointee and Council Chair, Mr. Don McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum of the Executive Committee present. At 9:18 a.m. a quorum of the full board was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Mr. Don McCormick – Chair, Commissioner Jaha Cummings

Collier County: Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Commissioner Rick LoCastro (*Zoom*),

Glades County: Mr. Tommy Perry - Governor Appointee (*Zoom*), Chairman Tim Stanley (*Zoom*), Commissioner Donna Storter-Long

Hendry County: Mr. Mel Karau - Governor Appointee (*Zoom*)

Lee County: Commissioner Frank Mann, Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Councilman Fred Burson

Sarasota County: Councilman Jim Boldt, City of Venice

Ex-Officio: Mr. Jon Iglehart, FDEP

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Trinity Scott, Collier County
 Ms. Margaret Wuerstle - Executive Director, SWFRPC
 Ms. Rebekah Harp - SWFRPC
 Ms. Tracy Whirls - SWFRPC
 Mr. Jim Burch – SWFRPC, (*Zoom*)
 Ms. Asmaa Odeh – SWFRPC, (*Zoom*)

**AGENDA ITEM #6
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY APPOINTMENT**

Councilman Fred Burson offered a motion to accept the appointment of Commission Bill McDaniel to secretary of the executive committee. Mr. Donald McCormick seconded the motion to accept the appointment of secretary. The action was approved unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #7(a)
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2022, MEETING**

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. Councilman Fred Burson seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. The action was approved unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #8(a)
ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS**

Ms. Wuerstle presented a PowerPoint presentation to the board with background information and history of what the SWFRPC is required to do by State Statutes that are unfunded. Ms. Wuerstle also presented the SWFRPC's funded and unfunded program obligations. Relevancy priorities were presented in 2019 to County Managers and Council.

Mr. McCormick expressed the importance of Commissioner McDaniel's efforts and wanted to share his support as he did in his letter to the Council prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel provided his history with the SWFRPC and what his observations were with regards to relevancy over the years serving the Council. Commissioner McDaniel thought a restructure and a reorganization with ultimately a rebranding was needed. Commissioner McDaniel directed the Council to the Executive Summary in the agenda packet that he and Ms. Wuerstle worked on in 2020. The Executive Summary provides recommendations. Commissioner McDaniel explained that in the proposed interlocal agreement there is a reduction in per capita costs from each of the six counties.

Commissioner Pendergrass asked if there was a quorum to vote on this specific item. Commissioner McDaniel replies that there is a quorum of both the Executive Board and the Council so business could be conducted.

Commissioner McDaniel asked if there were any questions or comments on the proposed draft of the interlocal agreement. He explained that the proposed draft will need to be brought back to each of the respective county attorneys for review, approval and signatures. Commissioner McDaniel wanted to start discussing the ILA.

Commissioner Storter-Long provided some grammatical suggestions and said she would provide her suggestions to Margaret.

Discussion ensued regarding the legality of whether the termination of the old ILA needs to take place before the new ILA can be adopted.

Councilman Cummings wanted assurance that there would be no dissolution of the organization (SWFRPC). Councilman Cummings continued that he personally sees great value in the SWFRPC. He wants strong assurances that this does not jeopardize or harm the status of the organization.

Commissioner McDaniel continued to ask the Council, “How do we go from here”, that is the global question. How does the organization continue to sustain itself and provide relevance?

Councilman Cummings argued that the SWFRPC is relevant. Councilman Cummings continued to explain how and why the SWFRPC is relevant provided that there are viable programs. He continued to explain that where the relevance has concrete positive effects is in the conversations with the Florida Heartland Association. Councilman Cummings explained that because of this organization he is able to have those discussions regarding the inland ports, transportation, and other regional issues.

Commissioner Pendergrass asked if there were any counties paying membership dues? Ms. Wuerstle responded that Glades County is currently paying dues along with the City of Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers Beach. Commissioner Pendergrass expressed that he wasn't sure if the SWFRPC would get the support of the other five counties. Commissioner Pendergrass explained that he had conversations with Senator Passidomo last year about RPC's statewide and what the purpose was of even having them in place. (Finding the ability and a way to displace that). Commissioner Pendergrass continued that he's not sure if the rebranding is an effort to get above that future action. Or is the purpose to requalify the reason for grant funding. If it is to create a job for someone, what is the purpose of that? Commission Pendergrass explains that over the last five years the position of his board has not changed and he is not sure that any of the other county's positions would change.

Commissioner McDaniel explained briefly that the proposed ILA dues would be voluntary. If dues are paid, then the county member is able to vote. Commissioner McDaniel continues to explain that the SWFRPC is a regional organization that conveys issues across the board. The entire premise of the organization is regional collaboration. Structurally, the SWFRPC is outside the bounds of statutes. The draft ILA and By-laws brings the organization back into conformity with statutes. Commissioner McDaniel proposed that each county take the draft ILA and draft By-laws back to their respective councils, get comments from your respective councils and come back to this organization with the response.

Ms. Whirls suggested that Ms. Wuerstle's presentation be brought to each of the county commission and municipality meetings with an advocate of the SWFRPC, like Councilman Jaha Cummings to explain what he sees as the value.

Councilman Bolt explained the reason for attending the SWFRPC meetings was to determine what the organization does. What he continuing to hear is that this would be more along the lines of a marketing program. Councilman Bolt believes that there is a need to get in front of the six counties again and explain the benefits that come with being part of the organization and that he thinks that they have lost track of that. Councilman Bolt explains that the people in Sarasota that he has spoken to question the relevancy. Councilman Bolt continues that it is important at this point to bring it back in front of the counties with an explanation. He believes if we can get to that point there might be a chance to getting their participation.

Commissioner Pendergrass explains that a 30 second snapshot – what could he say to anybody, the taxpayers, voters or his board, the purpose of even the rebranding, what's the purpose of that? What is the initial impact, what can we do any different with the rebranding?

Commissioner McDaniel explained the rebranding/restructure – the restructure comes first and needs to happen in advance of the rebranding. The restructure needs to come first with the ILA, which condenses the membership to the organization then the rebranding comes with what we want to be when we grow up. Commissioner McDaniel poses the question to Commissioner Pendergrass, who can argue with the fact that there is not enough regionality in our communications of what's going on with our individual communities. Commissioner McDaniel continues that we continue to look for the commonality and common ground. All counties along the coast have the beaches in common and all counties have transportation in common.

Commissioner McDaniel explained that all counties currently need to be a member of an RPC by statute. Commissioner Pendergrass stated, "that is what is required "currently" unless it is changed by the state in the future". Commissioner McDaniel explained that until that statutory and legislative adjustment comes about, he is proposing a restructure and a rebrand and a draft of the by-laws that the organization can actually work under and hopefully bring back relevancy.

Councilman Cummings explains that the one place we can look at is national markets themselves. Florida has seven chambers and regionality is the theme of how they approach the world.

Discussions continued regarding the issues shared between each of the counties: transportation, water quality, quality of life and while the urban counties share the beaches, Glades and Hendry counties share the Caloosahatchee River. There is an abundance of Eco-Tourism opportunities, and the big thing is the economic development that exists in the region with a tremendous amount of highway networks. Highway and rail improvements could benefit the region as well.

Questions were read aloud from the Zoom chat. Discussion continued with regards to the questions and restructuring. Discussion continued regarding the restructuring and condensing the organization to the counties. Questions were brought up regarding the counties and municipalities as members. Ms. Wuerstle explained that the state statutes requires that there are two county seats and one municipality seat in each county. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Burson asked about disseminating information like comp plan amendments. Discussion continued with regards to how information can be distributed through the SWFRPC. Discussion continued that it would be beneficial to include a list of the comp plans received for the Council to review.

Commissioner McDaniel urges that in the declining revenue status, our organization will not be able to survive. Commissioner McDaniel stated that the restructure and rebranding is urgent.

Councilman Burson proposed that the information is disseminated to the six counties to review over the next few days.

Discussions ensued regarding the legality of how the draft ILA and draft By-laws can be brought to the respective county attorneys. It was determined that the each of the county commissions need to approve and direct that the drafts go forth to the county attorneys for review.

Commissioner Fred Burson offered a motion to direct the chairman to draft a letter to each of the six counties providing the draft ILA and draft By-laws for review by each county commission and reviewed by each county attorney. Also requesting a brief presentation pertaining to the relevancy of the SWFRPC. Councilman Jaha Cummings seconded the motion to send a letter and the draft ILA and draft By-laws to each of the county commission meetings. The action was adopted unanimously.

Ms. Wuerstle notified the board that there is a process of updating the Administrative Code with any changes made to the By-laws. There will be a need for an attorney to assist in that process once we are at that point.

Ms. Wuerstle also noted that State statutes still require the cities and counties to submit their comp plan amendments to the regional planning council. What we do not have to do is review them, it is optional. Ms. Wuerstle explained that the SWFRPC does received all the comp plan amendments and records them. If there is a blatant or glaring issue, Ms. Wuerstle will address it. Ms. Wuerstle continued that we do not have the funding to review all the comp plans and that it would require a full time FTE. Ms. Wuerstle agreed to provide a list of comp plans received.

The zoom chat questions were read aloud to the board. Commissioner McDaniel stated that due to the amount and length of questions from Mr. Burch in the zoom chat, the questions would be saved and addressed at a later time.

Zoom Chat Transcript of Questions from Mr. Jim Burch:

09:29:18 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

My question is that it seems that cities are removed from the potential role of majority members of the RPC. Is that true and why?

09:30:18 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

Can the counties pay their dues to help with sustainability of RPC?

09:35:18 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

Seems like the bylaws and interlocal were reviewed in the 2000's and why are the cities being left out of the review of the bylaws.

09:36:55 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

Can the counties review the history and components of the RPC so that we can move past the quote that the RPC is doing nothing?

09:43:14 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

Are the CARES Act, food policy council, refresh program, emergency planning, ARPA, broadband and others not being handled by the RPC? I assumed that these programs were RPC driven ones that have been funded through grants and funding options of state and federal govt.?

09:46:58 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

This agency is the only one that I know of that allows for counties and municipalities to convene and discuss relevant regional issues. The Pandemic and ARPA are two current examples of that and it seems having all cities involved with the counties in this discussion makes a lot of sense.

09:51:25 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

If the dues are properly paid will that help with sustainability?

09:53:44 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

Can a quorum be reached by elected officials that agree to be a part of the RPC, simply, by upholding their responsibility to attend meetings?

10:01:57 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

Don't the cities pay taxes to the counties, (i.e. residential or vacant land), and what can city elected officials tell their taxpayers as to its lack of authority as a non-voting member of the RPC and yet paying taxes to the county it resides in?

10:07:54 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

Seems like a good solution may be that the counties submit any changes in the bylaws to the cities within that county for approval and adoption.

10:21:16 From Jim Burch to Everyone:

Are we OK with hiring attorneys to defend our actions without following protocol?
Seems like taxpayers may have an issue with that.

**AGENDA ITEM #9
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No Committee Reports were given

AGENDA ITEM #9(a)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was no update given.

**AGENDA ITEM #9(b)
QUALITY OF LIFE & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

There was no update given.

**AGENDA ITEM #10
NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**AGENDA ITEM #11
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

There was no update given.

**AGENDA ITEM #12
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Donna Storter-Long commended the efforts with the drafts presented and announced that Glades County has new Count Manager.

**AGENDA ITEM #13
ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Don McCormick, Chairman

The meeting was duly advertised in the April 6, 2022, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 48, Number 69.

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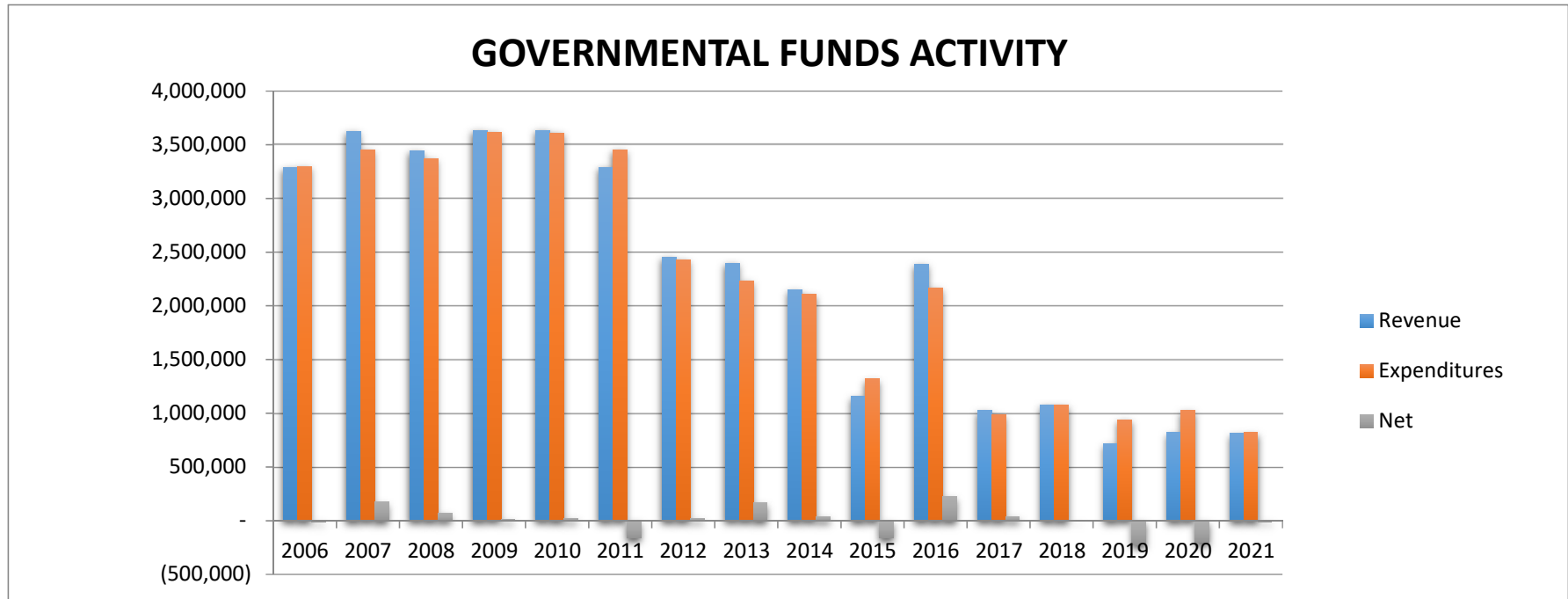
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Governmental Fund Activity

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (FUND BASIS STATEMENTS) - ALL FUNDS
Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2006 - September 30, 2021



Fiscal Yr	Revenue	Expenditures	Net
2006	3,282,874	3,293,955	\$ (11,081)
2007	3,620,972	3,448,094	172,878
2008	3,439,973	3,367,828	72,145
2009	3,631,561	3,613,833	17,728
2010	3,633,853	3,609,479	24,374
2011	3,288,138	3,448,360	(160,222)
2012	2,453,411	2,430,302	23,109 ***
2013	2,397,441	2,231,934	165,507
2014	2,145,900	2,105,488	40,412
2015	1,157,034	1,317,493	(160,459) *
2016	2,388,620	2,165,278	223,342 ****
2017	1,025,345	984,746	40,599
2018	1,080,206	1,078,114	2,092
2019	719,149	942,205	(223,056)
2020	821,515	1,024,052	(202,537)
2021	812,304	821,590	(9,286)

* NEP departed 10/1/14

**** includes sale of building

*** MPO departed

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Organization Structure:
Interlocal Agreement and
Bylaws – Councilman
McDaniel

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Rebekah Harp

From: Rebekah Harp
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 2:06 PM
To: bill.truex@charlottecountyfl.gov
Cc: Margaret Wuerstle; Don McCormick
Subject: Request from SWFRPC Chairman Don McCormick
Attachments: SWFRPC_Draft_ILA_Bylaws_Package.pdf
Importance: High

Bill Truex, Chairman
Charlotte County Commission
18500 Murdock Circle, Suite 536
Port Charlotte, Florida 33948

Dear Chairman Truex:

By unanimous vote of the quorum present at the April 21, 2022 meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council I was instructed to do the following:

- 1) I respectfully request you invite Collier County Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Punta Gorda City Councilmember Jaha Cummings and myself to attend a meeting of your Commission at your earliest convenience.

Commissioner McDaniel will address the matter of SWFRPC relevancy as it applies to our Interlocal Agreement and the Council's conformance with Florida statutes.

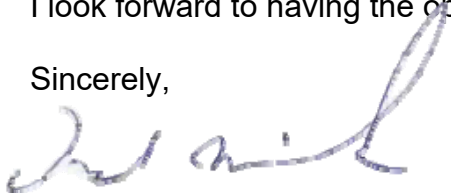
Councilmember Cummings will discuss Southwest Florida's need for a freight policy.

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Importance: High

William L. McDaniel, Jr., Chairman
Collier County Commission
3299 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 303
Naples, Florida 34112

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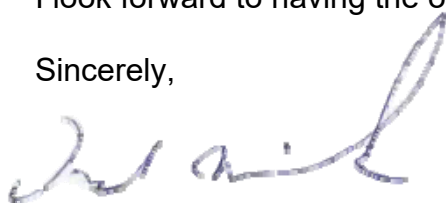
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Tim Stanley, Chairman
Glades County Commission
P. O. Box 1527
Moore Haven, Florida 33471

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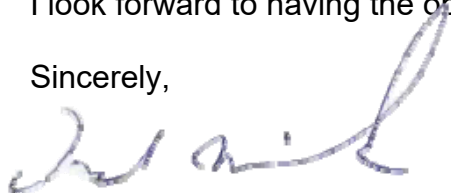
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Emma Byrd, Chairperson
Hendry County Commission
P. O. Box 2340
LaBelle, Florida 33975

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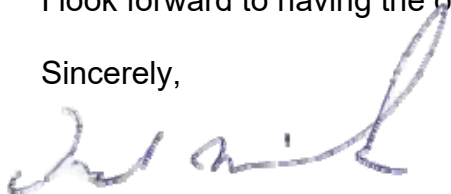
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Importance: High

Cecil Pendergrass, Chairman
Lee County Commission
Old Lee County Courthouse
2120 Main Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

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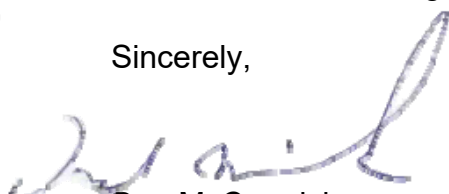
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Alan Maio, Chairman
Sarasota County Commission
1660 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, Florida 34236

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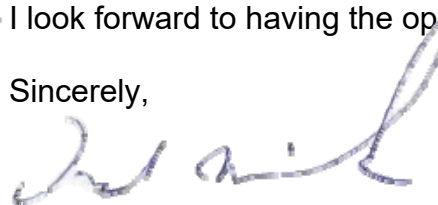
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Dear Commissioner:

I am writing on behalf of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners concerning the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council ("SWFRPC"). As many of you know, the SWFRPC's purpose has been statutorily eviscerated by the State Legislature over the past decade. In 2017, Lee County, along with other County members, formally terminated our participation in the previous Interlocal Agreements. Today, the SWFRPC continues to have a limited function and fails, in our opinion, to provide any meaningful benefit to Lee County's taxpayers.

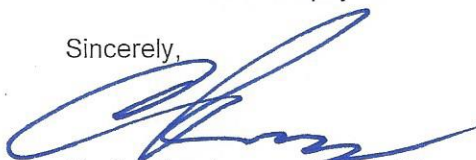
Recently, Lee County received correspondence from Don McCormick, Chairman of the SWFRPC concerning the purpose of the Organization. Briefly, the correspondence requests the Counties and other SWFRPC members to approve a new Interlocal Agreement and By-Laws for the purpose of reconstituting and rebranding the SWFRPC. The purpose of this "rebranding" is to reestablish the relevancy of the SWFRPC and recapture funding necessary to support its to be determined "mission." Lee County has significant concerns regarding Mr. McCormick's revised Interlocal Agreement, Mission Statement and By-Laws. Of primary concern is the attempt to empower a SWFRPC Executive Board and their attempt to burden the Counties with funding this new "mission."

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On May 3, 2022, in response to these concerns, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, by unanimous vote of the quorum present at its meeting, authorized me to write to you to inform you of our concern with the proposed documents. Moving forward, Lee County declines the invitation by the SWFRPC delegation to make a presentation at a future County Commission meeting. Further, Lee County will not authorize any further work or review of the proposed revised Interlocal Agreement, Bylaws, or Mission Statement.

Finally, the Board of County Commissioners has directed Lee County staff to seek a legislative amendment to Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, to make county membership in Regional Planning Councils permissive rather than mandatory. I am requesting that you join in our legislative efforts. No county should be forced to fund an organization that has outlived its statutory purpose and is of no benefit to its taxpayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cecil L. Pendergrass', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Cecil L. Pendergrass, District 2
Chairman

Executive Summary

Meeting Date: Meeting November 19, 2020

Submitted by: Commissioner Bill McDaniel

RE: Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Interlocal Agreement and By-Laws

OBJECTIVE: To reconstitute and rebrand the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) by repealing the existing Interlocal Agreement and the existing By-Laws and replacing them with an Interlocal Agreement that is consistent with State Statutes and a corresponding set of By-Laws, while the six member counties work on establishing the relevancy of the SWFRPC.

BACKGROUND:

Attached as Exhibit A are the existing Interlocal Agreement adopted November 8, 1973 and an Amendment adopted in October 1980. The existing By-Laws are attached as Exhibit B. The existing Interlocal Agreement as well as the current By-Laws are inconsistent with State Statutes. A document attached as Exhibit C explains the history of the Interlocal Agreement and compares it to the By-Laws and the Florida Statutes.

- The original Interlocal Agreement creating the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council was adopted November 8, 1973 but was not recorded.
- On June 6, 1974 an Amendment to Interlocal Agreement was adopted to revise final date of budget approval from June 1 to August 15.
- On June 27, 1974 an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement was adopted to provide for alternate voting members, the checks to be signed by the Treasurer, the meeting date moved to the first Thursday of the month, and for special meetings to require 24-hour notice.
- On August 1, 1974 the By-Laws for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council were adopted.
- On January 18, 1976 the Regional Planning Council board agrees to changed meeting date to third Thursday of month and to hold meetings at the Holiday Inn.
- On February 5, 1976 an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (that was presented at the 1/18/76 meeting) was adopted that removes meeting day from the Interlocal Agreement and provides wording changes.
- In October 1980 an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement was adopted that changed the requirement for approval of amendments to the Interlocal Agreement from 3/4 of voting members to 2/3 of voting members and majority (4) of principal members;

changes 15-day notice of amendments to 7 days; and added the 9 governor appointees or ½ of total voting members to the membership.

- In 2004 the 1973 original Interlocal Agreement along with the 1976 and 1980 amendments were recorded by all counties to facilitate the purchase of the building on Victoria Avenue in Ft. Myers.

CONSIDERATION:

In 1993 the State Legislature removed the DRI Appeal Authority from the statutes. The Appeal Authority allowed the RPCs to appeal to the Florida Land and Water adjudicatory Commission which is the governor and cabinet. Losing the DRI Appeal Authority meant that the RPC recommendations were advisory and the “teeth” in the recommendations were lost. Then in 2015, the legislature eliminated the requirement that a DRI be subject to the state coordinated review process, thereby removing the DRI process from the RPCs authority. A number of legislative changes over the years have weakened the RPC land use advisory ability.

In an effort to bring the Interlocal Agreement into compliance with the State Statutes, I am recommending that the current Interlocal Agreement be repealed and replaced with the Replacement Interlocal Agreement attached as Exhibit D. The Replacement Interlocal Agreement is consistent with State Statutes. Additionally, the existing By-Laws should be repealed and the Replacement By-Laws that are consistent with the Replacement Interlocal Agreement be adopted. The Replacement By-Laws are attached as Exhibit E.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Termination and adoption of a new interlocal agreement must be done by the county commissions of the six counties. The RPC can recommend that the existing Interlocal be terminated and that the replacement interlocal be adopted but it is the County Commissions that must approve the Interlocal Agreement.
2. Termination may only occur concurrent with a subsequent Interlocal Agreement being adopted due to the requirement of Section 186.512(1)(h), Florida Statutes, and the Executive Office of the Governor’s designation of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and Comprehensive Planning District IX shall be comprised of the counties of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the members of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recommend to the six counties that comprise Comprehensive Planning District IX that the existing Interlocal Agreement be terminated and the Replacement Interlocal and Replacement By-Laws be adopted and further

- That the SWFRPC members meet monthly to reconstitute and rebrand the SWFRPC including a new Mission Statement and By-Laws.

EXHIBIT D

REPLACEMENT INTERLOCAL

CREATING

THE

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

EFFECTIVE XXXX, XXXX

AMENDED AND RESTATED
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
CREATING THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
REGIONAL COUNCIL

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____, pursuant to authority of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, by and between:

CHARLOTTE COUNTY
COLLIER COUNTY
GLADES COUNTY
HENDRY COUNTY
LEE COUNTY
and
SARASOTA COUNTY

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, Section 163.01 et seq., Florida Statutes, permits local government units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on the basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement replaces the Interlocal Agreement entered on November 8, 1973, as amended June 6, 1974, as amended June 27, 1974, as amended February 5, 1976, and as amended October 28, 1980 by and among the parties to this agreement pursuant to which the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council was originally created; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Regional Planning Council Act, Section 186.501, Florida Statutes, mandates the creation of a Regional Planning Council in each of the several comprehensive planning districts of the state; and,

WHEREAS, Section 186.512(1)(h), Florida Statutes, and the Executive Office of the Governor have designated that the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and Comprehensive Planning District IX shall be comprised of the counties of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota; and

WHEREAS, the declared purpose of the Florida Regional Planning Council Act is to establish a common system of regional planning councils for areawide coordination and related cooperative activities of federal, state and local governments and ensure a broad-based regional organization that can provide a truly regional perspective enhancing the ability and opportunity of local governments to resolve issues and problems transcending their individual boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties hereto to establish a regional council to serve in an advisory capacity to the constituent local governments and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to make the most efficient use of their powers to cooperate for mutual advantage in conducting the regional planning process

and for providing coordination and cooperation within the Southwest Florida region;
and,

WHEREAS, the Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, Part II Florida Statutes assigns to regional planning agencies the responsibility to determine the relationship and effect of a local government's plan or element thereof to or on the strategic regional policy plan and extra jurisdictional impacts; and,

WHEREAS, Governor's Executive Orders 83-150 and Presidential Executive Order 82-12372, designates the comprehensive regional planning agencies as areawide clearinghouses responsible for review and coordination regarding certain Federal programs; and,

WHEREAS, Regional Planning Councils are statutorily assigned various duties and responsibilities in Chapter 129, 163, 186, 258, 260, 288, 339, 380, 403, 420 and 1013, Florida Statutes and other applicable federal, state and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of mutual promises, covenants, benefits to accrue from conduct of a regional planning process, and agreements herein contained and set forth, the member counties to hereby establish, pursuant to the authority of Section 163.01 and Section 186.501, Florida Statutes, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council located in Comprehensive Planning District IX consisting of the counties of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota, hereinafter referred to as the Council, a separate legal entity, and do further delegate such powers as are specified herein and agree as follows:

1. Purpose.

The purposes of this agreement are:

- (a) To provide local governments with a means of exercising the rights, duties and powers of a regional planning council as defined in Chapter 186, Florida Statutes and other applicable federal, state and local laws.
- (b) To provide a means for conducting the regional planning process.
- (c) To provide regional coordination for local governments in the Southwest Florida region.
- (d) To act in an advisory capacity to exchange, interchange, and review the various programs referred to it which are of regional concern.
- (e) To promote communication among local governments in the region and the identification and resolution of common regional-scale problems.
- (f) To cooperate with Federal, State, local, and non-governmental agencies and citizens to ensure the orderly and harmonious coordination of Federal, State, and local planning and development programs in order to insure the orderly, and balanced growth and development of this region, consistent with protection of the natural resources and environment of the region, and to promote safety, welfare and to enhance the quality of life of the residents of the region.

- (g) To encourage and promote communications between neighboring regional planning districts in attempt to ensure compatibility in development and long-range planning goals.
- (h) To establish an organization that will promote areawide coordination and related cooperative activities of federal, state and local governments, ensuring a broad based-regional organization that can provide a truly regional perspective and enhance that ability and opportunity of local governments to resolve issues and problems transcending their individual boundaries.
- (i) To establish an organization to carry out the duties, functions and activities that are to the mutual advantage of one or more of the local governments within Southwest Florida.

2. Definitions.

- (a) Appointed Representative – a voting member of the Council.
- (b) Comprehensive Planning Districts – the geographic areas within the State specified by the Executive Office of the Governor, and/or by statute.
- (c) Strategic Regional Policy Plan – a plan prepared pursuant to Section 186.507 Florida Statutes and containing goals and policies that address, at a minimum, affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, natural resources of regional significance and regional transportation and that may address any other subject

that relates to the particular needs and circumstances of the comprehensive planning district as determined by the regional planning council. Regional plans shall identify and address significant regional resources and facilities. Regional plans shall be consistent with the State Comprehensive Plan.

- (d) Contribution – any monies received by the Council from a member county or otherwise.
- (e) Council – the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.
- (f) Elected Official – a member of the governing body of a municipality or county or a county elected official chosen by the governing body.
- (g) Federal or Federal Government – the government of the United States or any department, commission, agency, or other instrumentalities thereof.
- (h) Governing body – the Board of County Commissioners or City/Town Council/Commission of any member county.
- (i) Local General Purpose Government – any municipality or county created pursuant to the authority granted under ss. 1 and 2, Article VIII of the Florida Constitution.
- (j) Member County – any county within the Southwest Florida Comprehensive Planning District IX.
- (k) Municipality – any incorporated municipality located within a member county.

(l) Principal Member Units – shall be the Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Boards of County Commissioners.

3. Effective Date, Duration, Amendment, Withdrawal, and Termination.

(a) The effective creation date of the Council is November 8, 1973.

(b) This agreement shall continue in effect until terminated as provided in Section 3.e.

(c) Any amendments to this agreement shall be in writing and set forth an effective date. To put into effect any amendment, each member county shall adopt, by a majority vote of its governing body, a resolution authorizing its chairman or chief elected official to execute the amendment.

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(e) In the case of a complete termination of this agreement, the non-Federal matching contribution required to match any approved Federal or State grant shall be firm. The project shall be completed, and the required reports and accounting shall be completed.

4. Membership, Voting and Term.

- (a) Membership of the Council shall be provided pursuant to 186.504 Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.
- (b) A regional planning council shall be created in each of the several comprehensive planning districts of the state. Only one agency shall exercise the responsibilities granted herein within the geographic boundaries of any one comprehensive planning district.
- (c) Membership on the regional planning council shall be as follows:
- (1) Representatives appointed by each of the member counties in the geographic area covered by the regional planning council.
 - (1.1) There shall be two elected officials appointed from each of the member counties.
 - (2) Representatives from other member local general-purpose governments in the geographic area covered by the regional planning council.
 - (2.1) Each county shall decide which of cities, towns and or villages will be voting members of the regional planning council.
 - (3) Representatives appointed by the Governor from the geographic area covered by the regional planning council, including an elected school board member from the geographic area covered by the regional planning council, to be nominated by the Florida School Board Association.
 - (4) Not less than two-thirds of the representatives serving as voting members on the governing bodies of such regional planning councils shall be

elected officials of local general-purpose governments chosen by the cities and counties of the region, provided each county shall have at least one vote.

(5) The remaining one-third of the voting members on the governing board shall be appointed by the Governor, to include one elected school board member, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and shall reside in the region. No two appointees of the Governor shall have their places of residence in the same county until each county within the region is represented by a Governor's appointee to the governing board.

(6) Nothing contained in this section shall deny to local governing bodies or the Governor the option of appointing either locally elected officials or lay citizens provided at least two-thirds of the governing body of the regional planning council is composed of locally elected officials.

(7) In addition to voting members appointed pursuant to paragraph (2)(c), the Governor shall appoint the following ex officio nonvoting members to each regional planning council:

- (i) A representative of the Department of Transportation.
- (ii) A representative of the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (iii) A representative nominated by the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- (iv) A representative of the appropriate water management district or districts.

(8) The Governor may also appoint ex officio nonvoting members representing appropriate metropolitan planning organizations and regional water supply authorities.

(d) Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to mandate municipal government membership or participation in a regional planning council. However, each county shall be a member of the regional planning council created within the comprehensive planning district encompassing the county.

(e) The existing regional planning council in each of the several comprehensive planning districts shall be designated as the regional planning council specified under subsections (1)-(5), provided the council agrees to meet the membership criteria specified therein and is a regional planning council organized under either s. 163.01 or s. 163.02 or ss. 186.501-186.515.

(f) The names of all the appointed representatives shall be recorded in the Council minutes.

- i. Each Board Member shall have an equal vote, which shall be one (1) vote for each Board Member. The basic term of office for appointed representatives of the Council shall be set by the respective appointing authority. All representatives shall serve until a replacement is appointed by the appropriate appointing authority or until written resignation is received by the Council.

5. Officers.

The officers of the Council shall consist of:

- (a) A Chairman, who shall be responsible for overseeing the working organization of the Council, for seeing that all policies of the Council are carried out, and for presiding over all Council meeting. The Chairman or a designated representative shall be ex officio member of all subsidiary committees and boards.
- (b) A Vice-Chairman who shall preside in the Chairman's absence or inability to act. The Vice-Chairman shall perform such other functions as the Council may from time to time assign.
- (c) A Secretary, who shall be responsible for correspondence of the Council, approve minutes of the meetings, be custodian of the records, keep the roll of all members and discharge other duties as may be assigned by the Chairman or the members
- (d) A Treasurer, who shall supervise the financial affairs of the Council and perform such other duties as may be assigned.
- (e) The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Regional Planning Council and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year or until their respective successor(s) are elected and qualified.
- (f) An Executive Committee, consisting of the Chairman, immediate past Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer shall be established to act for the Council when necessary to meet any emergency or to deal with any matters when it would be

impossible or inconvenient to convene a meeting of the full Council.

6. Meetings.

- (a) The annual election of officers shall occur in a timely manner, so the terms of officers may commence with their installation at the January meeting.
- (b) Regular meetings shall be held on the days and times established by the Council.
- (c) Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman either at his/her discretion or when she/he is requested by at least three (3) appointed representatives, none of which may be from the same member county; provided adequate notice shall be given to all appointed representatives stating the date, hour and place of the meeting and the purpose for which such meeting is called, and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting.
- (d) The place and time of each meeting shall be determined by the membership prior to the adjournment of the previous meeting. In the absence of such determination, the time and place of the meeting(s) shall be determined by the Chairman.
- (e) All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public.
- (f) A quorum at any meeting shall consist of at least one-half of all voting members. When a quorum has been established, a

majority of those present and voting may take action on all matters presented at the meeting. Each member shall vote on each question presented to the Council except in the event he disqualifies himself. Proxy voting is prohibited.

(g) The Secretary or his/her designee shall keep minutes of each meeting and distribute a copy thereof to each member county.

7. Finances.

(a) The work year and fiscal year of the Council shall be twelve (12) months beginning the first day of October and ending the thirtieth day of September.

(b) On or before August 15th of each year, the Council shall adopt an annual budget and certify a copy thereof to the Clerk or authorized recipient of the governing body of each member county. Each member county shall include in its annual budget and provide to the Council funds in an amount sufficient to fund its proportionate share of the Council's adopted budget, which bears the same ratio to the total budget as the population of each member unit bears to the total population of the region, all as determined annually by official population forecasts by the state of Florida for the year preceding each budget determination.

- i. Each municipal government having a voting seat on the Council shall provide its proportionate share of funds based on population.
 - ii. Each member county shall pay the full assessment to the regional planning council. Each County will collect the proportionate share of assessments for cities, towns and villages within each county that are voting members of the regional planning council.
- (c) Contributions for each fiscal year shall be payable in four equal installments. Payments shall be made within thirty (30) days from receipt of invoicing. The contribution of each member county shall be fifteen cents (15 cents) per capita of the population of the member county according to the most recent available determination under Section 186.901 Florida Statutes.
- (d) Each member county who does not remit the contribution amounts in accordance with Section 7(c) above shall lose all voting privileges until payment is made.

8. Powers

The Council shall have the right to receive and accept in furtherance of its function; gifts, grants, assistance funds, bequeaths, and services from Federal, State and local governments or their agencies and from private and community sources, and to expend therefrom such sums of money

as shall be deemed necessary from time to time for the attainment of its objectives in accordance with all applicable laws. Pursuant to Chapter 186.505 F.S. the Council shall have all powers granted herein including:

- (a) To adopt rules of procedure for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business and to appoint from among its members a chair to serve annually; however, such chair may be subject to reelection.
- (b) To adopt an official name and seal.
- (c) To maintain an office at such place or places within the comprehensive planning district as it may designate.
- (d) To employ and to compensate such personnel, consultants, and technical and professional assistants as it deems necessary to exercise the powers and perform the duties set forth in this act.
- (e) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this act.
- (f) To hold public hearings and sponsor public forums in any part of the regional area whenever the council deems it necessary or useful in the execution of its other functions.
- (g) To sue and be sued in its own name.
- (h) To accept and receive, in furtherance of its functions, funds, grants, and services from the Federal Government or its agencies; from departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of state, municipal, or local government; or from private or civic sources. Each regional planning council shall render an accounting of the receipt and disbursement of all funds received by it, pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act, to the Legislature no later than March 1 of each year.

- (i) To receive and expend such sums of money as shall be from time to time appropriated for its use by any county or municipality when approved by the council and to act as an agency to receive and expend federal funds for planning.
- (j) To act in an advisory capacity to the constituent local governments in regional, metropolitan, county, and municipal planning matters.
- (k) To cooperate, in the exercise of its planning functions, with federal and state agencies in planning for emergency management as defined in s. 252.34.
- (l) To fix and collect membership dues, rents, or fees when appropriate.
- (m) To acquire, own, hold in custody, operate, maintain, lease, or sell real or personal property.
- (n) To dispose of any property acquired through the execution of an interlocal agreement under s. 163.01.
- (o) To accept gifts, grants, assistance, funds, or bequests.
- (p) To conduct studies of the resources of the region.
- (q) To participate with other governmental agencies, educational institutions, and private organizations in the coordination or conduct of its activities.
- (r) To select and appoint such advisory bodies as the council may find appropriate for the conduct of its activities.
- (s) To enter into contracts to provide, at cost, such services related to its responsibilities as may be requested by local governments within the region and which the council finds feasible to perform.
- (t) To provide technical assistance to local governments on growth management matters.

- (u) To perform a coordinating function among other regional entities relating to preparation and assurance of regular review of the strategic regional policy plan, with the entities to be coordinated determined by the topics addressed in the strategic regional policy plan.
- (v) To coordinate land development and transportation policies in a manner that fosters regionwide transportation systems.
- (w) To review plans of independent transportation authorities and metropolitan planning organizations to identify inconsistencies between those agencies' plans and applicable local government plans.
- (x) To use personnel, consultants, or technical or professional assistants of the council to help local governments within the geographic area covered by the council conduct economic development activities.
- (y) To provide consulting services to a private developer or landowner for a project, if not serving in a review capacity in the future, except that statutorily mandated services may be provided by the regional planning council regardless of its review role.

9. Rules of Procedure

See attached Replacement By-laws

10. Immunity

All of the privileges and immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinance and rules which apply to the activity of the officials, officers, agents or employees of the members shall apply to the officials,

officers, agents of employees of the Council when performing their respective functions and duties under the provisions of this Agreement.

11. Limited Liability

Except as provided in Section 3(e) and Section 7 herein, no member shall in any manner be obligated to pay any debts, obligations or liabilities arising as a result of any actions of the Council, the representatives of any other agents, employees, officers or officials of the Council to have any authority or power to otherwise obligate the members in any manner.

12. Severability.

If any provision of this agreement or the application of such provisions to any person or circumstance shall be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this agreement which can be given effect without invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this agreement are declared severable.

13. Signatories.

It is expressly understood that the terms and conditions of this agreement shall be effective between and among those parties signatory hereto; and that the validity, force and effect to their agreement shall not be affected by one or more of the parties named herein not joining in this agreement any other provisions of this agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

IN THE WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have officially adopted and caused this amended and restated agreement to be executed and their signature to be affixed by their respective Chairman or Chief Elected Official as of the day and year first above written.

Execution of parties follows on next page.

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
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SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

EXHIBIT E REPLACEMENT BYLAWS

of the
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING
COUNCIL



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1. ORGANIZATION

The name of the agency shall be the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. It is a regional planning council formed in November 1973 under the authority of Chapter 160, Florida Statutes, as a voluntary association of local governments of the counties and municipalities which comprise the Region, namely, the counties of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades, Lee and Sarasota. The regional boundaries are those defined as Comprehensive Planning District IX as specified by rule by the Executive Office of the Governor pursuant to 27E-1.002, F.A.C.

2. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Council shall have the following powers and duties prescribed and granted by Chapter 186.505(1) through (25), Florida Statutes, and as they may be amended from time to time.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Council shall consist of twenty-seven (24) voting members. A voting member shall represent each Principal member unit of the Council as described in the following.

- a. Two voting members from each member county shall be a member of that county's Board of County Commissioners and appointed by that Board. If an alternate is assigned on the annual appointment form, the alternate must also be a county elected official.
- b. One voting member from each member county shall be a Mayor, a City Commission or Council member, or other elected municipal official from one of the local general-purpose governments in the county, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners from the respective County.
- c. There shall be six (6) voting members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate. One (1) member who is a resident of that county shall represent each County.
- e. **Ex-officio Members:** There may be (1) non-voting ex-officio member from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and a representative nominated by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO).

4. OFFICERS, TERM OF OFFICE AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. **Officers:** The Council shall elect from its membership, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Chairman shall preside over regular and special meetings of the Council. The Chairman may also represent and speak for the Council at other official meetings and functions. The Vice-Chairman shall assume duties of the Chairman on request of the Chairman or in the absence of the Chairman.
- b. **Terms of Office:** The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually. All officers are limited to two consecutive two-year terms.
- c. **Elections:** The election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and other officers as may be created or appointed by the Council shall be at the January meeting of the calendar year every year. Installation shall follow immediately.

- d. **Standing Committees:** The Council may establish such standing committees, as it may deem appropriate to the efficient pursuit of its duties and responsibilities. Members of all committees shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall serve at his or her discretion. Ad hoc and special committees may be appointed and dissolved by the Chairman with the approval of the Council. The following committee is hereby established as a standing committee.
 - 1. **Executive Committee:** Duties of the Executive Committee shall be to represent and act on behalf of the Council between regular meetings, on personnel relations and regulations, budget control, and on contractual relationships with individuals, agencies and firms. The Committee may meet in lieu of the regular Council meeting and shall have the authority to conduct Council business. Membership shall be composed of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past Chairman.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- a. The Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council shall be selected by the Executive Committee and shall be appointed by a majority of those Council members present and voting at an official meeting of the Council at which an appointment is being considered. Compensation for the Executive Director shall be set and adjusted from time to time by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Full Council.
- b. The Executive Director shall be appointed for an indefinite term to continue for such time as both parties find the association to be satisfactory. Neither party shall terminate the period of employment with less than sixty (60) days written notice, unless the other party waives the rights to such notice. The Council retains the right to remove the Executive Director from office for just cause without notice or compensation in the event of fraud, dishonesty, or criminal actions and may suspend said Executive Director pending investigation and hearings on charges before the Council.
- c. The Executive Director shall operate the Regional Planning Agency with the concurrence of the Council, and shall report at each meeting of the Council on the progress, problems and status of the approved programs. The duties and the limits of his or her authority shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Council and shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 - 1. Recruit, employ, set compensation, and train and direct all authorized staff personnel in accordance with the annual budget as approved by the Council.

2. Approve all expenditures and account for all budgeted funds.
3. Prepare all budgets for Council review and approval.
4. Negotiate for all available funding from local, state and/or federal or private sources.
5. Conduct such research, planning and economic development programs as will benefit the member governments as approved by the Council.
6. Coordinate the programs of all departments to insure maximum benefit and minimum costs.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

The mailing address of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Office is P.O. Box 60933, Ft. Myers, Florida 33906.

7. PUBLIC RECORDS

Any and all Council correspondence, reports, publications, memoranda and other documents are public records and thus open for public inspection during office hours.

The Council maintains a list of publications available and the cost per document. Individuals using the Council's copying machine are charged a set per page fee. Any person may purchase documents. Local general-purpose governments within the region shall be charged only the direct cost of production and are not subject to regular cost schedules.

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Council normally meets every other month on the third Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The date and time of regular meetings may change for the convenience of the Council. The Chairman or any two Executive Committee members may call Executive Committee meetings. The Council and Executive Committee meetings shall be conducted pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order Revised.

- a. **Quorum:** Half of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. For purposes of establishing a quorum, the following rules shall apply. (1) Vacant seats on the Council shall not count as a “voting member”. (2) Any member who has been reasonably notified by the appointing body and is unresponsive, shall not count as a “voting member”. In the event that a quorum is not present, a majority of the voting members present may reschedule and adjourn the meeting.

A quorum for the Executive Committee will consist of three (3) voting members. During circumstances that require immediate action, the Executive Committee may conduct its business via teleconference.

- b. **Annual Meeting:** The regular January meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of installing the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and conducting other business as may come before the membership.
- c. **Notice:** The general public is cordially invited to all Council meetings and proceedings. Notice of these meetings is published at least seven (7) days prior thereto in the Florida Administrative Register. In addition, notice is mailed to all Council members and to anyone who has requested notice.

Adopted on the _____ day of _____ 2020 at the Council’s Board Meeting.

Chair, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

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Inland Port Discussion
Freight Rail Resolution
– Ms. Tracy Whirls

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Inland Port update discussion May 19, 2022 RPC meeting

On April 28, The Florida Chamber unveiled their Florida Trade and Logistics Study 2030 which has as its goal propelling Florida's economy to one of the top 10 worldwide by 2030 by boosting high-value manufacturing to serve growing markets in Florida, the Southeastern United States, the Caribbean, Latin America, and beyond.

Based on a close reading of their study I would argue that Southwest Florida has a once in a generation opportunity to become the locus of manufacturing and logistics for southern Florida, south of the I-4 corridor, serving not only the fastest growing communities in South Florida, but also the Caribbean, Latin America and beyond.

The study suggests we can do this by:

- **Moving** more freight and goods to meet business and consumer demand efficiently and reliably.
- **Making** more goods by growing a larger, globally competitive manufacturing sector serving its domestic market – the nation's third largest state with one of the world's premier visitor destinations – as well as growing markets throughout the Western Hemisphere and the rest of the world.
- And **Multiplying** these impacts throughout the economy, **recognizing that every manufacturing job typically supports about two other jobs in related industries, including supply chains and business and financial services.**

The Chamber Trade and Logistics study opines that trade, logistics, and manufacturing offer opportunities for every region of Florida, including rural and inland regions in need of economic revitalization. **A coordinated statewide effort to grow trade, logistics, and manufacturing jobs could generate 300,000 net new jobs in Florida between 2020 and 2030 – nearly one out of every five the state needs to create to account for anticipated population growth.**

Many of these jobs will be higher wage opportunities, with manufacturing jobs in Florida paying 20 percent more than the statewide average for all industries.

The study recommends that Florida and by extension, we, in SWFL do this by:

I. Targeting top international markets for growth—they identified Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America and Mexico; I would add to that list Germany and other countries which already have strong ties to SWFL. They identified Florida's population and economic growth, along with supply chain restructuring and emerging technologies as trends which will continue through 2030 and thereby offer Florida and, particularly SWFL, significant opportunities. They recommend building partnerships between Florida and global companies, aggressively seeking to reshore manufacturing from foreign locations to Florida and expanding the export of Florida manufactured goods.

II. At the same time that we're ramping up exports and FDI, the study, like every other projection I've seen recently, notes that by 2030 Florida could add as many as 3.5m residents and that 81 percent of that population growth would be concentrated in 10 counties, one of which is our own Lee County, and outside Orlando and Duval Counties, the bulk of that growth is projected for southeast Florida, which also offers unique economic development opportunities for us here, because, as the study points out,

industrial space and warehouse space prices in the Miami area are now millions of dollars per acre, and these cost increases are spreading into Broward and Palm Beach counties.

They also point out that:

- Port Everglades set a record for container volume in October 2021 and broke additional records in 2022. Port Miami (as well as JAXPORT) both achieved their busiest cargo years in history in 2021, increasing volume by 10 percent or more over the previous year, without generating vessel congestion or delays. The question becomes, how long can the two South Florida ports continue to increase their volumes, as they continue to grow their cruise and yacht markets, particularly if we're able to assist them in growing exports by expanding our manufacturing sectors?
- Also, in 2020, Miami International Airport became the 10th busiest freight airport in the world, surpassing freight airports in France, Japan, and Singapore. Much of this is belly freight carried in passenger aircraft from around the world which is only expected to continue to grow as the airport grows alongside Miami-Dade County as an international hub for business.
- Finally, the study says, E-Commerce growth in Latin America has driven demand for distribution facilities in Florida, since many Latin American countries lack the logistics infrastructure to support e-commerce.

The global shift from "Just in time," delivery, the shortcomings of which were illustrated by the recent post-pandemic supply chain snafu and have been exacerbated by the war in Ukraine, to "Just-in-case" inventory systems will increase demand for warehouse space and labor as inventories increase. It also will increase reliance on logistics analytics to forecast demand and plan for disruptions. The Chamber Study says "This prioritization of responsiveness and reliability will increase the value of regionalized supply chains", and as we learned in researching to support our unsuccessful Build Back Better grant application, Southwest Florida can capitalize on the existing connectivity between its urban, suburban, and rural markets, which can enjoy continued growth by means of increased regional collaboration and additional investments in rail, airport, and other infrastructure, including utilities particularly in inland/rural areas.

The Chamber concludes:

- A growing population and economy mean a need for more housing, food, consumer goods, and business equipment and supplies statewide.
- An increasingly diverse population will demand a diverse mix of goods and services.
- Florida is well positioned to serve growing consumer and business markets in the Southern United States. I would go beyond that because in some areas, like food manufacturing and movement of perishables, we have a real opportunity to reach markets on both the east coast and in the Midwest, not only by filling trucks that typically deadhead north after delivering products in Florida, but ultimately by rail, and if you don't believe that's true, you should know that CSX is currently piloting a cold chain train project to the northeast called CSX Express which started as a concept called the Green Express which Lykes Brothers, and Americas Gateway, as well as US Sugar started exploring about 10 years ago.

They go on to say:

- A growing global middle class means more consumers for Florida goods and services.
- High projected growth in Latin America and the Caribbean will increase Florida's competitive advantage as a gateway to that region – with Europe remaining a key market.
- Higher demand for e-commerce will increase demand for truck drivers and couriers and will lead to an increase in the number of trucks on state and local roads. Longer term, this creates a real opportunity for southern Florida to shift to rail from truck to relieve congestion. And this would appear to be something the Chamber recognizes because later in their report they recommend additional investment and incentives relative to rail, saying that Florida's freight network has insufficient connectivity to some rural areas. Increasing traffic in urban areas near coastal ports creates the opportunity for inland port facilities and intermodal logistics centers, but these rural areas will need additional highway and rail connectivity to accommodate this growth."

They add that growing e-commerce is increasing demand for warehousing and distribution space – both the total number of facilities and the average facility size. "The growing size and sophistication of these facilities will require more infrastructure capacity and more freight connectivity. Florida is likely to see demand for both larger distribution centers near ports or in strategic inland locations and smaller fulfillment centers and freight depots closer to urban markets."

Much of what I've referenced so far is focused on opportunities in warehousing and logistics, but when it comes to the Trade and Logistics 2030 study's recommendations with regard to manufacturing, there again we have some huge opportunities in that respect as well.

The Chamber report identified key sectors such as electronics, transportation equipment, medical equipment, including medical devices, pharmaceuticals, (and I would add to this nutraceuticals) and food (which includes food processing) as targets for Florida, and to this I would also add fertilizers and other chemicals and a variety of niche manufacturing, including building materials and supplies.

The Chamber study acknowledges that Florida must expand the size and scope of its manufacturing sector, noting that as recently as 2019, nearly 95 percent of exporting businesses in Florida were small or medium-sized companies (Enterprise Florida). These businesses have different challenges scaling up and competing in larger marketplaces, whether that is having the capital to afford warehouse space or having the technical expertise to comply with international trade regulations as an exporter. These businesses often operate on lean margins that limit their ability to make the longer-term investments for capital expansion or pursuit in new markets. To grow its competitiveness and market share, Florida's manufacturing sector must address gaps in its support systems, including workforce availability, site readiness, business assistance, research and development, marketing, and state and federal policy support.

They talk about closing workforce training gaps in manufacturing and logistics, which we're already working on, supporting long term state investment in high priority transportation facilities through the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), and aggressively positioning the state and I would argue the region for available discretionary federal funding for multimodal freight investments. They note that The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted in late 2021, includes a 35 percent increase in formula

transportation funding for Florida during the next five years, as well as 34 existing or new discretionary transportation grant programs with cumulative funding of \$187 billion nationwide, saying “Florida must strategically pursue these competitive funds, particularly those available for freight, port, and multimodal capacity and connectivity, broadband, and resilience.” They advocate continuing to transform Florida’s major transportation corridors to identify and help preserve right-of-way and sites for long-term needs such as new or expanded inland rail corridors or intermodal logistics centers. They go on to say FDOT also should strengthen public/private partnerships for modal projects, using SIS or federal discretionary grant funds to leverage private investment and increase flexibility across funding sources, adding that Florida should continue proven strategies including promoting the diversity and capacity of the state’s trade gateways; incorporating sea-, air-, and I would argue rail leadership in trade missions; and recruiting more direct international air service or first-call port service to the state.

Going further the study recommends:

- Promoting private sector R&D investment by significantly expanding Florida’s R&D tax credit to meet current, qualified demand.
- Providing tax credits or other incentives for use of Florida ports for shipping to help reduce supply chain costs for new or expanding businesses and expand a customer base for Florida gateways. Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina offer port use tax credits that could be models for Florida.
- Providing tax credits or other incentives for private sector investment in economic development and public infrastructure. The Alabama Rail Tax Credit could be a model for Florida to strengthen intermodal partnerships for freight infrastructure.
- Creating flexible tools for companies to offset their corporate, business, or property tax liabilities when they are willing to make significant long-term commitments to job creation and capital investments. These offsets could be structured to provide initial support during the periods in which businesses are investing and working toward profitability, and then taper off with a long tail to encourage long-term commitments. Some states are implementing tools that are self-financed by returning to a business a portion of the taxes collected from that business, to be used for future investment opportunities.

They also emphasize identifying properties in rural areas and fully funding available incentives for the Florida Jobs Growth Grant Fund, the Rural Infrastructure fund, and the Rural Community Development Revolving loan fund.

Finally, they urge strong collaboration among statewide industry associations and partnerships, such as the Florida Airports Council, Florida Economic Development Council (FEDC), Florida Makes, Florida Ports Council, Florida Railroad Association, and Florida Trucking Association, urging that new statewide institutional support structures could include a partnership for collaboration among foreign trade zones, among other initiatives and I would argue that the Florida Freight Advisory Committee as a convener of many of these aforementioned groups could take the lead in making this happen.

The Chamber Foundation concluded by recommending that Florida’s public and private leaders can make this happen by pursuing six key strategies:

1. Reaffirming the statewide priority for trade, logistics and manufacturing, recognizing that increased investment in logistics and manufacturing has ripple affects throughout the state's economy in professional services and other sectors.
2. Establishing a statewide manufacturing initiative
3. Closing essential workforce gaps and strengthening the talent pipeline
4. Continuing to strengthen trade gateways and corridors
5. Establishing a comprehensive site development program with emphasis on rural areas
6. Redesigning Florida's economic development toolkit

A LOOK AHEAD

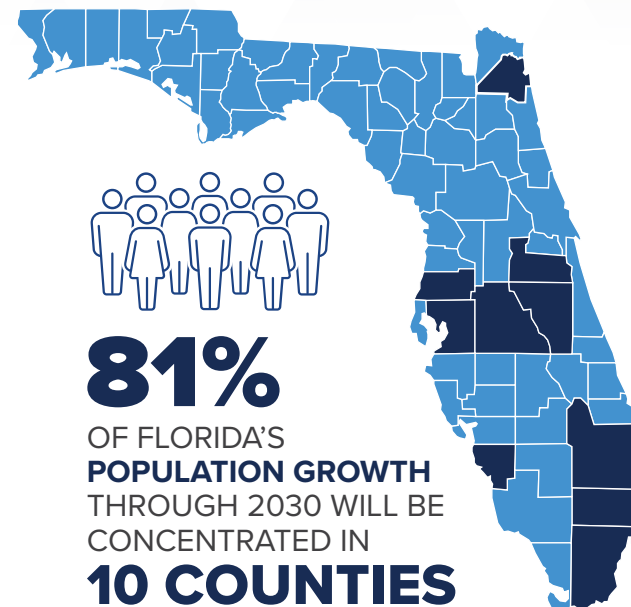
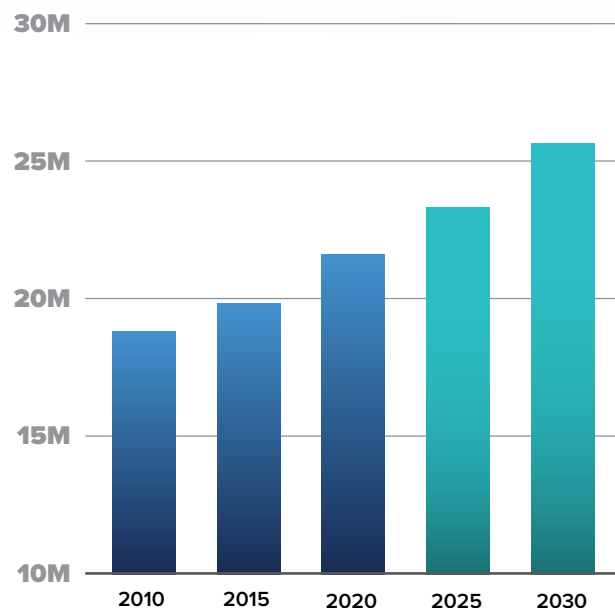
FLORIDA'S GROWING POPULATION AND ECONOMY

What's Changing?

Population and economic growth are not new for Florida. Florida added 2.7 million residents (15 percent) and had the largest net migration of any state between 2010 and 2020. Florida could add as many as 3.5 million additional residents between 2021 and 2030. Gross domestic product (GDP), employment, and visitors are expected to grow quickly as well.

What is new is the breadth and depth of this growth, with population gains expected in every county. The Baby Boom, Millennial, and GenX generations all are growing as a share of Florida's population, and by 2030 the state's largest ethnic group, non-Hispanic whites, will account for less than half of all residents, making Florida a "majority minority" state.

FLORIDA POPULATION GROWTH



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research high-growth forecast.

► SIGNPOSTS

Nearly **one out of every four** Floridians will be **over the age of 65 by 2030**.

After declining sharply during the global pandemic, **annual visitors to Florida are projected to increase to 193 million by 2030**.

More than half of all **U.S. growth through 2030 is anticipated to occur in the South** from Texas to Delaware.

Migration from other states and nations will account for 93 percent of Florida's population growth through 2030.

IMPLICATIONS ◀

A growing population and economy means a need for **more housing, food, consumer goods, and business equipment and supplies** statewide.

An increasingly diverse population will demand **a diverse mix of goods and services**.

Florida is **well positioned to serve growing consumer and business markets** in the Southern United States.

Florida's **heavy reliance on migration creates a risk of growth significantly varying from historic trends** in either direction. This is based on factors such as housing costs, immigration policies, and climate change.

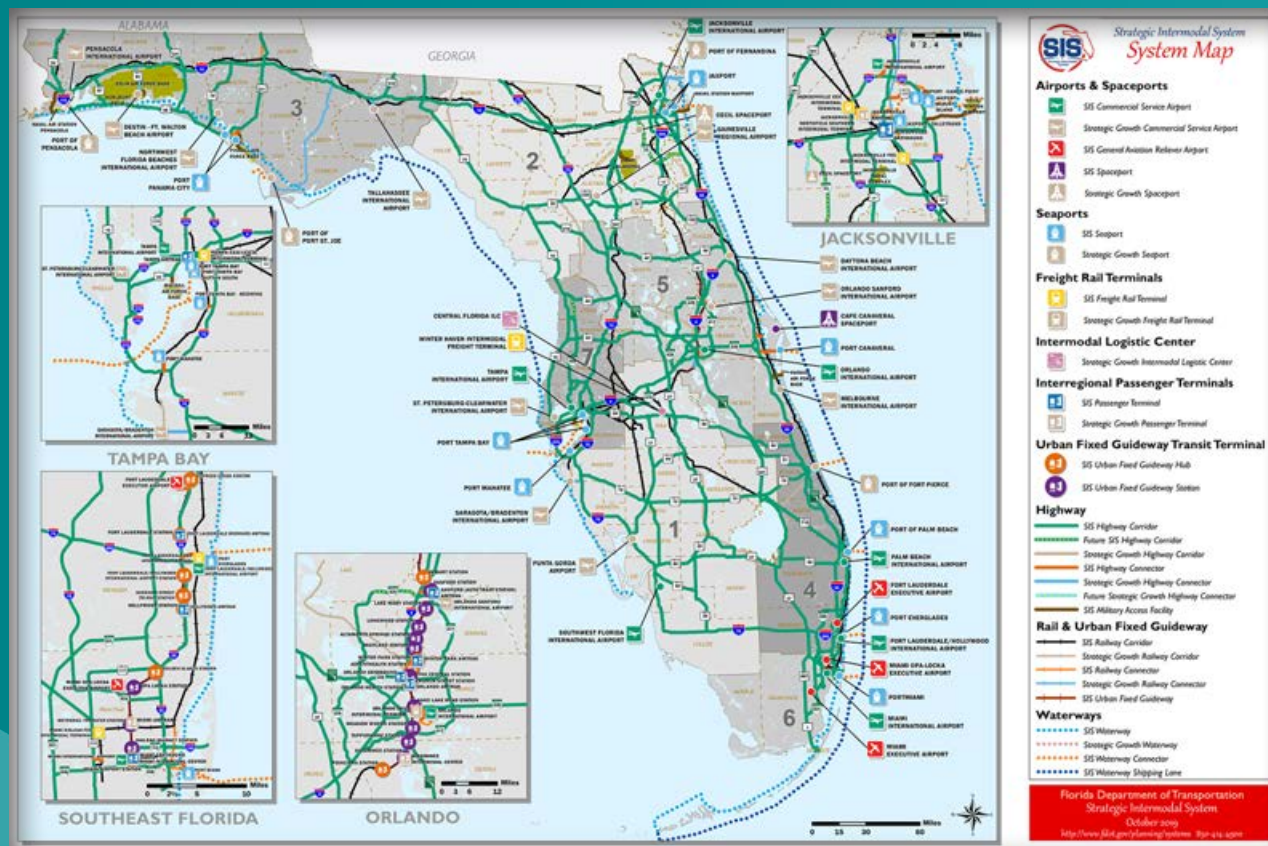
FLORIDA'S OPPORTUNITIES

1. MOVE MORE FREIGHT AND GOODS

FLORIDA'S FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE

Florida's transportation system is a key foundation of its strength in trade and logistics.

- With its extensive coastline, Florida hosts **15 deepwater seaports**. Florida's location at the southeastern tip of the United States gives Florida an unmatched advantage for accessing markets in Latin America and the Caribbean. Seaports account for 54 percent of international trade through Florida by value (U.S. Census Bureau). The local government agencies and independent authorities that own Florida's seaports, along with private terminal operators and the state, invested billions of dollars in seaport capacity expansion during the past decade, including major on-port and connector projects at Jaxport, Port Everglades, PortMiami, and Port Tampa Bay.
- Florida hosts **20 commercial service airports**, most of which offer international flights. Florida has four large hub airports, more than any other state. Airports account for 44 percent of international trade in Florida by value (U.S. Census Bureau). Aviation-based freight plays an outsized role in generating value from export activities and presents an opportunity to increase output in high-value industries.
- Florida's three **spaceports** include eight active launch sites, one being the world's most capable spaceport at Cape Canaveral. Florida launched 31 orbital launches in 2021 with over 550 metric tons of payload (Space Florida).



Source: Florida Department of Transportation.

FLORIDA'S OPPORTUNITIES

1. MOVE MORE FREIGHT AND GOODS

FLORIDA'S FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE (CONTINUED)



Source: Enterprise Florida, Inc.

- Florida hosts 2,746 miles of mainline **rail** track plus hundreds of miles of short-line track. The Florida rail system directly services nine seaports, major industrial, mining, and agricultural sites, and connects Florida to the rest of the national rail network (FDOT).
- Florida has 12,136 center line miles of **roadway** in the State Highway System, including 4,350 miles designated as part of the Strategic Intermodal System. Major highways including the Interstates, Florida's Turnpike, and corridors like U.S. 27, U.S. 301, and U.S. 19 connect Florida's regions and connect Florida to other states and nations. Florida's network of rail and road systems provide access to much of the Southeastern United States with one-day truck and rail shipments (FDOT).
- Florida has the second largest **Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)** network in the United States. Three of the top 25 FTZs for warehouse and distribution exports are located in Florida. An FTZ is a secure area outside the customs territory of the United States. Goods moved into an FTZ can be stored, assembled, or processed without paying duties on foreign goods. Duties are levied on the goods when they leave the FTZ for import into the U.S. FTZ can lower business costs and streamline supply chains for import/export operations.

Southern Florida Permanent Population Projections

2015	11,482,600
2025	12,989,200
2035	14,326,300

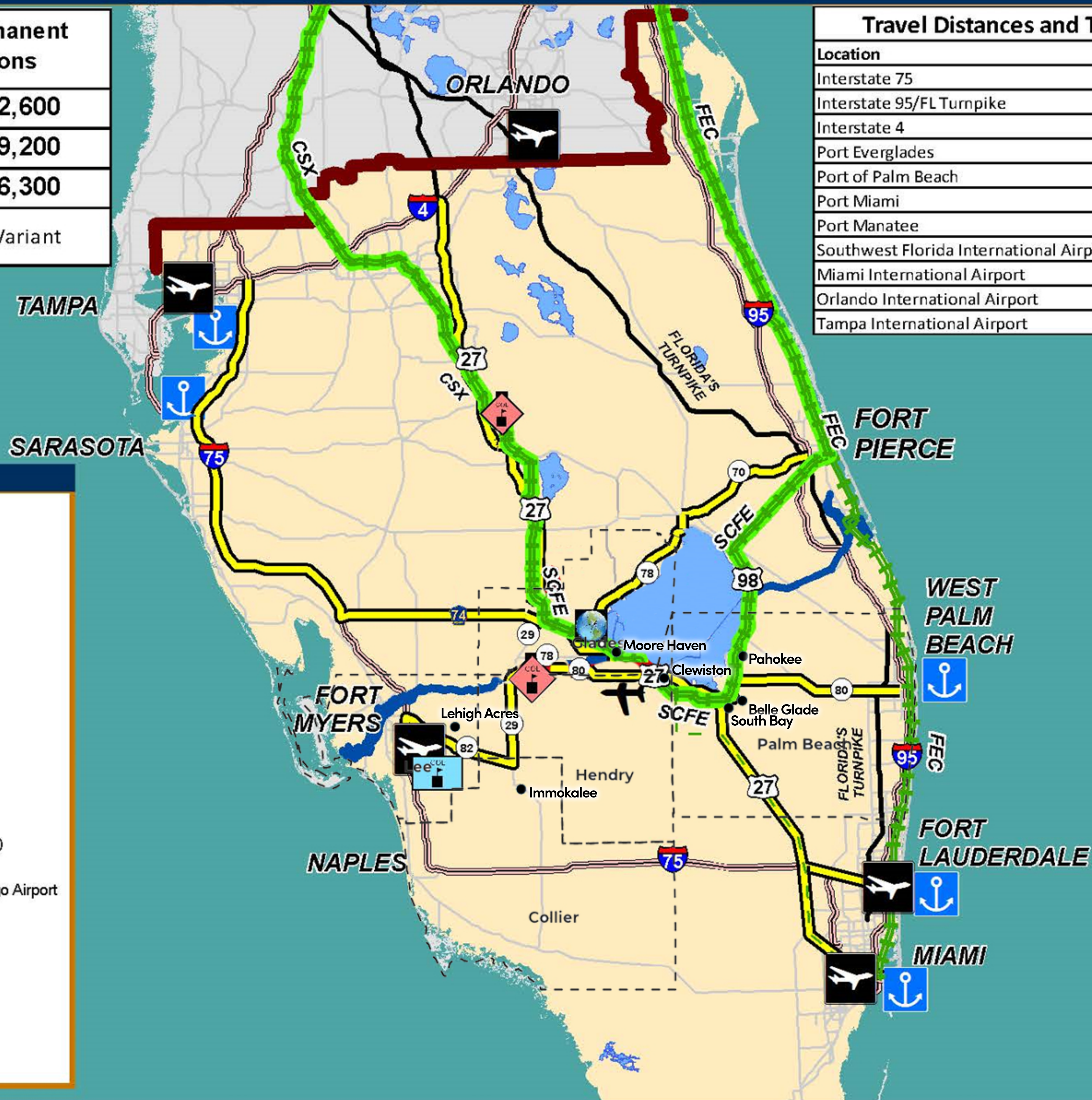
Source : 2011 BEBR - Medium Variant

Travel Distances and Times Via Roadway

Location	Distance	Time
Interstate 75	60 miles	1 Hour 25 Mins.
Interstate 95/FL Turnpike	65 miles	1 Hour 30 Mins.
Interstate 4	100 miles	1 Hour 50 Mins.
Port Everglades	95 miles	1 Hour 30 Mins.
Port of Palm Beach	85 miles	1 Hour 40 Mins.
Port Miami	110 Miles	2 Hours
Port Manatee	130 Miles	2 Hours 15 Mins.
Southwest Florida International Airport	60 Miles	1 Hour 15 Mins.
Miami International Airport	105 Miles	1 Hours 50 Mins.
Orlando International Airport	145 Miles	2 Hours 20 Mins.
Tampa International Airport	160 Miles	2 Hours 45 Mins.

LEGEND

- Southern Florida Region
- Americas Gateway Logistics Center
- Seaport
- International Airport
- Caloosahatchee Waterway
- Major Freight Rail
- Freight Rail
- Future Planned Rail (FDOT)
- Airglades International Cargo Airport
- Major Freight Road
- University
- College



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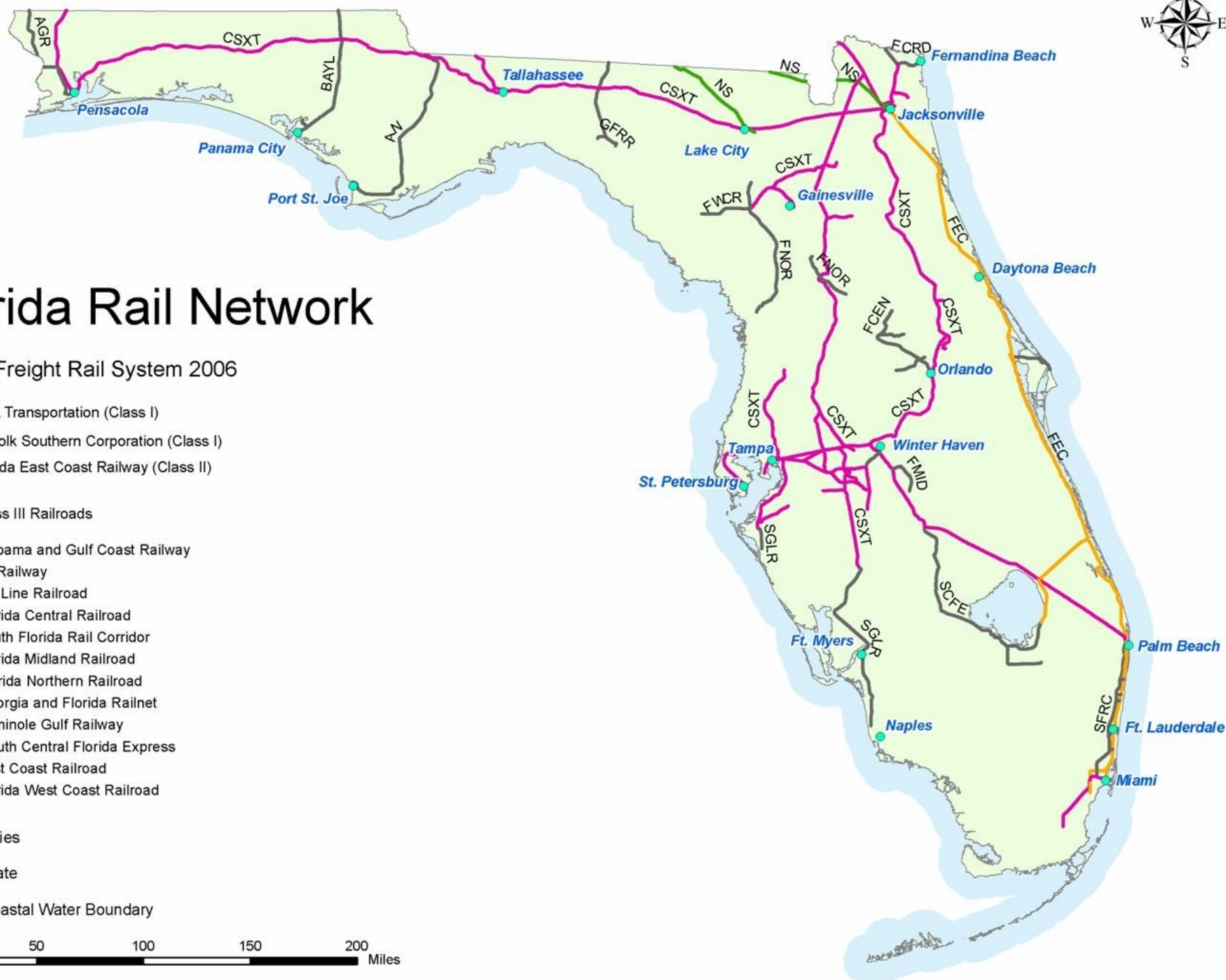
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- FCEN Florida Central Railroad
- SFRC South Florida Rail Corridor
- FMID Florida Midland Railroad
- FNOR Florida Northern Railroad
- GFRR Georgia and Florida Railnet
- SGLR Seminole Gulf Railway
- SCFE South Central Florida Express
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- FWCR Florida West Coast Railroad

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: May 19, 2022

Mission Statement:

To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

1. Management / Operations

- a. List of amendments submitted April – May 2022
- b. Update on Revised MOU and By-Laws

2. Resource Development and Capacity Building

- Update on Resiliency Strategy for Local Food Systems
- Promise Zone Grants (as of January 2022) See Attached Document
 - Awarded: \$4,206,324.25
 - Pending: \$16,917,565
 - Denied: \$9,998,163.46
 - Underdevelopment: Seeking grants for the SWFL Enterprise Center- Incubator Program
- FRCA Updates
 - April Report

3. Second Quarter: January 2022 to March 2022

- 2022 RPC Meeting schedule

Grants in Promise Zone

May 3, 2022

1. **Awarded** (8/17/17): \$30,000- DEO 2018 Agriculture Sustainability for small to mid-sized growers in Promise Zone. Awarded to the SWFRPC
2. **Awarded** (2019) \$24,000 to Lee County Housing Development Corp. for Comprehensive Housing Counseling to residents including Immokalee residents from HUD.
3. **Awarded** (5/7/2018): \$30,000 DEO for food safety plans for small to mid-sized growers. Awarded to the SWFRPC
4. **Awarded** (8/08/18): \$206,545 - EDA Disaster Supplemental - for Development of new markets for small to mid-sized growers, branding and marketing campaign. Awarded to the SWFRPC
5. **Awarded** (4/25/18): \$600,000 - EPA Brownfield assessment grant in Promise Zone. Awarded to the SWFRPC
6. **Awarded** \$24,921 - HUD Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant to the Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County
7. **Awarded** \$1.4 Million to the National association of Latino Community Asset Builders from HUD Rural Capacity Building Community Development and Affordable Housing Program. Nonprofits and local governments can apply for technical assistance and loan funding for community and economic development projects as well as assistance with affordable housing development projects
8. **Awarded** \$100,000 over 2 years for a Food Policy Council Coordinator from NAcO
9. **Awarded** (submitted 2/3/2020; awarded 7/2/2020) \$125,000 - Legal Aid Society The **Education & Outreach Initiative (EOI) Project – General Component** will explain to the general public and local housing providers what “equal opportunity in housing” means and what housing providers need to do to comply with the Fair Housing Act. All services will be provided and available to residents of the FHIP service area which includes Hendry, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties. Grant period June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.
10. **Awarded**: (7/21/2020) \$400,000 EDA CARES ACT Invited for Regional Disaster Economic Recovery Coordinator to evaluate the Impacts of COVID 19 on the region and develop a recovery and resilience plan for the region.

11. **Awarded:** (4/7/2020) \$175,000 requested but \$160,432 was awarded Clewiston Water from Master Plan from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Boating Improvement Program.
12. **Awarded:** \$350,000 An application was submitted in partnership with the University of Florida IFAS to the Department of Economic Opportunity CDBG-Mitigation Planning program requesting \$390,000 to develop a Resiliency Strategy for Local Food Systems in Southwest Florida. (Deadline 7/30/2020)
13. **Awarded:** \$3000 grant from CHNEP for Rebekah Harp to do the design work for their calendar
14. **Awarded:** SWFRPC, IFAS, Blue Zones, TREC submitted a \$752,426.25 USDA – Regional Food System Partnerships Program grant to implement the trademarked SWFL Fresh Choose Local Choose Fresh regional brand to showcase SWFL food producers and their products through multiple marketing platforms. The brand will support the development of new markets for farmers, increase public knowledge of healthy, local food sources, and connect food producers to consumers. The Collier County Blue Zones provided a 16.9% match of \$108,926.25.
15. Pending: \$500,000 EPA Grants for Brownfield Assessment in Glades County
16. Pending: 10/14/2021 The Affordable Homeownership Foundation, Inc. submitted a grant for housing counseling to HUD
17. Pending (10/14/2021) Lee County Housing Development Corp. submitted a grant to HUD for Comprehensive Housing Counseling to residents including Immokalee residents.
18. Pending: DRI-RR, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to providing rural communities with the skills and knowledge needed to revitalize submitted a grand to USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program in cooperation with Florida Main Street to offer services to four Florida communities, one of which is LaBelle, in order to provide each community with a Development Readiness Initiative (DRI) training and a Revitalization Roadmap at no cost to them.
19. Pending: (3/2021) \$11,000 The DRI training is a day-long on-site training created to help communities understand how COVID-19 has impacted their community and identify the available resources that each community can leverage. Through this training, the community will be able to identify a strategy for the creation of a locally-based economy that will support the quality of life necessary to retain families and professionals. Our end goal is to provide each community with the training and tools necessary to become

proactive with private development, encouraging the right types of development and attracting necessary services. Additionally, the training will help identify what is necessary to master the Duration, Intensity, Rate, and Timing (DIRT) of development, utilizing private development to fulfill necessary and desired community amenities or services. Furthermore, the Revitalization Roadmap is a hybrid downtown and strategic plan, offering a set of implementable recommendations that will catalyze downtown revitalization. The final product is graphically rich and broken down into similar groups like the National Main Street Center's four-step approach to revitalization. The overall roadmap process will encourage the unification of residents' voices and rally support for improvements by all residents.

20. Pending (9/13/2021) \$13,874,000 Prepared and submitted an application for the City of Clewiston for the DEO CDBG- MIT- GIP Round II to make upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment facility and expand the WWTP capacity. Facility upgrades will include the installation of a new 300kw generator, the installation of bypass pumps, and the planning and installation of a new pump station. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
21. Pending: Submitted:(9/14/2021) \$2,067,935 Prepared and submitted and an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida CDBG-Mit- GIP Round II for the City of Clewiston to replace transmission line insulators and overhead ground wires to increase the City's energy resiliency in the event of a major storm. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
22. Pending (6/4/2020) \$125,000 request by Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc for Hendry County from the Fair Housing Initiatives Program Education and Outreach initiative through HUD. ("The Fair Housing Project at Legal Aid is applying for an Education & Outreach Grant from HUD for the fiscal year 2022-23 in the amount of \$125,000.")
23. Pending: 9/25/2020 to the National association of Latino Community Asset Builders from HUD Rural Capacity Building Community Development and Affordable Housing Program. Nonprofits and local governments can apply for technical assistance and loan funding for community and economic development projects as well as assistance with affordable housing development projects.
24. Denied (6/17/19) \$1,000,000: Perkins Innovation and Modernization Grant program for Collier County Schools. The project title is Professional Careers in the New Economy (PCNE). PCNE will

focus on two of CCPS's highest-need schools: Immokalee Middle and Immokalee High schools. The goal of the project is to better prepare students for success in the workforce.

25. Denied (6/25/2019) Housing Authority of the City of Ft. Myers. The grant will provide funds for housing counseling advise to tenants and homeowners with respect to property maintenance, financial management and literacy.
26. Denied (6/4/2019) Goodwill Industries for The SWFL MicroEnterprise Institute will (if funding is secured through the SBA Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs grant) counsel and provide training for approximately 150 – 180 participants in ten – twelve courses delivered to residents of Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades and Collier counties.
27. Denied (5/30/2019) Seminole Tribe of Florida - If awarded this grant through the HUD IHGB program, the Native Learning Center will be providing technical assistance and training to all Native American Housing Authorities including the Mikasuki and any other resident Tribes within your region.
28. Denied (6/26/2019) HUD Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant to the Affordable Homeownership Foundation Inc.
29. Denied (6/26.2020) \$176,000; FL Dept of Ag & Consumer Services Southwest Florida Fresh-Specialty Crop grant program for funding to market the "SWFL Fresh" brand.
30. Denied (3/2/2020) \$1,455,815 Building Resilient Kid: SAMHSA for Media campaign to address underaged alcohol, marijuana and substance/opioid use.
31. Denied: (6/5/20) \$45,921.46 DEO Community Planning Technical assistance Grant for a septic to sewer conversion study
32. Denied (4/24/2020) \$425,000 request by Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc for Hendry County from the Fair Housing Initiatives Program Education and Outreach initiative (\$125,000) and Private Enforcement Initiative - Multi-Year Funding Component(\$300,000) to teach and disseminate information on Fair Housing
33. Denied: 4/1/2021 CDC Addiction and Recovery Grant for Media Campaign to prevent kids from first time use. In partnership with Drug Free Lee and Drug Free Collier: \$50,000
34. Denied: \$45,000 submitted to DEO for Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant (CPTA) for a strategic Plan for upgrades to Ortona Indian Mound Park in Glades County.
35. Denied: Submitted:(6/30/2020) \$143,306 Prepared and submitted and an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida CDBG-Mitigation Critical Facility Hardening Program for the City of Clewiston to replace transmission line insulators and overhead ground wires to increase the City's energy resiliency in the event

of a major storm. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.

36. Denied: CDBG-MIT GIP Program The SWFRPC prepared an application for the City of Clewiston to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program to storm harden portions of its transmission and distribution lines, therefore increasing energy resiliency in the community. The City will be requesting \$682,000 in funding from the program.
37. Denied: Submitted (6/30/2020) \$3,141,031, Prepared and submitted an application for the City of Clewiston for the DEO CDBG-DR Infrastructure Repair Program Cycle 2 to make upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment facility. Facility upgrades will include the installation of a new 300kw generator, the installation of bypass pumps, and the planning and installation of a new pump station. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
38. Denied: 2/2021 FL Dept. Of Agriculture- Specialty Crop, SWFL Fresh Choose Local Choose Fresh Marketing Project requesting \$207,000.
39. Denied: 01/2022 \$460,000 EDA ARPA BBBRC for Phase I: Developing an Inland Port system in Rural Southern Florida.

Awarded: \$4,206,324.25

Pending: \$16,917,565

Denied: \$9,998,163.46

Underdevelopment: NA



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 East Central Florida • Emerald Coast
 North Central Florida • Northeast Florida • South Florida
 Southwest Florida • Tampa Bay • Treasure Coast

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: April 2022

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized and distributed the March 2022 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*. Updated the FRCA website and Facebook page.
- Updated the email lists for and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,350 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Maintained and updated the FRCA website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and webinars:
 - Florida Collaborative Coordinators Forum hosted by the Nature Conservancy
 - Grant Coordination Call with the Department of Environmental Protection

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Hosted the April FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) and Partners Meetings and prepared for the May EDAC Meeting. The April Partners Meeting included presentations from the Departments of Economic Opportunity, Environmental Protection and Transportation as well as Resiliency Florida.
- Began preparing for the Summer Policy Board Meeting being held at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council on June 10, 2022.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2022 meeting and conference schedule.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.

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Amendments

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List of Amendments Submitted April - May 2022

Charlotte County

State Coordinated Review of a Large-Scale Plan Amendment – Transmittal – Charlotte County 2022-1SCR (TCP-21-03)

- Proposed amendments to the following elements: Future Land Use, Coastal Planning, Natural Resources, Housing, Infrastructure, Capital Improvements, Recreation and Open Space, Transportation, School/Facilities.

Expedited State Review of Large-Scale Plan Amendment – Adoption – Charlotte County 2022-1ESR (TCP-21-02)

- Amend FLU Appendix I: Land Use Guide by revising the Mineral Resource Extraction (MRE) Future Land Use Map (FLUM) category to amend range of uses, and to add item 5. Prohibited uses and activities, providing and effective date.

Lee County

CPA2020-00004, Owl Creek (Map):

- Amend the Lee County Utilities Future Water Service Areas (Lee Plan Map 4A) to add property to the Lee County Utilities Future Water Service Area.

CPA2020-00005, Owl Creek {Text}:

- Add a new policy, Policy 29.2.4, to the Lee Plan that provides incentives for preservation or restoration of Rare and Unique Upland Habitats in developments that are located in the North Olga Community Plan area, clustered, and approved through the planned development process.
- Amend Lee Plan Policy 124.1.1 and Table I(a), Note 8 to allow for the capture of density from preserved wetlands when adjacent to the Rural future land use category

The City Council held its adoption public hearing on April 18, 2022 and adopted Ordinance No. 3933 approving the amendments for:

- text amendments to the Property Rights Element. The Plan

Hendry County

The Clewiston City Commission held its adoption public hearing on April 18, 2022 and adopted Ordinance No. 2022-01 approving the amendment:

- Text amendments to the Property Rights Element.

Sarasota County

Transmittal of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 2021wE revising VOS Policy 2.1(d), adding new GS Policy 2.2, and adding a dermition for the McCann East Property, relating to development standards for the McCann East Property.

- The amendment to Village Open Space (VOS) Policy 2.1(d) entitles the McCann East property to 2 units per gross acre density. New Greenway RMA (OS) Policy 2.2 provides incentives for ecosystem restoration within the Greenway Resource Management Area. The definition of the McCann East Property defines the area impacted by VOS 2.1(d) and OS 2.2.

Transmittal of Adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 22-02ESR Sarasota County Amendment No. 2021-J, amending Policies 2.6.5 and 2.8.3, and adding new Policies 2.6.8 and 2.6.9 of Chapter 7, Future Land Use, relating to Major Employment Centers (MEC) and a new Business Park zoning district

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Presentation on Collier County
Food Policy

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Collier County Food Policy Council

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

May 3rd, 2022, 9am

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2022 Food Policy Council Meeting Dates and Times

17th MAY 2022 10 am

7th JUNE 2022 9 am

21st JUNE 2022 10 am

Any learning priorities, technical assistance or topic requests that would be helpful to learn more about?

Please email: aodeh@swfrpc.org



Meeting Agenda



**Complete Journey
Map Activity**



**Healthiest Cities and
Counties Challenge
(HCCC) Updates**



**Southwest Florida
Regional Planning
Council (SWRPC)
Updates**



**Partner Organization
Updates**



Next steps and asks

Action Items

Community Guidelines

We all belong here; we each have a role in tending this space

Speak only for ourselves, make space for others to speak

Limit multi-tasking

Be aware of who is missing in each conversation

Remember that no one has a monopoly on truth, and everyone's experience is valid

Critique ideas and not people

Listen to our bodies and tend to their needs

Give some grace for technical and logistical difficulties

Aim for connection, not perfection

Journey Map Activity



What is a journey map? A journey map is a way to look back on the work you have done to remember the steps you took early on in your project. It helps you to remember the progress you have made along the way. It can also help you to look forward to the future of your work.

Why make a journey map? The HCCC community interviews will be discussions that both look back on your journey over the last two years and look forward to what steps come next to fix food access or health care access issues in your community. This activity will help you brainstorm what you want to talk about in the interviews. We may even share pictures of your journey maps on our final website!

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC or “Council”) was created by an interlocal agreement between Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Counties in 1973.

Focus Areas:

- Regional Conveners
- Transportation
- Quality of Life
- Emergency Preparedness
- Economic Development





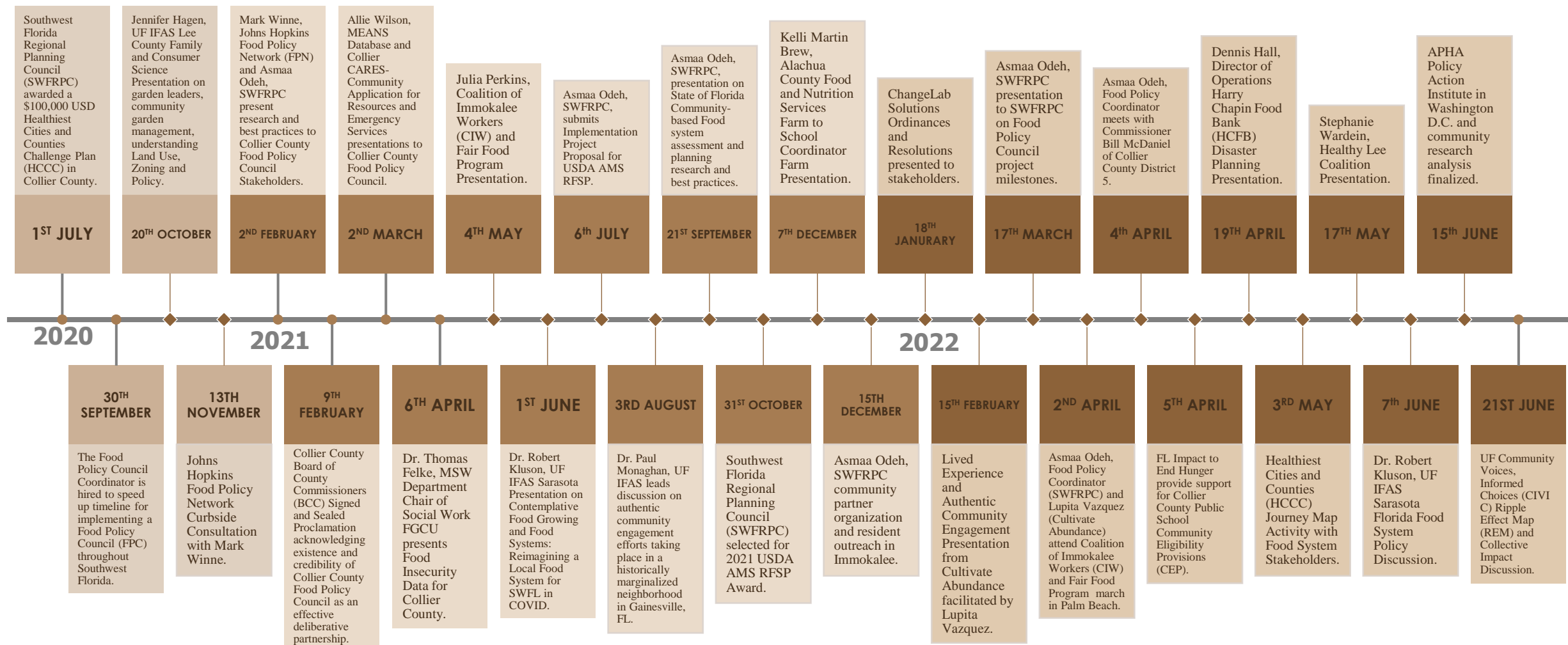
Regional Map

Outreach and best practices presented from the following Florida Counties:

1. **Alachua County**
2. **Pasco County**
3. **Hillsborough County**
4. **Pinellas County**
5. **Manatee County**
6. **Sarasota County**
7. **Martin County**
8. **St. Lucie County**
9. **Palm Beach County**
10. **Orange County**
11. **Dade County**

History Timeline Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge Plan (HCCC)

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC)



Partner Organizations

Cross-sector partnership

University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (UF/IFAS) Cooperative Extension Service, including Southwest Florida Small Farmers Network	University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (UF/IFAS) Family Nutrition Program (FNP), including USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Education	MEANS Database (Local emergency feeding services)	Misión Peniel	Florida Department of Health (DOH) in Collier County	Florida Department of Health (DOH) Lee County
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)	Collier County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)	Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) and Fair Food Program (FFP)	Collaboratory	Collier CARES- Community Application for Resources and Emergency Services
Collier County Business & Economic Development Division	Collier County Public Schools (CCPS)	Cultivate Abundance (Faith-based organization addressing food insecurity)	Feeding Florida (Harry Chapin, along with other small/local food pantries and food banks)	Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)	Blue Zones Project
	School District of Lee County	Healthy Lee Coalition	Wallace Center Food System Leadership Network (FSLN)	Johns Hopkins Food System Network (FSN)	

Advocacy Strategies



Lobbying



Educating
Legislators



Public
Education



Community
Organizing



Coalitions

Florida Food System and Policy Engagement Topics

Demographics, Population	Population estimates, Housing, Education, Income and poverty, Employment
Food Access	Low income and low access, Food environments, Food insecurity, Local food directories, urban agriculture
Economic, Agriculture, Nutrition	Farm to School
Economic, Food access, Food Retail	SNAP retailers
Education, Nutrition Assistance	K12 Schools: Community Eligibility Program (CEP), Free and Reduced Meals, At-risk after school programs, summer food service sites
Infrastructure, Processing and Distribution	Food Safety, Food chain workers and other essential workers, Food production, Food procurement, Food Processing and Distribution, Food Recovery
Food Access, Hunger	Pantry and free meal sites, Emergency food provisions
Financing	Funding for food system needs

Resource Flows

Collier County Food Policy Council utilizes Microsoft Teams for Members to stay connected and organized. The platform creates a shared workspace with all conversations, files, and meetings in one place to seamlessly collaborate with team members. This was led by the Food Policy Coordinator to securely store, access, share and collaborate on files. Over the past two years, this has greatly improved inter-agency communication, as there was no previous infrastructure in place for various local food system stakeholders to communicate. By enhancing communication and streamlining processes, team members can easily work together.

If you have any access questions or challenges, please contact:
aodeh@swfrpc.org



Healthy Lee Coalition Presentation May 17th, 2022, 10am

Stephanie Wardein, Lee Health
System Director of Community
Affairs and Healthy Lee Executive
Liaison



Florida Food Policy Presentation and Discussion

June 7th, 2022, at 9am

Dr. Robert Kluson, Former UF/IFAS Extension
Agent Sarasota County

RIPPLE EFFECT MAPPING SESSION

**Florida Agricultural and
Mechanical University (FAMU)
and the University of Florida (UF)**

*Community Voices, Informed
Choices (CIVIC)*

June 21st, 2022, at 10 am



Collective Impact

1. During your time as a FPC member, tell me a story about a highpoint or achievement that you are most proud of?
2. As a result of your participation in the FPC, what new or deepened connections have you had with others (individuals, organizations, businesses)? What did these connections lead to?
3. What unexpected things have happened because of your involvement in the FPC (personal or program-related)?



Next steps and asks

1. Advocate for organizational policy implementation and plan policy recommendation discussions for local food system stakeholders in preparation for Florida Food Policy Discussion with Dr. Robert Kluson on June 7th, 2022, at 9 am
2. Provide support for various food system stakeholder projects and initiatives
 - i. CDBG-MIT Food System Stakeholder List
3. Reflect on overall collective impact of Collier County FPC in preparation for Ripple Effect Mapping (REM) session on June 21st, 2022, at 10 am

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