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Central Florida RPC Co-Hosts Complete Streets Charrette and Master Plan

West Florida RPC Teams Up for Santa Rosa County Bike/Ped Plan

East Central Florida RPC Pilots Expansion of School Safe Routes Program

Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition Hosts Ebola Summit

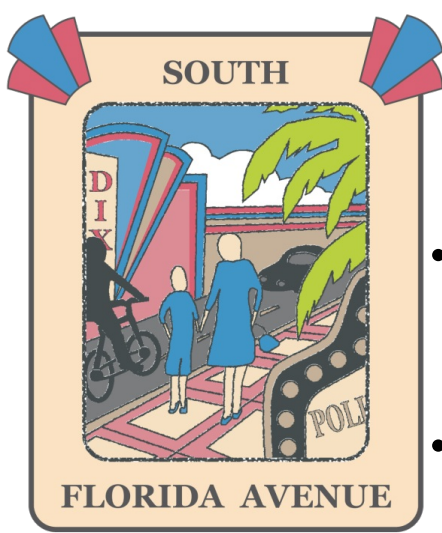
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Public Design Workshop for South Florida Avenue

FDOT District 1, in collaboration with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the City of Lakeland, sponsored its first-ever public design workshop on May 14 for South Florida Avenue (SR 37). A day-long workshop was immediately followed by a week-long, open-to-the-public urban design studio for the redesign of a 1.5-mile segment of the South Florida Avenue corridor. Additional support from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council urban staff was also provided. This effort will explore roadway, economic development, infill



development, and public policy improvements. Key elements of the South Florida Avenue Complete Streets Charrette and Master Plan include:

- The creation of a master plan for the South Florida Avenue corridor which considers roadway reconfigurations and infill and redevelopment opportunities which support FDOT's Complete Street policies.
- A review of the land use and development regulations in order to recommend improvements and ways to incentivize redevelopment and job creation.
- The development of a Market Overview which reviews existing market conditions, demographics, and analyzes key market trends within the study area, the City of Lakeland and relevant areas within the region.
- A detailed assessment of the current and future vehicular volumes on South Florida Avenue and application for FDOT's Lane Elimination Process.
- A community-based vision for desirable economic and redevelopment growth for the South Florida Avenue corridor.

Throughout this process there will be coordination with the private sector and all relevant agencies, including, but not limited to, the City of Lakeland, Polk Transportation Planning Organization, Lakeland Downtown Development Authority, and the Dixieland Community Redevelopment Agency. FDOT hopes to use the results from this public-driven process as a model for promoting and implementing its Complete Streets program around the state. For more information about FDOT's Complete Streets program and this historic effort in Lakeland, please contact Laura Lockwood, Urban Manager, FDOT at laura.lockwood@dot.state.fl.us (863) 519-2379 or visit the project website at <http://southfloridaaveplan.org/>

Santa Rosa County Bicycle - Pedestrian Plan

Santa Rosa County sought technical assistance from the West Florida Regional Planning Council to develop a bicycle and pedestrian plan for south Santa Rosa County. Through a social media/public involvement campaign, residents were encouraged to participate and help create a plan for safe transportation alternatives. The goal is to make south Santa Rosa County more bicycle and pedestrian friendly and to provide alternatives to vehicular travel on U.S. Highway 98. The plan identifies two recreational loops and numerous citizen-generated projects, recommended strategies to advance bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure objectives; and public/private funding strategies including: creation of a payment in lieu of sidewalk fund, the SUNTrail fund, and the Federal Highway Administration Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program. The plan will help guide future projects, with emphasis on increasing the overall quality of life for residents and improving safety, recreational and tourism opportunities. For more information. please contact Austin Mount at Austin.Mount@wfrpc.org.



Community engagement was an important component of the south Santa Rosa County Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan developed with assistance of the WFRPC.

East Central Florida Safe Routes to School Program Expands

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council expanded the Safe Routes to School online portal to



The Safe Routes to School online portal, expanded by the ECFRPC, measures roadways for pedestrian safety.

include the Route Condition Tool, a Geographic Information System-based tool that provides planners and engineers a complete view of various roadway features such as mobility, pedestrian exposure and safety. This tool assists to guide project priorities and appropriate countermeasures to create more walkable and safe transportation corridors. Lake and Volusia Counties have piloted the use of the tool. The ECFRPC is currently using the tool to analyze roadways within a two-mile walking distance of 19 Lake County public schools to update the County's Hazardous Conditions Report. For more information

please contact Tara McCue at tara@ecfrpc.org.

Ebola Preparedness Summit



On April 12, the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition (staffed by the Northeast Florida Regional Council) sponsored an Ebola Preparedness Summit at the Lexington Hotel on the Southbank. The agenda for the day included training on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Infectious Diseases and Infectious Disease Scenario training, as well as a discussion-based table-top exercise focused on an Ebola outbreak in the Region. The Summit also included two facilitated discussion sessions on the Region's ability to



manage an infectious disease outbreak, as well as the critical roles and responsibilities of partner agencies in an event. The Summit was well attended and included representation from hospitals, healthcare facilities, County Departments of Health, and Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services. For more information on the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition, please contact Beth Payne, epayne@nefrc.org



About the Florida Regional Councils Association

Created by the Regional Planning Councils in 1976, FRCA is the only association in the state that represents all 10 RPCs in Florida. FRCA is a results-oriented organization dedicated to furthering the interests of regional planning councils and their member local governments, especially with respect to economic development, transportation, emergency preparedness, and local technical assistance initiatives. During the past 10 years FRCA, through its RPCs, have:

- originated \$74.9 million in federal investments in 39 different economic development projects in Florida, creating 5,623 jobs, retaining 10,310 jobs and leveraging more than \$606 million in capital investment.
- loaned \$41.9 million through their small business revolving loan funds which resulted in the creation and retention of 3,760 jobs.
- completed 560 RPC economic impact analyses in support of private business entrepreneurs and local economic development organizations, to help them compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled jobs.
- trained 38,573 first responders/emergency management personnel.
- validated 12,673 projects under the Federal Consistency Review Program ensuring access to billions of dollars of federal infrastructure and economic investment dollars.



Recent RPC Awards

**2016 Driehaus Form-Based Institute International
Form-Based Code Award**

Treasure Coast RPC

*City of Delray Beach Central Business District Form-Based Code
and Architectural Design Guidelines*

**2016 National Association of Development Organization
Excellence in Transportation Award**

Central Florida RPC

*Heartland Regional Transportation
Planning Organization-Public Participation Plan*

2015 National Association of Regional Councils Major Metro Award

Tampa Bay RPC, Central Florida RPC & Southwest Florida RPC

Florida/Local/Regional Broadband Planning Project

2015 FPZA Outstanding Redevelopment Plan Award

Central Florida RPC

Bartow Community Redevelopment Plan

2015 Congress for the New Urbanism Charter Award

Treasure Coast RPC

Seven50: Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Plan

Calendars

2016 FRCA Partners Meetings Schedule

FRCA hosts seven Partners Meetings each year, listed in the table are the upcoming Partners Meetings. To view the complete

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
July 1st	9:00 am- 12:00 pm	Hyatt Regency, Orlando

meeting schedule click on the link [Calendar](#)
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Annual Meetings and Events Calendar

FRCA is pleased to share a calendar of national and state meetings and conferences of interest

to our members, partners and affiliates. Click on the [link](#) to view the 2016 Calendar.

August 16th	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Diplomat, Hollywood
Sept 30th	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Hyatt Regency, Orlando

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