

## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

November 25, 2019

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on this date at the Florida East Coast Industries, LLC, 700 N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 1620, Miami, FL 33136. Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Patricia Asseff (absent)  
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey (absent)  
Councilmember Margaret Bates (via phone)  
Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava  
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron (via phone)  
Councilmember Joseph Corradino (absent)  
Councilmember José (Pepe) Diaz (absent)  
Councilmember Beam Furr  
Councilmember Steve Geller  
Councilmember Cary Goldberg (via phone)  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman  
Councilmember Jordan Leonard (absent)  
Councilmember Jean Monestime (absent)  
Councilmember David Rice (absent)  
Chair Greg Ross  
Councilmember Michael Udine  
Councilmember Sandra Walters

Isabel Cosio Carballo, SFRPC Executive Director, and Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, were present.

### The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District  
Shereen Yee Fong for Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

### The following Ex-Officio Member was not present:

Jason Andreotta, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Chair Ross welcomed everyone to the Council Meeting and asked members of the audience to introduce themselves. There were members of county staff, municipal representatives, private agencies, and Council staff.

Legal Counsel Sam Goren announced that this meeting will be conducted as an expanded Executive Committee Meeting.

## **II. Approval of Council Agenda**

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Udine seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

## **III. Welcome**

Welcome – Jose M. Gonzalez, Florida East Coast Industries, Executive Vice President,  
Corporate Development

## **Presentations**

Jose M. Gonzalez, Florida East Coast Industries, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development

Mr. Gonzalez welcomed those present to the Florida East Coast Industries Conference Room. He gave a brief explanation of the history and the status of Brightline, including the agreement with Virgin Group and rebranding to Virgin Trains USA. The current stations were depicted, along with the possible future links to PortMiami (PortMiami Rail), Aventura, Boca Raton, Treasure Coast, Space Coast, and Orlando. It was questioned if Monroe County would be part of the expansion. Mr. Gonzalez stated that it is not currently contemplated and that the Department of Transportation has ownership of that transit area. There was discussion on funding, business plans, municipalities' share of the cost, operating and maintenance continual costs, and the New River Bridge.

Aileen Bouclé, Executive Director, Miami Transportation Planning Organization - Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan Update

Ms. Bouclé gave a brief explanation on the background, current status, and the next steps for the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit "SMART" Plan. The Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT), the Rapid Transit Corridors, service openings, construction dates, various Phases, and project achievements were depicted in her presentation. She named the various agencies involved in the progression of the SMART Plan. Ms. Bouclé had a handout that included the SMART Plan Service Openings, Project Milestones, Construction dates, and a map of the various Corridors (Metrorail, Tri-Rail, Existing Rail, Miami Intermodal Center, SMART/BERT Hub, Rapid Transit Corridors, BERT Corridors, etc.). Discussion ensued on technology, extension of Metrorail, east-west corridor, interconnectivity between the counties, etc.

Alice N. Bravo, PE, Director of the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works – Update on Miami-Dade County Transit projects with connectivity to Broward and Monroe counties

Ms. Bravo's presentation included the SMART Plan Rapid Transit Corridors Project update, with detailed information on the North, Northeast and South Corridors, and the connection to Broward and Monroe Counties. This included the Overview, Progress, Project Description, and Regional Impacts of the Corridor Studies.

Chair Ross thanked the presenters for their time and information.

## **IV. Action Items**

### **A. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes from September 23, 2019

Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting October 10, 2019

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve the Minutes from September 23, 2019 and October 10, 2019. Councilmember Udine seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

B. Financial Reports

1. Twelve Months Ended September 2019

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Financial Report, Twelve Months Ended September 2019. Councilmember Levine Cava seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

2. August through October 2019

*Councilmember Kaufman moved to approve Financial Report, August through October 2019. Councilmember Geller seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Broward County 19-6ESR
- Broward County 19-7ESR
- Monroe County 19-6ACSC
- Monroe County 19-7ACSC
- Monroe County 19-8ACSC
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 19-2ACSC
- City of Lauderhill 19-1ER
- City of Pompano Beach 19-1ESR
- City of Sunny Isles Beach 19-1ESR

Adopted

- Broward County 19-4ESR
- Miami-Dade County 19-2ESR
- Miami-Dade County 19-5ESR
- City of Doral 19-2CIE
- City of Florida City 18-1ESR
- City of Hialeah 19-1ESR
- City of Hollywood 19-1ESR
- City of Layton 19-1ACSC
- City of Marathon 19-3ACSC
- City of Pembroke Pines 19-1ESR
- City of Pompano Beach 19-1ESR
- City of Pompano Beach 19-2ESR
- City of Wilton Manors 19-1ER
- Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews
- Addendum

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews Proposed, Adopted and the Addendum. Councilmember Walters seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

Public Comments – None

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

E. Executive Director Annual Review

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, explained the Evaluation Forms and Agreement presented at the Executive Committee Meeting, October 10, 2019.

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.E, Executive Director Annual Review. Councilmember Levine Cava seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

F. Nominating Committee for the 2020 Executive Committee

Mr. Goren explained the election of the Nominating Committee. Councilmembers Sam Kaufman (Monroe County), Jordan Leonard (Miami-Dade County) and Cary Goldberg (Broward County) were nominated.

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F, Nominating Committee for the 2020 Executive Committee. Councilmember Cava seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

G. Meeting Calendar - 2020

Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the 2020 SFRPC Calendar including the two proposed Joint Meetings.

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.G, Meeting Calendar – 2020. Councilmember Kaufman seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

H. Statement of Organization

Chair Ross explained that the Statement of Organization has not been updated since 2013, the significance of the update, and the appointment of a Review Committee. The Committee will consist of Councilmembers Steve Geller (Broward County), Michelle Coldiron (Monroe County), and Jordan Leonard (Miami-Dade County).

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.H, Statement of Organization. Councilmember Kaufman seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

I. 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Bond Advisory Committee (SBAC)

Councilmembers decided to assign SFRPC staff members to serve as voting and alternate members to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Bond Advisory Committee.

Public Comments – None

**V. Discussion Items**

A. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Isabel Cosio Carballo described her plans for Regional Meeting in May 2020, and the possible subject matter. She informed the Councilmembers the 11th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit will be in Key West December 3-5, 2019. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Public Comments - None

B. Legal Counsel Report

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, explained the importance of the Statement of Organization and the Committee that was nominated.

C. Ex Officio Reports

Ms. Corry, SFWMD Representative stated there will be a Water Resources Accountability and Collaboration (WRAC) Meeting December 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the SFWMD Headquarters.

D. Councilmember Comments

There was discussion on Regional Planning, having detailed Agendas for 2020 and the next three years. There should be at least two Regional Meetings each year on one topic, such as housing, water infrastructure, economic development, etc., and the meetings should then be continuous throughout the following years. The subject of how to approach Palm Beach County to join the SFRPC was discussed.

**VI. Program Reports and Activities**

A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

No discussion.

B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report - None

C. SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Meeting Update

Chair Ross thanked those Councilmembers who attended the October Joint Meeting. He stated that the Joint Resolutions were signed. There will be a TCRPC/SFRPC Joint Meeting on April 24, 2020 hosted by the SFRPC.

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) December 2019 – No Meeting Scheduled

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the November 25, 2019 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

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Samuel Kaufman, Secretary

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Date