

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

October 19, 2020

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually on this date. Vice Chair Geller welcomed everyone virtually and on the phone. Vice Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m., led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and reminded the attendees the meeting is being recorded. Vice Chair Geller gave a briefing on the success of the Treasure Coast/South Florida Regional Planning Council's Joint Meeting.

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

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

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

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

The following Ex-Officio Member was not virtually present:

Jason Andreotta, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The meeting was conducted as a Virtual Meeting, in which there was a quorum.

II. Approval of Council Agenda

Councilmember Udine moved to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.

Vice Chair Geller announced that the Guest Presentation will be at 11:45 a.m. after which the Council's business should be concluded. He explained that Chair Levine Cava will no longer be the Chair as of November 16, 2020, and as 1st Vice Chair he will be the incoming Chair. He announced that he will also be the Mayor of Broward County on November 17, 2020. He gave details on the SFRPC's Board elections that will occur in January. Mr. Goren explained that Vice Chair Geller will become Chair as of today and there will be an open discussion on the Executive Committee in January.

III. Guest Presentation (Time Certain: 11:45 a.m.) scheduled for later in Meeting

Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

Gregory Stuart, Executive Director, Broward MPO (invited); Aileen Bouclé, Executive Director, Miami-Dade TPO; and Paul Calvaresi, MURP, Local Governmental Services Manager, Broward MPO

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Bailey moved to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Councilmember Udine seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.

B. Financial Report

Finance Manager, Leo Braslavsky Soldi explained the Financial Report in detail. He explained that the Counties' dues will be received in late October, early November.

Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.B Financial Report. Councilmember Goldberg seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Broward County 20-05ESR
- City of Coral Gables 20-01ESR
- Town of Golden Beach 20-01ESR
- City of Miami Beach 20-02ESR
- City of Miami Beach 20-03ESR
- City of Miami Beach 20-04ESR
- City of Miami Beach 20-05ESR
- City of Miramar 20-02ESR
- City of Pompano 20-03ESR

Adopted

- Broward County 20-02ESR
- Monroe County 20-02ACSC
- Monroe County 20-03ACSC
- City of Cooper City 20-01ESR
- Town of Davie 20-01ESR
- Town of Cutler Bay 20-01ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 20-01ACSC
- City of Marathon 20-01ACSC
- City of Marathon 20-02ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 20-01ESR

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

Councilmember Bailey moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed. Councilmember Bates seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.

Councilmember Bailey recused himself from voting on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review Adopted because of a conflict of interest regarding the Town of Cutler Bay, Amendment 20-01ESR.

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

Approval was carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present for Agenda Item IV.C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Adopted, with the exception of the Town of Cutler Bay Amendment 20-01ESR.

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

Approval was carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present for Agenda Item IV.C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Adopted, for the Town of Cutler Bay Amendment 20-01ESR.

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review - None

Public Hearing

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

E. Legal Counsel Revised Contract

Vice Chair Geller and Mrs. Cosio Carballo elaborated on Legal Counsel's Revised Contract which was amended to increase the billable rate by ten percent in all classifications. Mr. Goren explained the history of the working relationship between his office and the SFRPC. Commendations were announced as to Mr. Goren's legal expertise, service, and friendship with the SFRPC.

Councilmember Goldberg moved to approve Agenda IV.E. Legal Counsel Revised Contract. Councilmember Bates seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.

Chair Levine Cava joined the Council Meeting virtually and was recognized to speak. She announced that this would be her last Council Meeting as member and Chair in advance of the elections. She thanked Vice Chair Geller for chairing today's meeting. Chair Levine Cava stated that she was excited about the Joint Meeting and how the SFRPC is moving forward on regional issues. She is looking forward to working on regional issues in the future. Chair Levine Cava stated that she is grateful for the guidance, leadership, vision, perspective of the Councilmembers, and the underscored the need to work together regionally to address the opportunities and challenges facing the region.

F. Personnel Policy Update

Mrs. Cosio Carballo summarized the updates to the Personnel Policy. Those changes included: Grant Funded Employees receiving the same holidays as provided by their host agency; vacation leave information; changes to the sick leave hours; and, miscellaneous grammatical corrections.

Councilmember Bates moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F. Personnel Policy Update. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.

G. Executive Director Contract Update

Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained that pursuant to the Executive Director / SFRPC Contract change, the Executive Director receives 240 hours, exclusive of agency paid holidays, on October 1st of each year. Any unused balance expires on September 30 and cannot be carried over to the following year or cashed out as other members of staff are permitted to do. Since 2016, when she became Executive Director, Mrs. Cosio Carballo has never been able to use the full 240 hours of annual leave granted by the Council as part of her compensation package. She surveyed other RPC Executive Directors and their contracts differ in many ways. Mrs. Cosio Carballo is requesting that the Executive Director Contract be amended to provide that the Executive Director is permitted to cash out up to 50% of annual leave per year, retroactive to FY 19-20. This is the approach taken by the Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Councilmember Bates moved to approve Agenda IV.F. Executive Director Contract Update. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked the Councilmembers.

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually on Agenda Items IV.E, F, or G.

Vice Chair Geller commented on the Goal Development Sub-Committee Meeting. He thinks there may have been a misunderstanding when this subject was adopted at October's Meeting. The goal of the sub-committee was to establish a set of goals for the performance standards for the Executive Director. This is already in place in the Executive Director's Contract as Exhibit A. Vice Chair Geller's recommendation is that the time to address the Performance Standard would be when the Contract is up for renegotiation using Exhibit A, in November 2021. There was discussion on the contents of Exhibit A – Performance Standard and the Evaluation Form presented in October, in which compared, contain the same information and commenting section. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that this performance evaluation is a compilation from all the RPCs and noted that she is the first Executive Director to bring a performance evaluation form to this Council. Councilmember Bailey stated that his intention was to update the Evaluation Form to set goals for the Executive Director. Vice Chair Geller recommended that Mrs. Cosio Carballo, Councilmember Bailey, and Mr. Goren to discuss Councilmember Bailey's suggestions further.

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Meeting was very successful. The Joint Resolutions are being updated. She commended Vice Chair Geller for his leadership and management of the Joint Meeting as did many other Councilmembers and guests. She updated the Council on the Council activities, contracts and schedule of deliverables. Council staff is preparing new guidelines for in-person meetings with the guidance from Mr. Goren and Deputy Director Manny Cela. She thanked the Councilmembers for their support. Vice Chair Geller thanked Mrs. Cosio Carballo.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren announced that pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 20-246, physical in-person for public meetings will be required as of November 1, 2020. This includes various government agencies including RPCs. Mr. Goren reminded the Councilmembers that thanks to their efforts over many years, SB 1398, effective July 1, 2020, finally passed into law lowering the in-person quorum requirement to 1/3 of the voting members of RPCs with three or more counties. The SFRPC would require five members to be physically present at a Council Meeting. Mr. Goren explained in detail information for the public's access to meetings before and after November 1, 2020. The challenge for the SFRPC, is that since the conference room is limited in size, the public would have to continue to join virtually. Mr. Goren explained the various virtual platforms other agencies use. Vice Chair Geller suggested that if COVID cases increase, the Governor should be contacted to reinstate the previous Order. Councilmember Coldiron stated that Monroe County conducts ZOOM meetings to include the public. Monroe County was expecting to have a hybrid meeting later in the week, but their Department of Health stated that with the increase of COVID cases, the Meeting would have to be conducted virtually. Mr. Goren stated that attached to Executive Order 20-246, from the Director of Communications, that the State of Florida recently entered the Phase 3 of the Governor's Plan for recovery from COVID-19. Executive Order 246 assists the transition of Phase 3 and provides the local government bodies an additional one-month period to conduct their meetings virtually. Local government bodies should prepare to meet in person as required by Florida Law beginning on November 1, 2020.

C. Councilmembers Report

Councilmember Bates thanked the SFRPC and the Revolving Loan Board. She will be leaving the City of Lauderhill Commission in November. This will be her last meeting with the SFRPC. She said it has been a pleasure working with all of you and God Bless. Vice Chair Geller, representing the SFRPC, stated that we will all miss you and your departure is a loss for the organization. He pointed out the members of the Real Solutions Caucus is open to current and former elected officials, so he will be seeing her in the future.

D. Ex-Officio Reports

Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI, stated that the financial impacts of revenue reductions will weigh on their allocations but reported that the funding for the SFRPC is not being affected.

III. Guest Presentation (Time Certain: 11:45 a.m.)

Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

Gregory Stuart, Executive Director, Broward MPO (invited); Aileen Bouclé, Executive Director, Miami-Dade TPO; and Paul Calvaresi, MURP, Local Governmental Services Manager, Broward MPO

Vice Chair Geller recognized Aileen Bouclé, Executive Director, Miami-Dade TPO.

Ms. Bouclé thanked Mrs. Cosio Carballo for inviting her to speak at the meeting.

As one of three MPOs involved in advancing regional transportation initiatives, she is here in support of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. Councilmember Monestime, a former TPO Chairman is on the Board and is one of the champions of these regional efforts on behalf of our Board. Our current Chairman, Oliver Gilbert, is Chairman of Southeast Florida Transportation Council, which has identified regionally important projects. Mayor Leonard is participating in a collaborative effort with other municipalities to launch a SMART Plan demonstration project for first - last mile connectivity for ridership in the SMART Plan Northeast Corridor. She stated that without the support of the SFRPC, and the three MPOs combined support, we really can't advance these important initiatives. She thanked the Council once again for inviting her to speak. She thanked Mrs. Cosio Carballo for providing this forum to bring this very important document for the Councilmembers' consideration. Discussion ensued on the inoperability between Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Ms. Bouclé stated that there are various stages of involvement to reach this goal for many years now. Last year for the collective recertification of all three MPOs, this issue was elevated to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration as a Joint Regional priority. Broward and Miami-Dade counties are closely aligned in the platforms to be able to roll this out. She defers to both entities, and transit agencies to provide the Council with the technical presentation. Phenomenal work is underway to include Palm Beach County by 2021. Ms. Bouclé stated that the goal is to have Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties operating with one interoperable fare program. There was discussion on Brightline, the SMART Plan and access fees, SFRTA involvement on the northeast corridor, and the negotiations/meetings that are happening. Ms. Bouclé stated she would like to present to the Council an update at later time. Vice-Chair Geller thanked Ms. Bouclé. He thanked Councilmember Furr and Broward County Commissioner Ryan for being the County's lead on mass transit. Councilmember Furr explained that the interoperability app would be a seamless means of transit fare within the three counties.

Paul Calvaresi, MURP, Local Governmental Services Manager, Broward MPO, thanked the Council for inviting him. He summarized the 2040 Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Plan. This is a joint effort between the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency, the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization. The Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) consists of staff and Board members of the three MPOs who are working together to create a seamless regional transportation system. The PowerPoint slides portrayed why SEFTC created the Regional Transportation Plan, the analysis of programs and sources, investment decisions (funding and projects to fund) as a Region for the future, goals, objectives and performance measures. He stated that funding dictates our projects not the other way around. There was information on various scenarios on high-capacity transit system ridership; walkable access to transit from home and jobs; the need for more transportation options; land use capacity; and funding sources. He stated that they are making great strides with projects that are already in progress. Mr. Calvaresi suggested the Council send a letter/resolution of support for policies to support infrastructure, complementary land use, new revenue sources, and flexible revenue spending. Vice Chair Geller commented that it is hard to develop mass transit in areas that have already fully developed the roadway. There was discussion on

Broward County Transit Oriented Development to encourage higher density only on the transportation corridors. It was suggested that Resolution be created in support of the policies. Vice Chair Geller suggested that there be further discussion on creating the Resolution. Mr. Calvaresi thanked the Council for their time.

E. Technology Update – Council Meetings

Manny Cela, Deputy Director, stated that discussion has already been in place regarding the Governor’s announcement. The Council will continue using the GoToMeeting platform. It was used at the Joint Meeting where 160 plus were attending virtually, and it worked well. The Council is looking to have five Councilmembers present for a Council Meeting.

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Program Manager, explained the Revolving Loan Funds Status Report and fund availability in the Program.

B. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report

Mr. Tart announced that the CARES Act RLF has approved the first four loans: two are in Monroe County, one in Broward County, and one in Miami-Dade County. Four new additional applications will be reviewed at the next RLF Meeting. This Program is exceeding our milestone goals of getting the money deployed. Mr. Tart asked the Councilmembers to share the CARES Act RLF information. Vice Chair Geller congratulated Mr. Tart.

C. Development of Regional Impact Status Report – None

D. Economic Development District – Information only

E. 2020 Annual CEDS Update

Mrs. Cosio Carballo updated the Council on the annual review of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The Council will be reaching out to the Councilmembers, economic development leaders and others while preparing the CEDS for public comment. Added focuses will be the Opportunity Zones, the pandemic, and resiliency. The CEDS document is posted on the Council’s website. Mark Cassidy of Council staff has prepared information on the Opportunity Zones and the CEDS. This is part of the Council packet. This information will also show Council’s involvement with economic development. Vice Chair Geller requested the Report be emailed to the Councilmembers. He suggested this item be part of November’s Council Meeting as a presentation. The Councilmembers agreed to bring this to November’s Meeting. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked Mark Cassidy for his hard work.

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) December (No Meeting – Winter Recess)
- 2) January 25, 2021, 10:30 a.m. TBD - (SFRPC, Hollywood)

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- 3) February 15, 2021, 10:30 a.m. TBD - (SFRPC, Hollywood)
- 4) March 22, 2021, 10:30 a.m. TBD - (SFRPC, Hollywood)

Vice Chair Geller inquired as to when there may be another Joint Meeting. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that she would talk with Tom Lanahan, Executive Director of the TCRPC on a proposed date. She asked the Councilmembers to consider if they prefer a different meeting schedule for 2021 or if they would like to continue to meet on the fourth Monday of the month, and how many meetings they would like in a year. Both TCRPC and the SFRPC are hoping for two Joint Meetings in 2021. Vice Chair Geller stated that the virtual meetings were easier and would consider more. He prefers Mondays.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 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 October 19, 2020 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 23rd day of November 2020.

Beam Furr, Secretary

Date