



DRAFT AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

The SFRPC Council Meeting will begin immediately after the conclusion of the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute Meeting

VIRTUAL / PHYSICAL MEETING

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- I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**
- II. Welcome & Approval Council Agenda**
- III. Council Board Planning Session (Time Certain) 11:30 AM**
- IV. Action Items**
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - November 21, 2022 Minutes
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews (*Property Rights) Proposed
 - Broward County 22-06ESR
 - City of Doral 22-02ESR
 - Islamorada, Village of Islands 22-03ACSC
 - City of Key West 22-06ACSC
 - City of Key West 22-07ACSC



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- City of Layton 22-01ER
- City of Miami 21-01ESR
- North Bay Village 22-01ER
- City of Sunny Isles Beach 22-03ESR
- City of Sunrise 22-01ESR *
- City of Sunrise 22-02ESR

Public Hearing

Adopted

- Broward County 22-04ESR
- Monroe County 22-05ACSC
- Monroe County 22-07ER
- City of Coconut Creek 21-01ESR
- City of Cooper City 22-01ESR *
- City of Deerfield Beach 22-01ER *
- City of Hallandale Beach 22-02ESR
- City of Marathon 22-08ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 22-05ESR
- Town of Pembroke Park 22-02ESR *
- City of Sweetwater 22-01ESR

Public Hearing

- D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None
- E. Nominating Committee Report / Election of Officers

Public Comments

V. Discussion Items

- A. Executive Director’s Report
- B. Legal Counsel Report
- C. Councilmembers Report
- D. Ex-Officio Report

VI. Program Reports and Activities

- A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report
- B. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report
- C. Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition
- D. SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting – Friday, February 17th
- E. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting

VII. Announcements and Attachments

- A. Attendance Form
- B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) Friday, February 17, 2023, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC/TCRPC Joint Meeting, TBD)
- 2) Monday, February 27, 2023, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC, Hollywood)
- 3) Friday, March 17, 2023, TBD, (SFRPC First-Last Mile Connectivity Conference, TBD)
- 4) Monday, April 17, 2023, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC, Monroe County)

VIII. Adjournment

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THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL IS PLEASED TO WELCOME COUNCILMEMBER APPLEBY HORLAND AS ITS NEWEST MEMBER!

Denise Appleby Horland
Councilmember, City of Plantation
Broward County League of Cities Appointment



Denise was elected to the Plantation City Council in November of 2018.

Denise and her husband, Bob, have lived in the City of Plantation for 30 years. Their three children attended Plantation public schools and all grew up playing multiple sports over the course of 16 years in the Plantation Athletic League, for which Denise and Bob have both served as volunteers.

Denise's background is in retail account management, but since 1998 she has utilized her talent and expertise to advocate for others, most notably in Plantation's schools. From Central Park Elementary to South Plantation High School, Denise has served in many leadership positions, including taking on the role of president in organizations such as the PTA, sports booster clubs and magnet parent organization. In 2010, she was recognized as a county-wide Volunteer of the Year for Broward County Public Schools.

She has served on the board of Plantation's Relay for Life and has volunteered with charitable groups such as LifeNet4Families to address food insecurity and homelessness in the community.

Prior to serving as a Councilmember, Denise served on the City of Plantation's Education Advisory Board, as well as the 2010 Census Task Force. Denise is a member of the Greater Plantation Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Helen B. Hoffman Library, Plantation Historical Society and Plantation's inaugural Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

She currently serves on the Broward League of Cities Board Directors, Florida League of Cities Advocacy, and Municipal Administration Legislative Policy Committees and was recently appointed to the Broward County Planning Council. Denise was proud to have been named by the Florida League of Cities as Plantation's first Home Rule Hero, and as a 2021 Woman of Distinction by the Broward County Commission on the Status of Women. Additionally, Denise currently serves as Secretary on the Plantation Police Pension Board and earned her Certified Public Pension Trustee (CPPT) designation in 2021. She also served as President of the Plantation City Council in 2021.

As a graduate of the Broward County Leaders Water and Climate Academy and past participant of two Broward Resiliency Roundtables, Denise hopes to further improve Plantation's resiliency and sustainability for future generations. As for the next generation of leaders, through her work with organizations such as Ruth's List and the Women's Foundation of Florida, Broward Youth Cabinet and her newly created high school internship program, she mentors and supports those who may seek a career in public service.

When not working or volunteering, Denise enjoys spending time with her family (which includes two beloved rescue dogs), cooking, reading and traveling. It is her distinct honor to serve the residents of Plantation and give back to the community that has given so much to her own family.

Serving Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

November 21, 2022

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in person on this date at the Council's office located at 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures. Chair Geller welcomed the Councilmembers as well as those attending virtually. Chair Geller asked Councilmember Lincoln to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Chair Steve Geller
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey**
Councilmember Frank Caplan*
Councilmember Craig Cates*
Councilmember Joseph Corradino
Councilmember Beam Furr
Councilmember René García**
Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, III**
Councilmember Cary Goldberg*
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman*
Councilmember Michelle Lincoln
Councilmember Kionne McGhee**
Councilmember Greg Ross*
Councilmember Michael Udine*
Councilmember Ana M. Ziade

* Virtually Present

** Absent

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

A quorum was not present, and Mr. Goren suggested that Councilmember Ziade and Councilmember Corradino be temporarily appointed to the Executive Committee. Chair Geller appointed Councilmembers Ziade and Corradino to participate as the Executive Committee Members. Mr. Goren confirmed that there is a full quorum present for the Executive Committee.

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

Jon Moore for Jason Andreotta representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (SE District)

Lorraine Mayers representing the South Florida Water Management District

The following Ex-Officio Member was absent:

Dat Huynh representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

II. Approval Council Agenda

Chair Geller motioned to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Ziade moved the motion and Councilmember Lincoln seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Geller requested a modification of the Council Agenda to continue with Council business and proceed with the Presentations at the scheduled time.

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. September 19, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting
2. September 19, 2022, Council Meeting
3. October 17, 2022, Council Meeting

Chair Geller motioned for the approval of the Meeting Minutes for September 2022 and October 2022. Councilmember Furr moved the motion and Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

Director of Finance and IT, Leo Braslavsky Soldi presented the Financial Report in detail.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo summarized the Counties' dues increase that will continue for the next four years. Chair Geller asked if the SFRPC has enough in the budget to bring on a Deputy Director. Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Mr. Braslavsky Soldi confirmed that the budget includes \$125,000.00 for this position pending negotiations.

Chair Geller motioned to approve the Financial Report. Councilmember Ross moved the motion and Councilmember Furr seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Mr. Goren, Legal Counsel, read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed and Adopted.

Public Hearing

Proposed

- Islamorada, Village of Islands 22-02ACSC
- City of Key West 22-04ACSC
- City of Key West 22-05ACSC
- Village of Pincrest 22-01ESR

Public Comment

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

Chair Geller motioned to approve the Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed. Councilmember Lincoln moved the motion, and Councilmember Ross seconded, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Hearing

Adopted

- City of Dania Beach 22-01ESR

Councilmember Furr asked if this amendment covers the Water Supply Facility Plan and the water supply allowance. Mrs. Cosio Carballo referred to Council staff. Ms. Christina Miskis, SFRPC Principal Planner, recommended that the City of Dania Beach follow up with the SFWMD for any of their concerns.

- City of Fort Lauderdale 22-01ESR
- City of Marathon 22-07ACSC
- City of West Park 22-01ER

Chair Geller motioned to approve the Agenda Item IV.C Consent Items: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review Adopted. Councilmember Furr moved the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

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

D. Regional Issues: None

E. 2023 Meeting Schedule

Chair Geller postponed the Meeting Schedule discussion to coincide with the planning conversation since they are closely related.

F. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Chair Geller stated that pursuant to the rules, the SFRPC must appoint three members to the Nominating Committee representing each county. Following the Chair's appointments and the Council's Statement of Organization, the Nominating Committee consists of Immediate Past Chair Bailey (Miami-Dade County), First Vice Chair Kaufman (Monroe County) as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Councilmember Udine (Broward County).

Councilmember Udine stated that he would like to make a motion to allow the same Executive Committee to continue for the following year. With the Executive Director retiring in October 2023, this would be maintaining the continuity of the SFRPC. Mr. Goren stated that the rules provide a mandatory Nominating Committee; however, the rules are established by the Council. He explained there is nothing in the rules that state the Council, as an organizing body, cannot make decisions such as this request. Mr. Goren mentioned Sec. 8.0 which requires a Nominating Committee must be elected each year. Chair Geller moved to motion Councilmember Udine to be on the Nominating Committee along with Councilmembers Kaufman and Bailey.

G. FRCA Policy Board Appointment

Chair Geller announced that since Councilmember Ziade is no longer be able to serve on the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Policy Board there is a vacancy. Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the FRCA Board logistics and meeting information. Councilmember Caplan stated that he has served on the FRCA Police Board previously and is happy to serve again. Chair Geller confirmed the reappointment of Councilmember Caplan to the FRCA Policy Board.

Public Comment

Chair Geller stated that there is a request for one public comment from Drew Martin. Mr. Martin did not respond or reply; therefore, Chair Geller closed the Public Hearing and Comment.

Chair Geller moved the agenda out of order to discuss the SFRPC Revolving Loan and SFRPC Cares Act.

VI. Program Reports and Activities

- A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report
- B. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report

Mr. Tart announced that the 40th Annual MEDweek Legacy Awards Gala was hosted by M. Gill & Associates, the City of Miami, and the Belize Chamber of Commerce on October 22, 2022, at the Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in Miami, in which the SFRPC received the Small Business Capital Assistance Award. Mr. Tart stated that the SFRPC's CARES ACT RLF Program provided \$6.7 million to 32 businesses and because of the accomplishments of the businesses of this program, the SFRPC has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration as a "Success Story". In addition, the EDA recently conveyed that the CARES ACT RLF Program received the highest annual rating of an "A".

The traditional RLF Program continues to perform well with total assets of \$5.7 million serving 25 borrowers. SFRPC's Legal Counsel continues to provide informative updates on one of the historical borrower litigations since 2017, Angela Dawson, P.A. Further details can be found in the attached RLF Status Report.

Mr. Tart informed the Councilmembers about the Affordable Housing Initiative Program provided by the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc ("SFCDFI"). The Program is in the process of completing the construction of six new affordable single-family homes for first-time minority homebuyers: four (4) in the Lauderhill CRA and two (2) in the City of Hollywood. The Lauderhill project was made possible through funds awarded last year to the SFCDFI by the Housing Finance Authority of Broward County. Recently, the RLF Board approved a new project to build a new two-family affordable housing duplex in Dania Beach.

Councilmember Furr asked about the affordable housing project. Mr. Tart explained that staff is reaching out to the Broward County municipalities to set up meetings with the economic development officers to make them aware that funding is available. He explained the initial funding and the Broward County funding stating that there is a small pipeline of \$1 million available.

Mr. Goren mentioned the ongoing litigation regarding Angela Dawson. There will be a hearing before a judge on December 2, 2022, with a request to the Broward County Circuit Court to dismiss the third and fourth counterclaims. There is also a Motion for Summary Judgment pending, which has been going on for a long time. This is the most that he can state on the record. Chair Geller confirmed that there should be no further comments on the topic pending the upcoming hearing.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo commented that the EDA letter highlighting the program as a Grade "A". This was not always the case. She thanked Jeff Tart for his hard work and the advisement of the RLF Board that the grade was moved from a "C" to an "A".

V. Discussion Items

- A. Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the South Miami-Dade DRI process is moving along. She asked Christina Miskis, Principal Planner, to update the Councilmembers. Ms. Miskis stated that the SFRPC received a

response from the applicant regarding the State review agencies' comments on the methodology. The next step is convening the stakeholders to discuss the Agreement to Delete. After that, the applicant can continue to move forward with the application. Ms. Miskis clarified the area is 1,000 acres located west of the Miami Executive Airport and outside of the urban development boundary (UDB). It is still in the preliminary DRI stage and has not been sent to Miami-Dade County Commission. Mrs. Cosio Carballo mentioned a Logistical Center article in the article section. There was a discussion on the various Miami-Dade County amendments regarding the UDB and the DRI. Chair Geller reiterated the process of the Logistical Center and Mrs. Cosio Carballo provided an update stating that a hearing has not been scheduled.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo recognized Ms. Alisha Lopez, Clean Cities Director, for her accomplishments. Ms. Lopez updated the Council on the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition. Ms. Lopez announced that the Department of Energy ("DOE") recognized the SFRPC as the region with the "most infrastructure built" in the southeast United States. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) also awarded the SFRPC a "Coalition Comeback" recognition due to the 25% increase in membership within the last two years. Miss Lopez was elected to the Drive Electric Florida Board and she received a recommendation from Mayor Danielle Levine Cava to join the Federal Electric Vehicle Working Group. Lastly, Miss Lopez stated that the DOE has requested that the SFRPC host a DOE Clean Cities Regional Meeting in February 2023.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Legal Counsel Sam Goren commented on the Angela Dawson, P.A. case stating there is no further comment pending the upcoming hearing. He commented on the DRI, which will be the last DRI to be reviewed, as it was grandfathered in for review. He congratulated Ms. Miskis, Mr. Cambric, and Mrs. Cosio Carballo on their initiative with great reviews and comments.

C. Council Members Report

Chair Geller moved this Agenda Item to the end of the meeting.

D. Ex-Officio Report

Lorraine Mayers stated that a Governing Board Meeting will be held in Broward County in February 2023. Councilmember Furr asked Ms. Mayers if the Sixteen County Coalition meeting had occurred and if there is anyone representing Broward County or the SFRPC. Ms. Mayers stated that she believes the meeting did take place but does not have any details regarding it and she confirmed that no one from either Broward County or the SFRPC is represented at the Coalition.

Chair Geller provided an update on the CEDS Report. He expressed his gratitude that it is finally completed, as to the many hours put forward to create an amazing document. He thanked the SFRPC staff, especially Ms. Agolli, Program Manager, Community & Economic Development, and Mrs. Cosio Carballo. He stated that he had a press conference on the CEDS report one week ago with a 20-minute summary via Vimeo with certain selected highlights. He thanked the Presidents of Nova Southeastern University, Broward College, Florida Keys College; the Executive Director of the South Florida Hospital Association, the Chief Innovation Officer of the NSU Broward Center of Innovation; the President of BBX Capital, and President & CEO of OIC of South Florida for being present at the Press Conference. He stated that everyone is raving about the report.

Commissioner Furr stated that the report was very well done and recommended it be distributed to the municipalities. Councilmember Lincoln suggested making this a presentation during the county

commission meetings. Chair Geller also mentioned that he will be sending out thank you letters to all those involved.

III. Presentations (Time Certain 10:45 am)

- Gratitude to Councilmember Mayor Ziade for her service on the Council

Chair Geller stated that Councilmember Ziade has been an outstanding elected official and a great and valued member of the SFRPC, as well as a wonderful friend and colleague. He hopes that he will see her again in public service and presented her with a plant and a plaque engraved with the following: *“The Honorable Ana M. Ziade, SFRPC Councilmember 2020–2022. FRCA Policy Board Member 2022 with the Council’s Gratitude and Sincere Appreciation for Your Public Service, Dedication, and Many Contributions to Regional Collaboration and the South Florida Regional Planning Council, Chairman Steve Geller, November 21, 2022.”* Mrs. Cosio Carballo mentioned that additionally the SFRPC will make a \$100 donation to the Broward County Humane Society in honor of Councilmember Ziade. Councilmember Ziade commented that this will be her last day as Mayor for the City of North Lauderdale. She has enjoyed every meeting and every person she has met. She emphasized the SFRPC staff as amazing support to this organization. She continued to state that Ms. Lerch and Mrs. Cosio Carballo are the superheroes of the SFRPC and thanked and commended her fellow board members. She especially thanked Chair Geller as she learned so much from him and thanked Legal Counsel Sam Goren. Everyone stood and applauded Councilmember Ziade.

- Lucdwin Luck, Southeast Florida Regional Manager
Office of External Affairs, Office of Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis.

Chair Geller introduced Mr. Lucdwin Luck (“Luck”) from the Office of the State of Florida’s Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Jimmy Patronis. Mr. Luck reviewed Mr. Patronis’ roles as the CFO including State Fire Marshall as well as Florida Cabinet Member. He stated that the State Fire Marshall has been intricately involved with Hurricane Ian recovery. Governor Ron DeSantis recently announced there will be a special session before the end of the year to address insurance issues within the State of Florida. Mr. Luck described the list of offices and divisions of the CFO, along with the coordinating websites. He also confirmed that the State of Florida is the number one state with the highest insurance fraud and litigation. Mr. Luck stated he was deployed to Fort Myers where state, federal, and local agencies came together to review the disaster area. He will be meeting with local county officials to review items and his department will discuss issues that have arisen. Mr. Luck’s presentation can be viewed via the following link: <https://sfrationalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2.1-DFS-Presentation-SHORT-Presentation-5-minutes-Luck.pptx>

Chair Geller commented on and commended Mr. Luck’s accessibility and his outstanding outreach to the community. Chair Geller continued by stating that the SFRPC has created insurance documents (fliers) and will be sending Mr. Luck a copy of this to share with his constituents.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo asked a question regarding the My Safe Florida Home State Program enacted by the Florida Legislature to help single-family homeowners protect their homes against hurricanes with a matching grant program. Mr. Luck answered that the program is up on their website and running and will send the State Program link to the SFRPC.

- SFRPC Planning Conversation
Chair Geller

Leo Braslavsky-Soldi, Finance / IT Director

Chair Geller stated that he is pleased with the direction the SFRPC has embraced with increased regional convenings and planning following statutory changes to the responsibilities of the state's regional planning councils. Over this past year there has been a significant increase in regional convenings and it should be continued.

Chair Geller commented on the various meetings and conferences the SFRPC hosted. He commended the work that was done on the CEDS Report and annual updates will occur approximately twice a year with a focus on the appropriate issues pertaining to the region. In addition, the SFRPC has been conducting more Joint Meetings/Conferences with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) as well as special topic convenings. The Solid Waste Management Conference was a great success with 200 attendees from the seven-county Southeast Florida region. Dr. George Hanbury, President of NOVA Southeastern University, was virtually present and highlighted the importance of regional issues.

In September 2022 a virtual regional meeting was hosted by the SFRPC with the Mayors of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties regarding affordable housing. Monroe County was not included in this meeting with agreement from Councilmember Lincoln as housing issues in Monroe County are quite different. It was an excellent meeting with follow-up meetings planned for 2023. In March 2023 there will be a First/Last Mile Conference which will be very similar to the October 21, 2022, Solid Waste Conference. The First/Last Mile Conference is a meeting of Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties. In February 2023 and October 2023 Joint SFRPC/TCRPC meetings/conferences are scheduled. He requested thoughts from the Councilmembers on appropriate topics.

Chair Geller discussed the future CEDS meetings, which will entail the CEDS Strategy Committee community leaders and their input among others. Some topics to possibly discuss are the Silver Tsunami (retiring seniors) with the issues surrounding social security, pensions, and retirement savings.

Councilmember Furr suggested a discussion on the Freight FEC Inland Port and up US 27 around the lake. Discussion ensued if all the counties want this rail line. Councilmember Ross suggested the affordable housing topic. Councilmember Caplan is very interested in discussing the transportation topic, as well as topics such as stormwater management, engineering solutions, long-term budgeting, and predictions on sea-level rise. He added that if everyone can try to think alike and utilize the same baseline information, the better the planning. Chair Geller summarized the topics for future conferences/meetings: Affordable Housing, Sea-Level Rise/Water Management.

Councilmember Lincoln suggested discussing CareerSource, which is offering apprenticeship programs for Monroe County. These programs emphasize the importance of providing education for other careers other than those that are solely tourist-driven. Chair Geller stated that he has taken the lead on this topic in Broward County, and he recently spoke to the first graduating class in apprenticeships at Junior Achievement. He agreed with Councilmember Lincoln and added this to the discussion topic list.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo mentioned the 2010-2014 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) Grant that included the seven counties and was part of the Seven50 Vision. This is potentially a good time to reconvene stakeholders around the Seven50 Vision to mark progress and update the plan. Chair Geller stated this is a long-range goal to be discussed which may involve reconvening a new Seven50 group. Chair Geller asked the Councilmembers to send additional discussion topics to the Council.

Chair Geller motioned to adopt the SFRPC 2023 meeting calendar. Councilmember Lincoln moved the motion and Councilmember Ziade seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

- SFRPC Planning Conversation
 - Chair Geller
 - Leo Braslavsky-Soldi, Finance / IT Director

Mr. Braslavsky Soldi presented the Strategic Planning, its process, next steps, and timeline. He continued by explaining what a Strategic Plan is, which is the organization's process of defining its strategy or direction and making decisions on allocating its resources to attain strategic goals. The decision-making process for the upcoming plan is based on several factors, including the fact that South Florida has emerged from the pandemic and is potentially heading into a recession. Internally, the Council is transitioning this year with key staff retirements.

The Strategic Plan process includes: 1) Gather Facts; 2) SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats); 3) Review Inputs; 4) Define Critical Areas; 5) Define Strategies; 6) Review & Adjust; and 7) Implementation.

There are several components of a Strategic Plan:

- 1) Organizational review (mission statement, history, current programs, etc.)
- 2) Internal Environment (finances, HR, technology)
- 3) External Environment (economy, competition, legal and political environment)
- 4) SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats)
- 5) Critical Areas

Mr. Braslavsky Soldi explained previous efforts from the 2013 Strategic Planning Process included developing and reinforcing ongoing initiatives consistent with strategic opportunity areas and the Board working to shape a new RPC mission and playing a role in the new initiatives and focus areas reflecting on that mission.

The previous efforts in 2017 entailed a Board Strategic Planning Retreat. During the retreat, the Board strengthened the Council's extra-jurisdictional mission, specifically as a platform for regional convenings. They focused on regional economic prosperity, including collaboration, research, and database roles in support of a stronger regional economy. The Board explored opportunities to assist local governments and other regional partners as well as enhanced branding of the Council and its work.

Mr. Braslavsky Soldi explained the next steps for the upcoming Strategic Plan. 1) Stakeholders will receive a survey based on the group they are assigned; 2) Questions will differ for each group and cover important areas where stakeholders' input is crucial; 3) Short surveys (5-8 mins) can be completed online; 4) Results will be a key component for the development of the Strategic Plan.

The presentation may be reviewed via the following link: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2.-SFRPC-VISION-2030-Presentation-MC-111422.pdf>

Chair Geller asked about the timing of the Strategic Planning process and hopes that the Strategic Plan can be completed by April so that there is sufficient time for the outgoing Executive Director and the incoming Deputy Director to work on it. Mr. Braslavsky Soldi stated that as of today, February is the current timeline for at least the first draft and then by April a final document can be presented to the

board for approval. It was suggested that the CEDS Report be utilized to gather information for the Strategic Plan. There was discussion on whether the CEDS Report which is focused on the region should be used since the Strategic Plan pertains more to an agency focus.

Chair Geller stated there are four items to discuss: 1) Brightline through the center of the State; 2) Affordable Housing; 3) Sea-level rise and water; and 4) Apprenticeship and jobs. Three of these are in the CEDS Report. He asked that staff review the CEDS Report and come up with other topics that the SFRPC should continue its focus on.

Chair Geller motioned to approve the adoption of the Strategic Plan with a proposed preliminary report due no later than the February 2023 meeting and a final report due no later than the March 2023 meeting. Councilmember Ziade moved the motion and Councilmember Lincoln seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

At 11:45 am, Mr. Drew Martin entered the meeting for his public comment.

Mr. Martin called into the meeting to comment on the following:

- 1) He is disappointed that Miami-Dade County continues to move outside the UDB as there are many other opportunities inside the UDB. He emphasized that it is very important to try to protect the environment and the everglades ecosystem and maintain the UDB.
- 2) He stated that the canal system comments made by Chair Geller are unrealistic and overly optimistic. He continued that if the canals become to be a problem and ultimately fail, the structural changes will not be enough to compensate during storms. Planning needs to begin to move homes away from the areas that would be most impacted. Homes need to begin work on their properties to alleviate the risk of flooding and no one should rely on the Army Corps of Engineers. There were many lessons learned from New Orleans that depending on the Army Corps of Engineers could prove to be fatal.
- 3) Regarding the Homeowners' Insurance, Mr. Martin politely disagreed that Mr. Patronis has done a good job as cities, counties, and the state continue to allow homes to be built where homes are vulnerable. Should these vulnerable homes be lost due to hurricanes, they should not be rebuilt; they should be abandoned. He advocated for continued support for dunes and sea walls.

Chair Geller thanked Mr. Martin for his remarks.

- C. Development of Regional Impact Status Report
- D. Council Highlights

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VIII. Adjournment

Chair Geller adjourned the meeting at 12:04 pm.

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 21, 2022 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted on the 23rd day of January 2023.

Michelle Lincoln, Secretary
Monroe County Commissioner, District 2

Date



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.B

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORT

Attached is a Financial Report comparing the months of October through December 2022 for your review and approval.

Recommendation

Approve the Financial Report.



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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 2022

(unaudited)

	October	November	December	Increase (Decrease)
<u>General Fund</u>				
Assets:				
Cash GF	2,153,058	1,959,505	1,816,897	(142,608)
SBA - Investment Account	11,315	11,352	11,393	41
Accounts Receivable	94,394	162,395	65,295	(97,101)
Due From Other Funds	30,864	24,674	41,695	17,021
Prepaid Expenses	15,477	15,477	15,477	-
Total Assets	2,305,108	2,173,403	1,950,756	(222,647)
Liabilities and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities	1,074	676	938	263
Fund Balance	2,304,034	2,172,728	1,949,818	(222,909)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	2,305,108	2,173,403	1,950,756	(222,647)
<u>Federal, State & Local</u>				
Assets:				
Accounts Receivable	92,436	161,286	65,458	(95,828)
Total Assets	92,436	161,286	65,458	(95,828)
Liabilities and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities	136,231	88,882	62,008	(26,874)
Fund Balance	(43,795)	72,404	3,450	(68,953)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	92,436	161,286	65,458	(95,828)
<u>Revolving Loan Funds</u>				
Assets:				
Cash RLF	2,441,019	2,579,147	2,643,836	64,689
Accounts Receivable	10,672,542	10,539,257	10,484,586	(54,671)
Allowance for Loan Losses	(1,088,554)	(1,088,554)	(1,088,554)	-
Total Assets	12,025,007	12,029,850	12,039,868	10,018
Liabilities and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities	118	1,057	347	(710)
Due To Other Funds	30,864	24,674	41,695	17,021
Fund Balance	11,994,025	12,004,118	11,997,826	(6,293)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	12,025,007	12,029,850	12,039,868	10,018
<u>Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute</u>				
Assets:				
Cash	41,251	41,251	41,251	-
Total Assets	41,251	41,251	41,251	-
Liabilities and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities	37,079	37,079	37,079	-
Fund Balance	4,172	4,172	4,172	-
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	41,251	41,251	41,251	-

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

December 31, 2022

(unaudited)

<u>Description</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Fiscal to Date</u>	<u>% Realized</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Remaining Budget</u>
<u>REVENUE REPORT</u>								
Membership Dues	\$ 970,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 970,865	100%	\$ 970,866	29%	\$ 1
Interest & Other Income	306	414	420	1,140	76%	1,500	0%	360
Federal Funded Projects	22,335	127,088	35,617	185,040	12%	1,568,530	47%	1,383,490
State Funded Projects	-	24,000	-	24,000	30%	80,952	2%	56,952
Local Funded Projects	26,291	6,592	15,243	48,126	23%	207,000	6%	158,874
Trust Funds	37,580	35,707	34,693	107,980	22%	500,000	15%	392,020
TOTAL Revenues	1,057,377	193,801	85,973	1,337,151	40%	3,328,848	100%	1,991,698
<u>EXPENSE REPORT</u>								
<u>Operating Expenses</u>								
Staff Compensation	\$ 115,628	\$ 106,274	\$ 162,289	\$ 384,191	22%	\$ 1,766,494	53%	\$ 1,382,303
Occupancy	8,128	8,415	8,415	24,958	26%	95,000	3%	70,042
Utilities Electric/Sanitation	452	392	336	1,180	20%	6,000	0%	4,820
Janitorial Services	750	750	750	2,250	25%	9,180	0%	6,930
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	0%	6,000	0%	6,000
Storage	978	498	249	1,725	31%	5,500	0%	3,775
Office Automation	4,536	3,212	8,451	16,200	23%	70,000	2%	53,800
Advertising, Notices, Supplies, Postage	1,436	6,918	975	9,329	32%	29,500	1%	20,171
Travel	16	283	173	472	4%	11,000	0%	10,528
Professional Development	5,474	200	3,000	8,674	29%	30,000	1%	21,326
Insurance	-	-	8,478	8,478	27%	31,320	1%	22,842
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-	-	-	0%	5,500	0%	5,500
Legal Services (1)	3,365	-	4,970	8,335	19%	45,000	1%	36,665
Financial Services	4,257	421	300	4,979	9%	54,200	2%	49,221
Professional Consultants	3,960	4,100	500	8,560	17%	50,000	2%	41,440
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	-	0%	25,000	1%	25,000
Subtotal Operating Expenses	148,981	131,463	198,886	479,330	21%	2,239,694	67%	1,760,364
Pass Through Expenses:	75,551	71,690	82,694	229,936	19%	1,227,410	36%	997,474
TOTAL Expenses	224,533	203,153	281,580	709,266	20%	3,467,104	103%	2,757,838
<u>OTHER REVENUES (Expenses)</u>								
Bad Debt- RLF Programs	-	-	-	-				
Excess (deficit) Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 832,844	\$ (9,352)	\$ (195,608)	\$ 627,885		\$ (138,256)	-4%	
(1) Additional legal YTD expenses included in "pass-through Expenses"				\$ 5,251				
Note: Percentage of Fiscal Year lapsed				25.00%				



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.C

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSED AND ADOPTED AMENDMENT
CONSENT AGENDA

Pursuant to the 1974 Interlocal Agreement creating the South Florida Regional Planning Council (Council), the Council is directed by its member counties to “assure the orderly, economic, and balanced growth and development of the Region, consistent with the protection of natural resources and environment of the Region and to protect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of the residents of the Region.”

In fulfillment of the Interlocal Agreement directive and its duties under State law, the Council reviews local government Comprehensive Plan amendments for consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes as presently in effect, Council review of comprehensive plan amendments is limited to 1) adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the SRPP and 2) extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the Region. The Council’s review of amendments is conducted in two stages: (1) proposed or transmittal and (2) adoption. Council staff reviews the contents of the amendment package once the Department of Economic Opportunity certifies its completeness.

A written report of the Council’s evaluation pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the State Land Planning Agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

Recommendation

Find the proposed and adopted plan amendments from the local governments listed in the tables below generally consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

Approve this report for transmittal to the local governments with a copy to the State Land Planning Agency.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Local Government and Plan Amendment Number	Proposed	Adopted	Council Review Date	Local Government Transmittal or Adoption Public Hearing and Meeting
Broward County 22-06ESR (Received 12-08-22)	✓	N/A	01-23-23	12-06-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendment to Broward County’s Comprehensive Plan includes one amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan (BCLUP) map, which is concurrent with the proposed City of Sunrise Future Land Use Map Amendment 22-02ESR. The amendment revises the land use designation for an approximately 103-acre site to facilitate the redevelopment of a country club site. This amendment affects an approximately 103-acre site (Sunrise Country Club) generally located south of NW 30 Place between Aragon Boulevard and East Sunrise Lakes Drive in the City of Sunrise. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 				
City of Doral 22-02ESR (Received 11-07-22)	✓	N/A	01-23-23	10-26-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendment to the City of Doral’s Comprehensive Plan proposes a large-scale land use amendment to the City’s Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to change the designation from Community Mixed Use (CMU) to Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) for a ±56.4-acre property. The amendment affects a site located at 4400 NW 87 Avenue in the City of Doral. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 				
Islamorada, Village of Isles 22-03ACSC (Received 11-22-22)	✓	N/A	01-23-23	11-17-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendment to Islamorada, Village of Isles’ Comprehensive Plan would amend the Future Land Use Element policy related to Vacation Rentals to limit the transient rental use of residential properties. This amendment affects Islamorada, Village of Islands. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 				
City of Key West 22-06ACSC (Received 11-14-22)	✓	N/A	01-23-23	11-01-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendment to the City of Key West’s Comprehensive Plan’s Land Use Plan revises the boundaries of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation of properties from Historic Residential (HR) to Historic Commercial (HC). 				

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> This amendment affects addresses of 318 and 320 Petronia Street, and 802, 804, and 806 Whitehead Street, in the City of Key West. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 				
City of Key West 22-07ACSC (Received 11-14-22)	✓	N/A	01-23-23	11-01-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendment to the City of Key West’s Comprehensive Plan incorporates a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Update into the City’s Plan. This amendment affects the City of Key West. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. Council recommends that the City coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to address their technical assistance comments and revise the amendment as needed prior to adoption. 				
City of Layton 22-01ER (Received 11-22-22)	✓	N/A	01-23-23	11-10-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendments to the City of Layton Comprehensive Plan would create revisions related to Peril of Flood, adding resiliency objectives and policies to the Coastal Management Element. A Property Rights Element was also created and an update to the 5-year Schedule of Capital Improvements was completed. The amendments are intended to result in internal consistency with the Plan Elements, the City’s Land Development Regulations, and the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan. Modifications/deletions were made to various policies in the Plan where tasks have been accomplished. This amendment affects the City of Layton. Council recommends that the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report be used as a guideline to revise and correct the amendments prior to adoption. The revisions are necessary and will be integral to ensuring that meeting the Peril of Flood requirements will meaningfully addresses the need for improved resiliency within the City and region. 				
City of Miami 21-01ESR (Received 12-09-22)	✓	N/A	1-23-23	11-17-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendment to the City of Miami’s Comprehensive Plan is a text amendment to address the Peril of Flood requirements within the Miami Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan (MCNP). This amendment affects the City of Miami. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) notes that The City is required to revise its Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) within 18 months after approval of the Lower East Coast (LEC) Water Supply 				

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<p>Plan Update by the District’s Governing Board. The District’s Governing Board approved the LEC Water Supply Plan Update on November 8, 2018. Therefore, the City’s Work Plan was to be updated and adopted by May 2020. The Work Plan has not been received by the District to date. Council recommends that the Work Plan be expedited.</p>				
<p>North Bay Village 22-01ER (Received 11-18-22)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>1-23-23</p>	<p>11-02-22</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed amendment to North Bay Village’s Comprehensive Plan reflects the Evaluation and Appraisal (EAR) Review. The Comprehensive Plan is being amended to resolve inconsistencies with state requirements enacted since the last update, as well as to address issues of local concern. The proposed amendments based are on this EAR-based process. 2. This amendment affects North Bay Village. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. Council recommends that the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report be used to revise the proposed amendments prior to adoption, including revising and adding definitions related to affordable housing. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) notes that The City is required to revise its Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) within 18 months after approval of the Lower East Coast (LEC) Water Supply Plan Update by the District’s Governing Board. The District’s Governing Board approved the LEC Water Supply Plan Update on November 8, 2018. Therefore, the City’s Work Plan was to be updated and adopted by May 2020. The Work Plan has not been received by the District to date. Council recommends that the Work Plan be expedited. 				
<p>City of Sunny Isles Beach 22-03ESR (Received 12-12-22)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>1-23-23</p>	<p>10-20-22</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed amendment to the City of Sunny Isles Beach’s Comprehensive Plan corrects an omission in the Future Land Use Element for definitions of the Recreation - Open Space and Conservation Future Land Use categories. 2. This amendment affects the City of Sunny Isles Beach. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 				
<p>City of Sunrise 22-01ESR* (Received 12-27-22)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>1-23-23</p>	<p>12-13-22</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed amendment to the City of Sunrise’s Comprehensive Plan would include the Property Rights Element, to comply with House Bill 59 Section 163.3177(6)(i), Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 2021. The 				

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<p>proposed amendment intends to meet the requirements of the Bill, including language regarding the right of a property owner to physically possess and control his or her interests in the property, including easements, leases, or mineral rights; use, maintain, develop, and improve his or her property for personal use or for the use of any other person, subject to state law and local ordinances; privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property; and dispose of his or her property through sale or gift. The proposed amendment updates the Village's EAR-based amendments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. This amendment affects the City of Sunrise. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 				
City of Sunrise 22-02ESR (Received 12-27-22)	✓	N/A	1-23-23	04-12-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed amendment to the City of Sunrise's Comprehensive Plan would amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation for a specific property from Commercial Recreation, Low-Medium (10) Residential, and Medium-High (25) Residential Future Land Use Map designations to Commercial Recreation and Irregular (9 DU/AC) Residential designations for an approximately 103-acre site with the intent of facilitating the redevelopment of a country club site. 2. This amendment affects an approximately 103-acre site (Sunrise Country Club) generally located south of Northwest 30 Place, between Aragon Boulevard and East Sunrise Lakes Drive, in the City of Sunrise. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 				

ADOPTED AMENDMENTS

Local Government and Plan Amendment Number	Proposed	Adopted	Council Review Date	Local Government Transmittal or Adoption Public Hearing and Meeting
Broward County 22-04ESR (Received 12-08-22)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	12-06-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendments to Broward County’s Comprehensive Plan (BCCP) amend the Broward County Land Use Plan (BCLUP) text to clean up and enhance policies regarding activity centers, platting, redevelopment units, and transfer of development rights. The intent of the amendments includes eliminating redundancies, providing clarification, and supporting regional coordination. 2. These amendments affect Broward County. 3. These amendments do not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. The Council reviewed these amendments when proposed. 				
Monroe County 22-05ACSC (Received 12-05-22)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	11-15-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendment to Monroe County’s Comprehensive Plan increases the residential building height limit to 40 ft. to allow for elevation to protect against flooding hazards and reflect the Florida Building Code and updated FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. 2. This amendment affects Monroe County. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. The Council reviewed this amendment when proposed. 				
Monroe County 22-07ACSC (proposed with 22-04ER) (Received 11-17-22)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	10-19-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendment to Monroe County’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan is to provide exceptions to non-shoreline and shoreline setback and open space requirements for the elevation of lawfully existing residential dwelling units above flood requirements and to reflect changes in local conditions and recent data, trends, issues, and challenges. 2. This amendment affects Monroe County. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. The Council reviewed this amendment when proposed. 				

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City of Coconut Creek 21-01ESR (Received 01-04-23)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	12-08-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendment amends the City of Coconut Creek’s Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the 20-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Update (2020-2040). 2. This amendment affects the City of Coconut Creek. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. The Council reviewed this amendment when proposed. 				
City of Cooper City 22-01ESR* (Received 11-22-22)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	11-09-21
City of Pembroke Park 22-02ESR* (Received 01-04-23)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	09-14-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendments to the above-referenced Comprehensive Plans reflect the creation of a Property Rights Element, to comply with House Bill 59 Section 163.3177(6)(i), Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 2021. The proposed amendment intends to meet the requirements of the Bill, including language regarding the right of a property owner to: physically possess and control his or her interests in the property, including easements, leases, or mineral rights; use, maintain, develop, and improve his or her property for personal use or for the use of any other person, subject to state law and local ordinances; privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property; and dispose of his or her property through sale or gift. 2. These amendments affect the counties and municipalities named above. 3. These amendments do not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. Council reviewed these amendments when proposed. 				
City of Deerfield Beach 22-01ESR* (Received 11-28-22)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	11-15-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendments to the City of Deerfield Beach Comprehensive Plan reflect the creation of a Property Rights Element, and updated Plan text amendments. 2. These amendments affect affects the City of Deerfield Beach. 3. These amendments do not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 				

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4. The Council reviewed these amendments when proposed.				
City of Hallandale Beach 22-02ESR (Received 01-03-23)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	12-14-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendment to the City of Hallandale Beach Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Element provides for an additional 500 residential dwelling units in the Regional Activity Center (RAC). 2. This amendment affects the City of Hallandale Beach. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. The Council reviewed this amendment when proposed. 				
City of Marathon 22-08ACSC (Received 12-05-22)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	11-15-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendment to the City of Marathon's Comprehensive Plan amends the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of a property from Residential Medium (RM) to Parks and Recreation (PR). 2. This amendment affects a property located along Calle Ensenada about 1.4 miles from US-1/Overseas Highway near Mile Marker 52 on the oceanside in the City of Marathon. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. The Council reviewed this amendment when proposed. 				
City of Miami Beach 22-05ESR (Received 11-18-22)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	11-14-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendment to the City of Miami Beach's Comprehensive Plan increases the floor area ratio (FAR) and creates a density bonus to incentivize seven (7) legally established non-conforming apartment hotels in the R-PS-1 and R-PS-2 future land use categories to convert to conforming residential uses. 2. This amendment affects approximately 1.28 acres defined by Washington Avenue to the East, Michigan Avenue to the West, 4th Street to the North, and 2nd Street to the South, just east of Alton Road in the City of Miami Beach. 3. This amendment does not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. The Council reviewed this amendment when proposed. 				

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City of Miami Springs 22-01ER (Received 11-18-22)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	11-14-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendments to the City of Miami Springs' Comprehensive Plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create "EAR" based amendments to update the Comprehensive Plan to reflect current planning and growth management issues within the City, and b. Update the City's 10-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan. 2. These amendments affect the City of Miami Springs. 3. These amendments do not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. The Council reviewed these amendments when proposed. 				
City of Sweetwater 22-01ESR* (Received 11-17-22)	N/A	✓	1-23-23	11-15-22
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adopted amendments to the City of Sweetwater's Comprehensive Plan provide a: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Property Rights Element b. Text amendment to the Medium Density Multi-Family Residential land use designation and create Objective 8 which addresses Density Averaging. The intent of the amendment is to allow for the construction of a 316-unit senior housing development. 2. These amendments affect the City of Sweetwater. 3. These amendments do not create any adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities. 4. The Council reviewed these amendments when proposed. 				



DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT / ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Prior to January of each year when the Council ratifies its Executive Committee, the Chair elects a Nominating Committee to recommend a new member to fill the position of Secretary as the Immediate-Past Chair rotates off the Committee and the remaining members advance in position. The Nominating Committee was appointed in November 2022 by Chair Geller and consists of Immediate Past Chair Bailey (Miami-Dade County), First Vice Chair and Nominating Committee Chair Kaufman (Monroe County), and Councilmember Udine (Broward County).

The Nominating Committee met on January 6, 2023 to develop its recommendation for presentation to the Board at its January 23rd Council meeting. After a brief conversation, the Nominating Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Council maintain its current Executive Committee for the upcoming year. Given the full work schedule and pending retirement of the Council's Executive Director on October 31, 2023 due to FRS DROP regulations and Florida Statute, the Nominating Committee recommends that the Council minimize additional transitions until such time that a new executive director is selected.

The current members of the Executive Committee are:

Chair - Steve Geller (Broward County)
First Vice Chair - Sam Kaufman (Monroe County- Municipal)
Second Vice Chair - Beam Furr (Broward County)
Treasurer - René García (Miami-Dade County)
Secretary – Michelle Lincoln (Monroe County)
Immediate Past Chair – Mario J. Bailey (Miami-Dade County, Governor's Appointee)

Recommendation

Ratify the slate of Council Officers for 2023.



SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL COUNCILMEMBERS, EX OFFICIOS

JANUARY 2023

Senator Steve Geller, *(Chair), Commissioner, Broward County*

Samuel Kaufman, *(First Vice Chair), Vice Mayor, Key West*

Quentin “Beam” Furr, *(Second Vice Chair), Commissioner, Broward County*

Senator René García, *(Treasurer), Commissioner, Miami-Dade County*

Michelle Lincoln, *(Secretary), Commissioner, Monroe County*

Mario J. Bailey, *(Immediate Past Chair), Governor’s Appointee Miami-Dade County*

Frank H. Caplan, *Councilmember, Village of Key Biscayne*

Craig Cates, *Mayor Pro Tem, Monroe County*

Joseph Corradino, *Mayor, Village of Pinecrest*

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, *Vice Chair and Commissioner, Miami-Dade County*

Cary Goldberg, *Governor’s Appointee Broward County*

Denise Horland, *Councilmember, City of Plantation, (appointed January 17, 2023)*

Kionne McGhee, *Commissioner, Miami-Dade County*

Greg Ross, *Mayor, Cooper City*

Michael Udine, *Commissioner, Broward County*

Isabel Cosio Carballo, *Executive Director*

Sam Goren, *Legal Counsel*

Ex Officio Members

Jason Andreotta, *Florida Department of Environmental Protection*

Dat Huynh, *Florida Department of Transportation, District Six*

Lorraine Mayers, *South Florida Water Management District*



Statement of Organization

~ Adopted April 26, 2021 ~

7.0 – Officers, Term of Office, and Duties

- (1) The regular January meeting shall be the annual meeting of the Council and shall be for the purpose of electing the new officers and conducting such other business as may come before the members. The Council shall elect from its membership the following officers: Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. It is the express intent of this provision that at all times there shall be a balanced representation among the member governments and governor's appointees as members of the Executive Committee so that there is at least one (1) county or municipal representative from each County. Each member so elected shall serve for one (1) year or until reelected or a successor is elected. It is the intent of the Council that Executive Committee Members shall be advanced in his/her respective positions each year, so long as such Council Member continues to serve as an appointed member, from Secretary to Treasurer, Treasurer to Second Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair to First Vice-Chair, First Vice-Chair to Chair, in that order.
- (2) The newly elected officers shall be declared installed following their election and shall assume the duties of office.
 - (a) The Chair shall be responsible for overseeing the organization of the work of the Council; for seeing that all policies of the Council are carried out; for signing any contract or other instrument which the Council deems in its interest; and for presiding over all Council meetings. The Chair, or a designated Council Member, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. Notwithstanding the above, all renewal contracts can be signed by the Executive Director after review and written approval by General Counsel. Any new contracts can be signed by the Executive Director after review and written approval by the General Counsel, and 48 hours following transmittal to the Chair of the proposed contract which has been approved in writing by the General Counsel.

- (b) The First Vice-Chair shall act in the Chair's absence or inability to act. The First Vice-Chair shall perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Chair or the Council.
 - (c) The Second Vice-Chair shall act in the Chair's and First Vice-Chair's absence or inability to act. The Second Vice-Chair shall perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Chair or the Council.
 - (d) The Treasurer shall be responsible for general oversight of the financial affairs of the Council and such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair or the Council.
 - (e) The Secretary shall be responsible for minutes for the meeting, keeping the roll of members, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair or the Council.
- (3)
- (a) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and the most recent Past Chair still in continuous service on the Council. If there is no most recent Past Chair still in continuous service, the Executive Committee may be comprised of five (5) members.
 - (b) The Executive Committee shall act for and on behalf of the Council and shall take such action as may reasonably be necessary to fulfill the duties, functions and responsibilities of the Council as if a quorum were present. It is the intention of the Council that other members present at a Council meeting where a quorum is not present and where the Executive Committee shall act for and on behalf of the Council, shall be permitted to fully participate in the proceedings and matters then pending before the Council or the Executive Committee.
 - (c) Where, in the opinion of the Chair of the Executive Committee, an emergency situation exists the Executive Committee may convene at the principal office of the Council, and act in response to the emergency situation. For purposes of this section, an "emergency situation" is defined as an event which is, unforeseen, unexpected, or time sensitive, in which there is not sufficient time for the full Council to meet or is a sudden or unforeseen natural or manmade event that necessitates immediate action for and on behalf of the Council. An emergency situation is not a self-created matter by a member or members of the Council. Any meeting and action taken by the Executive Committee in response to the declared emergency situation shall be ratified by the Council at the next regular meeting.



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.A

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SFRPC REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS STATUS REPORT

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Program has historically served the needs of businesses that are not entirely served by conventional lenders, with an emphasis on applicants who have been denied credit by a conventional lender. As such, the Council's RLF loans are considered riskier than conventional loans. The Loan Administration Board may charge a higher interest rate to a particular borrower depending on the risk factors of that loan. In addition, most loan payments are due on the first day of each month until maturity.

Attached for your review is the Revolving Loan Fund Status Report. In reviewing the attached status report, please note that the borrowers' loan agreements provide a fifteen (15) day grace period in which they can make their payments without a five percent late charge penalty. This status report is generated fifteen (15) days prior to the end of the month. Council staff routinely makes phone calls and sends past due notices to past due accounts after ten (10) and fifteen (15) days.

The Council policy on loan amounts and the structure of the loans for each loan program is:

"Loan amounts may range from \$25,000 to \$500,000. Borrowers seeking more than one loan may not exceed \$500,000 in aggregate. Loans may be used for funding up to 100 percent of a project, provided that bank or conventional financing is unavailable, and that equity is nonexistent or is otherwise needed for cash flow. In cases where limited financing from a private/traditional source is available, loans can be used as supplemental or "second mortgage" funds. Second positions on collateral may be acceptable so long as the prior lien holder is a lending institution."

Please find attached Legal Counsel's South Florida Regional Planning Council ("SFRPC") / Revolving Loan Fund report on legal action that has been taken to collect on delinquent accounts.



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Payment Status Report

Traditional RLF Payment Status Report

Loan	Company /Borrower	Amount	Disbursed	Pmts	Rate	Last Activity	Last Balance	Paid Thru	Days Late	Last Activity	Next Pay Due	Loan Date	Maturity Date	Board Action
1008		110,000.00	110,000.00	120	6.0	1,823.36	24,423.61	12/01/22	0	12/07/22	01/01/23	03/22/02	11/09/25	performing
1022		300,000.00	300,000.00	240	7.0	2,709.36	302,092.96	12/01/22	0	12/20/22	01/01/23	01/08/04	09/01/39	performing
1023		301,586.50	301,586.50	120	5.0	350.00	161,715.88	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	07/19/06	03/01/29	performing
1034		300,000.00	300,000.00	120	5.0	500.00	260,365.24	12/01/22	0	12/09/22	01/01/23	12/21/06	11/15/28	performing
1039		125,000.00	125,000.00	84	5.0	500.00	120,082.53	12/01/22	0	12/12/22	01/01/23	11/24/08	12/31/15	performing
1040		200,000.00	200,000.00	84	5.0	1,472.32	79,961.61	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	02/02/09	08/01/28	performing
3024		189,043.88	189,043.88	144	0.0	500.00	104,945.87	12/01/22	0	12/08/22	01/01/23	07/26/99	12/01/16	Default Final Judgment
4008		300,000.00	300,000.00	84	5.0	750.00	169,478.45	12/01/22	0	12/12/22	01/01/23	07/31/09	03/31/39	performing
4018		150,000.00	150,000.00	84	6.0	(465.00)	144,598.41	12/01/15	2557	10/22/20	01/01/16	07/12/13	08/01/20	In Litigation - Mediation
4024		235,000.00	235,000.00	240	5.0	1,600.00	169,367.93	12/01/22	0	12/12/22	01/01/23	04/16/14	05/01/26	performing
4027		149,500.00	149,500.00	120	5.0	1,590.98	69,909.87	12/01/22	0	12/08/22	01/01/23	12/15/15	12/15//25	performing
4028		75,000.00	75,000.00	1	0.0	765.03	74,994.72	04/01/19	1341	04/12/19	05/01/19	11/17/16	09/30/19	Default - collateral workout
4029		75,000.00	75,000.00	1	0.0	803.02	75,000.00	04/01/19	1341	04/12/19	05/01/19	12/14/16	09/30/19	Default - collateral workout
4031		332,972.82	332,972.82	111	6.5	2,000.00	321,849.33	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	09/28/17	08/01/28	performing
4032		300,000.55	300,000.55	120	7.0	3,577.27	224,305.17	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	10/24/18	11/01/28	performing
4033		254,999.57	254,999.57	84	7.0	1,548.47	191,394.64	12/01/22	0	12/14/22	01/01/23	10/25/18	10/25/25	performing

Loan	Company /Borrower	Amount	Disbursed	Pmts	Rate	Last Activity	Last Balance	Paid Thru	Days Late	Last Activity	Next Pay Due	Loan Date	Maturity Date	Board Action
4034		84,506.66	84,506.66	84	7.0	300.00	71,412.80	08/01/22	122	08/01/22	09/01/22	01/03/19	01/03/26	Payment Default- Legal Notice Issued
4035		248,684.03	248,684.03	84	7.0	3,773.17	159,493.48	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	03/05/19	04/01/26	performing
4036		549,223.30	549,223.30	84	7.0	6,121.70	497,331.11	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	03/05/19	04/01/26	performing
4037		173,904.64	173,904.64	84	5.0	1,750.00	143,246.07	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	03/28/19	03/28/26	performing
4038		99,885.78	99,885.78	60	7.0	1,500.00	67,976.46	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	03/28/19	04/01/24	performing
4039		200,000.00	200,000.00	84	7.0	(300.00)	196,815.27	08/01/22	122	08/01/22	09/01/22	03/12/20	04/01/27	Payment Default- Legal Notice Issued
4040		400,000.00	400,000.00	84	7.0	3,167.33	391,442.40	12/01/22	0	12/14/22	01/01/23	09/23/19	09/23/26	performing
4043		200,000.00	200,000.00	120	4.5	2,322.17	174,585.34	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	04/22/21	04/01/31	performing
4044		130,000.00	130,000.00	120	4.5	1,347.30	113,869.61	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	03/22/21	03/01/31	performing
4046		100,000.00	100,000.00	60	5.0	20.00	100,000.00	12/01/22	0	12/01/22	01/01/23	10/06/22	10/01/27	performing
4047		250,000.00	250,000.00	60	4.5	1,250.00	250,000.00	02/01/23	0	01/04/23	03/01/23	10/06/22	01/01/28	performing
Totals		5,834,307.73	5,834,307.73			41,276.48	4,660,658.76							

LIST OF COMMITTED EDA FUNDS
December 31, 2022

Loan #	Company Name	Committed	Commitment Date	Disbursed	Disbursement Date	Remaining Commitment
4047	Minority Builders Coalition Phase I	500,000	11/15/2021	250,000	12/31/2022	\$ 250,000.00
	Minority Builders Coalition Phase II	500,000	11/15/2021			\$ 500,000.00
TOTAL		\$1,000,000		\$ 250,000.00		\$ 750,000.00

Cash Available to Lend					
Bank Balance as of	12/31/2022				\$ 1,119,879.99
Committed Funds					
Unfunded Loan Commitments	\$ 750,000				
Administrative Fees	21,423.70				
Total Committed Funds					\$ 771,423.70
Total Uncommitted Funds					\$ 348,456.29

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January 4, 2023

VIA E-MAIL (isabelc@sfrpc.com)

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South Florida Regional Planning Council
Oakwood business Center
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Re: South Florida Regional Planning Council ("SFRPC") / Revolving Loan Fund Status Report

Dear Ms. Carballo:

Below please find the status of the Revolving Loan Fund cases which have been brought on behalf of the SFRPC. This shall confirm that once a judgment is obtained and recorded, our office has been instructed to take no further action, other than to re-record specified judgments, as requested, in a timely fashion. We have therefore removed all of the "Closed Cases" from this list. In the future, once a judgment is obtained and recorded relative to cases appearing on this list, they will be removed from this list.

1. SFRPC (SFRPC Account #4018) v. Angela Dawson, P.A. (Our File No. 9940547)

Complaint filed with the Court on May 7, 2018. Dawson filed a motion to recuse (remove) the judge, so litigation was delayed. Dawson filed an Answer and Counterclaim, which SFRPC moved to strike. Order entered approving our Motion to Strike Dawson's Affirmative Defenses and our Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Counterclaim. Dawson's Amended Counterclaim and Amended Answers and Affirmative Defenses were due on April 26, 2019. Dawson failed to file the pleadings by the deadline, and SFRPC filed a Motion for Summary Judgment. The hearing on the Motion for Summary Judgment was scheduled, and then reset at Dawson's request for October 23, 2019. A Motion for Judicial Default against Dawson was filed on October 25, 2019.

SFRPC requested an Amended Complaint to add a foreclosure count. A Motion to Amend Complaint was filed and there were two (2) initial hearings on the motion. Both times, the Court delayed a ruling on the motions, pending mediation. Ultimately, SFRPC set the hearing on the Motion to Amend Complaint six separate times, and each time the hearing was continued either due to the Judge ordering mediation or due to Dawson's requests for a continuance. The seventh

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time the Motion to Amend was set for a hearing, the Court granted SFRPC's motion and allowed SFRPC to Amend the Complaint to add the foreclosure count.

A Motion to Strike Defendants First Amended Affirmative Defenses was filed on November 13, 2019. A Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Counterclaim was filed on December 19, 2019. On June 15, 2020 a hearing was set for the court to hear SFRPC's Motion for Judicial Default, Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint, Motion to Strike Defendants' First Amended Affirmative Defenses and Motion to Dismiss Counterclaim. Dawson filed a new Counterclaim and new Answer and Affirmative Defenses just prior to the hearing, which the court accepted in place of the defective pleadings. SFRPC's motions were denied due to the court accepting the replacement pleadings. Dawson filed various additional pleadings, including an Affidavit of Excusable Neglect and an Affidavit from Ed McGann. Dawson filed a Request for Production on June 8, 2020, requesting a significant volume of documents which are unrelated to the pending litigation. SFRPC's objection to the discovery request was filed on July 8, 2020.

Litigation of this matter has been extended and complicated by the volume of pleadings filed by Ms. Dawson; each pleading requires a response from SFRPC. Mediation occurred on October 29, 2020 before Judge Lynch. The parties were not able to reach a settlement at mediation.

Since the Court was encouraging the parties to mediate, SFRPC staff focused on attempting to settle with Dawson and to manage the costs of litigation by bringing this matter to a conclusion through settlement. With that intent, SFRPC made multiple offers and counter-offers to Ms. Dawson. As a follow-up to mediation, on November 3, 2020 and January 27, 2021, SFRPC sent a written settlement offer to Dawson and her attorney. SFRPC followed up again with written settlement offer to Dawson and her attorney on March 8, 2021. SFRPC made significant concessions and reductions of the late fees in a good faith attempt to settle the matter without further litigation. Despite SFRPC's multiple concessions, Ms. Dawson would not agree to any of the SFRPC's settlement proposals. Dawson submitted a Counteroffer which was transmitted to SFRPC on March 12, 2021. Per RLF Committee, the decision was made to proceed with the litigation.

The hearing on SFRPC's Motion to Amend the Complaint was set for June 24, 2021. At that hearing, the Court continued the hearing to September 2, 2021. SFRPC's Motion to Amend Complaint was granted and the Defendants had 20 days to file a response to the Amended Complaint. On September 3, 2021, the Court also entered an Order granting Dawson's request to file an Amended Counterclaim in response to SFRPC's Amended Complaint. On September 22, 2021, Defendants, Angela L. Dawson, P.A. and Angela Dawson filed their Answer to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint dated June 23, 2021. On October 1, 2021, SFRPC filed a Motion to Strike Dawson's Second Amended Affirmative Defenses. On October 15, 2021, a hearing on the Motion to Strike was scheduled for January 26, 2022. On January 26, 2022, the court ordered a Mandatory Case Management Conference to be held on March 28, 2022.

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On February 2, 2022, the Court entered an order on the Motion to Strike as follows: Defendants' first affirmative defense of in pari delicto is stricken without prejudice; Defendants' second affirmative defense of bad faith is stricken with leave to amend within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order; Defendants' fourth affirmative defense of fraudulent inducement is stricken with prejudice; Defendants' fifth affirmative defense of fraudulent misrepresentation is stricken with prejudice; Defendants' seventh affirmative defense of unjust enrichment is stricken with prejudice; Defendants' eleventh affirmative defense of ratification is stricken with leave to amend within twenty (20) days of the date of the Order. Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Defendants' Amended Affirmative Defenses was hereby denied as to the following affirmative defenses: Defendants' third affirmative defense of unclean hands; Defendants' sixth affirmative defense of promissory estoppel; Defendants' eighth affirmative defense of modification; Defendants' ninth affirmative defense of equitable estoppel; and Defendants' tenth affirmative defense of waiver.

Our Motion to dismiss the Defendants' amended counterclaim is set for hearing on May 4, 2022 at 9:30 am. On February 9, 2022, Plaintiff filed a reply to Defendants' affirmative defenses. On February 15, 2022, Defendants filed amended affirmative defenses. On February 22, 2022, Plaintiff filed a reply to the amended affirmative defenses.

On March 25, 2022, SFRPC responded to Dawson's request for a settlement offer, renewed the prior settlement dated November 30, 2020, and left it open for ninety (90) days. As of June 23, 2022, the settlement offer expired. On August 22, 2022, the SFRPC settlement offer was once again offered to Ms. Dawson with an expiration date of December 1, 2022. The settlement offer expired.

On May 4, 2022, the Court entered an Order for Uniform Case Management to be held August 22, 2022. On May 4, 2022, Judge Bidwell granted SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Counterclaim as to all counts. However, the Judge provided Dawson twenty (20) days to amend her complaint.

On May 23, 2022, Defendant served pre-suit notice on the Council and the Florida Department of Financial Services. On May 24, 2022, Defendant filed a Third Amended Counterclaim which was later deemed abandoned by the Clerk's office. On May 31, 2022, without permission of the Court, Defendant filed a Fourth Amended Counterclaim. On June 3, 2022, SFRPC filed a Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Third and Fourth Amended Counterclaims with Prejudice. A hearing on the SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss is scheduled for Friday, December 2, 2022. On June 30, 2022, Dawson filed an emergency motion with the Court asking the Court to require SFRPC to release its mortgage cross collateralized against 2748 NW 8th St. Fort Lauderdale. On July 6, 2022, SFRPC filed a response to the Emergency Motion. On July 7, 2022, Dawson filed a Notice of Production from Non-party for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company and Alfred Andreu. On July 7, 2022, SFRPC filed a request for copies of records for Alfred Andreu and Old Republic National Title Insurance Company. On July 8, 2022, Ms. Dawson submitted a Public Records request to SFRPC. SFRPC has responded to Ms. Dawson. Ms. Dawson had until July 13, 2022 to send SFRPC

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the requested deposit of \$600.00 in order for SFRPC to start retrieving and reviewing documents. As of today's date, Ms. Dawson has not paid the deposit.

On August 22, 2022, the Court held a Case Management Conference. Ms. Dawson and her Co-counsel were not present. On October 10, 2022, another mandatory Case Management Conference was held. Ms. Dawson informed the court that she would be filing a motion for leave to amend based on new information from Benworth Capital. Copies have been requested through a filing, as of today's date, nothing has been received.

On November 29, 2022, the Defendant filed a Motion to Join Indispensable Parties and a Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint to Add Parties. On November 30, 2022, the Defendant filed a Notice of Filing Proposed Fifth Amended Counter Claim as Exhibit for Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint to Add Alfred F. Andreu P.A., Benworth Capital Partners LLC, and Old Republic National Title Insurance Company. Shortly before the hearing on the SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss on December 2, 2022, Ms. Dawson called our office and the Judge's office informing she was in the hospital. The hearing did not proceed and the Court scheduled another Case Management Conference on December 8, 2022. On December 7, 2022, SFRPC filed its Response in Objection to Defendants Motions to Join Indispensable Parties and for Leave to Amend Counterclaim. On December 8, 2022, pursuant to the Court's direction at the Case Management Conference, a Notice of Hearing was filed, scheduling the pending motions for December 20, 2022. On December 9, 2022, SFRPC filed its Response to Defendant's Motion for Disqualification. On December 18, 2022, Dawson filed a Motion to Withdraw Counter Plaintiff's Third Amended Counter Claims dated May 24, 2022.

At the December 20, 2022 Special Set Hearing, the Court again requested that the matter be scheduled for a Case Management Conference on January 30, 2023. The Court denied Defendants Motion to Join Benworth as an indispensable party and denied Defendants Motion to amend complaint to add Benworth and Old Republic Title Co. The Court also directed both parties to prepare and submit proposed orders for the Court to review for determination on SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Fourth Amended Counterclaim. On December 21, 2022, SFRPC filed its Proposed Order granting SFRPC's Motion. As of today's date, the Court has not entered orders relating to the motions heard on December 20, 2022.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Kerry L. Ezrol

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Kathe Lerch (via e-mail)



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM # VI.B

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SFRPC CARES ACT RLF STATUS REPORT

The U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration is partnering with the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) to oversee and administer a new \$5.90 million CARES ACT Business Revolving Loan Fund program that will alleviate sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by the coronavirus in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Designated a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development District in 1994, the SFRPC welcomes this new program into its lending portfolio as it continues to expand its economic development activities.

The initiative/focus is to initially conduct financial assessments of vital and essential South Florida small businesses to evaluate financial and resiliency capacity with the focus on maintaining ongoing operations. Once assessed, the SFRPC along with its coalition partners will determine an applicable loan program to meet the financial needs of the small business in order to maintain its vital operations. This supplemental financial assistance award will help support critical small business operations for the long-term within industries that are essential in South Florida.

Since the program was launched on August 5, 2020, the SFRPC has received approximately 335 prospects inquiring into the loan program from Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Initial loan program funding is available for up to 2 years or until all loan funds are disbursed. As the program is revolving in nature, after all initial funds are deployed, new businesses will have an opportunity to seek financial support as loan proceeds are repaid from former borrowers.

In November 2022, the EDA completed their RLF Risk Analysis and conveyed the South Florida Regional Planning Council earned a current annual risk rating of an “A” for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2022.

To date, loan administration has approved thirty-three (33) new CARES ACT RLF loans totaling \$6,870,000 and saved and/or created 242 related jobs.



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**CARES ACT REVOLVING LOAN FUND
PAYMENT STATUS REPORT - JANUARY 2023**

Loan	Company /Borrower	Amount	Disbursed	Pmts	Rate	Pay/Yr	Normal Pay	Last Activity	Last Balance	Paid Thru	Days Late	Last Activity	Next Pay Due	Loan Date	Maturity Date	Board Action
5100		25,000.00	25,000.00	60	3.5000	12	454.79	454.79	14,266.15	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	10/20/20	11/01/25	performing
5102		500,000.00	500,000.00	60	3.5000	12	1,604.01	1,604.01	499,951.40	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	11/11/20	01/01/31	performing
5104		85,000.00	85,000.00	84	3.5000	12	1,142.39	1,142.39	60,772.97	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	11/24/20	01/01/31	performing
5107		300,000.00	300,000.00	120	3.5000	12	2,966.58	2,966.58	243,373.38	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	11/20/20	11/01/30	performing
5110		500,000.00	515,000.00	120	3.5000	12	4,934.78	4,934.78	469,889.88	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	01/13/21	01/01/31	performing
5111		210,000.00	210,000.00	120	3.5000	12	2,076.60	2,076.60	173,927.06	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	12/31/20	01/01/31	performing
5112		500,000.00	500,000.00	120	3.5000	12	4,944.29	4,944.29	414,215.99	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	12/28/20	01/01/31	performing
5113		50,000.00	50,000.00	60	3.5000	12	909.59	909.59	33,517.66	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	02/25/21	03/01/26	performing
5114		150,000.00	150,000.00	120	3.5000	12	1,483.29	1,483.29	126,546.76	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	02/24/21	02/01/31	performing
5115		100,000.00	100,000.00	60	3.5000	12	1,594.07	1,594.07	78,570.64	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	02/02/21	02/01/26	performing
5116		243,000.00	243,000.00	120	3.5000	12	1,737.16	1,737.16	221,879.62	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	05/14/21	04/01/31	performing
5117		394,000.00	394,000.00	240	3.5000	12	2,285.04	2,285.04	370,612.70	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	05/13/21	05/01/31	performing
5118		500,000.00	500,000.00	180	3.5000	12	3,493.33	3,493.33	470,361.95	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	06/15/21	07/01/36	performing
5119		150,000.00	150,000.00	120	3.5000	12	1,441.59	1,441.59	136,367.13	01/01/23	0	01/03/23	02/01/23	08/12/21	08/01/31	performing
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Totals		6,040,000.00	5,715,370.20				48,315.98	48,315.98	5,177,151.40							

CARES ACT RLF FUNDING UPDATE

AS OF: 01/01/2023

Loan #	LOAN AMOUNT	COUNTY	CITY
1	\$25,000.00	Monroe	Key Largo
2	\$30,000.00	Monroe	Islamorada
3	\$500,000.00	Broward	Pompano Beach
4	\$85,000.00	Palm Beach	Palm Springs
5	\$300,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami
6	\$35,000.00	Broward	Hollywood
7	\$210,000.00	Broward	Miramar
8	\$150,000.00	Monroe	Key West
9	\$500,000.00	Monroe	Key West
10	\$500,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami Beach
11	\$50,000.00	Broward	Hollywood
12	\$150,000.00	Broward	Davie
13	\$50,000.00	Broward	Lauderhill
14	\$243,000.00	Broward	Sunrise
15	\$394,000.00	Palm Beach	Boca Raton
16	\$300,000.00	Broward	Plantation
17	\$75,000.00	Broward	Fort Lauderdale
18	\$80,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami
19	\$175,000.00	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach
20	\$500,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami
21	\$150,000.00	Broward	Plantation
22	\$250,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami Beach
23	\$500,000.00	Broward	Coconut Creek
24	\$128,000.00	Broward	Hollywood
25	\$365,000.00	Monroe	Key West
26	\$200,000.00	Broward	Plantation
27	\$75,000.00	Broward	Fort Lauderdale
28	\$200,000.00	Broward	Fort Lauderdale
30	\$100,000.00	Broward	Plantation
31	\$50,000.00	Broward	Lauderhill
32	\$400,000.00	Palm Beach	Riviera Beach
33	\$100,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami

TOTAL FUNDED: \$6,870,000.00



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.C

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLEAN CITIES COALITION

The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition (Coalition), organized and staffed by the Council since 1995, consists of public, private, and nonprofit partners seeking to diversify fuel sources in Southeast Florida. The Coalition Director Alisha Lopez, a member of Council staff, works closely with the region's stakeholders, the State of Florida, and the U.S. Department of Energy to maximize efforts in the alternative fuel market. Second Vice Chair Furr is the Council's designated representative on the Coalition's Advisory Board.

The Coalition Director is pleased to provide the following update on upcoming events and activities:

Update

- The Coalition Director is participating on the "Electrifying Transportation in the Sunshine State" panel at *Infraday Florida* on February 2, 2023 at the InterContinental Miami.
- The Coalition is in the process of going through redesignation from the Department of Energy. Achieving full designation requires a comprehensive, strategic, four-year Program Plan. This plan will spell out a much broader range of commitments from the Coalition and associated stakeholders. The detailed plan will outline education plans, technical assistance, and other strategies to overcome market barriers and adopt best practices for organizational excellence that ensure the long-term sustainability of the Coalition itself. The redesignation appointment is scheduled for February 23, 2023.
- The SFRPC & Coalition is hosting the Southeast Regional Clean Cities Meeting on February 27th and 28th at the Ann Kolb Nature Center. Attendees will include directors from all the Clean Cities Coalitions within the Southeast United States as well as officials from the Department of Energy.

Recommendation:

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Last Updated 1/18/2023 – Speakers / Topics Subject to Change

Confirmed Speakers:

- Alfred Battle Jr., Deputy Director, Development Services Department, **City of Fort Lauderdale**
- Alisha Lopez, Clean Cities Director, **South Florida Regional Planning Council**
- Amy Dobrikova, Vice President of Fleet Solutions, **Blink Charging**
- Andrea Suárez Abastida, Director NMB Water, **City of North Miami Beach**
- Anuj Chokshi, Director, Development, **Florida Power & Light Company**
- Barbara Quiñones, Director, HPS – Energy, **City of Homestead**
- Ben Porritt, Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs, **Brightline Trains**
- Bill Eldredge, Broadband Manager, **City of Palm Coast**
- Bradley Johnson, Senior Product Portfolio Manager, Energy, **Bentley Systems**
- Brian King, EVP Marketing, Product Management and Sustainability, **Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.**
- Cassandra Bhat, Director - Climate Resilience, **ICF**
- Daniel Nino, Finance Manager, **Jackson Health System**
- Gloria Eby, Director, Natural Resources & Sustainability, **City of Winter Park**
- Hardeep Anand, Director, One Water Strategy, **Miami-Dade County**
- Heidy Persaud, Director of Transportation Equity, **Center for Neighborhood Technology**
- Hillary Silverstone, Sustainability Coordinator, **Deerfield Beach, Florida**
- Jacqueline Sequeira, Construction Manager, Special Projects, **FDOT**
- Jason Watkins, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, **Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB)**
- Jean Bourisquot Project Manager, Special Projects, **FDOT**
- Jim Boxold, Vice President, Southeast Division, **HNTB**
- Joseph Napoli, City Manager, **City of Cooper** (invited)
- Katherine Hagemann, Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planner, **City of San Rafael**
- Kyle Henry, Vice President - Business Development & Alternative Delivery, **EXP**
- Lisa Colmenares, Chief Planning Officer, Department of Transportation and Public Works, **Miami-Dade County**
- Marcos Souza, Director of Aviation, **EXP**
- Mark Cervasio, Airport Director, **Venice Municipal Airport**
- Matt Anderson, Resiliency and Sustainability Manager, **City of Coral Gables Public Works Department**
- Matthew Ferrer, Sustainability Manager, **Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC - The Reliable One)**
- Maurice Jenkins, Chief Innovation Officer, **Miami Dade Aviation Department**
- Michael Sullivant, Trimble PPM - Sales Director, **Trimble**
- Nancy Gassman, Assistant Director of Public Works – Sustainability, **City of Fort Lauderdale**
- Oscar Gonzalez III, Senior Community Outreach Specialist, **I-395/SR 836/I-95 Design-Build Project**
- Robert Peek, Chief Commercial Officer (CCO), **Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)**
- Roland Samimy, Chief Resilience and Sustainability Officer, **Village of Key Biscayne**
- Sid Shah, President, **OnIndus**
- Sonia Brubaker, Chief Resilience Officer, Director, Office of Resilience and Sustainability, **City of Miami**

- Suhas Mengale, Senior Vice President, Regional Business Line Leader, Program and Project Management, US Southeast Region, **AECOM**
- Tamecka McKay, Chief Information Officer (IT Director), **City of Fort Lauderdale**

	<u>February 1</u>
6:00-8:00pm	<p><u>Pre-Event Reception</u></p> <p>Location: ¡Ole! – Lobby Level – Intercontinental Miami</p> <p>Drinks & hors d'oeuvres served.</p> <p>Guest Presentation: TBA</p>
	<u>Feb. 2</u>
7:00am	<u>Registration Opens</u>
7:50-8:10	<p><u>Keynote:</u></p> <p>Presenter: Francis Suarez, Mayor, City of Miami (invited)</p>
8:10-8:30	<p><u>Presentation: Connecting Florida</u></p> <p>Brightline is actively constructing a new rail line to connect it's stops in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach to Orlando. The Brightline team is hard at work to continue their exciting expansion plans. Service connecting South Florida to Central Florida is expected to open in 2023. In his presentation, Ben Porritt will present an update on the progress of Brightline programs and initiatives.</p> <p>Presenter: Ben Porritt, Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs, Brightline Trains</p>
8:30-9:10	<p><u>Panel: Transit in Florida – Program Updates and a Look at How the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Will Deliver for Florida</u></p> <p>For decades, infrastructure in Florida has suffered from a systemic lack of investment. The historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will make life better for millions of Florida residents, create a generation of good-paying union jobs and economic growth, and position the United States to win the 21st century. Repair and rebuild of Florida infrastructure with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users. This panel will feature leading transit agencies in Florida on new programs and investments being planned considering IJJA.</p> <p>Moderator:</p>

	<p>Kyle Henry, Vice President - Business Development & Alternative Delivery, EXP</p> <p>Panelists: Clinton Forbes, Executive Director, Palm Tran (invited) Daniela Amores, Rail Senior Program Manager, Broward County Transportation Department (invited) Robert Villar, Chief Financial Officer, Miami Dade County</p>
<p>9:10-9:50</p>	<p><u>Panel: Projects and Programs to Protect a Climate Risk Vulnerable Florida</u></p> <p>Southeast Florida and the Florida Keys are among the most vulnerable regions in the world when it comes to coastal storms and sea level rise. The state is spending over \$1 billion as part of its Resilient Florida program in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, which caused nearly \$65 billion in insured damages, making it the costliest storm in Florida history and the second costliest in US history after Katrina. Building a climate-resilient Florida will play a significant role in preserving the state’s unique ecology while unlocking its true economic potential. This panel will discuss the projects and initiatives addressing climate risk from lenses of resilience, adaptation, and mitigation.</p> <p>Moderator: Cassandra Bhat, Director - Climate Resilience, ICF</p> <p>Panelists: Gloria Eby, Director, Natural Resources & Sustainability, City of Winter Park Hillary Silverstone, Sustainability Coordinator, Deerfield Beach, Florida Katherine Hagemann, Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planner, City of San Rafael Nancy Gassman, Assistant Director of Public Works – Sustainability, City of Fort Lauderdale Roland Samimy, Chief Resilience and Sustainability Officer, Village of Key Biscayne Sonia Brubaker, Chief Resilience Officer, Director, Office of Resilience and Sustainability, City of Miami</p>
<p>9:50-10:20</p>	<p><u>Morning Networking Break</u></p> <p>Sponsored by Globalstar</p>
<p>10:20-10:40</p>	<p><u>Presentation: I-395/SR 836/I-95 Design-Build Project</u></p> <p>The I-395/SR 836/I-95 Design-Build Project is currently underway in Miami, Florida and will bring enhancements to three of the City’s crucial arteries that all converge at the SR 836/I-395/I-95 (Midtown) Interchange. The Midtown Interchange, with an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) of approximately 450,000 vehicle trips is the vital junction that serves residents and tourist as they make their way to major special events venues, tourist destinations, health district, court facilities as well as the vibrant downtown area and communities such as Overtown and Edgewater. The project will include several firsts for the area, such as the double-decking an elevated</p>

	<p>bridge (SR 836), construction of an iconic, six-arched signature bridge that will span approximately 1000 feet over Biscayne Boulevard and NE 2 Avenue and the creation of over 30 acres of community spaces under I-395. The presentation will provide information on the project as well as an update on construction activities.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Jacqueline Sequeira, Construction Manager, Special Projects, FDOT Jean Bourisquot, Project Manager, Special Projects, FDOT Oscar Gonzalez III, Senior Community Outreach Specialist, I-395/SR 836/I-95 Design-Build Project</p>
<p>10:40-11:20</p>	<p><u>Panel: Managing material supply chain risk early through design and specification strategies</u></p> <p>Moderator: Brian King, EVP Marketing, Product Management and Sustainability, Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.</p> <p>Panelists: Andrea Suárez Abastida, Director NMB Water, City of North Miami Beach Jim Boxold, Vice President, Southeast Division, HNTB</p>
<p>11:20-12:00</p>	<p><u>Panel: Electrifying Transportation in the Sunshine State</u></p> <p>While Florida ranks second in the nation in terms of number of electric vehicles, it still lags the national average of EVs per capita. While there is much work to be done to decarbonize personal cars, transit fleets, and heavy-duty vehicles across the Sunshine State, Florida Department of Transportation has set ambitious goals through its Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Master Plan to meet the challenge. With nearly \$200m in funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and bountiful data available, there are resources in place to drive towards better air quality, as well as new economic and workforce development. Achieving these goals will require close collaboration between state agencies, municipal governments, utility companies, EVSE solutions providers and local business. This panel brings these stakeholders together for a discussion of the opportunities and challenges ahead.</p> <p>Moderator: Amy Dobrikova, Vice President of Fleet Solutions, Blink Charging</p> <p>Panelists: Alisha Lopez, Clean Cities Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council Anuj Chokshi, Director, Development, Florida Power & Light Company Matt Anderson, Resiliency and Sustainability Manager, City of Coral Gables Public Works Department</p>
<p>12:00-12:40</p>	<p><u>Panel: Airport Infrastructure in Florida: High Priority Initiatives</u></p>

	<p>Florida’s airspace is among the busiest across the U.S., and the state is home to dozens of airports with varying scopes of service. As the third most populous state in the country, Florida’s airports face increasing pressure with rapid population growth, and an increased need to upgrade, replace and rebuild many important structures. This session will feature airport leaders in a discussion on new projects and investments in Florida’s airport infrastructure and look at new opportunities and challenges facing the industry.</p> <p>Moderator: Marcos Souza, Director of Aviation, EXP</p> <p>Panelists: Barry Brown, Director of Operations & Maintenance, Naples Airport Authority (invited) Jason Watkins, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) Mark Cervasio, Airport Director, Venice Municipal Airport Maurice Jenkins, Chief Innovation Officer, Miami International Airport</p>
12:40-1:00	<p><u>Presentation: The Energy Transition Necessitates an Evolved Approach to Infrastructure Projects</u></p> <p>The nexus between the energy transition and a non-energy infrastructure makes the old way of doing things obsolete. Applying existing and newly available technology makes this evolution possible. Join us to learn more about how Bentley, infrastructure owners, and the engineers who serve them work together to solve these challenges.</p> <p>Presenter: Bradley Johnson, Senior Product Portfolio Manager, Energy, Bentley Systems</p>
1:00-2:00	<p><u>Lunch</u></p>
2:00-2:30	<p><u>Panel: New Mobility Technology: Investments and Programs in Florida</u></p> <p>New Mobility programs consider the intersection of travel behavior, economics, engineering, regulation, and infrastructure as technology and business forces lead to new mobility options. These options include ride-hailing, automated and connected vehicles, and micro mobility. This panel will feature leaders in a discussion around new mobility options and technologies entering the market and solutions being developed in cities and counties, and how these are being introduced to the market.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Panelists: Lisa Colmenares, Chief Planning Officer, Department of Transportation and Public Works, Miami-Dade County</p>

<p>2:30-3:00</p>	<p><u>Panel: Shaping Infrastructure Lifecycle Management Systems Through Digital Transformation</u></p> <p>Organizations across industries rely on their investments in the capital construction and operation of assets to deliver value to stakeholders and often represent the largest items in the annual budget and on the balance sheet. Optimization and proper management of these resources over time can have a huge impact on the organization’s overall success. Integrating digital technology to manage the related risk, time, quality, cost, safety, maintenance, and reliability of projects, portfolios, and physical assets is a delicate balancing act for all parties involved. Organizations are evolving their approach to capital construction projects and assets to fully consider Infrastructure Lifecycle Management.</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Sullivant, Trimble PPM - Sales Director, Trimble</p> <p>Panelists: TBA</p>
<p>3:00-3:30</p>	<p><u>Panel: Improving Capital Projects Outcomes Through Digital Transformation</u></p> <p>Capital project owners face mounting challenges in 2023, like an aging workforce, analog processes, and supply chain issues that introduce risk to their project budgets and timelines. At the core of these challenges are disjointed information management silos and strategies that only worsen the challenges. Forward-thinking Owners who embrace digital transformation by implementing innovative tools and processes to work faster and more efficiently drive change for their companies and demonstrate the state of the possible for the industry.</p> <p>Digitization, a necessary first step for our industry, allows us to store and share paper information like drawings and documents electronically. Digitalization allows us to convert analog processes like sending a transmittal via courier to digital processes, which are faster and more efficient. The real impact comes from digital transformation, where owners use emerging technologies to streamline the company’s “core operations and customer value.”</p> <p>This panel will discuss the benefits capital project owners can realize from digital transformation initiatives, some foundational requirements for a successful outcome, and emerging technology trends for 2023 and beyond.</p> <p>Moderator: Sid Shah, President, OnIndus</p> <p>Panelists: Daniel Nino, Finance Manager, Jackson Health System Hardeep Anand, Director, One Water Strategy, Miami-Dade County Sahas Mengale, Senior Vice President, Regional Business Line Leader, Program and Project Management, US Southeast Region, AECOM</p>

	Tamecka McKay, Chief Information Officer (IT Director), City of Fort Lauderdale
3:30-4:00	<u>Afternoon Networking Break</u>
4:00-4:30	<p><u>Panel: Digital Equity and Broadband Expansion in Florida</u></p> <p>Florida is approved for \$248 million for broadband infrastructure, which the state estimates will connect 48,400 households and businesses – representing approximately 10% of locations still lacking high-speed internet access. Florida’s award will fund Florida’s Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP), a competitive grant program designed to expand last mile broadband access to homes and businesses in rural areas of the state. Funding from CPF will help Florida continue to prioritize fiber-optic networks and projects proposing affordable service. The BIP is designed to provide internet service with speeds of 100/100 Mbps symmetrical to households and businesses upon project completion. This panel will feature Florida broadband leaders in a discussion on new programs and investments related to broadband infrastructure.</p> <p>Moderator: Marc Powell, US Broadband Leader, Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC (retired)</p> <p>Panelists: Bill Eldredge, Broadband Manager, City of Palm Coast</p>
4:30-5:00	<p><u>Panel: Seaport Infrastructure Projects – Update on Strategic Programs</u></p> <p>Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Florida received over \$100 million in new funding for seaport infrastructure. In this session, port leaders will discuss new strategic investment programs, and challenges facing Florida’s port system. Topics covered will include investments in dredging, surveys, maintenance, and other critical infrastructure aimed at improving access to tourism, strengthening supply chains, and protecting infrastructure from rising sea levels.</p> <p>Moderator: TBA</p> <p>Panelists: Clark Robertson, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Corpus Christ Robert Peek, Chief Commercial Officer (CCO), Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)</p>
5:00-5:30	<p><u>Panel: Infrastructure Equity</u></p> <p>Smart, targeted, and equitable public infrastructure investments can generate enormous community benefits—jobs, business opportunities, access to public transportation, and quality affordable housing. When we invest in infrastructure, we must always ask these questions: Who pays? Who benefits? Who bears the environmental impacts? And, who decides? To ensure all people benefit from these</p>

	<p>public investments, everyone—including and especially residents of low-income communities and communities of color—it is important to use “data as strategy” to bring precision to decision making. This panel will look at infrastructure through an equity and data lens as well as feature leaders at the forefront of implementing equitable infrastructure solutions.</p> <p>Panelists: Alfred Battle Jr., Deputy Director, Development Services Department, City of Fort Lauderdale Heidy Persaud, Director of Transportation Equity, Center for Neighborhood Technology Matthew Ferrer, Sustainability Manager, Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC - The Reliable One)</p>
5:30	<u>Event Close and Reception</u>



CLEAN CITIES SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING February 27th – 28th, 2023

February 27, 2023

9:00am – 9:30am	Welcome & Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Jeff Rothe, Chair, Noodoe❖ Commissioner Beam Furr, Board Member, Broward County
9:30am – 9:45am	Introductions
9:45am – 10:15am	Presentation: Miami-Dade County, Kimberly Brown
10:15am – 10:45am	Presentation: Drive Electric Florida, Andrew Clark
10:45am – 11:00am	Break
11:00am – 12:00pm	Strategic Planning Efforts with Sam Spofforth
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch provided by SemaConnect
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Technical Assistance with John Gonzales
2:00pm – 4:00pm	City Furniture Fleet Tour
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Closing Remarks
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner and Clean Cities Networking: Padrino's Cuban Restaurant, Dania Pointe

February 28, 2023

9:00am – 9:30am	Welcome & Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Isabel Cosio Carballo, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council
9:30am – 10:00am	Presentation: Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Alternative Fuel Resiliency Plan Overview
10:00am – 11:00am	Presentation: Florida Power & Light (FPL)
11:00am – 11:20am	DOE Announcement
11:20am – 11:50am	Presentation: Autonomous Vehicles, Alexander Kolpakov
11:50am – 1:00pm	Lunch provided by AmeriGas
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Presentation: Broward County Propane Paratransit, Paul Strobis
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Presentation: Palm Beach County
2:00pm – 3:00pm	BDLA Virtual Tour
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Closing Remarks



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM # VI.E.

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: FRCA WINTER POLICY BOARD MEETING; 2021 – 2022 FRCA ANNUAL REPORT

The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Policy Board consists of three board members from each of the state's 10 Councils: a Gubernatorial Appointee, a County Representative, and a Municipal Representative. Immediate Past Chair Bailey, Councilmember Udine, and Councilmember Caplan represent the South Florida RPC on the Policy Board. Councilmember Ross serves as an alternate member.

The Policy Board met in Tallahassee on Friday, January 13, 2023. The agenda is included for your information. Among the guest speakers, Policy Board Members heard from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the State of Florida on ongoing Broadband initiatives and funding, the Florida Housing Coalition, and FRCA Executive Director Ron Book who provided a legislative report and preview.

The 2021-2022 FRCA Annual Report highlights the accomplishments of the regional planning councils throughout the last year. It is included for your information.

Recommendation

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Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting

January 13, 2023
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

DoubleTree Hotel
101 South Adams Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

AGENDA

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Hot Breakfast and Networking**
- 8:30 – 8:40 a.m. **Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**
Mr. John Lesman, East Central Florida RPC, FRCA President
- 8:40 – 8:45 a.m. **Consent Agenda***
- **Approval of the June 10, 2022, Meeting Summary**
 - **Approval of the January 13, 2023, Policy Board Meeting Agenda**
- Mr. John Lesman, East Central Florida RPC, FRCA President
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **2023 Legislative Agenda and Legislative Report***
Ron Book, Ron Book, P.A.
Rana Brown, Legislative Advocate, Ron Book P.A.
- 9:00 – 9:20 a.m. **Update on Broadband**
Carlos Nathan, Federal Program Officer, Florida
Office of Interconnectivity and Growth, National Telecommunications
and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Katie Smith, Director, Office of Broadband, Florida Department of
Economic Opportunity
- 9:20 – 9:40 a.m. **Florida Housing Coalition (invited)**
Ashon Nesbitt, Chief Executive Officer
- 9:40 – 10:00 a.m. **Executive Office of the Governor (invited)**
Dr. Wesley Brooks, Chief Resiliency Officer
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

- 10:15 – 10:20 a.m. Resolution Supporting Water Resource Investments**
Commissioner Doug Smith, Treasure Coast RPC, Martin County
- 10:20 – 10:25 a.m. FRCA Financial Report***
Tara McCue, Treasurer, FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee
- 10:25 – 10:35 a.m. Presentation of the 2021-22 FRCA Annual Report**
Pat Steed, Central Florida RPC, Executive Director
- 10:35 – 10:40 a.m. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2023-2024 Policy Board Officers**
Mr. John Lesman, East Central Florida RPC, FRCA President
- 10:40 – 11:10 a.m. Regional Planning Council Recent Projects Report Out**
All Regional Planning Councils
- 11:10 – 11:30 a.m. Other Business**
- **Summer Policy Board Meeting, Tampa Bay RPC**
 - **Retirement of Pat Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida RPC**
- Mr. John Lesman, East Central Florida RPC, FRCA President

Adjourn



2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - Draft

Regional planning councils have been in existence in Florida since the early 1960s, created by the local governments they serve, to meet local community and regional needs, provide services, and ensure access to state and federal initiatives and programs. Florida Statutes recognize regional planning councils as *“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.”*

The Florida Regional Councils Association’s 2023 legislative agenda is divided into two categories:

1) Other Legislative Priorities in Support of RPCs and their Member Local Governments

These are statements in support of RPCs and various legislative priorities of mutual interest and concern set forth by the Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, and Florida Small County Coalition. These priorities are conceived with the input of numerous RPC board members and other local elected officials who participate in these statewide organizations. This portion of the Florida Regional Councils Association’s 2023 Legislative Agenda is organized under the Florida Chamber Foundation’s Six-Pillar framework.

2) Legislative Action Items and Top Priorities

These are legislative priorities where a proactive role and involvement is expected by the Florida Regional Councils Association’s Executive Director and the RPC membership in order to accomplish them; and

The Florida Regional Councils Association is an alliance of Florida’s 10 regional planning councils and serves to strengthen the consistency and quality of regional planning council programs to ensure economic prosperity and add value to local, regional, and state initiatives. To that end, the Florida Regional Councils Association’s Policy Board adopted the following priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session:

Legislative Priorities in Support of RPCs and Their Member Local Governments

Talent Supply & Education

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** enhanced economic competitiveness, which must include an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) and critical thinking in public education and training programs that are aligned with existing and emerging job markets and industry clusters.

Innovation & Economic Development

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** full funding of regional planning councils to, at a minimum, leverage the role of regional planning councils as federally designated economic development districts; provide support to state and regional economic development initiatives and activities; provide assistance to local economic development organizations; and, cover the costs of statutory responsibilities.

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** retaining the existing statutory authorities and responsibilities vested in RPCs.

Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** a continued state and regional role in helping local governments accommodate future growth while ensuring economic prosperity and preparing for and responding to emergencies and natural disasters.

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** future transportation corridors, a diverse and competitive statewide multi-modal transportation network, and sustainable sources of transportation funding that are consistent with and support regional visions and further the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies of Florida's 10 federally designated Economic Development Districts.

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** planning and prioritizing state water resource investments with coordinated and regular funding for regional systems in concert with local funding to meet water needs and protect water resources now and into the future.

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** legislation that provides a mechanism to ensure the extra-jurisdictional impacts from large-scale development projects are adequately addressed within the impacted cities and counties prior to development approval.

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** maintaining and protecting the integrity of all Trust Funds for their stated use.

Business Climate & Competitiveness

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** a strong, but fair development impact mitigation process that addresses extra-jurisdictional impacts and impacts to natural resources of regional significance and other regional resources and facilities; provides a seat at the table for all impacted local governments; preserves the role of regional planning councils as conveners and their right to collect fees for services; utilizes regional planning councils' dispute resolution processes; and, protects the entitlements and vested development rights necessary for large-scale, long-term financial investments.

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** the ability of a regional planning council to provide planning and technical services for a fee, in furtherance of its mission and in support of its local governments.

Civic & Governance Systems

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** the positions and policies of organizations that share a common membership with regional planning councils including the Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, Small County Coalition, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council, and which are of mutual interest and concern.

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** efforts to improve efficiency and collaboration among agencies tasked with multi-jurisdictional planning throughout the state.

The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) **supports** an evaluation of impacts that growth management law changes have had on Florida's economy, environment, local and regional infrastructure, and community development.

Quality of Life & Quality Places

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** regional visioning as a means to guide the future of Florida, build public/private coalitions to implement key regional and statewide initiatives, and serve as the basis for strategic statewide planning and budgeting initiatives.

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** a comprehensive and balanced multi-modal approach with context sensitive solutions, tied to strategic statewide planning and budgeting initiatives, for solving the state's traffic congestion and mobility problems.

Resilience

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** a comprehensive action plan on coastal and inland flooding and loss, with energy policies and other funding initiatives to

reduce greenhouse gases, sea level rise, salt-water intrusion, extreme weather events and to address ecosystem sustainability, long-term water supply, flood protection, public health and safety, adaptation and mitigation, infrastructure needs, and economic prosperity.

The Florida Regional Councils Association **supports** a comprehensive approach to long-term economic resilience in order for communities to quickly respond to, withstand and recover from adverse situations such as public health crisis, extreme weather events, and disruptions to major supply chains with the ability to adapt to changing conditions and to prevent and avoid disruptions when possible.

Legislative Action Items and Top Priorities

- 1) **Support** legislation with emphasis in the RPC program areas of economic development, transportation, housing, emergency preparedness, and environmental protection.
- 2) **Support** legislation directing the use of all Florida Housing Trust fund monies for Florida's housing programs including workforce housing in proximity to workplace destinations, transit hubs and economic centers.
- 3) **Support** inclusion of RPCs as regional resources in resiliency activities throughout the state.

RESOLUTION #23-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING CREATION OF A STATEWIDE COORDINATED PLANNING AND PRIORITIZATION APPROACH FOR WATER RESOURCE INVESTMENTS MODELLED ON THE FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Regional Councils Association is a multi-purpose association of regional planning councils with policy responsibility in the areas of economic development, emergency preparedness, transportation, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Regional Councils Association includes membership by the Apalachee, Central Florida, East Central Florida, Emerald Coast, North Central Florida, Northeast Florida, South Florida, Tampa Bay and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils; and

WHEREAS, a significant roadblock to effectively addressing the water challenges facing Florida is the fractured nature of responsibility for water and the uncoordinated investment of funds to meet our needs; and

WHEREAS, funding at the state level has been subject to shifting legislative priorities and local perspectives rather than a strategic approach, leading to inefficiencies and a growing backlog of needed infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, recognizing this situation, the Water and Environmental Sustainability Committee of the Florida Association of Counties recently proposed modeling state water resource investment on the Florida Transportation Commission and Florida Transportation Plan approach for planning, prioritization, a predictable multi-year capital construction program, and oversight which reliably delivers transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, coordinated and efficient investment of sufficient state funding for regional systems in concert with local funding of local systems is needed in order to meet water needs and protect water resources and the environment now and into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL ASSOCIATION THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are declared to be true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The Association expresses its support for statutory changes that will lead to coordinated and strategic investment of state funds for water resources using a structure modelled on the Florida Transportation Commission.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities, and all Regional Planning Councils in Florida.

DULY ADOPTED by the Florida Regional Councils Association this 13th day of January 2023.

Attest:

Ms. Beth Payne
Chair, EDAC

Mr. John Lesman
President



RESOLUTION #23-02

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF PATRICIA M. STEED, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CENTRAL FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council was created in 1974 to serve citizens and member local governments of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee and Polk counties; and

WHEREAS, Patricia M. Steed has provided 17 years of distinguished service as Executive Director serving from January 2006 through December 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Steed led the Central Florida Regional Planning Council in visioning efforts such as Heartland 2060, developed award winning programs and represented the region on local, state and national boards; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Steed has served and contributed to the Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association with distinction and honor, having served as Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Florida Regional Councils Association Executive Directors Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Steed announced her retirement from the Central Florida Regional Planning Council effective December 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Florida Regional Councils Association hereby congratulates Ms. Steed upon the occasion of her retirement, thanks her for her many outstanding contributions on behalf of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association and wishes her well in her retirement and future endeavors.

DULY ADOPTED by the Florida Regional Councils Association this 13th day of January 2023.

Attest:

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Annual Report
2021-2022



Our Mission

Leveraging partnerships to build a strong economy and improve the lives of all Floridians

The Florida Regional Councils Association is an alliance of Florida's ten Regional Planning Councils and serves to enhance regional collaboration throughout the state.



President's Message

Challenged by bringing communities successfully through economic recovery, preparing for the impacts of the next natural disaster, and identifying the best practices to create resiliency and sustainability from those impacts, Florida's regional planning councils have led the way. The ten regional councils across Florida prepared Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) blueprints for each region in partnership with the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). Each RPC worked with the Florida Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to ensure first responders have access to training and provided coordination for all communities to support natural and manmade disaster emergency response. All RPCs actively support resiliency planning, and five are now leading resiliency coalitions.

The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) works on building and sustaining partnerships. Through internal coordination among RPCs and collaborative partnerships with associations such as the Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, Small County Coalition, Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, Florida Chamber of Commerce, and many non-profit organizations, FRCA fosters more effective relationships and program delivery with state agencies and Florida policymakers.

During this demanding year, it has been my privilege to serve as President of FRCA and work with the Policy Board Members throughout the state to support the critical mission of these multi-disciplinary organizations. Regional planning councils bring local knowledge to create regional solutions and make impacts statewide on the shared problems and unlimited opportunities of Florida's communities. Highly technical and dedicated staff work throughout the state with local governments, state and Federal agencies, the business community, and citizens to bring a better quality of life to Florida. We bring you this Annual Report that reflects the diverse work of our organizations.

Kristin Dozier, President
Florida Regional Councils Association



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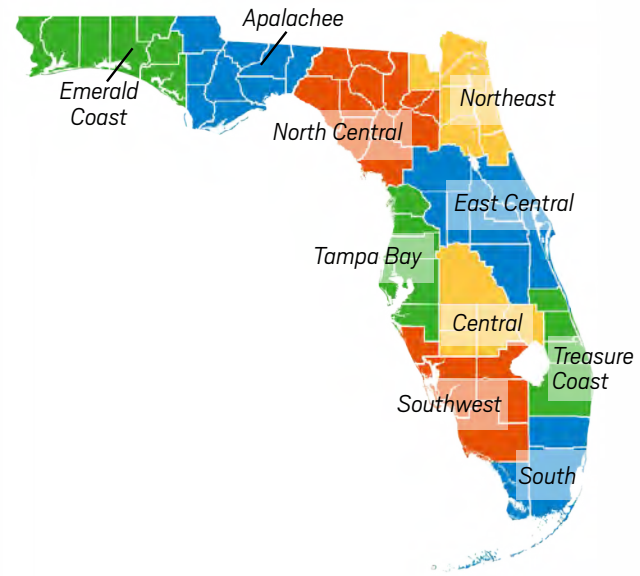


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2021-2022
By the Numbers

▶ **5**

METROPOLITAN/
 TRANSPORTATION
 PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
 STAFFED

▶ **101**

ECONOMIC ANALYSES
 COMPLETED (REMI)

▶ **722**

PLANNING ACTIVITIES
 CONDUCTED

▶ **182**

NUMBER OF REVOLVING
 LOAN FUND APPLICATIONS
 REVIEWED

▶ **1,009**

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
 ACTIVITIES PROVIDED TO
 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

▶ **1,409**

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
 INSPECTIONS OF SMALL
 QUANTITY GENERATORS (SQG)

▶ **1,029,930**

TRANSPORTATION
 DISADVANTAGED
 TRIPS PLANNED

Regional Councils

bring local governments together to solve problems at the regional level and help communities grow.

	Date Established	2021 Regional Population ¹	Governing Board Size	Staff Size (FTE) ²	Square Miles ³	Budget (in millions)
 <p>Apalachee Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla</p>	Aug. 23, 1977	484,168	27	17	6,757	\$4.2
 <p>Central Florida DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Polk</p>	July 1, 1974	948,878	18	21	5,287	\$5.3
 <p>East Central Florida Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia</p>	Feb. 22, 1962	4,437,866	35	16	9,244	\$2.6
 <p>Emerald Coast Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington</p>	Oct. 1, 1964	1,030,456	28	28	6,509	\$4.4
 <p>North Central Florida Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union</p>	May 7, 1969	580,595	45	8	8,660	\$1.5
 <p>Northeast Florida Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns</p>	Feb. 14, 1977	1,838,821	35	16	5,097	\$2.6
 <p>South Florida Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe</p>	July 1, 1974	4,770,725	19	16	7,492	\$3.3
 <p>Southwest Florida Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota</p>	Nov. 8, 1973	1,850,007	36	3	7,278	\$1.0
 <p>Tampa Bay Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas</p>	Feb. 16, 1962	3,794,119	44	12	4,998	\$3.1
 <p>Treasure Coast Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie</p>	Aug. 19, 1976	2,163,310	28	10	4,441	\$2.7

¹Source: Florida Estimates of Population, 2021, Table 5, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, 2021.

²FTE means Full-Time Equivalent.

³Total land and water area.

Regional Councils Work Together

FOR HURRICANE EVACUATION & RECOVERY

In a rapidly changing climate and severe weather events, Florida is an epicenter of tropical storms and hurricanes, which are predicted to become more intense and destructive in the coming years. A future with physical devastation, the potential risk of loss of life, property, and economic disruption caused by major hurricanes, requires all hands on deck to prepare our state.

The regional planning councils of Florida are partners not only with local governments, emergency management officials, state agencies including DEM and DEO, Federal agencies including FEMA, EDA, and SBA, but also nonprofit and religious organizations providing aid to citizens and businesses impacted by these disasters. Through staffing to Local Emergency Planning Committees and coordination and presence in Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) around the state, RPC's continually assist with planning and preparing for manmade and natural disasters but are also there for service during declared events.

From a statewide perspective, the regional councils supported DEM in the update of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study and continue to provide technical input to update the study with new data. This study covering every region in the state provides critical evacuation times based upon predictive models of the travel behavior of persons in preparation for a declared emergency evacuation.

All ten Florida RPCs have been involved in recovery from various storm-related impacts in the last decade. Whether dealing with inland flooding, tornadoes, wind damage, or devastating coastal storm surge and beach erosion, RPCs have worked with both recovery partners and with sustained long-term economic development initiatives to rebuild our communities. Unwelcomed visits from Irma, Michael, Maria, Ian, and Nicole, will undoubtedly be joined by future names. This continuing commitment to be there in the planning and preparation, evacuation and emergency operations, and short and long-term recovery is a hallmark of the mission of Florida's regional planning councils.



Regional Councils *Are Building Resiliency*

Resilience is the ability to bounce forward; absorb, recover and get better in the face of short term shocks like hurricanes or infrastructure failures and long – term stressors like affordable housing, aging infrastructure, shifting economic trends and climate change. All 10 RPCs are actively involved in supporting resiliency planning and five now are leading resiliency coalitions.

**Apalachee Strong Regional Resiliency Collaborative • Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition
East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative • Resilient First Coast
Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition**



East Central Florida RPC Participates in Partnership for the Goals Event

More than one hundred regional leaders from different organizations in east central Florida came together as part of the region's first Partnership for the Goals event. The two-day summit was a partnership between the Brookings Institution, the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative, housed at the East Central Florida RPC, the Central Florida Foundation, the University of Central Florida's Center for Global Environmental and Economic Opportunity, Orange County, the City of Orlando, and Florida for Good.

Partnership for the Goals was to break from business-as-usual and leverage the Sustainable Development

Goals (SDG) framework as a tool for conversation across government, philanthropic, academic, business, and civic society that often struggle to connect across professional vocabularies and organizational reference points.

The event resulted in new connections and yielded more than two dozen actionable ideas. Most importantly, the event culminated in new collaborations across regional sectors. The Brookings Institute stated it is quickly becoming a model for other global communities. It will remain a cornerstone event of the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative's efforts for years to come.

Northeast Florida Develops Resiliency Plan for the Health and Medical Lifeline

Administered by the Northeast Florida RC, the North Florida Resiliency Plan for the Health and Medical Lifeline aims to significantly enhance the healthcare sector's ability to adapt and recover from flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise impacts. This Resiliency Plan will provide supporting data, analysis, and mitigation strategies that will be useful during normal operations and extreme weather events. By focusing specifically on improving healthcare infrastructure resilience and essential clinical care service delivery, this Resiliency Plan aims to assist organizations in reducing future vulnerabilities and losses and improving the functioning of a broad range of healthcare facilities across the 18-county region.

In February, the State's Chief Resilience Officer, Dr. Wesley Brooks, met with county and city officials across the Tampa Bay region to tour and discuss resiliency projects and challenges faced by the Tampa Bay Region community.

Dr. Brooks oversees the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection at the Department of Environmental Protection and supports the resiliency efforts of several state agencies.



Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Leadership Summit 2022

The Tampa Bay RPC hosted its 2nd Resiliency Leadership Summit on April 5 & 6, 2022. During the Summit, the Council unveiled the efforts, progress, and work that has taken place in the last year with the introduction of the Draft Regional Resiliency Action Plan. The Action Plan includes strategies and actions based on technical data that assesses sea-level rise vulnerability, informs planning efforts, and provides guidance on the sea-level rise projections to inform local planning efforts.



Tampa Bay Regional Mayors shown above (left to right): Jane Castor, City of Tampa; Ken Welch, City of St. Petersburg; Frank Hibbard, City of Clearwater; and Woody Brown, City of Largo.

QUALITY OF *Life*

The RPCs assist local communities as they implement community visions and strategies. Brownfields programs across the state work to provide resources that clean up abandoned or underused commercial and industrial sites. Many RPCs also provide other services to enhance the quality of life using GIS mapping and affordable housing initiatives.



North Central Florida RPC Promotes Eco-tourism

The North Central Florida RPC provides staff support services to the Original Florida Tourism Task Force, a multi-county destination marketing organization promoting nature-based, heritage-based, and cultural-based tourism in the north-central Florida region. The area comprises 14 predominantly rural counties and covers approximately 10,000 square miles. The Task Force brands and markets the region as Visit Natural North Florida. Marketing activities include a website, digital and print advertising campaigns, brochures and a quarterly electronic newsletter distribution, and participation at travel shows.

This project is an innovative regional partnership approach to tourism promotion. This partnership supports rural counties throughout the north central Florida region to reach a larger market to promote their nature-based, heritage-based, and culture-based tourism opportunities. Visit the website: naturalnorthflorida.org for more information.

Central Florida RPC Partners on Florida Wildlife Corridor

The Florida Wildlife Corridor stretches from the Everglades to Georgia and west to Alabama. Its conservation helps ensure Florida's wildlife populations are connected and protected and was developed to create incentives for sustaining and conserving the green infrastructure. As a foundation of Florida's economy and quality of life, the Corridor includes nearly 18 million acres, with 46% identified as Opportunity Areas or Corridor areas yet to be conserved.



Through an agreement with Archbold Biological Station, the Central Florida RPC identified Florida Wildlife Corridor Opportunity Areas within the Heartland counties of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk with the potential for near-term development. Data collected and analyzed to inform the report included building permits, zoning changes, land suitability, generalized future land use, existing infrastructure relevant to future development, and development entitlements. Activities included coordination with State agencies, non-profit organizations, and landowners to identify Opportunity Areas potentially available for acquisition, voluntary conservation easements, or those requiring coordination to support new development or redevelopment projects.

EMERGENCY Preparedness

Working together, RPCs conduct cooperative statewide projects such as the award winning statewide Regional Evacuation Study, the Energy Assurance Study, and coastal resiliency planning.

Central Florida RPC Hosts Full-Scale Airplane Crash and Mass Casualty Exercise

Over 170 first responders, volunteer victims, and evaluators worked together to simulate an airline crash at the Lakeland Linder International Airport to test existing plans, systems, and processes on February 15, 2022. The Central Florida RPC contracted with Emergency Response Educators and Consultants Inc. (EREC) to coordinate the triennial full-scale exercise, engaging multiple agencies to test emergency response policies and procedures.

An After-Action Report and Improvement Plan will provide participating agencies with a full report of the event and guide them in improving their response to real-time disaster events.

Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium

The 9th Annual Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium hosted over 575 participants and included 65+ training sessions. Led by the East Central Florida RPC, the Symposium aims to educate and train first responders, first receivers, manufacturers, and industry partners on hazardous materials response, mitigation, prevention, and safety through classroom and hands-on training.

During the four-day conference, hazmat teams compete in simulated hazardous materials scenarios and are scored according to National Fire Protection Association guidelines by independent experts. Seven HazMat Teams competed in the competition, with Orange County Fire Rescue winning first place, the City of Orlando Fire Department taking second place, and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue coming third.



ECONOMIC *Development*

RPCs complete regional economic impact analysis using the nationally recognized REMI software, facilitate Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment.

Revolving Loan Funds Recapitalized in Apalachee and South Florida RPCs



For decades regional planning councils have supported small businesses through revolving loan programs established with funding through the EDA. This ongoing partnership, and local matching funds, allowed Apalachee and South Florida Regional Planning Councils to capitalize over \$6.8 million to help alleviate sudden and severe economic impacts caused by the coronavirus pandemic and Hurricane Michael.

South Florida RPC reached the milestone of lending the entirety of the EDA's CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund of \$5.38 million six months ahead of schedule. The SFRPC was recognized as a successful program by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

Apalachee RPC expanded its RLF Program, adding two new funds totaling just over \$1.5 million. The Regional Economies Vested in Vital Enterprises (REVIVE!) program was established to grow small businesses and create more jobs within Leon County and the City of Tallahassee. A separate CARES Act RLF provided businesses in Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, and Wakulla counties with gap financing to help them survive and recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Southwest Florida RPC Promotes SWFL Fresh – Choose Local, Choose Fresh

The Southwest Florida RPC was selected for the 2021 USDA Regional Food System Partnership grant to implement the trademarked regional brand "SWFL Fresh: Choose Local, Choose Fresh." The trademarked regional brand showcases SWFL food producers and their products. The RPC is leading the three-year project in collaboration with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services Cooperative Extension Service and Tropical Research and Education Center.

Transportation

RPCs participate in the Transportation Disadvantaged program, as staff to local Metropolitan/ Transportation Planning Organizations, and provide planning services for Complete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, and Greenways and Trails.



Hosted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council, the Transportation Symposium brings together leaders across transportation industries to learn, connect, and be inspired by the latest innovations in the transportation realm. This year's event was held on Thursday, October 6, and Friday, October 7, 2022, in Panama City Beach, Florida.



Apalachee RPC Coordinates "Cycle the Arts" Campaign

In collaboration with Council on Culture and Arts (COCA), Apalachee RPC staff coordinated and developed the "Cycle the Arts" campaign. This new biking experience highlights over 300 outdoor works of public art throughout Tallahassee. ARPC staff created an interactive PDF map for this initiative illustrating bike-friendly routes to public art sites around Tallahassee. Public art is people-powered, and the ARPC/COCA "Cycle the Arts" campaign offers a new perspective on the accessibility and equity of public art.

REGIONAL *Converging*

RPCs serve as regional conveners. They lead community and regional vision efforts, engage the public in a variety of plans and programs, and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans.

Northeast Florida Regional Council Hosts 2022 Overdose Summit



The Northeast Florida RC hosted the 2022 Overdose Summit at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine. The educational Summit brought together more than 120 attendees from around the region for a day-long event examining various aspects of addiction and overdose. While the Summit targeted all forms of addiction, the focus was primarily on fentanyl and the extreme danger it poses. The Summit included 19 speakers covering topics such as the neuroscience of addiction, the stigma of addiction, the risks of the opioid epidemic, and public safety.

Treasure Coast RPC Regional Economic Development Summit

In March 2022, Treasure Coast RPC hosted its Regional Economic Development Summit. It was a unique opportunity to review the latest economic trends, interact with industry leaders, and provide input to update the 2018 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan for the Treasure Coast Region. The goal of the summit was to provide an opportunity for broad-based and diverse stakeholder participation that addresses economic challenges and identifies unique opportunities for the entire Region.



Awards & Partners

2022 NADO Impact Awards

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

- *Cycle the Arts*

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *City of Lakeland's Comprehensive Plan: Our Community*
- *Hardee County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan*

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Southeast Volusia Economic Development Strategic Plan*
- *Partnership for the Goals*
- *Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (PERI)*

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Gainesville Metropolitan Area Multimodal Level of Service Report*

Northeast Florida Regional Council

- *2022 Overdose Summit*

South Florida Regional Planning Council

- *The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition*

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

- *An Industrial Land Strategy for Pasco County*
- *Resilient Ready Tampa Bay*



Central Florida RPC was recognized for City of Lakeland Comprehensive Plan: Our Community 2030 by NADO, APA Florida, and Florida Planning and Zoning Association. Pictured (left to right): Commissioner Chad McLeod, Pat Steed, Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley

NADO Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards

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MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #VII.A

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FORM

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2022/2023 ATTENDANCE RECORD

COUNCILMEMBERS	01/24 MDC	2/28	3/18 *	4/25 EC/CM	6/27	7/18 MDTPO	9/19 **	9/19	10/17	11/21
BAILEY, Mario, <i>Immediate Past Chair</i> Governor's Appointee	P	VP	*	VP	VP	V	VP	VP	VP	*
CAPLAN, Franklin, Councilmember Village of Key Biscayne	-	-	-	-	-	V		P	P	VP
CATES, Craig, Monroe County Commission	P	VP	*	VP	*	P		VP	VP	VP
CORRADINO, Joseph Mayor, Village of Pinecrest	*	P	*	P	P	P		*	VP	P
FURR, Beam, 2nd Vice-Chair Broward County Commission	VP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
GARCIA, René, Treasurer Miami-Dade Co. Commission	VP	VP	*	VP	VP	P	VP	VP	VP	*
GELLER, Steve, Chair Broward County Commission	P	VP	P	P	P	V	P	P	P	P
GILBERT, III, Oliver Miami-Dade Co. Commission	A	*	*	A	A	P		*	A	A
GOLDBERG, Cary Governor's Appointee	*	P	*	P	A	*		VP	P	VP
KAUFMAN, Samuel, <i>First Vice Chair</i> Commissioner, Key West	VP	VP	*	VP	*	V	VP	VP	*	VP
LINCOLN, Michelle, <i>Secretary</i> Monroe County Commission	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	VP	P
McGHEE, Kionne Miami-Dade Co. Commission	P	*	*	A	A	P		VP	VP	*
ROSS, Greg Mayor, Cooper City	VP	VP	P	*	*	P	P	P	P	VP
UDINE, Michael Mayor, Broward County	VP	VP	*	VP	VP	V		VP	VP	VP
ZIADE, Ana M. Mayor, North Lauderdale	VP	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P

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ANDREOTTA, JASON Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection	D	VP	P	VP	D	*		VP	D	D
HUYNH, DAT Florida Dept. of Transportation	VP	VP	*	VP	VP	V		VP	VP	*
MAYERS, Lorraine South Florida Water Management District	VP	P	P	VP	*	V		VP	VP	VP
Department of Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-					

A majority of the meetings were physical/virtual meetings

P = Present

VP = Virtually Present

A = Absent

D = Designee Present

* = Excused Absence

- = Not Yet Appointed

MDC = MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

MC = MONROE COUNTY

MDTPO =Miami-Dade Transportation Organization

* *Joint Meeting March 18, 2022*

** Exec. Committee/Workshop only



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #VII.B

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SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE AND ARTICLES

Recommendation

Information only

Florida Politics spoke with all 13 members of the Miami-Dade County Commission about which issues they plan to prioritize this year.

After decades of glacial change from year to year, the 13-seat Miami-Dade County Commission is the freshest it's been since its inception, with nearly half its members winning office for the first time in 2022.

The board's new look is thanks to **term limits** that kicked in a little over two years ago, when five Commissioners boasting more than 70 combined years on the dais left office.

By this past December, six more Commissioners with nearly 122 combined years of service departed as well.

But while the composition of the county's legislative leadership has changed, Miami-Dade's most pressing issues — housing, transit, public safety and environmental resilience among them — remain the same.

Florida Politics spoke with every member of the Miami-Dade Commission about which issues they plan to prioritize in 2023 and what legislation they have coming to address them.



Oliver Gilbert III unanimously won election as Chair of the Miami-Dade County Commission. Image via Miami-Dade County.

Chair Oliver Gilbert III — District 1

A former Miami Gardens Mayor, **Oliver Gilbert III's** leadership streak continued when he transferred from municipal to county government. For the last two years, he served as Vice Chair of the Miami-Dade Commission and Chair of the county's **transportation planning board**, a post he stepped down from in December.

Last month, Gilbert's peers **unanimously elected him to a two-year term as Chair** of the County Commission. During his time at County Hall, he has distinguished himself as an evenhanded and inventive leader, approaching long-standing issues with novel insights. No issue has captured his attention more than the implementation of the **SMART Program**, an initiative to build rapid transit solutions along five key commuting corridors across the county. That won't change in 2023.

"To be a world-class community, we have to have world-class mass transit, and we do that by enabling people and giving them an opportunity to actually get out of their cars to get from point A to point B, C and D," he said.

Gilbert stressed that Miami-Dade is now at an inflection point at which it must lock down concrete plans to secure vital state and federal funding matches for the projects.

“It’s time to come up with a plan and stick to the plan, and that’s what we hope to do in the next two years.”

Things appear to be headed that way. In November, the county announced it will forgo a previously contemplated monorail solution on the Beach Corridor of the SMART Plan connecting Miami and Miami Beach.

Instead, the county went with a new plan to **extend its existing Metromover service** to provide a one-seat ride between the cities.

For the North Corridor between downtown Miami and the Broward County line, Miami-Dade is edging closer to adopting a new Metrorail line linking its northernmost station to Hard Rock Stadium through a **new plan** the county devised last year that is expected to accelerate development.

Work continues on the 11-mile East-West Corridor connecting West Miami-Dade to Miami International Airport and downtown Miami on dedicated bus lanes along State Road 836, the Northeast Corridor linking Miami with Aventura on Brightline tracks, and the 20-mile bus rapid transit route on the South Corridor between Kendall and Homestead, which is set to reach completion in 2024.

A sixth line, the **Kendall Corridor**, which would run from the southernmost Metrorail station to the Baptist West hospital in the Hammocks, no longer appears as part of the SMART Plan on the county’s website. Gilbert said the route is still “definitely something we know has to be addressed.”

District 1 spans a center-north portion of the county, including all of Miami Gardens, part of Opa-locka and **Miami-Opa locka Executive Airport**.

Gilbert, a lawyer, said he will likely release a list of new committees and committee assignments “in the next two weeks.” For now, the County Commission is holding meetings under an **interim committee structure**.



Marleine Bastien plans to apply her expertise in the nonprofit sector to policymaking. Image via VoteMarleineBastien.com.

Marleine Bastien — District 2

Marleine Bastien took office in November after **winning a contentious race** for the seat representing District 2. She brings more than 30 years of community service and government advocacy to the job as the founder and executive director of **Family Action Network Movement**, a nonprofit that works to fill gaps in services between the county and residents in need.

Accordingly, her focus is on community empowerment and strengthening public services.

At the forefront of that effort, she said, is addressing the county's affordable housing problem. Half of Miami-Dade's households are cost-burdened by housing, meaning they pay **30% of their income on shelter**. Nearly 98% of apartments countywide are occupied, according to apartment-listing service **RentCafe**. For every vacant apartment, there are 31 prospective renters competing to take it, making it the most competitive apartment market in the nation.

To take on the problem, Bastien said she's planning a mixed approach, targeting contributory factors like stagnant wages, helping parts of the labor force that are falling behind and giving residents on fixed incomes a boost.

"They all go together," she said.

To upskill Miami-Dade's workforce, she plans to tap county funds to "jumpstart" new projects and elevate existing vocational programs. She's eyeing new or expanded partnerships with Florida International University, Miami Dade College and local trade schools.

Small businesses need help too, she said, particularly when it comes to resilience.

"We need to look at various business models to make sure we improve the infrastructure of small businesses," she said. "That was one of the challenges I saw during the pandemic. Even though there were resources coming from the federal government, a lot of the small businesses in our district did not qualify. We will be sure to look at that and find ways to help them increase revenues."

District 2 encompasses sizable portions of North Miami and Opa-locka, as well as smaller pieces of Hialeah, Miami, North Miami Beach and the unincorporated neighborhoods of Biscayne Gardens, Liberty City and North Central Dade.



Keon Hardemon wants to boost economic growth in District 3. Image via Miami-Dade County.

Keon Hardemon — District 3

A lawyer by trade and former four-time Chair of the Miami City Commission, **Keon Hardemon** took office in November 2020. Since then, the soft-spoken, levelheaded persuader has never shied away from tough conversations. There are likely to be many of those this year.

His top priority through Dec. 31, he said, is ensuring residents, businesses and communities enjoy economic growth as a result of several initiatives he has in the works to supplement ongoing affordability, community beautification and anti-poverty programs.

He listed three projects already on deck. One is a \$4 million initiative to revitalize the façade, road and lighting on 18th Avenue. Another will see affordable housing developments rise on a dozen infill lots in District 3. And in Brownsville, he secured funding for a project to beautify Lincoln Memorial Cemetery Park, which turns 100 this year.

Hardemon said he also plans to expand several existing programs. Among them: the Keon Hardemon Small Business Grant, which in 2022 awarded about \$160,000 to small businesses, and the Peace and Prosperity Plan, which has provided professional development and life skills to 85 teenagers in the district so far, though funding for that program now needs a new source.

“Since my time as a Miami Commissioner, I have been focused on uplifting the most vulnerable areas in our community,” he said. “My commitment has always been to invest in our local economy and enhance the quality of life for all our residents.”

District 3 covers the unincorporated neighborhoods of Brownsville and Biscayne Shores, a large chunk of Miami — including Liberty City, Little Haiti, Overtown, the Upper East Side, Edgewater, Buena Vista, Allapattah, Wynwood, San Marco Island, Watson Island — and the villages of El Portal and Miami Shores.



Micky Steinberg is planning legislation to target quality-of-life issues. Miami-Dade County.

Micky Steinberg — District 4

The sole Miami-Dade Commission candidate to win unopposed last year, former Miami Beach City Commissioner **Micky Steinberg** opted to keep much of the District 4 staff onboard upon succeeding its longtime representative, **Sally Heyman**.

During her first year at County Hall, Steinberg said she’ll focus on quality-of-life issues, including upgrading local infrastructure to improve coastal resilience and alleviating traffic congestion. “I want to aggressively invest in those efforts —stormwater infrastructure, flood mitigation, continue with septic-to-sewer strategies and obviously focusing on Biscayne Bay to ensure our water quality remains safe and clean,” she said. “And traffic congestion — that’s obviously a quality-of-life issue.”

There's also the budget. Every September, Miami-Dade Commissioners OK the county's annual spending plan, which came in at \$10 billion last year. The timing of its approval means Steinberg and other incoming Commissioners have limited say in how the county allocates its money during most of their first year in office.

"The budget we walked into has been set, and it's the framework for addressing all of these challenges," she said. "It's important to get a really strong understanding of that and the needs of the community."

To solicit constituent engagement, Steinberg plans to bring back "**Mondays with Micky**," an online, town hall-style forum she ran while on the Miami Beach Commission.

"We would pick a specific topic and invite the professional staff from the topic to come, so whenever residents were interested in a particular topic, they could come and hear about it," she said. "I'm going to kick-start that again sometime in the new year. We're going to take these different topics and hear from the residents themselves, and a lot of that will help shape the legislation we put forward."

District 4 covers a northeast corner of the county spanning some unincorporated neighborhoods and the cities of Aventura, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, Golden Beach, Indian Creek, Miami Beach, Miami Shores, North Bay Village, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Sunny Isles Beach and Surfside.



Eileen Higgins' focus remains on transportation and housing. Image via Miami-Dade County.

Eileen Higgins — District 5

A political newcomer when she defeated an established and better-funded opponent during a 2018 special election, **Eileen Higgins** became the Miami-Dade Commission's senior member following Gov. **Ron DeSantis' suspension of Joe Martinez** late last year.

Now serving in her first full, four-year term, Higgins said her priorities in 2023 will be consistent with the work she's done in years prior, particularly on the issues of housing and transit.

The biggest undertaking combining those interests is the **Metro Center Project**, a \$10 billion plan to redevelop dozens of acres around County Hall into a taller, denser, more pedestrian-friendly metropolitan area with upwards of 3,000 new affordable and workforce housing units near the county's central transit hub. "And of course, affordable housing located near transit is even more affordable than anywhere else, because you don't need a car or insurance for that," she said. Speaking of transit, Higgins stressed "excellent progress" has been made toward developing five key commuting corridors identified in the county SMART Program. "Particularly with the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in Congress, there is a lot of opportunity to push our mass transit projects forward," she said.

Higgins also has her sights set on revising the standards by which companies seeking county contracts must treat their employees, including an update to the county’s **living wage requirements**. “We are still missing a few classes of workers that do work on county contracts who right now aren’t covered, including health insurance,” she said.

The other missing piece, she said, is **paid sick leave**. “We have a lot of contracted workers that do not receive even one minute of paid sick time, and it’s very important we fix that,” she said. “During the pandemic, we learned the importance of being able to stay home if you’re sick. It actually saved companies money when their employees were able to take a few days off rather than come to work ill and then not be able to pay their rent.” District 5 covers parts of Miami and Miami Beach — including the neighborhoods of Brickell, Downtown Miami, Miami River, The Roads, Silver Bluff, Shenandoah, Little Havana and West Flagler.



Kevin Marino Cabrera’s top priority is bringing relief to tax-burdened homeowners. Image via Kevin Marino Cabrera.

Kevin Marino Cabrera — District 6

A former elected Community Council member, **Kevin Marino Cabrera** told Florida Politics he plans to follow through on promises he made last year, when he personally knocked on more than 71,000 doors to speak with residents in his district.

Priority No. 1, he said, is property taxes. Miami-Dade’s **ballooning housing market** may be beneficial to home sellers, but for many longtime residents who want only to continue living comfortably where they are — particularly seniors — increasingly burdensome property taxes are a strain. “You’ve got folks that have lived in their homes for 30-plus years who want to live out their golden years and retire in their homes, and their property taxes are increasing at a clip higher than their pensions, 401Ks and social security payments,” he said. “They’re struggling.”

Cabrera said he’s discussed the issue with Miami-Dade Mayor **Daniella Levine Cava**, whose **HOMES Plan** provides homeowners with up to \$1,500 to cushion the impact of property taxes, homeowners’ association fees and mortgage payments. While the county is limited by state law on what more it can do, Cabrera said he’s determined to do something. “We’re figuring it out, whether it will be in the form of a rebate or a reduction,” he said. “These are folks that created our county, our communities, and made it a desirable place to move to. We want to make sure they’re not being pushed out of their homes.”

Cabrera also has his sights set on improving mobility in Miami-Dade. To do that properly, he said, the County Commission must pass legislation to prevent any future misallocation of funds reserved for transit expansion

through the half-percent sales tax known as the **half-penny**. Miami-Dade residents voted in 2002 for the half-penny surtax to fund transit improvements, including an extra 90 miles of rapid transit, a doubled Metrobus fleet, upgraded infrastructure and a free Metromover. To date, the tax has generated more than \$3 billion. But until recently, little to no transit expansion actually occurred, thanks to a decision County Commissioners made during the Great Recession to use half-penny funds on existing operation and maintenance. Had they not done so, services would have been drastically cut, further deepening the economic woes many residents felt at the time.

It took more than a decade for the Commission to approve **unwinding** the half-penny from the county's general fund, a move that reached completion last year. Cabrera said he has legislation in the works to bar all future use of half-penny funds for anything other than what voters approved more than two decades ago.

"What we don't want is to be a place where you're spending three hours a day in traffic," he said. "That's where we're going unless we continue to move down the path of expanding our transit system."

Cabrera, a public relations pro with a background in lobbying and government work, is also looking to cut red tape tied to county permitting, pointing to the seven and a half months it took to gain approval for a septic-to-sewer project at his house.

"That was an arduous process considering I was trying to do the right thing for not only my home but the environment and our county," he said. "You look at a place like Jacksonville, and it's my understanding you get your permit in 30 days."

District 6 covers all or part of Coral Gables, Hialeah, Miami, Miami Springs, Virginia Gardens and West Miami.



If there's an issue facing Miami-Dade, Raquel Regalado's probably working on legislation to address it. Image via Miami-Dade County.

Raquel Regalado — District 7

Knowing the Miami-Dade Commission was headed for unprecedented turnover late last year, **Raquel Regalado** hastened to advance several legislative items beforehand. She succeeded in many areas.

"I turned out over 200 items, everything from **auxiliary dwelling units** (to help affordable housing) and changes to feasible distance, which is the way the county calculates when someone should **connect to our water and sewer system**," she said.

A lawyer and radio host, Regalado won her County Commission seat in 2020. She has since stood out as one of the board's most vocal policy wonks and an ambitious legislator.

Along with plans to tackle the county's property insurance issues, septic-to-sewer conversions and changes to condominium regulations stemming from the June 2021 **condo collapse in Surfside**, she plans to continue work on transit-oriented developments in and around her district and expand training programs on neurodiversity — a **personal issue** she championed for six years while serving on the Miami-Dade School Board.

She's now working on legislation to offer private companies a chance to help train government employees and others on best practices when interacting with neurodiverse people, including those on the autism spectrum.

"I spent a lot of time last year and the year before passing legislation to create employment contracts to educate county employees on neurodiversity. We educated our police force, fire department and our entire library system, and we're now working on transit and parks," she said.

"But we're at a point where we can use the data — how we train, how effective the training was, the feedback we get — to roll out an extensive employment exchange so folks in the private sector can do this work and it's not just the county offering these opportunities."

Regalado also anticipates either proffering or supporting measures to reform oversight of homeowners' associations, citing the recent arrests of current and former members of the Hammocks Community Association on charges of **racketeering and money laundering**.

That case still pends resolution, but the actions of that HOA and the inaction of the one in Surfside evidence a need for change, she said.

Added to Regalado's responsibilities at County Hall is her leadership of the board governing the operation of the intercounty commuter train service, **Tri-Rail**, which connects Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach. In June, Regalado's peers on the board **elected her Chair**.

"I've made a lot of changes in the last few months that we are going to implement," she said. "We're finally going to have bicycles and scooters at all the Miami-Dade stations. We're finally going to have concessions. We're wrapping the trains, and we're also looking at doing housing at the Hialeah station."

District 7 covers Pinecrest, Key Biscayne, portions of Coral Gables, South Miami and Miami, including Coconut Grove and Virginia Key, and the unincorporated neighborhoods of Kendall and Sunset.



Danielle Cohen Higgins (left) is eyeing affordable housing ingenuity, county contract reform and bridging a gap between Palmetto Bay and Cutler Bay. Image via Danielle Cohen Higgins.

District 8 — Danielle Cohen Higgins

Appointed to the Miami-Dade Commission in late 2020, **Danielle Cohen Higgins** retained her seat in August, **winning election** to a full, four-year term. Cohen Higgins has several items at the top of her to-do list, including securing state dollars to develop the **South Dade Rail Trail**, building additional fire stations in her district, ensuring the continuation of the annual **Hometown Heroes Parade** that honors frontline workers and commencing construction on the 87th Avenue bridge between Palmetto Bay and Cutler Bay.

The \$3.1 million bridge project is a divisive issue among locals, and Palmetto Bay has even **sued the county** to stop its construction. But as she sees it, the bridge is a long overdue project that will be a net benefit to all once it's finished. "It's a transportation solution, but it's also a public safety solution because of the response time for (emergency services to) residents in that area," she said, adding that she is seeking an earmark in the next county budget.

For housing, Cohen Higgins is at work on a measure to ease development of modular housing, prefabricated units resistant to up to Category 4 hurricanes. Last year, she passed **legislation directing the administration to conduct a test of the structures**.

A lawyer in private life, Cohen Higgins also wants to close something of a loophole in the county's contracting process for construction projects involving the **Urban Development Boundary**. Currently, she said, the county allows an unlimited number of attempts, which benefits larger firms with more resources to dedicate to repeat tries. Commissioners Tuesday will weigh a **measure she sponsored cutting the number to three**.

"You'll have three attempts to revise or edit your application, do whatever you need to do," she said. "Otherwise, we need to reopen the public hearing so the public can have input on whatever changes the developers are making to their applications throughout the process."

District 8 covers much of Miami-Dade County's southern portion, including the municipalities of Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay, Homestead and the unincorporated neighborhoods of Redlands, Falls, Princeton, Naranja, Leisure City and parts of West Kendall.



For Kionne McGhee, the focus is on housing affordability, the environment and pet adoptions. Image via Miami-Dade County.

Kionne McGhee — District 9

Now two years into his first term on the County Commission, former House Minority Leader **Kionne McGhee** maintains that affordable housing is the most pressing need facing the community. The county is “at a crossroads as it relates to affordability, opportunities for growth and generational wealth,” he said. “We believe, and I honestly hope, that legislation I will push forward will assist in addressing those issues.” Concurrent to that effort, he said, is legislation to restore the health of Biscayne Bay, the Everglades and other vital ecosystems. “That will be my second issue,” he said.

He also hopes to do more to boost animal adoptions, a “pet project” he began shortly after taking office in December 2020 through the “**Save Charlie Act**,” which helped to end most euthanasia practices at animal shelters. “I would like to see more attention and resources given to the Miami-Dade Animal Services Department so we can address pet adoptions and elevate conversations relating to pets and animals in our community,” he said.

McGhee, a lawyer, represents the southernmost part of Miami-Dade, including the municipalities of Homestead, Florida City and the unincorporated neighborhoods of Goulds and Perrine, among others.



Anthony Rodriguez brings experience from Tallahassee, and many connections, to County Hall. Image via Miami-Dade County.

Vice Chair Anthony Rodriguez — District 10

Former Rep. **Anthony Rodriguez** won the **Vice Chair seat** on the County Commission last month to cap off an election year in which he forwent seeking another term in Tallahassee for a public service job closer to home. While Rodriguez no longer works in the Legislature, he plans to tap relationships he fostered there to help several initiatives he's working on.

One such effort centers on the "critical issue" of housing. Another is the SMART Plan, for which money is a major factor as well.

"We'll be able to do some really good things for Miami-Dade together with (future House Speaker **Daniel**) **Perez**, Senate President (**Kathleen**) **Passidomo** and a lot of my colleagues I started with as a freshman in the Legislature who are now Senators," he said. "We have **Nick DiCeglie**, **Ana María Rodríguez** and **Alexis Calatayud**, who is from the county and was a great friend back when she was an aide."

Rodriguez, a property manager in private life, also wants to help small businesses gain a larger share of county contracts. The first step toward that end, he said, comes Tuesday through an **ordinance** creating a licensure program for small haulers of solid waste. The program's structure, he said, could lead to similar arrangements for other business types.

"Right now, a single person that owns a small business and just has one truck and hauls garbage has to abide by the same guidelines, licensing fees and insurance requirements as some of the largest companies. That's not feasible for a one-truck man to do. We're creating a new program where it will be feasible for smaller companies to come into compliance," he said.

"It's important, as a government, that we create these conditions for small businesses, provide them with the tools and guardrails for how to operate and, once we do so, to get out of the way and let them thrive on their own without government overreach. That's the mentality I have whenever I sponsor legislation and policies relating to business."

District 10 covers an entirely unincorporated area of Miami-Dade, including the neighborhoods of Fontainebleau, Kendall and Westchester.



Rob Gonzalez promises to run one of the most accessible County Commission offices Miami-Dade has ever seen. Image via Rob Gonzalez.

Rob Gonzalez — District 11

The Miami-Dade Commission's newest member, **Rob Gonzalez** joined the board in late November, when Gov. **Ron DeSantis** appointed him to replace Joe Martinez.

A lawyer who ran unsuccessfully for the House last year, Gonzalez said his goal is to increase residential engagement in the political process.

"You would be amazed at how many doors I knocked on and how many people I talked to who don't know who their state legislator, county Commissioner or local judges are," he said. "We live in a republic, which only works if the citizens are involved, so I want to be the person that bridges the gap between citizens and their political officeholders."

In terms of policymaking, Gonzalez plans to prioritize many of the issues he ran on last year while seeking state office, including supporting public safety, improving transit, reforming HOA regulations and blocking added costs to housing.

"One of my biggest goals is to, No. 1, make sure there is no unnecessary increases in taxes, fees or costs," he said. "We want to make sure folks are able to keep as much money in their pockets as possible. God knows they need it right now."

A large portion of Gonzalez's district abuts the Everglades, which he called "the lungs" of the county and critical to its resilience. He vowed to defend that area and other portions of District 11 that are dedicated to agriculture from commercial development.

"We have one of the best water systems in the world," he said. "But if we don't take care of it, my daughter may not be able to say the same thing, and her children won't have the same benefits we enjoy."

District 11 covers a swath of unincorporated neighborhoods on the county's west side, including Country Walk, Hammocks, Kendale Lakes, Bent Tree and Lake of the Meadows.



Juan Carlos Bermudez intends to set concrete guidelines for municipal annexations. Image via Juan Carlos Bermudez.

Juan Carlos Bermudez — District 12

The founding and immediate past Mayor of Doral, **Juan Carlos Bermudez** brought decades of government experience to County Hall when he won election to the District 12 seat in August. Many of his early priorities are congruent with those of his peers, from tackling housing unaffordability to expanding transportation options countywide.

“Some of the things that are very present and urgently important are right in front of us, and both of those issues are critical for me,” he said.

But there are other matters to which he’ll dedicate much of his attention this year. One concentrates on how the county approves changes to municipal borders.

In December 2021, the Miami-Dade Commission approved an annexation by the city of Sweetwater of a high-value commercial sector that nearly doubled the city’s size and is projected to lower taxes for its residents.

Doral sought the area as well, but then-County Commission Chair **Jose “Pepe” Diaz**, a former Sweetwater Mayor who is all but certain to run for the job again, passed a rule change that excluded Doral from contention.

Bermudez at the time likened the fast-tracked amendment to “changing the rules in the middle of the game,” telling Florida Politics, “This is why people get bothered by government.”

Since winning his seat at County Hall, Bermudez, a lawyer, has pushed for uniform annexation rules in all future processes, including ones pending for the cities of Medley, Virginia Gardens and others.

“I want to make sure they are treated the same way as Sweetwater,” he said.

In District 12 specifically, Bermudez hopes to move a trash incinerator out of Doral. He said the county rushed approval and placement of the waste-to-energy facility, whose emissions have clouded the city in a stinky, egg-like fog.

“I support the new facility, but I don’t necessarily support making the decision that quickly, and I may have some legislation for that to at least open up reconsideration so we can have a franker discussion on what the best technology is and where the best place is to put it,” he said.

Countywide, Bermudez said Commissioners need to get a handle on the next budget, which won’t include funds previously enjoyed from the American Rescue Plan Act.

There’s also the matter of constitutional offices returning to the county, including the elected positions of Sheriff, Tax Collector and Supervisor of Elections, which voters will again choose in 2024.

“For the first time in forever — since the 1960s — you might have a Sheriff’s Office independent of the county government,” he said. “How that transition takes place in 2024 hasn’t yet been determined. It’s going to be a very involved issue for the Commission this year amongst many other things.”

District 12 covers an area in northwest Miami-Dade encompassing all or part of the municipalities of Doral, Hialeah, Hialeah Gardens, Medley, Sweetwater and Virginia Gardens, as well a large portion of the county’s unincorporated area.



René García plans to bring added transparency to local government. Image via Miami-Dade County.

René García — District 13

Former Sen. **René García** said his priorities haven’t changed since he **won county office two years ago**: bringing more transparency to government, streamlining its processes and fixing procurement issues. “At the end of the day, I do think we lack some transparency as to how issues are done and come to the table, and I want to make sure the public has the same opportunity to vet issues we handle,” he said.

That extends to the speed by which some items make it onto a Commission agenda, he said, pointing to the board’s hastily approved and **now defunct deal** with cryptocurrency exchange FTX for the naming rights of the Miami Heat arena. “It came to us maybe 12 hours before we had to vote on it. That is part of the reason I voted against it, and now you see what’s happened,” he said, referring to **FTX’s bankruptcy**, the federal indictment of its CEO and millions of lost sponsorship dollars by the county, city and team.

García said building affordable housing is high on his list of priorities as well but expressed wariness about developing properties without the necessary subterranean infrastructure to support it. “We’re having all this debate, talking about moving the Urban Development Boundary and bringing more development, yet I don’t believe our infrastructure, our water and sewer system, is up to date or has the capacity to sustain all this new development. Miami-Dade is still under a **federal consent decree** to upgrade its water and wastewater system,” he said.

“We’ve got to become statesmen and women and not just politicians and think of the long-range goal of where we want to be in this county in the next 10 to 20 years. That starts with investing now in projects that will outlive us as opposed to those that are for ribbon-cutting and taking pictures.”

A hospital administrator in private life, García said mental health and substance abuse treatments have been careerlong focuses that informed his legislative priorities. That will still be the case this year, when he also plans to sponsor a measure to address HIV locally.

“We’re one of the highest in HIV cases nationally, if not the highest,” he said. “I want to make sure we work on that.”

District 13 covers a northern portion of Miami-Dade, including the municipalities of Hialeah, Hialeah Gardens and Miami Lakes.

National Park In Florida Keys Closes Indefinitely After 300 Migrants Land On Shores

BY JOHN RIGOLIZZO



(Stephen Frink/Getty Images)

Dry Tortugas National Park in the Florida Keys announced it would close beginning Monday in response to a flood of [migrants](#) arriving on its shores.

The park, located on the Western extreme of the Florida Keys, announced the closure on Monday. The National Park Service said in a statement that it was closed in order to respond to nearly 300 migrants who arrived on the island in recent days. The migrants mostly arrived from the communist island nation of Cuba by boat.

“On January 2 at 8 am, Dry Tortugas National Park will temporarily close to public access while law enforcement and medical personnel evaluate, provide care for and coordinate transport to Key West for approximately 300 migrants who arrived in the park over the past couple of days,” the [National Park Service](#) said in its statement.

“The closure, which is expected to last several days, is necessary for the safety of visitors and staff because of the resources and space needed to attend to the migrants. Concession-operated ferry and sea plane services are temporarily suspended.”

“Like elsewhere in the Florida Keys, the park has recently seen an increase in people arriving by boat from Cuba and landing on the islands of Dry Tortugas National Park,” the NPS added. “Park first responders provide food, water and basic medical attention until the Department of Homeland Security arrives and takes the lead. While the park is closed, vessels may seek safe harbor in the designated areas within the one nautical mile anchoring zone around Garden Key, including Bird Key Harbor. There will be no visitor services available while the closure is in effect and emergency services will be extremely limited. All closures will remain in place until further notice.”

Walter N. Slosar, the Chief Patrol Agent of the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Miami Sector, tweeted that Border Patrol agents had encountered at least 200 migrants on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day alone, in more than a dozen encounters.

"During the past 24 hours, U.S. Border Patrol agents & LE partners responded to 5 migrant landings throughout the Florida Keys and encountered 88 Cuban migrants," Slosar [tweeted Saturday](#).

"New Year's Day in Florida: Over 160 migrants have been encountered today in the #Florida Keys," he added [Sunday](#). "Border Patrol agents with support from federal, state, and local LE partners responded to 10 migrant landings since midnight."

Rear Admiral [Brendan C. McPherson](#), commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District & director of Homeland Security Task Force – Southeast, added in a separate statement on Twitter that the migrants would be removed and provided with food and water and basic first aid, before being transferred to the custody of Border Patrol for processing. "Irregular, illegal maritime migration is always dangerous and very often deadly. #DontTakeToTheSeas," he said.

The park, about 100 acres in area, is a small archipelago about 70 miles from Key West. It is made up of the seven Dry Tortuga islands, and the incomplete naval fort and former prison, Fort Jefferson. Most of the park is water, and it is home to some of the best-preserved coral reefs in the Florida Keys. The Park is renowned for its abundant tropical marine life and birds.

Read more: <https://www.dailywire.com/news/national-park-in-florida-keys-closes-indefinitely-after-300-migrants-land-on-shores>

Hines plans to start new FAT Village project in Fort Lauderdale this summer

BY ERIK BOJNANSKY



The T3 office building planned in Fort Lauderdale.

A real estate investment firm intends to start work on the first phase of the new FAT Village in downtown Fort Lauderdale this summer.

[Alan Kennedy](#), a managing director of Houston-based Hines, said design work on the 5.6-acre office, apartment and retail project at 501 N.W. First Ave. was finalized Dec. 9 and is now being actively marketed to potential commercial tenants and construction loan providers.

"We are open for business," he said. "The plan is, we will be searching for debt the first half of this year, and start construction sometime this summer."

The other part of the plan is to finish the first phase – consisting of two apartment buildings totaling 604 units and a 180,000-square-foot Class A office building – by March 2025, he added.

One of the apartment buildings will be 24 stories and consist of 355 luxury apartment units, Kennedy said. The other will be 13 stories and consist of 249 apartment units marketed toward a variety of incomes.

"There will be about a \$500-a-month difference between the products," Kennedy said.

In November, the average monthly asking rent for a Fort Lauderdale apartment was \$2,140 for a one-bedroom unit and \$2,980 for a two-bedroom unit, according to apartment listing website Zumper.

The six-story Class A office building, called T3 Fat Village East, will be lined with timber, and feature large, open floor plates, flexible workspaces and private programable balconies. It's also designed to help tenants attract young professionals.

"The office we are planning for the project is not your dad's office building," Kennedy said.

On top of that, T3 – which stands for timber, transit and technology – will be surrounded by restaurants and retail. Each of the buildings that make up the first phase of FAT Village will have ground-floor retail, Kennedy said.

The first phase will total 72,000 square feet of retail, said [Christina Stine Jolley](#), senior VP of Blanca Commercial Real Estate, the Miami-based brokerage representing Hines in lease negotiations.

When it is finished, T3 will be downtown Fort Lauderdale's newest office building. Aside from The Main Las Olas, which was completed in late 2020 and is now [100% leased](#), most of downtown Fort Lauderdale's office stock is a couple of decades old.

[Jenni Morejon](#), president and CEO of the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority, said the downtown area [has seen a surge](#) of new multifamily and condo projects that have attracted thousands of professionals. What the city hasn't seen, though, are any new office projects, with the exception of The Main. As a result, she said, most of the new-to-market companies migrating to South Florida have opted to open offices in Miami's Brickell Financial District and West Palm Beach's downtown area.

"We need a stronger pipeline of new office buildings, especially with all the great talent [living here]," Morejon said.

Building new offices won't be easy. Office developers have told the *Business Journal* that banks are reluctant to finance office projects and transactions due to higher interest rates and overall uncertainty over the future of hybrid working. At a recent Urban Land Institute conference, [Stephen Ross](#), president and chairman of the Related Cos., said he won't break ground on One Brickell City Centre in Miami until the proposed 1,049-foot-tall project [is at least 25% preleased](#).

Stine Jolley said Blanca CRE is already "talking to different prospects." Because of the limited amount of brand new Class A office in Fort Lauderdale and the rest of Broward County, she said T3 should quickly fill up.

"It's supply and demand," she said. "We see the demand and the flight to quality for office buildings with amenities."

Hines has already financed most of the project, Kennedy added.

"We bought the land. We have the entitlements on the land. We designed the project. We have permits for the project. We are starting to lease and market the project," he said. "The only thing we need is a construction loan."

Hines also won't have trouble obtaining additional financing since the office building is just a small part of the project, Kennedy said. "When you look at this, it's a multifamily-led project."

Founded in 1957, Hines is currently building 200 projects worldwide, according to its website. As of June, the company had \$92.3 billion in assets under management.

The mixed-use FAT Village was initially proposed by a development team that included The Restaurant People CEO [Tim Petrillo](#) and [Alan Hooper](#)'s Urban Street Development. Hines purchased the land they assembled in the city's Flagler Village [for \\$57.41 million in October 2021](#). Hooper and Petrillo are still involved with the project, a spokeswoman for Blanca CRE said.

When complete, FAT Village will include 835,000 square feet of apartments, office and retail. A second office building, T3 Fat Village West, will be part of the second phase, Kennedy said.

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Resia filed plans with Miami-Dade County to build apartments at the Palmetto Metrorail station in Medley. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RECORDS

Resia, formerly known as AHS Residential, proposed a workforce apartment development on land owned by Miami-Dade County at the Palmetto Metrorail station in Medley.

The Miami-based developer filed a pre-application with county officials for the 18.3-acre site at 7701 N.W. 79th Ave. It currently has the final stop on the north end of the county's Metrorail public rail system, along with a large parking lot. It's in a largely industrial area just off the Palmetto Expressway.

The 12-story development would feature 948 apartments, 7,500 square feet of retail, 1,680 parking spaces and a pool deck.

The application doesn't say how the developer plans to gain permission from the county to build apartments on the site. Officials with Miami-Dade Transit couldn't be reached for comment. The county has approved land leases with developers around numerous Metrorail stations in recent years.

If the county receives an unsolicited letter of intent to build on county land, it must allow other developers to bid for the same opportunity. The County Commission would ultimately have to sign off on the deal.

A spokesperson for Resia declined comment. Attorneys [Pedro Gassant](#) and [Alberto J. Torres](#) represent the developer in the application.

Miami-based Bellon Architecture designed the project. The apartments would range from 623 to 1,079 square feet. There would be 264 one-bedroom units, 624 two-bedroom units, and 60 three-bedroom units.

With apartment rents reaching record highs in Miami-Dade, many people are looking for less expensive neighborhoods to live in, such as Medley. Residing near the Metrorail station would allow those renters to reach employment centers such as downtown Miami and the Health District without encountering traffic. It could also boost Metrorail ridership.

According to county data, 11.5 million people rode the Metrorail during the 12 months ended Sept. 30. That's up 22% from the prior year, but down 38% from 2019 – prior to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Developers are trying to pressure Miami-Dade commissioners to expand the urban development boundary, which would help build a new industrial park in a flood and sea rise prone area. But what is the urban development boundary? BY PEDRO PORTAL

The new Congress passed a [\\$1.7 trillion spending bill](#) on December 20, sending the bill onto President Biden for a signature. The New York Times provides [news coverage of the bill's approval](#) and CNN provides [details of what's included](#) in the bill.

One program of particular interest to planners, the bill includes \$85 million for a new U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) planning incentive program advocated by the National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC) and National Apartment Association. According to an [article by Paul Bergeron for Globe St](#), the “Yes In My Back Yard” program is designed “to help localities eliminate exclusionary policies, zoning and [density](#) restrictions, onerous [parking requirements](#) and other regulations.”

“The grant program will help fund efforts by local communities to update their [zoning codes](#) and community engagement to remove obstacles to [affordable housing](#) production and preservation,” adds Bergeron.

A statement by the NMHC describes the new grant program as the first federal YIMBY policy that will be enacted into law. U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Indiana) [first introduced](#) the [Yes In My Backyard Act](#) into Congress in 2019.

According to another [article by Christian Britschgi for Reason](#), the YIMBY Act gained support from the Biden campaign in 2020, but also again after the Biden administration entered office. “In its Housing Supply Action Plan from May 2022, the White House also said it would retool discretionary transportation grant programs (worth a collective [\\$6 billion](#)) to incentivize liberalizing zoning reforms,” according to Britschgi.

Britschgi does caution that the \$85 million in funding for the new program is unlikely to produce much progress on zoning reform.

“For starters, the bill would provide money to jurisdictions for identifying *and* removing barriers to affordable housing production. Once given, the money could be spent on improving “housing strategies,” implementing “housing policy plans,” and facilitating affordable housing production,” writes Britschgi.

“Taken together, that sounds like the program would pay jurisdictions just for drawing up plans for improving housing production, an approach that some housing economists have argued is ineffective.”

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The new federal courthouse in Fort Lauderdale is getting an extra \$55 million boost in the 2023 appropriations bills released late, last night, Democrat Rep. [Debbie Wasserman Schultz](#) announced Tuesday.

The additional funds are needed to get the 255,000-square foot project off the ground due to rising construction costs. The project is getting the biggest chunk of \$95 million in federal money that's in the bill for Congressional District 25 that will go to a vote later this week.

Congress in 2018, appropriated \$190 million for the courthouse but costs have risen by 34% since the project was first estimated at \$147 million, Wasserman Schultz's office said. That spending and \$40 million more in funding for projects in Wasserman Schultz's district are part of a [\\$1.7 trillion bipartisan deal](#) between the House and the Senate unveiled in Tuesday's wee hours as the government races to outrun a Christmas Eve [deadline for funding the government](#).

Federal lawmakers from both parties say they support the deal. And it's expected to pass both chambers later this week. President Joe Biden is urging lawmakers to support it.

The courthouse is at the heart of government operations that's now struggling to function in the current space, Wasserman Schultz said.

"The scales of federal justice in our community operate under immense space constraints and unsafe conditions, and I am so proud to help deliver the \$55 million needed to begin work and avoid further delays on a brand new federal courthouse," Wasserman Schultz said in a prepared statement.

The [U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida](#) is one of the largest and busiest federal judicial districts in the country, according to Wasserman Schultz's office. Its jurisdiction covers 15,000 square miles and serves more than six

million Floridians. Right now, the 40-year-old federal courthouse in Fort Lauderdale has a repair backlog of \$20 million. Mold, chronic roof leaks and flooding plague the center where 10,000 civil cases are filed annually, according to a news release.

“This is significant and positive news for all our citizens who rely upon a swift and seamless federal court system, and especially for those who valiantly move these wheels of justice,” Wasserman Schultz said. “Combined with all the other critical local funding needs that this omnibus spending plan includes, I am so thankful and very proud that it will make life better for millions of people in South Florida and Broward County in the next year.”

Other significant items in the bill for South Florida are:

- \$11 million for Florida International University to try out new monitoring systems to be tested near areas vulnerable to sea level rise.
- \$5 million to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization that will improve University Drive.
- \$3.8 million for Nova Southeastern University (NSU) to increase research about stony coral tissue loss that threatens ecosystems crucial to recreational fishing and scuba diving.
- \$3.8 million for the city of Hollywood to upgrade their drinking water infrastructure.
- \$2.5 million for the City of Sunrise to build a station to expand different kinds of transportation with bus stops and transfers, bike and scooter rentals and electric charging stations.
- \$2.5 million to NSU to purchase the cybersecurity equipment and infrastructure needed for high-performance computer capabilities.
- \$2 million for Feeding South Florida for a mobile market and kitchen that makes free and low-cost healthy and nutritious foods available to low-income Broward County families.

Broward County Mayor Lamar Fisher said he was glad to hear that a major thoroughfare on the western side of his county was included in the massive federal spending bill.

“This will improve University Drive dramatically,” Fisher said.

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