



AGENDA ITEM # III.B.

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TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: FY 22-23 / FY 23-24 SELECTED PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS UPDATE

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Please find attached an update of the Council's Programs and Projects for FY 22-23 / FY 23-24. This update provides information on key programs and projects.

Recommendation

Information Only



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## **SELECTED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

### **FY 22-23 / FY 23-24**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (Council) is one of ten regional councils created by the Florida Legislature to address issues and plan solutions that are of greater than-local scope, assist in areawide cooperative activities of all levels of government, provide a regional perspective, plan intergovernmental solutions to growth related problems and other challenges, provide technical assistance to local governments, enhance the ability and opportunity for of local governments to resolve issues and problems transcending their individual boundaries, and promote and facilitate economic development.<sup>1</sup>

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.”

The Council serves Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties with 71 municipalities and more than 4.8 million residents. Its mission is to identify the long-term challenges and opportunities facing Southeast Florida and assist the region’s leaders in the development and implementation of creative strategies that will result in prosperous and equitable communities, a healthier and cleaner environment, and a more vibrant economy. A strength of the Council is its unique public/private governing board consisting of county and municipal officials from Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties; gubernatorial appointees; and ex-officio members representing the South Florida Water Management District, and Florida departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection.

The Council works in partnership with the region’s public, private, nonprofit, philanthropic, and community stakeholders to advance job creation, regional prosperity, and a superior quality of life in Southeast Florida. Council staff conducts research studies, performs analyses, develops reports, conducts community engagement activities, and undertakes special projects as requested. Staff expertise includes, but is not limited to, the areas of Sea Level Rise Analysis, Adaptation, and Resiliency; Data and Data Analysis; Alternative Fuels; Economic Development; Emergency Preparedness; Environmental Resiliency; Health and the Built Environment; Housing; Mapping and Geospatial Analyses; Transit-Oriented Development; and Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review.

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<sup>1</sup> §186.502, Fla. Stat.

## MISSION – VISION – PURPOSE

**Mission:** The Council’s mission is to identify the long-term challenges and opportunities facing Southeast Florida and assist the Region’s leaders in developing and implementing creative strategies that result in more prosperous and equitable communities, a healthier and cleaner environment, and a more vibrant economy.

**Vision:** By the year 2050, Southeast Florida’s investment in its People, Places & Future has helped our Region mature into one of the great places in the world to live, work, play, and prosper.

### Supporting Values

- **Sustainability:** Investing in our People, Places & Future for a Livable South Florida
- **Connectivity:** Providing Linkages between People, Places & Opportunities
- **Responsibility:** Conducting Business for the Benefit of our Region

**Purpose (Statement of Organization):** To exercise the rights, duties, and powers of a regional planning council as defined in Chapters 186 and 163 and Section 403.723, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time and of a regional planning agency as defined in Chapter 23, Section 403.723, and Chapter 380, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, including those functions enumerated by legislative finding and declarations of Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time and other applicable federal, State and local laws.

1. To conduct the comprehensive regional planning process.
2. To provide regional coordination for the local governments in the South Florida Region.
3. To exchange, interchange, and review the various programs referred to it which are of regional concern.
4. To promote communication among local governments in the Region.
5. To identify and resolve regional problems and issues.
6. To cooperate with federal, State, local and non-governmental agencies and citizens.
7. To assure the orderly and balanced growth and development of this Region, consistent with the protection of the natural resources and environment of the Region, and to promote safety, welfare and quality of life of the residents of the Region.
8. To encourage and promote communications between neighboring regional planning districts to ensure compatibility in development and long-range planning goals.
9. To establish, manage and maintain various revolving loan programs.

# Program Areas and Projects

## FY 22-23 / FY 23-24

### 1. Regional Convenings & Collaboration (ongoing)

- November 5, 2021: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting
- March 18, 2022: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting
- September 16, 2022: Regional Affordable Housing Conversation (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties)
- October 21, 2022: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Conference on Solid Waste Management
- February 17, 2023: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting
- February 27-28, 2023: Hosted Southeast United States Clean Cities Annual Meeting
- March 17, 2023: SFRPC Striding Forward: First & Last Mile Innovation in the Region

#### Upcoming:

- Ongoing: Follow-up regional collaboration on Solid Waste Management
- October 20, 2023: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Conference. Topic: TBD
- Clean Cities Coalitions National Meeting

#### 2024

- SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting
- SFRPC Regional Conference
- SFRPC Regional Convenings / Work Groups
- SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Conference. Topic TBD

### 2. Economic Development and Finance / EDA EDD District (ongoing)

**January 2022 – October 2023:** Regional Convenings and Development of the 2022-2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Ongoing technical assistance to regional partners to convene collaborative partnerships and develop competitive funding applications. Currently staff is working with regional partners to develop a grant application pursuant to the EDA Tech Hub / Innovation Centers grant opportunity.

### 3. South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review (Sept 2021 – September 2023)

The MIRR is building upon ongoing resilience work and initiatives in South Florida and assess current and projected vulnerabilities to infrastructure and operations from heat, rising seas, and extreme weather; identify potential regional synergies and civil-military collaborative opportunities; and generate a list of proposed mitigation and adaptation investments.

The four installations that are the subject of this effort are:

1. Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB), Miami-Dade County
2. United States Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-Miami), Miami- Dade County
3. USN Naval Surface War Center South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility (SFOMF), Broward County
4. United States Naval Air Station Key West (NASKW), Monroe County

#### **4. Revolving Loan Fund Programs**

- Small Business Revolving Loan Fund
- CARES ACT Revolving Loan Fund
- Brownfields Clean Up Revolving Loan Fund
- Southeast Florida Community Development Fund Inc. (SFCDFI)

#### **5. Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition (Redesignated March 2023)**

Required activities include, but are not limited to:

- Organize and hold regular stakeholder meetings (recommend 2 - 4 per year).
- Organize and participate in public education and outreach events, such as workshops, conferences, vehicle displays, ride and drives, and speaking engagements.
- Regularly communicate with stakeholders on topics related to Clean Cities, including alternative fuels, advanced technologies, energy efficient transportation, funding availability, etc., using emails, newsletters, social media, phone calls, etc.
- Maintain a well-rounded group of stakeholders that includes state, county and municipal agencies, public and private fleets, utilities, alternative fuel providers, vehicle dealers, equipment suppliers, and other key community business leaders.
- Track coalition progress and the local alternative fuels market and document by submitting an annual metrics report.
- Track local/regional retail alternative fuel prices and submit data for quarterly Alternative Fuel Price Reports. Keep up to date on area alternative fuel station openings and closings and update the Station Locator on a regular basis.
- Communicate coalition activities, opportunities, and challenges, and stay abreast of regional events and activities, by participating in monthly regional calls.

**February 27 – 28, 2023:** The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition hosted the U.S. Department of Energy and Clean Cities Coalition Directors from the Southeastern United States for a two-day information sharing and planning meeting on February 27-28 in Hollywood. At this meeting, the U.S. DOE announced the recertification of the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition and lauded our Coalition as one of the best in the United States. The U.S. DOE has asked the Council and Coalition if we would be willing to host a National Conference later this year or early next year.

## 6. Emergency Preparedness

- a. Local Emergency Planning Committee
- b. Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF)
- c. PBSO-SFRPC Grant Contract Project

Since 2010, the Council has worked with the SERDSTF through the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office to provide fiscal management for Regional Information Analysts. The Analysts are stationed at various Departments throughout the Region and provide support for domestic security activities. The project is self-supported through State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grants.

- d. SERDSTF Exercise Planning Assistance Project

Among other emergency preparedness activities, Council staff supported the multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional partners of the Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF), Region 7, with Operation Heat Shield IV held on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Port Miami and areas throughout Miami-Dade County. With support of the Council, the Operation Heat Shield IV regional exercise provided four unique organizing drills to reduce the region's vulnerability to a complex coordinated terrorist attack and further the ability of county and local partners to implement training programs and initiatives designed to improve terrorism response capabilities. <https://www.facebook.com/miamidadepd/videos/1395448864606803>

## 7. Climate and Economic Resilience

As a member of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact Staff Working Group, the Council actively participates in climate change related planning and coordination efforts across Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. Activities include, but are not limited to, special meetings with members of the regional business community to discuss and plan for regional economic resilience, Climate Compact staff planning retreats and regular conference calls, critical infrastructure workshops, etc. to address social, environmental, and economic disturbances related to changes in climate, such as sea level rise, flooding and more.

In addition, Council staff works directly with local communities to enhance economic and community resilience which in turn increases economic and regional resilience. These technical assistance activities are described in point 6. Technical Assistance.

The City of Dania Beach is in the process of contracting with the SFRPC for assistance in conducting a "Peril of Flood" analysis in addition to other resilience planning activities.

## **8. Transportation / Mobility / Resilience / Affordable Housing**

The Council works in partnership with the region's private sector, counties, and transportation planning organizations including the Miami-Dade TPO, Broward County MPO, FDOT Districts 4 and 6, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, and the Southeast Florida Transportation Council to enhance resiliency, connectivity, mobility, community quality of life, and economic prosperity.

### **a. South Florida Regional Transportation Authority**

The Council provides planning services including land use analysis, community engagement and geographic information systems mapping, to maximize the symbiosis of regional transit and healthy, vibrant communities along the South Florida Rail Corridor. Council staff is involved with regional transit-oriented development (TOD) initiatives in partnership with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. TOD is an integral tool to realize the Seven50 vision of a sustainable and resilient future for South Florida: prosperous, vibrant communities connected by an efficient multi-modal transportation network.

### **b. Florida Department of Transportation, District 6**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6 are creating a regional resilience database of ongoing, future, and planned resilience efforts. The intent of this initiative is to create a one-stop resource of resilience efforts within FDOT District 6 (Miami Dade and Monroe Counties) that is accessible to FDOT Central Office and other FDOT Districts, local governments, state and federal agencies, and community partners. Policies and plans will be assessed with a particular focus on transportation planning and adaptation strategies to maximize information sharing and best practices while furthering municipal, county, regional, and state resilience efforts.

### **c. Miami-Dade TPO / Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Proximate to Transit Project (NEW)**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) will provide technical assistance to the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization with the aim of providing an overview of the County's existing Affordable Housing policies and comparing them with other similar areas locally or nationally, identifying strategies for developing or preserving affordable housing in proximity to transit hubs, convening local subject matter stakeholders for input and guidance, and distributing a list of resources on related issues that affect affordable housing near transit.

## 9. Southeast Florida Reef Tract

Following the October 2017 Joint Meeting of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils and adoption of Joint Resolution TCSF # 17-01, the Councils established a Joint Committee on the South Florida Reef Tract to coordinate and organize efforts of local staff and elected officials with local, state, and federal partners involved in the fight to address the coral disease outbreak. Since that time, the Councils have been working closely with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the region's counties, and other stakeholders to elevate and raise awareness of the crisis facing the Florida's Coral Reef to federal elected officials and the region's business leaders and develop grant applications to secure funding for marine research.

## 10. Coordination and Collaboration Activities

As discussed throughout this document, the Council is a member of numerous planning committees and organizations throughout the region. The topic areas include economic development and resiliency, life sciences, affordable housing, transportation / mobility, climate change and community resiliency, emergency preparedness, and alternative fuels among others. The Council works with local, state, and federal elected officials, local governments, economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, non-profits, the private sector, and other stakeholders to develop and advance regional priorities. It is anticipated that during FY 22-23 the Council will continue to expand its efforts in this area.

## 11. Technical Assistance

Council staff provides technical assistance on every aspect of regional planning and actively participates as members of numerous work groups, task forces, and advisory boards.

## 12. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review

The Community Planning Act (Chapter 163, Florida Statutes [Fla. State.], Part II) requires all cities and counties to adopt and maintain a comprehensive plan, which "provide[s] the principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies for the orderly and balanced future economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development of the area that reflects community commitments to implement the plan and its elements."<sup>2</sup>

Regional Planning Councils are one of seven reviewing agencies, which "**may** provide comments regarding the amendment or amendments to the local government."<sup>3</sup> "The regional planning council review and comments shall be limited to adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A regional planning council may not review and comment on a proposed comprehensive plan

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<sup>2</sup> §163.3177(1), Fla. Stat.

<sup>3</sup> §163.3184(3)(b)2., Fla. Stat.



amendment prepared by such council unless the plan amendment has been changed by the local government subsequent to the preparation of the plan amendment by the regional planning council.<sup>4</sup>

### **13. Developments of Regional Impact**

A Development of Regional Impact (DRI) is “any development that, because of its character, magnitude, or location, would have a substantial effect upon the health, safety, or welfare of citizens of more than one county.”<sup>5</sup> Formerly, the Council was charged with the coordination of multi-jurisdictional agency review of DRIs, including review of proposed amendments to existing DRI Development Orders and Annual/Biennial Reports.

The Council maintains copies of DRI applications, development orders, and other documentation. Council staff provides technical assistance to local governments and developer representative regarding DRI program implementation.

The 2018 Legislature substantially changed the DRI Program. Proposed developments that exceed statewide thresholds no longer are required to undergo DRI review, and the Council as well as state and regional review agencies are no longer required to coordinate the review proposed changes and Annual/Biennial Reports. The host local government is responsible for conducting these reviews based on their comprehensive plan and land development regulations.

The Council is currently coordinating a DRI Review Process for the City Park / Parkland Krome Groves DRI in Miami-Dade County aka “The Last DRI”.

### **14. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review**

Through this program the Council reviews and comments, on a regional level, on grant and permit applications submitted to various government agencies. The Program was initiated by Executive Order No. 12372 signed by President Reagan in 1982 and given direction in Florida by Executive Order No. 83-150 signed by Governor Graham in 1983. The Council’s is to be coordinated with the State Clearinghouse, located in the Department of Environmental Protection.

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<sup>4</sup> §163.318(3)(b)3.a., Fla. Stat.

<sup>5</sup> §380.06(1), Fla. Stat.