



DATE: JANUARY 22, 2024
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: 2024 COUNCIL MEETING TOPICS

As Council Staff prepares for Council Meetings over 2024, we ask your input and guidance as to which topics you would like to see addressed and guests that you may wish to interact with over the upcoming year. In addition, as the SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Meeting approaches in February or March 2024 we ask for your input regarding the topic or topics you would like to explore at the upcoming SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Meeting.

In November, the Council offered the following input to staff:

“Some of the topics suggested were mental health, affordability, apprenticeship programs/job development, rail transportation instead of truck transportation, home insurance affordability, quality of life, etc.”

Please note that topics at a Council Meeting need to be quite focused as the normal allotted time for presentations by guests at the Council Meeting averages 20 to 30 minutes with a short 10 to 15 minutes for questions, answers, and discussion period by Council Members. Herewith, please find the TCRPC Agenda Item for the TCRPC’s meeting on Friday, January 19th with a listing of topics for their Board’s consideration and discussion.

Recommendation:

Provide Council Staff with direction as to the specific issues / aspects of issues that you would like to explore further, and guests that you would like to invite to the Council Meeting for information and conversation within the Council Meeting time constraints. Please provide Council Staff with directions to convey to the TCRPC related to topics of interest for the upcoming Joint Meeting in West Palm Beach.



TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 7

From: Staff

Date: January 12, 2024

Subject: Discussion of Topics for Joint Meeting with South Florida Regional Planning Council

Background

Since October of 2017, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) and South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) have met as a joint board at least once per year to learn about, discuss, and reach consensus on issues of shared concern for both regions. Typically, the outcome of the meetings has been joint resolutions expressing support for, or opposition to, certain actions contemplated by governments within the regions as well as the Florida Legislature and the Federal government. Beginning in 2020 (interrupted by the Coronavirus Pandemic), the Councils sought to meet twice per year. Two virtual meetings were held in 2021, and two joint meetings were held in 2022 and 2023.

Analysis

A review of prior joint meeting agendas reveals the following list of issues that have been discussed:

1. Terrorism Preparedness and Prevention
2. US Highway 27 Multi-Modal (Rail) Corridor (2 times)
3. Southeast Florida Coral Reef Tract (7 times)
4. Affordable Housing (7 times)
5. Amazon Corporate Headquarters (2 times)
6. National Flood Insurance Program (2 times)
7. Autopsy Records Exemption
8. Water Infrastructure (7 times)
9. Wastewater Biosolids (4 times)
10. Coastal Mapping Initiative
11. Regional Passenger Rail (2 times)
12. Florida Transportation Plan
13. Biscayne Bay Recovery Plan
14. Nutrient Reduction through Biomass Removal
15. Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Funding Programs
16. Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP)
17. Central and Southern Florida Flood Risk Study (3 times)

18. Septic to Sewer Conversion (2 times)
19. Clean Waterways Act of 2020 (2 times)
20. EDR Land & Water Assessment, Stormwater & Wastewater 20-Year Needs Analysis, and Analysis of Expenditures to Minimize Flooding.
21. South Florida Water Management District Resiliency (2 times)
22. Resiliency
23. Solid Waste
24. Marine Research Hub
25. Recycling

Recommendation

Council members are invited to share their thoughts and discuss potential topics for the planned joint meeting in February or March 2024.

Council Action – January 19, 2024