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**SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS
WILL MEET FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH IN JOINT SESSION TO DISCUSS FLORIDA'S CORAL
REEF, LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES IMPACTING SOUTHEAST FLORIDA**

Hollywood, FL – The South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils (SFRPC and TCRPC) will meet this **Friday, February 28, 2025**, from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the **Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization**, located at **100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 650 (TRI-RAIL Cypress Creek Station)**, in Fort Lauderdale.

The meeting will be co-chaired by **The Honorable Michelle Lincoln**, Chair of the South Florida Regional Planning Council and Monroe County Mayor Pro Tem, and **The Honorable Ed Dodd**, Acting Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Since 2017, the SFRPC and TCRPC have convened Joint Council Meetings and Regional Conferences to discuss opportunities and challenges facing the region, and collaborative approaches across Southeast Florida.

“We are delighted to host our colleagues from the Treasure Coast RPC in Broward County this year. We appreciate our long history of successful collaboration on important issues of regional concern including property insurance, Florida’s Coral Reef, waste management and recycling, affordable housing, water quality and infrastructure, the Central and Southern Florida Flood Risk Study, the Silver Tsunami, and regional transportation to name a few. We look forward to our conversation and informative presentations from our key state and regional partners,” said Chair Michelle Lincoln, Mayor Pro Tem, Monroe County.

“The opportunity to share information and work collaboratively with our neighbors to the south on issues of mutual concern is not to be missed,” said Ed Dodd, Acting Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer, TCRPC.

This regional conversation will focus on several key topics. These topics include an update on Florida's Coral Reef, the Biscayne Bay Reasonable Assurance Plan, a preview of the 2025 State of Florida Legislative Session, an overview of Southeast Florida Counties' legislative programs and priorities, a South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) / Tri-Rail update and future plans, and discussions on Southeast Florida's restoration and flooding resilience, including current studies, projects, and timelines.

Confirmed special guests and subject matter experts include **Maurizio Martinelli**, Administrator of the Coral Protection and Restoration Program at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; **Mollie Cordo**, Southeast Regional Administrator for the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; **Thomas Reinert, Ph.D.**, Regional Director for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission; **Pamela Sweeney**, Senior Water Scientist at Miami-Dade County's Department of Environmental Resources Management; **Nancy Jackson, MPA**, Biscayne Bay Program Director for Miami-Dade County; **Ronald L. Book**, Founder, President & CEO of Ronald L. Book, P.A.; **David Dech**, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority; **John Mitnik, P.E.**, Assistant Executive Director and Chief District Engineer for the South Florida Water Management District; **Ana Carolina Coelho Marán, P.E., Ph.D.**, District Resiliency Officer for the South Florida Water Management District; and **Eva B. Vélez, P.E.**, Chief of the Ecosystem Branch at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District.

The Councils invite elected officials, stakeholders, and members of the public to participate in this critical conversation about the region's environmental resilience, infrastructure development, and collaborative planning strategies for Southeast Florida.

This meeting has been publicly noticed and will be held in person. The meeting will be recorded for future viewing by those unable to attend in person.

To assist with meeting preparations, attendees are encouraged to [RSVP at the link here](#). The draft agenda and supporting materials can be found on the Councils' websites:

- [South Florida Regional Planning Council Joint Meeting](#)
- [Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Joint Meeting](#)

For more information about the Councils and their initiatives, please contact the **SFRPC** at **(954) 924-3653** or the **TCRPC** at **(772) 221-4060**, or visit <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/> or <https://www.tcrpc.org/>

About the SFRPC and TCRPC

The membership of the Regional Planning Councils includes county and municipal elected officials, gubernatorial appointees, and Ex-Officio members from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, the South Florida Water Management District, and the St. Johns River Water Management

District. The South Florida RPC represents Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties. The Treasure Coast RPC represents Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River Counties. The Councils support the region's elected leaders and public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders through regional, collaborative planning and the development and implementation of programs and strategies that create a better future for Southeast Florida.

Together, these Councils represent a combined population of more than **6.3 million residents** across seven counties, 71 municipalities, and **110 miles of Atlantic shoreline**, covering diverse communities from **Monroe to Indian River counties**.

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