



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.C

DATE: MAY 19, 2025

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SFRPC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Council staff is working on a Draft Agenda for the SFRPC's upcoming Regional Conference, currently scheduled for Thursday, September 11th from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM at a location to be decided. The working title of the Conference is "The Business Case for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and Affordable Housing in South Florida." The geographical focus for this Conference is Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

This Conference flows out of the work spearheaded by the SFRPC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee, chaired by Senator Steve Geller, and the work of Council staff in related program areas. The Staff Working Draft Agenda contemplates a presentation of the CEDS Committee Study "The Business Case for TOD and Affordable Housing in South Florida" followed by a series of panel discussions.

Panel Ideas:

- # 1 – A developer panel discussing how TODs have successfully created economic growth in the region, and the challenges developers have faced.
- # 2 - A local government practitioners panel focused on how zoning and land use can support TOD in the region, and on successful public policy initiatives. Potential topics include the Live Local Act and other policy reforms aimed at streamlining approvals and incentives for TOD and affordable housing near transit corridors. Additional topics include the economic rationale of TOD policy and the public return on investment.
- # 3 – A high-level elected Leadership Roundtable discussing TOD and Affordable Housing.
- # 4 – A public / private panel discussing Innovative Partnerships and Financing Strategies for TOD Projects
- # 5 - A panel of major employers and business leaders discussing the economic benefits of integrating



affordable housing with transit, including enhanced access to employment opportunities, growth in vital economic sectors, and job creation.

Council staff will continue to work with the Chair, Senator Geller, and Council Members as the agenda and conference development process moves forward. Thank you in advance for your input and suggestions.

Recommendation

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