SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

AGENDA ITEM #9

To:	SCI Executive Committee
From:	SEFRP Staff
Date:	July 27 th , 2012 Meeting
Subject:	Work Group Format and Schedule

Introduction

The Executive Committee established six Workgroups to serve as regional subject matter experts for identified issue areas. The purpose of the Work Groups is to work with staff and the consultants to identify technical and policy recommendations and draft products for review by Executive Committee, Partnership, consultants, staff and other regional stakeholders, as necessary.

The Statement of Organization outlines that the Executive Committee or a designated Subcommittee is responsible for developing a process to identify Chairs and Vice Chair(s) for each Workgroup, recruiting and approving members of the Partnership to participate in one or more Workgroups related to their areas of expertise, and determining methods for involving organizations who are not Partnership members. The Statement of Organization also indicates that the Chair of each Workgroup is responsible for determining the schedule and recurrence of each of the groups' meetings.

The first meeting of the Workgroups was held during the Opening Summit. Initial topics of discussion among participants included mass transit, environmental stewardship, water supply, business diversity, and economic resilience. Participants shared visions of a more pedestrian-friendly super-region that balances the need to accommodate population growths while retaining the cultural integrity and character of local communities.

To establish trust in the planning process and ensure ample and diverse participation, no Workgroup officers were appointed prior to or during this event.

After carefully analyzing the challenges that conducting these Workgroup meetings present, staff proposes a schedule and format for the Executive Committee's consideration as follows:

- Conduct one initial regional (all seven counties together) meeting of the workgroups during the Opening Summit (Completed).
- Conduct seven county-wide meetings to vet ideas and proposals resulting from the first regional meeting and discuss other local issues in the context of Seven50.

- Conduct a second regional (all seven counties together), <u>virtual</u> meeting to recap results from the county-wide meetings. A core group of leaders for each Workgroup will be identified at each of these meetings (2/3 per Workgroup for each County), from which officers (if needed) will be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- Leaders from each work group will present findings during the Second Summit.



It is important to note that the Climate Resiliency work group will follow the schedule set forth in Action Plan #3.

Action

Staff is seeking input and approval from the Executive Committee regarding this proposed Workgroup schedule and format.