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AGENDA ITEM #VI.A

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2012
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE AND ATTENDANCE FORM

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January 20, 2012

Mr. James F. Murley
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Dear Mr. Murley:

Congratulations on receiving the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development District Planning grant award (Investment No. 04-83-06640-Partnership Planning) in the amount of \$189,000. Your dedication is appreciated and laudable.

Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson



TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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January 17, 2012

Mr. James Wolfe, District 4 Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
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Mr. Joseph Giulietti, Executive Director
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
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Subject: Agency Collaboration for Passenger Rail Service in Southeast Florida

Jim *Joe*
Dear Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Giulietti:

Passenger rail service is a key component of a comprehensive transportation network for the Region. The Tri-Rail commuter rail service, which has been operating along the South Florida Rail Corridor for more 20 years, has been experiencing record ridership in recent years, and the success of this system has helped the Region prioritize transit and the transit-oriented land use patterns that support it. The desire to expand passenger rail service has resulted in proposals for Amtrak service along the east coast and plans to provide commuter services on the Florida East Coast (FEC) railroad from Jupiter to downtown Miami. Council has participated as an agency partner with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the South Florida East Coast Corridor Study and will continue to assist FDOT as the next phase of study addresses operations and environmental aspects of the project. The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) recently unveiled its "Fast Start" proposal to accelerate the provision of commuter services on the FEC line at various levels in its three-county operating area. The FEC railroad management is critical to the planning efforts for these projects.

Recent discussions by the SFRTA and FDOT concerning both proposals have resulted in confusion and concern among Council members and the public. The SFECC and Fast Start proposals both include expanded Tri-Rail service as well as new service on the FEC; however, the approaches differ considerably regarding funding and potential phasing, funding, and operations. To improve efficiency and reduce conflicts among agencies, TCRPC has requested FDOT, SFRTA and FEC work collaboratively to develop a single plan to provide for future

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passenger services on the FEC railroad in Southeast Florida. This effort should include participation by other agency partners, including the MPOs, regional planning councils, local governments, and others. This request is consistent with similar requests from other MPOs in the Region as well as the South Florida Regional Transportation Council.

As you are aware, Council staff has been requested to assist in the preliminary evaluation of the two agency approaches, and it is Council's hope this dialogue will help build the consensus necessary for a common plan to develop and move forward. All agency partners have consistently emphasized the same common goal: an integrated, coordinated transportation network that improves mobility, expanded economic opportunity, and enhances the sustainability of southeast Florida. Council looks forward to working together to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Busha', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael J. Busha, AICP
Executive Director

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cc: Kevin J. Foley, Chair, TCRPC
James F. Murley, Executive Director, SFRPC

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January 20, 2012

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The Honorable Dean Cannon
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Florida House of Representatives
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Dear President Haridopolos and Speaker Cannon:

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (*Council*), meeting in regular session on January 9, 2012, voted unanimously to provide the Florida Legislature recommendations that should be considered during the deliberations of Senate Bill 0710 and House Bill 0487.

- Senate Bill 0710 was amended on January 6, 2012, and if passed, would require a local referendum before December 31, 2014, to authorize gaming in a county. The Council recommends including a provision that authorizes counties to be reimbursed for the cost of any required referendum.
- The Council recommends the definition of "conceptual local approval" be expanded to allow for local determination of project impacts to public safety, transportation, water and sewer infrastructure and ensure that the costs of meeting increased demands on these local services are not borne solely by current taxpayers. The distribution of gross receipts taxes collected by the State from destination resorts should include an allocation to those local governments hosting a destination resort.

On behalf of the Council, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input. If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact our Executive Director, James F. Murley, at 954-985-4416 or jmurley@sfrpc.com.

Sincerely,



Heather Carruthers
Chair

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