



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM V.A.1

DATE: MARCH 3, 2014

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA PROSPERITY PLAN UPDATE

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, in association with the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils and more than 200 regional partners, is pleased to announce the completion of the Southeast Florida's Prosperity Plan. The Partnership's 50-year Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan reflects a regional agreement around priority investments in key areas of importance to Southeast Florida's future. When considered together, these issues coalesce into a coherent strategy and investment plan in support of the future sustainability and economic prosperity of our communities and region. Agendas and other materials pertaining to the project and Partnership are available on the Seven50 website (www.seven50.org).

A) Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan

The Seven50 SE Florida Prosperity Plan was officially released and is currently available for review as an online, interactive report. The purpose of the online interactive report is to ensure that this document remains easy to access, current, and a valuable resource for years to come. This online version will be the main output venue for the information related to the Seven50 project grant.

In the months leading up to the release of the Plan, the Seven50 Team was on tour throughout the seven counties of the region working with local planners, workgroups, state and local agencies and the public, addressing particular concerns and key areas of focus for each of the counties. The Plan aims at guiding critical regional investments and identifying essential projects, programs, and infrastructure to improve economic and environmental sustainability throughout the region. To review the Prosperity Plan, the Executive Summary and a Video, please visit: <http://seven50report.org>.

B) Seven50 Contract Extension

The South Florida Regional Planning Council has entered into agreement with the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities over an amendment to the existing Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Cooperative Agreement. The amendment reflects a contract extension of sixty (60) days, beginning February 14, 2014 and ending April 21, 2014. Other changes to the agreement reflect the completion of the Seven50 Logic Model, outreach to the Region's Public Housing Authorities (PHA), and newly signed Partnership member agreements. All other terms and conditions attached to the cooperative agreement remain unchanged.

Additional Information & Resources:

B) The Executive Committee

The last Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th, 2014, at the City of Delray's Old School Square's Breeze Room. The location is where Seven50 held its first Opening Summit, entitled "The State of the Region."

Time/Date:

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Location:

Old School Square

Cultural Arts Center

51 North Swinton Avenue

Delray, FL 33444

C) Southeast Florida Team Participating in Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy

In January, Council staff spearheaded the development of a public, private, nonprofit team and application to participate in the Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy "Building a Sustainable Economic Future through Equity and Inclusion" that will be held in Baltimore from March 11-13, 2014. This Leadership Academy is being led by the Sustainable Communities Learning Network, the Institute for Sustainable Communities and Policy Link.

We are pleased to report that our team is one of only 10-15 project teams selected to participate this high level peer exchange focused on strategies to build more prosperous and resilient economies through workforce development, education, equity and inclusion. This Leadership Academy will provide an important opportunity for our diverse team of partners to learn together and have a productive discussion about how we can create and support greater pathways to education and opportunity for all residents, while strengthening our economy.

Through our Sustainable Communities designation, the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership has been fortunate to participate in multiple Leadership Academies on subjects such as climate change and infrastructure, and transportation. These Leadership Academies generally translate into successful team initiatives at home including, most recently, the "Minneapolis Accord" which jumpstarted the ongoing Tri-Rail Coastal Link commuter rail discussion.

Team Members:

- Vice Mayor Patty Asseff, City of Hollywood
- Ron Drew, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance
- Shawn Rowan, Business Development Board of Palm Beach County
- James Carras, Carras Consulting
- Katy Sorenson, Good Government Initiative
- Bonnye Deese, Broward Alliance for Neighborhood Development
- Isabel Cosio Carballo, SFRPC (Team Leader)

* Team members are receiving scholarship assistance of approximately \$400 apiece to help defray travel expenses.

D) Partner Withdrawals from Seven50

The Seven50 Partnership has received notice from several governmental entities, electing to terminate their membership and involvement with Seven50. Please note that these government entities that have terminated their membership are not geographical bodies and only represent units of government. All geographical areas where these units of governments are located in are still represented in the Seven50 Prosperity Plan and other Consortium members.

Partnership Withdrawals:

- City of Boca Raton (Leif Ahnell, City Manager)
- Town of Indian River Shores (Thomas W. Cadden, Mayor)
- City of Stuart (Paul Nicoletti, City Manager)
- Indian River County (Peter O'Bryan, Chairman)
- Indian River Metropolitan Planning Organization (Phil Matson, Director)
- Martin County (Sarah Heard, Chair)

E) Seven50 Media Summit Update

Here's the most recent update of the latest media coverage for the Final Seven50 Summit. Please [click here](#) to view the PDF versions of these media clips. Staff will continue to update the Council as more articles are published.