



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM VA.1

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2013

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SEVEN50: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA PROSPERITY PLAN

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, in association with the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils and more than 200 regional partners, is proceeding with the creation of Seven50, Southeast Florida's Prosperity Plan.

The Partnership is developing Seven50, a seven-county, 50-year Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan that will reflect a regional agreement around priority investments in key areas of importance to Southeast Florida's future. When considered together, these issues will coalesce into a coherent strategy and investment plan in support of the future sustainability and economic prosperity of our communities and region.

The Council is working to develop Seven50 by the contract completion date of February 21, 2014. The following is a schedule of upcoming meetings and a description of each event, which includes:

A) Completion of the Seven50 Project

On October 11, 2013, the draft Seven50 SE Florida Prosperity Plan was officially released and is currently available for comment, suggestions and observations. In the months leading up 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 Seven50 Draft Plan, please visit: <http://seven50.org/seven50-se-florida-prosperity-plan-draft-report/>. The draft is available for comment and will be finalized on December 28th, 2013.

Additional Information & Resources:

B) The Last Executive Committee Meeting:

The last Executive Committee meeting was held on Friday, November 1, 2013, at the offices of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The meeting addressed: the 1) draft release of the Seven50 SE Florida Prosperity Report; 2) Implementation Projects which includes a Regional Leadership Program, Vision Adoption, Integrating the Report into Strategic Planning, and, Demonstration Projects; and, updates on the 3) Final Summit and 4) the overall Partnership.

C) The Fourth Regional Summit:

Please mark your calendars for the fourth and final Seven50 Summit which will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Broward County Convention Center. The final event should be an opportunity to clearly identify and announce short and long term regional priorities, coalitions and advocates, and encourage accountability and outline the future of Seven50.

D) Seven50 Online Scenario Modeler:

The Seven50 Online Modeler provides an opportunity to explore different scenarios for growth and development in the seven counties of Southeast Florida for the next fifty years and beyond. We encourage you to explore the various options and communicate your priorities in the online scenario modeler. For more information, please visit: <http://seven50.org/modeler/>.

F) Leadership Assets Map:

The newly launched digital “Leadership Assets Map” enables the public to identify and connect with the region’s formal, informal, civic and nonprofit organizations and networks within specific geographic or topic areas. It also enables organizations to identify and collaborate with other similar groups or those that have complementary goals. The platform is designed to accommodate ongoing expansions to include the region’s many public agencies and institutional and facility assets. The map covers the following topics: agriculture, climate resilience, community assets and culture, economic development, education and workforce development, environment/natural resources, healthy communities, housing, social opportunity and equity, transportation, and other categories including faith-based organizations, young professionals’ organizations and civic clubs. For more information, please visit: <http://seven50.org/leadership-assets-map/>.

Agendas and other materials pertaining to the project and Partnership are available on the Seven50 website (www.seven50.org).

Recommendation

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