



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM V.F

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2011

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA'S REGIONAL VISION AND BLUEPRINT FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE UPDATE)

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, a collaboration of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils and more than 200 regional partners and supporters, is proceeding with organizational and program activities necessary to develop the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity. This Project is funded in part by a grant from the Sustainable Communities Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation (see www.sustainablecommunities.gov).

Program work is currently being conducted by the staffs of the two Regional Planning Councils, guided by an Executive Committee that has created two Subcommittees: 1) Organization and Equity and 2) Operations. Attachment A is the Partnership's Organizational Chart.

The Partnership is also assisted by a significant amount of in-kind work from numerous members, including staff from public agencies, business professional groups, not-for-profits and key interested individuals.

The following is a brief summary of activities over the past month.

1. Executive Committee: This group currently serves as the overall governing board for the Partnership and is balanced by geography, subject matter expertise, and socio-economic segments of the Region. At its last meeting on October 28, the Executive Committee accepted the appointment of a new member: The Honorable Karen Marcus from Palm Beach County. The Committee recommended amendments to the draft Master Consultant Contract and authorized the Project Director to continue negotiations with the top-ranked, consultant team. The draft Contract was approved by the South Florida Regional Planning Council and is currently under review by HUD. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2011, pursuant to the adoption of the 2012 calendar meetings adopted by the Committee. For more information, please see Attachment B (2012 Calendar Meetings Memo).
2. Organization and Equity Subcommittee: The Organization and Equity Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at the offices of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. At this Subcommittee, members will discuss strategies for expanding

the Partnership's Executive Committee and establish recommendations for populating Partnership Work Groups to the Executive Committee.

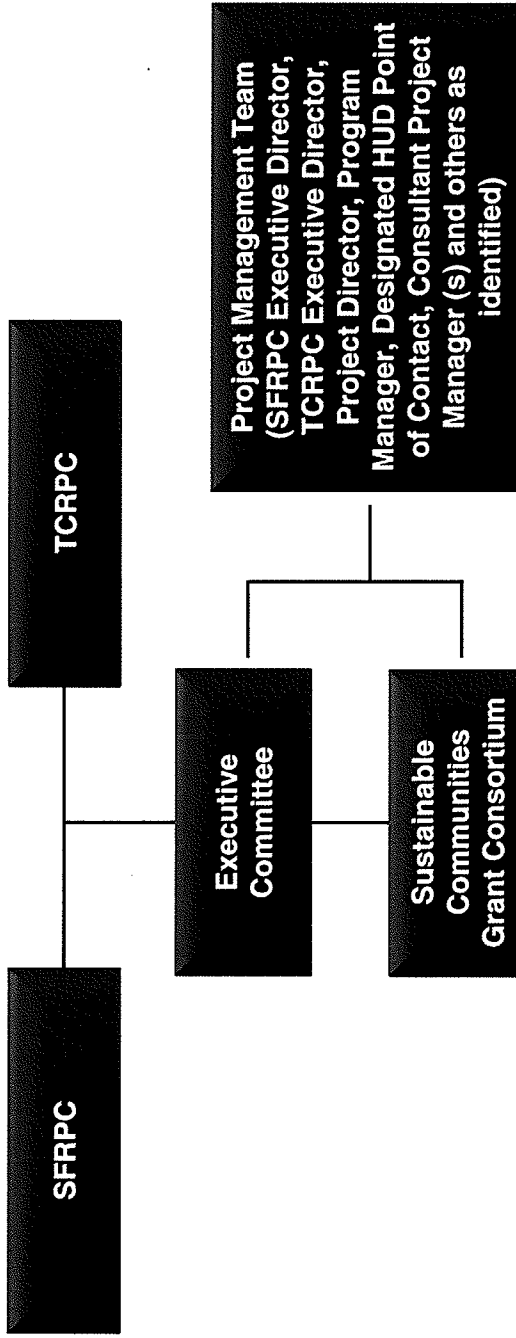
3. **Operations Subcommittee:** The Management Team is in the process of developing implementation documents (Action Plans) with Dover Kohl, the lead master consultant, for review by and input from the Operations Subcommittee. The next Subcommittee meeting will be coordinated and scheduled once implementation documents are in place.
4. **Management Team:** This group consists of the Executive Committee Chair Ferreri; RPC Executive Directors Murley and Busha; Isabel Cosio Carballo, designated representative to HUD; Project Manager Marcela Cambor; and Eric Swanson from the SFRPC. The Management Team met with Dover Kohl, the lead master consultant, on Monday, November 28, to negotiate scheduled deliverables, HUD-approved work plan requirements and possible team expansion (i.e., inclusion of other consultants and/or Consortium Members deemed necessary), as well as compliance with all approved HUD guidelines.
5. **Related Regional Activities/News:**
 - A. **Economic Development** - Both Regional Planning Councils have been engaged in extensive discussion with public and private economic development organizations, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation (Chamber) to develop a framework for county-level and regional economic development strategies. On November 29, 2011, Council staff will attend the DEO/Chamber Summit at St. Petersburg College to further coordinate state, regional and county plans. Both Councils have committed to updating their federally required Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs) using the Chamber framework. By March 2012, the background data for the CEDs will be completed. The end goal is for the CEDs to be used to develop related sections of the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity.
 - B. **Citibank support for the Partnership** - At the Southeast Florida Economic Development Summit held on October 26, 2011, Citibank announced a generous gift of \$100,000 to the Partnership to support efforts to share key information with multiple users through a new national partnership called the "Web-based Analysis and Visualization Environment" (WEAVE).
 - C. **Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact** - Members of the Executive Committee and Management Team staff will be participating at the Compact's upcoming Annual Summit at the Monroe County Nelson Government Center in North Key Largo on December 8-9, 2011. The Compact will release a draft Regional Action Plan that will form the basis for further collaboration in Climate Resiliency for the Partnership and the development of the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity.
 - D. **The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Brochure** - The Management Team has developed an informational brochure on the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership and it was distributed to Executive Committee members and participants of the Economic Summit on October 26. For more information on the Partnership brochure, please follow the website link: <http://www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership/RegPartBrochNov2011.pdf>.

Agendas and other material mentioned above are available on the Council's website under Southeast Florida Regional Partnership (www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership.htm).

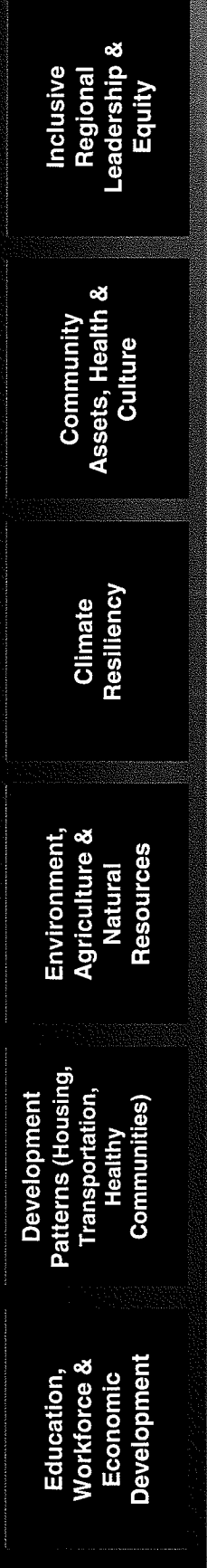
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Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Organization



REGIONAL VISION AND BLUEPRINT FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Work Groups



Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Members



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ATTACHMENT B

DATE: October 28, 2011
TO: Executive Committee Members
FROM: SEFRP Management Team
SUBJECT: Adopted Executive Committee Dates for 2012

The dates adopted by the Executive Committee are intended to set in place a predictable schedule for the 2012 calendar year. All upcoming dates utilize the last Friday of every other month for 2012.

Proposed Meetings

- A. January 27, 2012
- B. March 30, 2012
- C. May 25, 2012
- D. July 27, 2012
- E. September 28, 2012
- F. November 30, 2012