



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM III.J

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS REVIEW PROCEDURES

Background

Pursuant to §163.3184, Florida Statutes (Fla. Stat.), Council review of amendments to local government comprehensive plans is limited to 1) adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)* and 2) extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the Region. A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to §163.3184, Fla. Stat., is provided to the local government and the State Land Planning Agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

The 11 Regional Planning Councils formerly received an annual allocation from the Florida Legislature, with a portion of the funding dedicated to the cost of performing the reviews required by §163.3184, Fla. Stat.; however, the funding for Fiscal Years 2011 – 2014 was vetoed. In order to continue to provide the required reviews, while continuing to add value to the community development and redevelopment activities of member local governments, staff proposes changes in the Council's review process. The specific changes are:

1. Upon receipt of an amendment package, staff will conduct a preliminary review to determine if the amendment's proposed changes adversely affect regional resources or facilities as identified in the *SRPP*, concentrating on the following:
 - a. Hurricane evacuation infrastructure;
 - b. Florida Strategic Intermodal System (including premium transit facilities);
 - c. Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood and Miami International Airports;
 - d. Port Everglades or Port of Miami;
 - e. Homestead Air Reserve Base and Naval Air Station Key West;
 - f. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary;
 - g. Everglades;
 - h. Florida Bay or Biscayne Bay;
 - i. Florida Reef;
 - j. Biscayne Aquifer, Floridian Aquifer, and regional water supply;
 - k. Endangered, Threatened, and Listed species and their habitat;
 - l. National Historic Register sites;
 - m. Florida Master Site File (historical, archeological, and cultural sites);
 - n. Areas of Critical State Concern; or
 - o. Development that would encroach into the Everglades Protection Area or outside of the Urban Development Boundary.

2. Upon receipt of an amendment package, staff will conduct a preliminary review to determine if the amendment's proposed changes create any extrajurisdictional impacts that are not mitigated.
3. A Staff Memorandum will not be prepared for Council Meetings for each amendment package recommended for the Consent Agenda. However, staff will note, where applicable, innovative practices contained in an amendment, as well as how achieving an amendment's desired outcome at the local level may be facilitated by Council activities. This may include things such as information about state or federal funding for implementation, SFRPC staff program activities that can complement the amendment's implementation, etc. After official action by the Council, the Consent Agenda Memorandum will be sent by email to the applicable local government(s) and the State Land Planning Agency, the Department of Economic Opportunity. The proposed Monthly Consent Memorandum is attached as Appendix 1.
4. If the initial review indicates extrajurisdictional impacts and/or potential adverse impacts to a regional resource or facility, the amendment package will be assigned for a more in-depth review.
5. The current Staff Memorandum format will be reserved for amendment packages containing potential Regional Issues. After official action by the Council, the Regional Issues Memorandum will be sent by email to the applicable local government(s) and the State Land Planning Agency, the Department of Economic Opportunity.

Recommendation

Approve the revised plan amendment review procedures.

APPENDIX 1

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2013

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSED AND ADOPTED
 AMENDMENT CONSENT AGENDA

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of amendments to local government comprehensive plans is limited to 1) adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)* and 2) extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the Region.

A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the State Land Planning Agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

Council staff has not identified adverse effects to regional resources and facilities or extrajurisdictional impacts that would result from the following map and text amendments:

Local Government and Plan Amendment Number	Proposed	Adopted	Proposed Council Review Date and Consistency Finding	Local Government Transmittal or Adoption Public Hearing and Meeting	Governing Body Adoption Vote

Recommendation

Find the proposed and adopted plan amendments from the local governments listed in the table above generally consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*. Approve this report for transmittal to the local governments with a copy to the State Land Planning Agency.