



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #11

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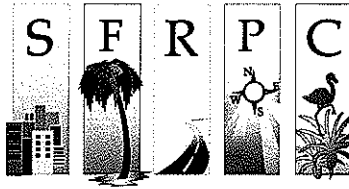
DATE: JULY 12, 2010  
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: STAFF  
SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Attached are brief descriptions of activities in which the Council has been involved since the June 7, 2010 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



## Highlights of Council Activities

July 2010

### State Road 7 Mobility Studies

Council staff continues to meet and work with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the Broward and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations, staff from both counties and the Florida Department of Transportation on a series of studies and planning initiatives to address mobility issues facing the Southwest Palm Beach and Northern Broward County area. A focus of the work is along the State Road 7 Corridor and developing a long-term strategy for sustainable land use and mobility options that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the area along the county line between the Turnpike and the Everglades Conservation Area. Council Staff has prepared a "Common Vision for State Road 7" land use and transit suitability analysis as part of this effort and continues to engage the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative Steering Committee as the studies move forward. For more information please visit [www.seftc.org/sr7](http://www.seftc.org/sr7) or contact Brian Traylor ([BTraylor@sfrpc.com](mailto:BTraylor@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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### Miami River Corridor Catalyst Project

The American Institute of Architects Design Assistance Program Team visited Miami-Dade County as part of the annual AIA meeting, which was this June in Miami Beach. Each year a new team is organized to investigate design solutions for the host community. The Design Assistance Program Team focused its local efforts in our Region along the Miami-River in an effort to provide the Cities and County with tools to move forward with several plans for the area. Council staff participated in the public and stakeholder workshops in partnership with community members and local government representatives. The full report is available on the AIA website at <http://www.aia.org/aiaucmp/groups/aia/documents/pdf/aiab083378.pdf>. For more information, please contact Brian Traylor ([BTraylor@sfrpc.com](mailto:BTraylor@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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### South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund Marketing Update

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Programs (SFRPC-RLF, SFRPC-RLF II and RESCUE-RLF) are designed to meet the needs of businesses in our Region that are not entirely served by conventional lenders. Funds are available to all small and medium-size businesses within Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties as well as designated communities within Miami-Dade County. The Revolving Loan Program also provides technical assistance to new and existing borrowers that will assist them with the growth of their business.

Council staff is continuing to work with National Association Development Organization (NADO) Economic Development Finance Service (EDFS) to plan its 2010 Annual Training Conference. Staff is also working with the City of Hollywood to plan its annual Small Business Conference.

Council staff participated in a case study on Revolving Loan Funds for the Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA). The SFRPC RLF program will also be listed in the CDFA Resource Directory as a source for developing a successful RLF program. This resource directory will be published some time during the month of August 2010.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2010.

For more information regarding the RLF visit our website at [www.sfrpc.com/rlf.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com/rlf.htm) or, please contact Cheryl Cook or Joyce Hall at (954) 985-4416 or email at [rlf@sfrpc.com](mailto:rlf@sfrpc.com).

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## Miami-Dade County Office of Sustainability Targeted Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund

Council staff convened a second Working Group meeting with Miami-Dade Office of Sustainability to identify the targeted industries that would benefit from the availability of low-interest loans for retrofits, renovations automations, and/or equipment upgrades, which reduce energy conservation. The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - Noon. At this meeting Council staff anticipates presenting the group with its Loan Administration Plan and subsequently starting to make loans.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Cook, Bob Cambric, or Brain Traylor of Council staff at (954) 985-4416 or email at [rlf@sfrpc.com](mailto:rlf@sfrpc.com).

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## Regional Domestic Security Task Force Activities

The Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF) is one of Florida's seven Regions funded by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to help prevent or respond to terrorism events in the State. The SERDSTF, which is Region 7, includes Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Council staff has been working with the Communications Work Group of the SERDSTF to update its Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TIC Plan). A TIC Plan describes what communications resources are available within a Region, which agency controls them and what procedures are in place for their use. Staff recently attended a two-day State Working Group meeting on Interoperable Communications in Port St. Lucie to discuss last minute changes to the TIC Plan. Final drafts are due June 30.

For additional information, contact Manny Cela ([celam@sfrpc.com](mailto:celam@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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## South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities

The State of Florida is divided into 11 Local Emergency Planning Committee Districts whose broad duties include preparing regional hazardous materials emergency plans, perform outreach functions to increase awareness and understanding of hazardous substances and provide free training to public sector hazardous material response employees. Since 1988, the Council has served as staff to the South Florida LEPC District 11 (SoFlaLEPC), which encompasses Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. For more information on the SoFlaLEPC and its activities in the Region, please visit its website at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc.htm>.

The SoFlaLEPC held its biennial tabletop exercise on June 4 at the City of Sunrise Civic Center. Attendance exceeded 50 representatives from county and local fire and police departments, emergency management and environmental agencies and health and safety organizations.

The exercise scenario involved accidental damage to a radiation scanner used by construction crews to measure the thickness of concrete. As an added twist, the scenario required that a hazmat team from an adjacent county also be called in support. The exercise participants correctly handled the situation, and in the process, discovered a few differences among how such events unfold in each county.

For information on upcoming training courses, please visit our training webpage located at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm>.

Information on upcoming meeting dates, agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes from previous meetings is always available from <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm>.

For additional information, contact the SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Manny Cela ([celam@sfrpc.com](mailto:celam@sfrpc.com)).



## **Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee**

Council staff attended the July 9, 2010 Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee (PTC) meeting, which was held at Miami-Dade County Planning and Zoning Department. After welcoming comments the Miami-Dade County Planning staff gave an update of the EAR process and other ongoing planning projects. Miami-Dade County Public Schools Office of School Facilities Staff Working Group formed a subcommittee to analyze criteria for charter school concurrency mitigation. An update on the ILA amendment adoption process was also given. A summary of MPO activities was shared. SFRPC staff apprised members of Council activities: the Brownfield program, Legacy Initiatives, and upcoming grant opportunities, including the Notice of Funding Availability for the HUD's Sustainable Community Regional Planning Grant Program. Updates were also given on local Gold Coast APA activities.

The PTC is comprised of planners from local governments and private industry in Miami-Dade County. The PTC generally meets on the first Friday of each month. Council staff provides support for the PTC. For more information about the PTC and upcoming meetings, please visit the Local Government Planners' Meetings Section of the Council's website at [www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm) or contact Karen D. Hamilton ([khamilton@sfrpc.com](mailto:khamilton@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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## **South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study**

Council staff continues to be involved in the South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Transit Analysis Study Station Area Planning Group Meetings. The SFECC Station Area Planning Group brings together planners on a monthly basis, from the three-county area (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach) to make recommendations about station locations, amenities and design guidelines. The number of proposed stations has been narrowed down to 45, with seven additional stations being proposed in the long-term. Five main station types have been proposed: City Center, Town Center, Regional Park-and-Ride, Local Park-and-Ride, and Neighborhood Station. The station type would be determined by land use patterns and local government needs. The Group is currently developing model policy language which would guide the appropriate intensities and densities within a ¼ - ½ mile of the proposed station, to support the assigned station type. The end result would be a combination of Comprehensive Plan text and map amendments that each municipality along the FEC would transmit. Please contact Karen D. Hamilton ([khamilton@sfrpc.com](mailto:khamilton@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff for additional information about this project.

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## **Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Video Conference Meeting**

A regional videoconference meeting of the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership (Partnership) will be held on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. At this meeting, participants will get an update on the progress of the Partnership and the application. There will also be a presentation related to regional partnerships from across the country and state.

Participants can attend the meeting at FDOT locations in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties. Efforts are underway to identify videoconference meeting locations in Monroe and Martin counties. Please contact Isabel Cosio Carballo ([isabelc@sfrpc.com](mailto:isabelc@sfrpc.com)) at 954-985-4416 to check space availability if you are planning to participate in the Miami-Dade or Fort Pierce locations. Space is limited at these locations.

Please visit the Partnership web page by clicking on the Partnership logo at [www.sfrpc.com](http://www.sfrpc.com) or [www.tcrpc.org](http://www.tcrpc.org) for additional information.

Miami (District 6): 1001 NW 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Meeting Room: SunCoast Conference Room 2

West Palm Beach (District 4): 7900 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach  
Meeting Room: Auditorium

Fort Lauderdale (District 4): 3400 West Commercial Blvd., Fort Lauderdale  
Meeting Room: Auditorium

Fort Pierce (District 4): 3601 Oleander Avenue, Fort Pierce  
Meeting Room: Operations Center

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## Background

- In June 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the creation of an Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities. At that time they committed to working collaboratively to ensure that their respective investments enhance economic, environmental and community sustainability through the implementation of “Livability Principles” and integration of transportation, housing, and environmental planning and investment on a regional scale.
- Congress approved \$150 million in the FY 10-11 budget for the Sustainable Communities Initiative. Of that, \$100 million is allocated to the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program.
- The South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils, in partnership with a growing group of regional stakeholders called the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, is developing an application to support a regional “visioning” process and development of a “Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.” Up to \$5 million is available to regions of our size to support this effort. This Regional Plan becomes, in essence, a regional infrastructure investment plan that will further economic, environmental, and community sustainability over the long term (2060) while enhancing Southeast Florida’s adaptive capacity to address the projected impacts of climate change and sea level rise.
- The HUD Notice of Funding of Availability (NOFA) was released on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The NOFA is the guidance document that sets forth the requirements and components of competitive applications. The application is due August 23, 2010.

Link to NOFA: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/scrpg.cfm>

- It is expected that federal and state agencies will use the Regional Plan to guide future investment in Southeast Florida.
- Other regions across the state and nation are well ahead of Southeast Florida in developing regional partnerships and in articulating and advocating for their regional priorities with “one voice.” Florida examples include MyRegion.org (Orlando), One Bay (Tampa), and First Coast (Northeast Florida). Our failure to organize ourselves similarly has left our region at a competitive disadvantage.
- This is a very competitive program. Everyone’s assistance and support is critical to the success of the application and overall initiative.
- Additional information about the Partnership and the HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program can be accessed by clicking on the Partnership logo on the SFRPC ([www.sfrpc.com](http://www.sfrpc.com)) and TCRPC ([www.tcrpc.org](http://www.tcrpc.org)) home pages.

For additional information, please contact Isabel Cosio Carballo ([isabelc@sfrpc.com](mailto:isabelc@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff or Greg Vaday ([gvaday@tcrpc.org](mailto:gvaday@tcrpc.org)) at 772-221-4060.

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