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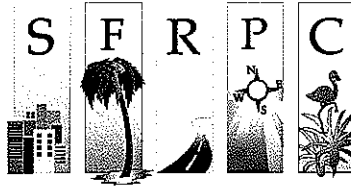
AGENDA ITEM #11

DATE: APRIL 5, 2010
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Attached are brief descriptions of activities in which the Council has been involved since the March 1, 2010 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



Highlights of Council Activities

April 2010

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 working with the City of Hollywood and other cities, chambers and organizations within Broward County to host a Small Business Conference and Expo during Small Business Week which takes place in the month of May 2010. The location of the event will be determined by the City of Hollywood. The purpose of the event is to assist small businesses identify financial and other resources to help sustain and grow their business. Council staff is also working with the City of Hollywood to redefine its Financial Consortium Committee and how it can best serve the businesses located in the City.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2010.

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

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 is working with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to coordinate Communications Leader (COM-L) training in the Region. A COM-L is responsible for communications during a major emergency requiring the deployment of equipment in the field. Tactical interoperable communications between different disciplines (fire, law enforcement, EMS) and different agencies are of critical importance during such events. The class is scheduled for April 21-23, 2010, in the Council offices.

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

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 is required to hold training exercises every other year. Two years ago, the Committee organized a "tabletop" or discussion-based exercise with a scenario involving a hazardous materials spill in southern Miami-Dade County. This year's exercise will also take the form of a tabletop, with representatives from different agencies "testing" their emergency

plans as they respond to a scenario involving a radiological event. The City of Sunrise has graciously offered to host the exercise at its Civic Center on June 4, 2010.

Council staff is working to schedule several hazmat training courses in the District. Negotiations are under way to offer a **HazMat Awareness** class at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office facility in Marathon. Although primarily scheduled for Sheriff's Office and Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority personnel, the class will be open to others as well.

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).

Southwest Palm Beach County & Northern Broward County Mobility Studies Coordinating Committee

Council staff is working 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. The Coordinating Committee is a component of a long-term strategy for sustainable land use and mobility options that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the area crossing the Broward/Palm Beach 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. A week-long design charrette is currently scheduled for April 18-23, 2010, for the Palm Beach County portions of the study area. For more information please visit www.seftc.org/sr7 or contact Brian Traylor (BTraylor@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

Staff participated in the review of various grant requests for funding that was provided to the region by the Federal Transit Administration through the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and the New Freedom Programs. For additional information, please contact or Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com). http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/circulars/leg_reg_6623.html.

Clean Cities Coalition

The Clean Cities Coalition held its monthly meeting on March 12, 2009. The topic of discussion focused around the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) grant awards that were received by different entities in South Florida and the deployment of electric technologies including electric charging stations in South Florida. Charles Whalen from the Florida Electric Car Association was the guest speaker. For additional information, please contact or Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Karen Hamilton (Khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff or go to www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities.

Alternative Energy Technical Assistance

Staff conducted a site visit at the request of the City of South Miami to brainstorm about "green initiatives" within the City boundaries. Staff also held meeting with staff from AT&T, which is seeking technical assistance in deploying compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles throughout the country. For additional information, please contact or Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com).

Transportation Technical Assistance

Staff met with the City of Miami Lakes to work through some federal opportunities to acquire equipment to support the transit bus circulator in the community. For additional information, please contact or Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Isabel Cosio Carballo (Isabelc@sfrpc.com).
