



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #15a

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2008

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATED TO UNIVERSITY DRIVE EXTENSION

Council staff has been a contributing partner in the development of the transportation assessment related to University Drive and the development of a common vision for State Road 7, at this time the Council has no official role in the University Drive Extension discussion. Provided below is an excerpt from the Statute which may provide an opportunity for greater participation in future transportation investment decisions.

This excerpt from Florida Statutes was referred to during the previous Council meeting precursor discussion of the University Drive Extension.

F.S. 186.505 Regional planning councils; powers and duties.--Any regional planning council created hereunder shall have the following powers:

(24) To review plans of independent transportation authorities and metropolitan planning organizations to identify inconsistencies between those agencies' plans and applicable local government plans.

Staff has previously worked towards finding a feasible operational mechanism for the Council to carry out this authority with little success. A renewed analysis of potential methods of implementing this authority is underway as a result of the inconsistent plans pertaining to the extension of University Drive in northwest Broward County/southwest Palm Beach County. Staff will provide the results of this analysis for discussion by the Council during the January session of the Strategic Planning workshop.

A premier example of land use/transportation integration is the South Florida Regional Planning Council SR 7 Collaborative. Similar tools could be used in various areas where existing communities and future transportation demands require collaboration.

According to statute, regional planning councils shall review urbanized area transportation plans and any other planning products stipulated in s. [339.175](#) and provide the department and respective metropolitan planning organizations with written recommendations which the department and the metropolitan planning organizations shall take under advisement.

Recommendation

For information and discussion.

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