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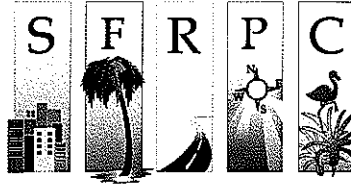
AGENDA ITEM #11

DATE: JUNE 1, 2009
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 May 4, 2009 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



Highlights of Council Activities

June 2009

South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund Marketing Update

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Programs (SFRPC-RLF, SFRPC-RLF II, RLF III 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 facilitated a discussion on "how to work with lenders" at one of Turner Construction training classes, held on May 14, 2009. Staff also presented the RLF program to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Monthly breakfast meeting.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2009.

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.

Clean Cities Grant Opportunities

The Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition has identified two funding opportunities. The intent is to apply for these grants as a region to increase the South Florida Region's chances of selection.

The first grant is through the U.S. Department of Energy. Applications will only be accepted for the following interest area: Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Vehicles Pilot Grant Program. Applications are due on September 30, 2009.

The second funding opportunity is through the Southeast Diesel Collaborative (SEDC). Projects addressing environmental strategies to improve air quality and public health by reducing emissions from existing diesel engines in the Southeast will be accepted.

This will be available through the renewal of Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funds. An RFP will be published late August/early September. Proposals will be due in late November/early December. Awards will be made in late March/early April 2010.

For additional information about these grant opportunities contact Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Karen D. Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee

Council staff attended the April 30, 2009 Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee (PTC) meeting, at the Miami-Dade Public School Board. The meeting was abbreviated since it preceded the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Staff Working Group.

Miami-Dade Public Schools staff reported that the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) had been approved by the Miami-Dade County Commission and the School Board. Local governments will have to adopt the revised ILA and may need to add charter schools to the Education Element of their Comprehensive Plans. The Miami-Dade Public Schools will hold a planning forum with all municipalities on May 27, 2009. Most municipalities have adopted their Water Supply Plans (WSP). Miami

Gardens will be transmitting their WSP in June. Brief updates on the Legislative portion of the Broward PTC, the Miami Dade MPO, and the Green Initiatives Subcommittee meetings were given.

The PTC is considering changing its meetings from the first Friday of each month to the first Thursday. All members will be polled to see what day and time works best. The next PTC meeting will be scheduled based on the results of the survey.

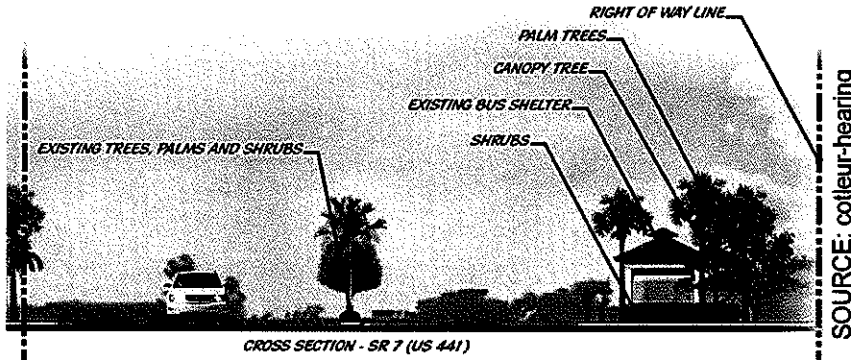
The PTC is comprised of planners from local governments and private industry in Miami-Dade County. The PTC generally meets on the first Friday of each month. Council staff provides support for the PTC. For more information about the PTC and upcoming meetings, please visit the Local Government Planners'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

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Staff Working Group Meeting

Council staff attended the Office of School Facilities Staff Working Group Meeting on April 30, 2009. There was a review and discussion of the School Concurrency Management System (CMS). The CMS is a fully automated, real time, GIS/web-based computer system. The program assigned classroom seats on a first come first served basis. As of April 23, 2009, 115 applications have been processed, 6,667 residential units have been reviewed and 1,981 student seats have been reserved for up to six one-year terms. An update on the ILA and the Public Educational Facilities Element was also shared. The original ILA has been adopted by 25 out of 28 non-exempt municipalities. Twenty-seven out of twenty-eight non-exempt municipalities have transmitted their PEFE to DCA. The Staff Working Group will provide guidance on adopting the revised ILA and changes to the PEFE. The School Site Planning and Construction Committee will host an Annual Planning Forum on May 27, 2009 to prepare a Tentative Five-Year Capital Plan and discuss updates to school concurrency implementation. Contact Karen D. Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff for additional information.

State Road 7 Collaborative: Landscape Enhancement Community Awareness Meetings

A series of Community Awareness Meetings were held in May with Council staff, FDOT and the project's landscape architecture consultants presenting proposed landscape enhancements and answering questions from the community about the improvements. Construction is scheduled to begin in April of 2010 as part of a grant from FDOT for median and right-of-way landscape improvements along State Road 7. The project was initiated with a corridor-wide analysis, identifying opportunities for additional plantings and areas with existing landscaping.



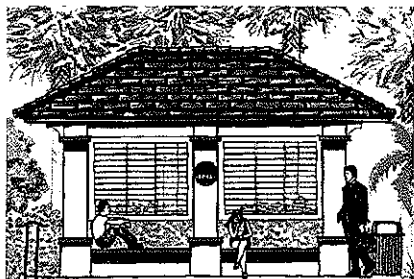
The State Road 7 Collaborative communities of Lauderhill, Plantation, North Lauderdale, Tamarac, and Fort Lauderdale were all included in the meetings and will be seeing improvements along the corridor over the next few years. For more information, visit www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm or contact Brian Traylor (btraylor@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

Bus Shelter Design Under Construction

The final bus shelter funded by an Enhancement Grant through the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative is currently being built in Margate. Designed by council staff, the bus shelter will incorporate solar power and real-time signage to indicate the wait time for the next bus.

This shelter is one of several transit investments along the corridor and federal funding is currently being leveraged with a focus on new amenities for existing transit riders.





The construction of this shelter completes the \$550,000.00 Enhancement Grant and will be the first of several shelters to be built in Margate with the same design. For more information, visit www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm or contact Brian Traylor (btraylor@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

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 attended the April 30, 2009 Training and Exercise Planning Workshop in Orlando organized by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM). Staff facilitated the Region 7 table at the workshop helping coordinate training and exercise information previously gathered from local governments. 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 (LEPC) Districts whose broad duties include preparing regional hazardous materials emergency plans, perform outreach functions to increase awareness and understanding of hazardous substances and provide low-cost 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 LEPC and its activities in the Region, please visit its website at www.sfrpc.com/lepc.htm.

The SoFlaLEPC is offering two free HazMatIQ courses in District 11. The first class will take place June 23, 2009 at the City of Miami Training Facility located in Coconut Grove. The second class will be offered June 24, 2009 at the South Florida Regional Planning Council offices. HazMatIQ is a system which employs color-coordinated charts to enable first responders to quickly assess risk and make a proper decision on how best to mitigate an incident involving hazardous materials. For more information, including registration instructions, please visit our training website: www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm.

Information on upcoming meeting dates, agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes from previous meetings are always available from www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm. For additional information, contact the LEPC Coordinator Manny Cela (celam@sfrpc.com).
