

MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #7b

DATE:

MARCH 1, 2010

TO:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM:

STAFF

SUBJECT:

BROWARD COUNTY REVISED ADOPTED REMEDIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

AMENDMENT DCA #10-R1

Community Profile

Broward County, incorporated in 1915, is a highly-urbanized county located in the southeastern portion of Florida. The 2009 population is estimated to be 1,744,922, a 7.5 percent increase since 2000. It is the 15th largest county in the nation. Broward County contains 1,197 square miles of land, of which the western two-thirds is held in conservation areas and the eastern one-third is considered developable. Population densities in the eastern part of the County average 4,318 people per square mile. Continued population growth and a growing economy, coupled with limited undeveloped land have resulted in pressures for in-fill and redevelopment at higher densities in the County. This creates the need to address issues related to school facilities, water supply, affordable housing and traffic congestion. Through its Charter responsibilities, Broward County regulates the land use plans of its 31 municipalities. The County works closely with its cities to provide a consistent, comprehensive planning effort. Notable among the coordinated planning efforts is the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative. The general location of the County is shown in Attachment 1.

Amendment Review

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) did not prepare the amendment package and, therefore, is not precluded from commenting on the adopted Plan or Element pursuant to Section 163.3184(5), Florida Statutes (F.S.), or Rule 9J-11.0084, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); or commenting on the adopted amendment pursuant to Section 163.32465(4)(b), F.S.

The Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) notified SFRPC that the amendment package was complete on (if applicable): February 8, 2010.

The amendment review must be transmitted to DCA on (if applicable): Notice of Intent to be issued March 3, 2010

The amendment review will be transmitted to DCA on: February 19, 2010 (Staff Draft), March 1, 2010 (Board Action).

Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment package #10-R1 contains revised remedial amendments to the Transportation Element of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan (BCCP). The amendments were adopted pursuant to an Amended Stipulated Settlement Agreement with the Florida Department of Community Affairs

(DCA) to correct procedural errors that occurred with the original adoption of the remedial amendments on March 24, 2009. The Council reviewed the adopted remedial amendments on May 4, 2009, and found the amendment package generally consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)*.

No Future Land Use Map amendments were included in the adopted amendment package.

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted (9-0) to approve the revised adopted remedial amendments at its January 26, 2010 meeting.

Impact Analysis

Staff analysis confirms the Broward County revised adopted remedial amendment package #10-R1 would not result in compatibility, extra-jurisdictional, or affordable housing issues; or impact significant regional resources and facilities, natural resources, transportation systems, emergency preparedness plans and local mitigation strategies.

Since a detailed impact analysis is not applicable to the review of the adopted amendment package, the related analysis sections found in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Amendment Review Form C-7 (Sections 9 through 18) have not been included in this staff report.

Recommendation of Consistency with Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)

Find Broward County revised adopted remedial amendment package #10-R1 generally consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*. Approve this report for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.





