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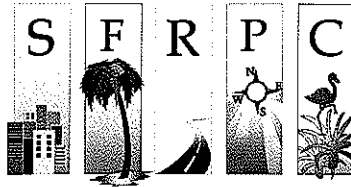
AGENDA ITEM #11

DATE: MAY 4, 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 April 6, 2009 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



Highlights of Council Activities May 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 presented the RLF program to the NFL Emerging Business' second workshop on "Preparing Businesses to do Business with the Superbowl".

Council staff also presented the RLF program at the South Florida Technology Association Annual Conference, the Florida Regional Minority Business Council Conference, the City of Lauderdale Lakes Small Business Forum and Commissioner Katy Sorenson Small Business Workshop. Council staff will also participate in a "Small Business Workshop" sponsored by Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz's office on May 23, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Broward County Convention Center.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 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.

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 Miami Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to plan a Table Top Exercise for bank personnel and its tenants. The objectives of the exercise are to test the facility's Emergency Evacuation Plan (EEP) and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). The initial planning meeting was held February 10, 2009. The second planning meeting took place April 16, 2009. Final preparations are now under way for the June 2, 2009 exercise.

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, performing outreach functions to increase awareness and understanding of hazardous substances, and providing 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** hazmat courses in Monroe County this month. On May 5, there will be a HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) course at the Florida Keys Community College in Key West. On

May 6, there will be a WMD/HazMat Awareness course offered at the Monroe County Fire Academy in Crawl Key (near Marathon). This course will provide attendees a general awareness of hazardous materials properties and effects as well as the ability to recognize and identify such hazards. Both classes are free and open to public and private sector personnel who may come in contact with, or be exposed to, hazardous materials in the workplace. 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 at www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm.

For additional information, contact the LEPC Coordinator Manny Cela (celam@sfrpc.com).

Clean Cites 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. There are two sets of deadlines for this grant. Round 1 is due on May 29, 2009 and Round 2 is 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 3, 2009 Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee (PTC) meeting, at the City of Miami Gardens. Staff gave a brief overview on the planning and economic development activities since the City's incorporation, six years ago. Miami Gardens plans to adopt their water supply work plan and related amendments by June 2009. The City also plans to adopt a corridor development district as part of its Land Development Regulations. The City has used the lull in building permits as an opportunity to purchase land. Over 42,000 people attended the City's "Jazz in the Gardens" concert, last month.

The Corradino Group gave a presentation of its ArcGIS-based concurrency tracking system for transportation and water. The Corradino Group recently worked with the City of Hialeah and the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department on a Concurrency Management System for potable water. Building on the success of their water tracking system, the Corradino Group is developing a school concurrency management system. A brief discussion ensued on the water supply planning process. PTC members were pleased with responses from SFWMD staff, at the last meeting.

Miami-Dade Public Schools staff reported on the progress of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA). There may be a change to the ILA if a vote passes the Miami-Dade Commission Meeting on April 20, and the School Board on the 22. Then the (School) Staff Working Group will have an important meeting to discuss the changed ILA and will need to vote unanimously to amend the ILA. The Miami-Dade Public Schools will hold a planning forum with all municipalities on May 27, 2009.

Council staff gave a legislative update and engaged attendees in a discussion about Senate Bill 360 passing the Senate (32:8). Council staff's legislative analysis is available on the www.sfrpc.com website, as part of the April 6, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda. Copies of the Council's resolution against 360 and any bills that weaken growth management and in support a dedicated funding source for the SFRTA can also access on the website.

The next PTC meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on April 30, 2009 at the Miami-Dade County Schools Administration Building. 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.

State Road 7 Collaborative Welcomes new Vice-Chair

The Collaborative Steering Committee has elected Lauderdale Lakes Deputy Vice-Mayor David Shomers to serve as Vice-Chair along with existing Chair and former Tamarac Commissioner, Edward Portner. Council staff continues to provide administrative support to the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative and is working with the Chairs to engage the group's existing sub-committees and establish additional technical advisory committees. The Collaborative Steering Committee is looking toward expansion recently inviting Miami-Dade County to the Partnership in the south and Council Staff is working with the Palm Beach and Broward MPO's to develop a Common Vision for the Corridor to the north. With a focus on transit and redevelopment opportunities along the corridor, the work of the Collaborative is seeing more value and recently gaining new momentum. The website for the Collaborative continues to be updated and more information is available at www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm or by contacting Brian Traylor (btraylor@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

Council Offers Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Assistance

South Florida has been allocated over \$35 million through the Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program funded through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Council staff will be available to work with the municipalities eligible for direct formula funding on opportunities for regional partnerships and implementation strategies as well as project monitoring and reporting services. Local governments not directly allocated funding will also be eligible to receive grants through the State of Florida, which is required to distribute over \$18 million throughout the state. All funding will require an application to DOE, due by June 25, 2009. The Council continues its commitment to a Sustainable South Florida and will work with partner agencies and local governments to ensure the Region's access to these resources and their effective use. The following lists the amount of directly-allocated funding in the South Florida Region.

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| Coconut Creek | \$452,400 | Miami Gardens | \$989,200 |
| Coral Gables | \$212,700 | Miramar | \$959,200 |
| Coral Springs | \$1,148,200 | North Lauderdale | \$161,800 |
| Davie | \$841,200 | North Miami | \$500,300 |
| Deerfield Beach | \$715,500 | North Miami Beach | \$156,600 |
| Fort Lauderdale | \$2,036,400 | Oakland Park | \$180,800 |
| Hallandale Beach | \$164,800 | Pembroke Pines | \$1,321,700 |
| Hialeah | \$1,979,200 | Plantation | \$804,300 |
| Hollywood | \$1,354,400 | Pompano Beach | \$1,038,200 |
| Homestead | \$541,700 | Sunrise | \$840,700 |
| Lauderhill | \$595,200 | Tamarac | \$544,900 |
| Margate | \$498,200 | Weston | \$594,600 |
| Miami | \$4,742,300 | Miami-Dade County | \$12,523,700 |
| Miami Beach | \$839,000 | | |

For more information, please contact Brian Traylor (btraylor@sfrpc.com) of Council staff, or visit www.eecbg.energy.gov.

Clean Cities Coalition

The Clean Cities Coalition held its monthly meeting on April 17, 2009. The meeting was well attended by both the public and private sector. The discussion focused around the upcoming grants that are due to the Department of Energy in May 2009. Staff continues to work with private businesses and public agencies in the development of grant applications using funding made available through the Stimulus grants. We are reminding cities that \$300 million is available for projects related to alternatives fuels, vehicles and infrastructure. Our Coalition could be selected to receive from \$5 to \$15 million. This funding can only be accessed through working with a Clean Cities Coalition. For more information, please contact Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff or go to <http://www.sfrta.fl.gov/>.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill

Staff participated in a Transportable Roundtable discussion regarding the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill that was hosted by Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart on Friday, April 17, 2009. For more information, please contact Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff or go to <http://www.sfrta.fl.gov/>.

Miami-Dade County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2035

Staff attended the Miami-Dade MPO LRTP Steering Committee Meetings. The focus of these meetings revolved around the Miami-Dade 2035 LRTP Candidate Project Evaluation. For further information, please contact Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff or go to <http://www.miamidade2035transportationplan.com>.

Broward County Long Range Transportation Plan 2035

Staff attended the Broward County MPO LRTP Steering Committee Meetings. The focus of the meeting revolved around the Broward County 2035 needs assessment. For further information please contact Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff or go <http://publicforum.broward2035lrtp.com/>.
