



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #6a

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DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2009

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES ELEMENT/CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT UPDATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

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## Introduction

Council staff has received a proposed plan amendment from the City of Miami Springs for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. The proposed amendment would update the Capital Improvement Element. Staff review is undertaken pursuant to the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rules 9J-5 and 9J-11, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

No proposed Public Education Facilities Element Comprehensive Plan Amendments were received for review this month.

## **Capital Improvements Element Update Amendments**

Every year local governments must update their Capital Improvements Element (CIE), including the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements (Schedule). The purpose of the CIE and the Schedule is to identify the capital improvements that are needed to implement the Comprehensive Plan and ensure that adopted Level of Service (LOS) Standards are achieved and maintained for concurrency-related facilities (sanitary sewer; solid waste; drainage; potable water; parks and recreation; schools; transportation facilities, including mass transit, where applicable; and public school facilities). In order to assure that facilities will be in place to maintain LOS Standards in a timely manner, the Schedule must address deficiencies and be financially feasible. The adopted update amendment must be received by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) by December 1 of each year.

The annual update amendment is exempt from the twice-per-year limitation on Plan amendment adoptions and may be adopted by a local government with only one public hearing. Under this expedited process, the local government does not transmit the annual update as a proposed amendment and DCA does not issue an Objections, Recommendations and Comments (ORC) Report. Instead, the local government simply adopts the CIE annual update amendment at a duly noticed public hearing, sends the adopted amendment to DCA, and DCA publishes a Notice of Intent after conducting a compliance review. However, a local government may elect to submit the annual update as a proposed amendment for review just like other large-scale amendments.

Local governments with no scheduled improvements must still annually review and revise, as necessary, the CIE. If the annual review establishes that no capital improvement projects need be included in the Schedule, then the annual update should demonstrate that LOS Standards will be maintained during the next five-year planning period and, thus, no capital improvements need be scheduled.

Effective December 1, 2008, if the adopted annual CIE update amendment is not received by DCA by December 1 of each year, the local government is prohibited from adopting Future Land Use Map changes, except for amendments to meet new statutory requirements and emergency amendments, until the update amendment is submitted to the Department. This prohibition on future amendments also applies to small scale amendments.

The only local government proposing to adopt the CIE annual update amendment this month is the City of Miami Springs. A table with information regarding the local government’s vote on the amendment follows.

Local Government	Plan Amendment Number	Local Government Meeting	Governing Body Transmittal Vote
Miami Springs	09-1	8/10/09	Unanimous

Staff analysis confirms that the proposed amendment is compatible with and supportive of the Goals and Policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

Recommendation

Find the proposed plan amendment from the City of Miami Springs, related to the annual update to the Capital Improvements Element, generally consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*. Approve this staff report for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.