



# MEMORANDUM

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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION DRAFT AGENDA, OCTOBER 5, 2009

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## Background

Part One of the Council's Strategic Planning Session was conducted on December 1, 2008. The session included an update of the required activities of Council staff and the Board. A selection of external partners of the Council provided brief explanations of expectations of the activities of the Council. The following topic areas were covered during Part One:

- Local Government Comprehensive Plan and Plan Amendment Review
- Developments of Regional Impact
- Local Government Comprehensive Plan and Plan Amendment Technical Assistance
- Economic Development/Revolving Loan Programs
- Human Service Planning and Technical Assistance
- Transportation Policy, Development and Implementation

Strategic Planning Session Part Two is scheduled to occur on October 3, 2009. The following is a proposed outline to guide the discussion at the meeting.

- I. Overview of Current Council Programs and Activities**
- II. Identification of the Challenges and Opportunities facing the Region**
- III. Prioritization of Regional Challenges and Opportunities**
- IV. Identification of Council Roles and Responsibilities to Address Regional Challenges and Opportunities**

Staff also will compile, as directed, background information to frame and facilitate your discussions. The Council's Mission, programs and services are summarized below.

## **SFRPC Mission**

The Council's mission is to identify the long-term challenges and opportunities facing Southeast Florida and assist the Region's leaders in developing and implementing creative strategies that result in more prosperous and equitable communities, a healthier and cleaner environment, and a more vibrant economy.

### [Strategic Regional Policy Plan \(SRPP\)](#)<sup>1</sup>

The Council, with input from other governmental entities and the private sector, prepares, adopts, and implements the Goals and Policies of the SRPP to balance the needs of the Region. The SRPP contains 22 goals that reflect the priority issues of the Region. These issues, including affordable housing, school facilities, transportation, and natural resources, are addressed in the context of the SRPP's supporting values: **Sustainability**, **Connectivity**, and **Responsibility**. Indicators and targets are provided for each goal to help determine progress, identify opportunities for improvement and collaboration, and recognize regional success.

### [Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review](#)<sup>2</sup>

The Council regularly reviews local government comprehensive plans and plan amendments for consistency with the SRPP. Local governments amend their plans regularly to adjust to changing conditions. Plan and plan amendments are reviewed to determine compatibility with the SRPP and for extra-jurisdictional impacts.

### [Developments of Regional Impact \(DRIs\)](#)<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to Chapter 380, Florida Statutes, Regional Planning Councils are charged with the coordination of multi-jurisdictional agency review of large-scale development projects, which may impact more than one county. These projects, known as Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs), are typically complex and require input from numerous reviewing agencies. Senate Bill 360 (2009 Session) exempts projects within Dense Urban Land Areas from the DRI Program, except in Areas of Critical State Concern and within two miles of the Everglades.

### [Regional Transportation and Land Use Planning](#)

The Council works with the Region's Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Florida Department of Transportation, other state and federal agencies, counties, cities and the private and nonprofit sectors to make sure that transportation initiatives and improvements are supportive of the goals and policies articulated in the SRPP.

Understanding the role that transportation plays in issues such as economic development, urban redevelopment and infill, community revitalization, brownfields remediation and reuse, environmental justice, emergency management, regional land use and water supply planning, regional transit and mobility, the creation of sustainable, livable communities, and conservation and recreational open space planning, the Council works to ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, transportation projects and initiatives support regional sustainability and an improved quality of life for the region's existing and future residents.

### [Broward County Planners' Technical Committee](#) and [Miami-Dade Planners' Technical Committee](#)

Council staff provides support for the Miami-Dade and Broward Planners' Technical Committees, which meet monthly. Both have broad memberships representing professional planning staff from local governments in each county. Monthly meetings provide a forum to coordinate planning issues in our region, including comprehensive planning, land use, transportation, schools, water supply and changes in legislation.

### [State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative](#)

The State Road Seven Corridor Redevelopment Strategy is an initiative to assist in design issues for the widening of SR7 in Broward County.

### [Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition](#)

The role of the Coalition is to provide fuel-neutral policy direction to maximize the use of vehicles operating on alternative fuels throughout Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties.

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<sup>1</sup> Council is directed by s.186.507-508, *Florida Statutes*, to prepare and adopt the SRPP.

<sup>2</sup> Council is directed by s.163.3184(4), *F.S.*, to review Comprehensive Plan and Plan amendments and provide comments to DCA.

<sup>3</sup> Council activities are directed by s.380.06, *F.S.*

### Local Emergency Planning Committee<sup>4</sup>

- The South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (SoFlaLEPC) is one of 11 LEPCs created by the Florida legislature to assist the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) with hazardous materials planning and reporting requirements mandated by the EPA
- Membership in the Committee is made up of emergency management, firefighting, health and safety, hospital, facility owners and operators, transportation and environmental representatives from Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe counties
- Each year as part of its outreach activities, the South Florida LEPC provides a variety of free hazardous materials training to public and private sector employees in the Region
- In 2008, more than 210 persons were trained in eight classes

### Regional Domestic Security

- For the past six years, Council staff has been working with the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF) through a cooperative agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM).
- The 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 Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties.

### Economic Development

The Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy provides economic information and technical assistance to local governments, private businesses, and neighborhood-based organizations with respect to the creation and expansion of employment opportunities, thereby maintaining our designation as an Economic Development District.

### Revolving Loan Fund

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund is accepting applications from small to medium-sized businesses in Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties.

### Urban Planning & Design

Council Staff is available to provide planning assistance and design services to the region's local governments. Our support efforts focus on initiatives that work to create more prosperous and equitable communities, a healthier and cleaner environment, and a more vibrant economy.

### Intergovernmental Coordination & Review<sup>5</sup>

The South Florida Regional Planning Council is responsible for the review of applications for state and federal permits and requests for funding from state and federal agencies for projects within the South Florida Region.

### Regional Housing Strategy

The SFRPC has identified affordable housing as a priority concern. The Council directed staff to initiate efforts to address the affordable housing situation in the Region.

### Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership

Because actual or perceived environmental contamination in urban infill sites - along with the risks and costs associated with addressing it - is a significant barrier to redevelopment in the Eastward Ho! corridor, the Partnership is targeting the remediation and sustainable reuse of contaminated and abandoned or underused sites as part of the larger Eastward Ho! effort.

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<sup>4</sup> Council activities are directed by DCA annual contract.

<sup>5</sup> Council activities are directed by Presidential Executive Order 12372, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), and DCA annual contract.

### [The Coordinating Council of Broward \(CCB\)](#)

The South Florida Regional Planning Council is engaged in an on-going collaboration with The Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB) to support integrated planning for health, education and human service delivery in Broward County.

### [Dispute Resolution<sup>6</sup>](#)

The Council's Regional Dispute Resolution Process (RDRP) was adopted in response to the requirements of Chapter 186.509, Florida Statutes. The RDRP is designed to reconcile differences in planning, growth management, and other matters among local governments, regional agencies, and private interests. The RDRP endeavors to be a flexible process that will clearly identify and resolve problems as early as possible; utilize procedures in a low-to-high cost sequence, allow flexibility, provide for the appropriate involvement of affected parties, and provide as much process certainty as possible. Senate Bill 360 amended this process and now mandates participation by all local governments to address intergovernmental conflicts.

### [GIS/Mapping](#)

The South Florida Regional Planning Council uses a **Geographic Information System** (GIS) to produce display maps and assist the planning staff in their analytical work. The Council offers a variety of **Mapping Services** including the creation of customized maps. Examples of the Council's mapping capabilities are displayed in the **South Florida Map Gallery**.

### [State Data Center](#)

As an affiliate of the Florida State Data Center, the Council receives and distributes data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census and other sources. The Council library contains a comprehensive set of publications for the State of Florida, as well as an extensive collection of CD-ROMs containing detailed data. Staff can provide selected data on diskette.

### [Institute for Community Collaboration](#)

The Institute for Community Collaboration, Inc. (ICC) is a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ICC provides professional research, training, mediation, facilitation, and other services to governments, institutions, private parties, and organizations in order to bring collaborative processes and consensus decision-making to South Florida communities regarding the myriad issues they face in this diverse region. These services include, but are not limited to, economic and community development and revitalization, conflict resolution, environmental protection and justice, visioning, land planning, program advocacy, and administrative oversight and support.

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<sup>6</sup> Council is directed by s.186.509, *F.S.*, to conduct mandatory mediation to resolve growth management-related intergovernmental conflicts.