

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe County Joint Planners' Technical Committee Meeting

August 9, 2007

McDonald Center, 17051 NE 19 Ave., North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) convened a meeting of the Miami-Dade Planners' Technical Committee, the Broward Planners' Technical Committee and planning staff of Monroe County's local governments on August 9, 2007. The meeting was held at the City of North Miami Beach's McDonald Center (address above). The meeting facilities were provided by the City of North Miami Beach at no cost. The meeting agenda is attached as Exhibit 1.

Attendees

There were 73 attendees, including staff members from local governments of all three of the South Florida Region's counties, staff of the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and one local government elected official (City of Hallandale). The attendance roster is attached as Exhibit 2.

Welcome and Introductions

Carolyn A. Dekle, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council welcomed attendees and asked for self introductions. Ms. Dekle then introduced staff of the SFRPC, DCA and SFWMD. She provided a review of the meeting agenda. She then introduced Keven Klopp, City Manager, City of North Miami Beach and thanked him for his assistance in providing the meeting venue and making the meeting possible.

Mr. Klopp welcomed everyone and provided some background information on the City and summarized the planning issues that it faces. The City is an older municipality, is built out and has changing demographics. He noted the motto of North Miami Beach, "N - M - B, Now More Beautiful", which refers to the fact that the City is undergoing redevelopment and revitalization. Mr. Klopp expressed his appreciation to DCA and the SFRPC for their recent efforts to assist the City in resolving issues surrounding a redevelopment-related comprehensive plan amendment.

Growth Management Update

Bob Dennis, Regional Planning Administrator, DCA provided an update on the 2007 Growth Management legislation. A copy of Mr. Dennis' PowerPoint presentation is attached as Exhibit 3. The presentation addressed specific changes to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes and group discussion focused primarily on implementation of concurrency and Capital Improvements Element requirements, a need for clear definitions of the terms "mobility" and "backlog" [163.3180(16)c], the makeup of Transportation Concurrency Backlog District amendments [163.3182], implementation of the pilot alternative state

review process and the process for reporting on the effectiveness of the pilot program through the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.

Specific suggestions from the group discussion included:

- Convene a discussion among the review agencies on how to implement the alternative state review pilot program.
- Develop a consistent approach to updating build out dates for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), which would include a waiver of fees by the SFRPC for those Notices of Proposed Change (if NOPC is submitted).
- Extend the deadline dates for required Coastal High Hazard Area amendments to allow for development of updated Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model.

Regional Issues

I-95 Managed Lanes Project: A presentation was made by Gerry O'Reilly, Director of Transportation Development, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District IV and Alice Bravo, Director of Transportation Systems Development, FDOT District VI on the I-95 Managed Lanes Project. The presentation was preceded by a video that outlined the need for congestion relief measures in South Florida and explained the proposed managed lane project. Mr. O'Reilly and Ms. Bravo then jointly provided a PowerPoint presentation on how the project will work and where FDOT is in its application with the federal government. A copy of Mr. O'Reilly's and Ms. Bravo's presentation is attached as Exhibit 4.

Regional Transportation and Transit: Bill Cross, Manager, Planning and Capital Development, South Florida Regional Transit Authority provided a PowerPoint presentation on regional transit. Mr. Cross' presentation is attached as Exhibit 5. He gave a brief history of Tri-Rail and indicated that it has experienced steady growth in ridership. He said that a lot of study has gone into ridership and the characteristics of Tri-Rail riders and briefly outlined the continuing investment that has been made in improving service. He then discussed the formation of the South Florida Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and its Strategic Transit Plan. The Plan's objectives include:

- Identification of key regional transit corridors and infrastructure needs
- Definition of regional transit investment strategies
- Determining how to positively impact future development patterns
- Assessment of the region's current and future trends
- Identification of a safe and cost-effective regional transit system
- Definition of the RTA's role in the development, funding and operations of regional transit services.

Mr. Cross discussed the relationship of regional transit with important planning issues such as climate change and the region's economy and underscored the need for strong coordination of land use and transit planning.

South Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: After an hour-long networking luncheon in which local planners and review agency personnel were able to enjoy one-on-one discussions a brief presentation was provided on the South Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) by Bob Daniels, Assistant to the Director for Policy and Planning, South Florida Regional Planning Council. Mr. Daniels introduced Jeanne Tan, Regional Planner, who is the economic development planner for the SFRPC and is the lead staff member in the development of the CEDS. Mr. Daniels explained that preparation and support of the CEDS is one of those activities that the SFRPC is involved in that does not directly relate to local government planning. The purpose of the CEDS is to

help the U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA) in its funding determinations. Mr. Daniels pointed out that EDA has about \$257 million to fund job creation throughout the country and based on the region's population we should reasonably expect to have about \$4 million invested in our area. He explained that the SFPRC's *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida* has previously served as the CEDS for the region, but this year EDA is requiring the development of a stand-alone document. The SFPRC is working with private sector partners in a CEDS committee to develop the CEDS. This committee has identified workforce development as the number one priority for South Florida. The CEDS committee will have to identify specific projects for EDA funding and Mr. Daniels asked that any planners who have potential projects in their local governments that may qualify contact Jeanne Tan. A brief discussion ensued in which participants requested information about the type of project that might be eligible for CEDS funding.

Open Forum

The floor was opened for questions and comments for DCA, SFWMD and SFPRC staff. The following issues were discussed.

- The need for more clearly defined terms in the requirements for Capital Improvements Element and DRI planning.
- Upcoming legislative changes (2008) as it relates to "Hometown Democracy" and recent comments by Secretary Pelham about the process of amending comprehensive plans.
- Funding for local wastewater reuse programs – specifically, is there funding available to assist a city in capturing some of the treated wastewater of an adjacent city that would otherwise be discharged into the ocean?
- The desire to establish a planners' work group or technical committee in Monroe County, similar to those in Broward and Miami-Dade.
- Coordination of Public School Facilities Element development among cities and counties.

Specific recommendations included:

- Modify the deadline dates for adoption of Public School Facilities Elements by municipalities to allow for the counties to work out issues in advance.

General Announcements and Closing Remarks

Meeting participants were given the opportunity to make general announcements, which included upcoming meeting dates and dates and locations for Capital Improvements Element training in the region. Javier Betancourt, Chair of the Miami-Dade PTC, announced the new website at www.sfprc.com/ptc.htm which contains the future meeting dates and agendas for Miami and Broward PTCs.

Mr. Daniels thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and extended special appreciation to the City of North Miami Beach for providing the meeting location and the SFWMD and DCA for their continued support of planning efforts in South Florida.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.