

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 6K

From: Staff

Date: December 13, 2013 Council Meeting

Subject: Amendment to Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Professional Services Relating to Land Use, Planning, and Technical Assistance

Introduction

The purpose of this item is to request that Council approve an amendment to an existing Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to provide additional professional services relating to land use, planning, and technical assistance in support of transportation projects. FDOT has requested that Council adopt a resolution authorizing a supplemental JPA. The attached Resolution #13-04 has been drafted to address this request.

Background

For the past several years, Council staff has assisted FDOT with land use planning and public outreach regarding major transportation projects, including the Tri-Rail Coastal Link project, which was formerly known as the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis. The Tri-Rail Coast Link Project is evaluating opportunities to reintroduce passenger transit along the FEC Corridor from Palm Beach County south to Miami-Dade County. Council staff has been requested by FDOT to continue to assist with station area planning along the corridor, project-related public outreach, and provide assistance directly to local governments to help advance the project. The work would include facilitation of the Public Involvement/Outreach Subcommittee, working sessions with FDOT and local governments, review of plans, and public workshops. Council's current JPA with FDOT for land use and planning assistance would be increased by \$50,000 to a total JPA amount of \$676,500 since 2007 for this effort, with completion anticipated by June 2015.

Conclusion

Improving the relationship between land use patterns and transportation planning will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the transportation network, create better opportunities for multi-modal success, and enhance quality of life throughout the Region. Additional funding will allow Council to enhance the transit-supportive policy framework along the FEC Corridor, and further the goals, strategies, and policies contained in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Recommendation

Council should approve the attached resolution and authorize the Executive Director to execute a supplemental Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Attachment

**RESOLUTION #13-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, PALM BEACH, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES, AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LAND USE, PLANNING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties form the four county region represented by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC); and

**WHEREAS**, TCRPC is responsible for the implementation of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) to help guide land use decisions in the Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the SRPP emphasizes the need to improve the relationship between land use and transportation planning in new development and redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is the state agency responsible for planning, constructing, and maintaining the state-wide transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, FDOT and TCRPC act as partner agencies to improve the relationship between land use and transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, FDOT seeks additional assistance from TCRPC for land use, planning, and technical assistance in support of FDOT projects, particularly as related to a multi-modal perspective and for the Tri-Rail Coastal Link project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council authorizes execution of a Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the land use, planning, and technical assistance with transportation projects, including the Tri-Rail Coastal Link project.

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

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Peter O'Bryan  
Chairman

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Michael J. Busha  
Executive Director