

**MINUTES OF THE
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
DECEMBER 14, 2012**

Chairman Foley called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led the pledge of allegiance and requested roll call.

The following members and alternates were present:

Indian River County:	Commissioner O'Bryan Commissioner Solari Council Member Jerome Adams Mayor Fletcher
St. Lucie County:	Commissioner Mowery Commissioner Dzadovsky Commissioner Perona
Martin County:	Commissioner Smith Commissioner Fielding Commissioner Krauskopf
Palm Beach County:	Commissioner Taylor Commissioner Burdick Commissioner Valeche Councilwoman Webster Mayor Golonka Mayor Ferreri Vice Mayor Brinkman Councilman Lowe Mayor DuBois (Alternate) Vice Mayor Pro Tem Andel (Alternate) Councilwoman Gerwig (Alternate) Council Member Tinsley (Alternate)
Gubernatorial Appointees:	Michael Davis Kevin Foley Bill Hall Susan Hershey Reece Parrish Peter Sachs Robert Stork
Ex-Officios:	Pam Mac'Kie, South Florida Water Management District Lynda Westin, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

Council Staff: Michael Busha
Kim DeLaney
Eloine Sabol
Anthea Gianniotis
Sandy Gippert
Liz Gulick
Stephanie Heidt
Dana Little
Peter Merritt
Greg Vaday
Joan Young

Council Attorney: Roger Saberson

The Executive Director announced a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith moved approval of the Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Hall **Motion** seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Brinkman noted that although she did not have a conflict, she wanted to disclose that she had previously worked for the property owner of the Town of Lantana amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Items on the Consent Agenda were: 5A, Annual Audit – Fiscal Year 2011-2012; 5B, Financial Report – August 31, 2012; 5C, Financial Report – September 30, 2012; 5D, Minutes – September 21, 2012; 5E, City of Boca Raton Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-2ESR; 5F, City of Fort Pierce Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-2ESR; 5G, Indian River County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-3ESR; 5H, Town of Lantana Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-1ESR; 5I, Village of Palm Springs Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-2ESR; 5J, St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-1ESR; and 5K, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log.

**COUNCIL ORGANIZATION - MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS
AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Staff noted that the Nominating Committee met prior to the meeting and the following were the Committee's nominations for Council Officers for 2013:

Chairman - Commissioner Peter O'Bryan
Vice Chairman – Councilwoman Martha Webster
Secretary/Treasurer - Commissioner Tod Mowery

Commissioner Smith moved approval of the Committee nominations. Commissioner Burdick **Motion** seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of Council, the Executive Director read the following names of the new Councilmembers for 2013 into the record and asked that the Chairman certify that they have been duly appointed:

PALM BEACH COUNTY

- Regular Members: Commissioner Hal R. Valeche
Commissioner Paulette Burdick
Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor
- Regular Member Alternates: Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams
Commissioner Shelley Vana
- Municipal Members: Councilwoman Martha Webster (Village of Royal Palm Beach)
Mayor Sam Ferreri (City of Greenacres)
Mayor Karen Golonka (Town of Jupiter)
Vice Mayor Joni Brinkman (Village of Palm Springs)
Councilman Shelby Lowe (City of Riviera Beach)
- Municipal Alternates: Councilwoman Anne Gerwig (Village of Wellington)
Mayor David Norris (Village of North Palm Beach)
Mayor James DuBois (Town of Lake Park)
Councilmember Marcie Tinsley (City of Palm Beach Gardens)
Vice Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Anandel (Town of Juno Beach)

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

- Regular Members Commissioner Peter O’Bryan
Commissioner Bob Solari
- Regular Member Alternates: Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Tim Zorc
- Municipal Members: Vice Mayor Bud Oatway (Town of Orchid)
Councilmember Jerome Adams (City of Sebastian)
- Municipal Alternates: Mayor Susan Adams (City of Fellsmere)
Mayor Craig Fletcher (City of Vero Beach)

MARTIN COUNTY

- Regular Members: Commissioner Doug Smith
Commissioner Ed Fielding

Regular Member Alternates: Commissioner John Haddox
 Commissioner Anne Scott

Municipal Member Mayor Jeffrey Krauskopf (City of Stuart)*

Municipal Alternate Commissioner Paul Luger (Town of Sewall’s Point)*

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Members: Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky
 Commissioner Tod Mowery

Regular Member Alternates: Commissioner Frannie Hutchinson
 Commissioner Kim Johnson

Municipal Members: Mayor JoAnn Faiella (City of Port St. Lucie)
 Commissioner Thomas Perona (City of Fort Pierce)*

Municipal Alternates: Councilwoman Shannon Martin (City of Port St. Lucie)
 Commissioner Reginald Sessions (City of Fort Pierce)*

**GUBERNATORIAL
 APPOINTEES:**

Susan Hershey, Martin County
 Kevin J. Foley, Martin County
 Michael Davis, Palm Beach County
 Bill Hall, Palm Beach County
 Peter Sachs, Palm Beach County
 Vacant, Palm Beach County
 Robert Stork, Indian River County
 Reece Parrish, St. Lucie County
 Ramon Trias, St. Lucie County

* Pending certification from the local governments.

Chairman Foley certified that, as chairman of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the membership as read have all been duly appointed.

Commissioner Smith moved approval of the certification of the 2013 membership as read. Mayor Ferreri seconded the motion. **Motion**

Commissioner Fielding stated he needed to verify the authorized members for Martin County. Chairman Foley stated that the motion could move forward and if it is determined there are changes to be made action can occur at the January Council meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

**BUDGET/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REVIEW OF
COUNCIL’S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Commissioner O’Bryan reported that the Committee had met prior to the meeting to review the submitted Councilmember evaluations of the Executive Director. He stated the Committee identified two initiatives they would like the Executive Director and Council staff undertake in the next year. The first is to liaison with the Governor’s office more closely to determine some of the Governor’s goals and objectives that may align with Council’s objectives for the region. The second initiative is to conduct outreach efforts to the region’s local governments to educate them on Council’s work programs and what resources, particularly in planning and growth management, Council can provide. With respect to the Executive Director’s compensation, Commissioner O’Bryan stated the Committee recommended no increase or change in the existing level of benefits. He noted this is not a reflection of the Executive Director’s performance, but is reflective of the overall economic climate.

Commissioner O’Bryan moved approval of the Committee recommendations. Commissioner Smith **Motion** seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Foley stated that he concurred with the Committee recommendations. He added that outreach efforts should include Councilmembers.

**REGIONAL WATERWAYS AGREEMENT WITH
MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION/
ST. LUCIE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

Staff presented to Council a brief overview of a proposed agreement for Council to participate with the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, and the municipalities and entities in those two counties to help develop a regional waterways plan. Council will lead an interagency, public/private effort to assist in the development of a Regional Waterways Plan. The effort, which follows a successful plan developed by Council in Palm Beach County, will focus not only on the Intracoastal Waterway, but on all the waterway systems in the two counties. The funding sources for the project are the two transportation agencies and the Florida Inland Navigation District.

Mayor Ferreri made a motion to authorize the Executive Director and Council’s attorney to negotiate the agreement. Commissioner Krauskopf seconded the motion for discussion. **Motion**

Commissioner Krauskopf asked if the Martin County Advisory Committee would be included. Staff indicated they would be one of the entities Council would work with on the project.

Commissioner Fielding stated it is important to look at what is being done to the south, such as at the Port of Miami, to determine how Martin and St. Lucie counties can benefit from the potential positive impacts that are happening in Miami with the widening of the Panama Canal. He noted our region is limited in what we can do with respect to freight. Staff indicated this plan will determine the area’s role with respect to freight going forward, but will not replace any master planning that is currently being done, such as the Port of Fort Pierce Master plan currently under development. This plan will look at the economic development aspects of freight and all the waterway components as

well as land use and transportation issues. Staff noted that Cambridge Systematics, an internationally acclaimed engineering firm that specializes in freight and port activities, will be part of the team.

Commissioner Fielding noted the recently released report by the National Intelligence Council that suggests by 2020 we should be energy independent. Staff noted that the Counties can do their part to become energy independent, but it would be much more efficient if the region works as a larger group. Commissioner Fielding agreed.

The motion carried unanimously.

**UPDATE ON PASSENGER RAIL IN SOUTHEAST FLORIDA – PRESENTATION BY
AMIE GODDEAU, MOBILITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER,
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Ms. Goddeau presented an update on the current activities related to the development and expansion of passenger rail service in the region. Projects reported included the commuter passenger service being proposed jointly by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and the intercity express service between Miami and Orlando named All Aboard Florida, which is being proposed by Florida East Coast Industries (FECI). The commuter service will have a very high level of frequency trains with stations closely spaced and be utilized by daily riders for trips to work, home, and school. The intercity service will only have four stations, in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Orlando, and provide service to long-distance and regional business travelers. The presentation illustrated the commuter rail conceptual service, including the build alternatives under consideration; the necessity for east-west connections; and station refinement related to the commuter service. Additionally, she noted Council's recent participation in a Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy in Minneapolis that focused on transportation-related challenges. The Southeast Florida delegation developed a proposed "Southeast Florida Passenger Rail Coordination Framework" with specifically defined roles for the various parties during each stage of passenger rail development and implementation. Ms. Goddeau also presented a map graphic indicating the proposed alignment of the All Aboard Florida service and noted the common stations between the two passenger rail projects.

Commissioner O'Bryan asked if there could be consideration for an additional stop on the intercity route located in either Martin, St. Lucie, or Indian River County to accommodate residents in those counties who may want to use this service. Ms. Goddeau noted that there have been several discussions with FECI, but they have no current plans to add another stop on the proposed route.

Commissioner Fielding suggested that as part of the negotiations for the use of the state-owned right-of-way on State Road 528, FDOT should consider asking FECI for a stop in one of the three Northern counties. Additionally, he stated he would also like to propose requiring FECI to put in conduit for running fiber optic.

Commissioner Smith noted that it has been Council's strategic plan for many years to restore commuter rail service to the east coast of Florida. He stated he believed that without the extensive efforts of Council and staff, the current services being proposed would not be a reality. He noted it

was ironic that now the northern counties of the Region are being excluded. Ms. Goddeau stated there is still a proposal for Amtrak to provide intercity passenger rail commuter service. Staff noted that FDOT has \$118 million in its five-year work program that will become available next year to start some of the infrastructure projects that will be necessary for Amtrak to move forward. It was also noted that FECI has been very supportive of the proposed Amtrak service. Ms. Goddeau stated she would communicate Council's concerns to both FECI and the director of the state rail program.

Commissioner Smith noted that if the Amtrak project were to happen, there would need to be extensive discussion and development of funding strategies and policies that would need to be established at the local level.

Councilmember Davis asked if Tri-Rail and the FECI station in West Palm Beach would be a co-location. Ms. Goddeau stated that there will be separate stations in West Palm Beach, because Tri-Rail runs on the CSX corridor, while the FECI service will run on the FEC corridor.

Commissioner Fielding stated he did not want to be passive with respect to what Council wants with respect its priorities. He suggested Council pass a resolution to support FECI being able to utilize the right-of-way of State Road 528, and encourage FECI to provide a station location in Fort Pierce as well as lay conduit for fiber optics. Chairman Foley asked if this was a motion. Commissioner Fielding indicated he would make that a motion. Chairman Foley suggested that it should be a station that is strategically located in the three-county region, and not limit it to just Fort Pierce. Commissioner Dzadovsky seconded the motion for discussion.

Motion

Commissioner Solari stated he did not believe Council should make such demands as this was a private sector initiative and it would be beneficial as a start to passenger rail service. He stated he would not support such a resolution. Commissioner Valeche concurred with Commissioner Solari noting FECI is taking a tremendous risk and making extensive capital investment and he would not like to discourage the project. Chairman Foley asked if either Commissioner Valeche or Commissioner Solari would want to make a substitute motion.

Commissioner Fielding stated that he was proposing a resolution of support for the project that encourages, for the public benefit, an additional station location as well as conduit for installing fiber optic. He stated he did not believe this would be cost prohibitive.

Commissioner Taylor stated FECI had met with Palm Beach County and asked if they had met with the City of Fort Pierce. Commissioner Dzadovsky stated they did have meetings in St. Lucie County, noting that letters of support and resolutions had been sent by the City and the County. Commissioner Taylor questioned why Council would now do a resolution against the project if letters of support have already been sent. Chairman Foley noted this was not a resolution against the project, but a recommendation for some specific possible inclusions.

Commissioner Solari noted Ms. Goddeau stated she would provide Council's comments to FECI. He stated he believes she will do this and did not believe the requests needed to be formalized in a resolution.

Commissioner Dzadovsky stated he supported the resolution because it will present Council's comments and serve as discussion points during their negotiations. With respect to the private

investment being made, he noted that the project will most likely also require public investment. He felt it was important to have Council's concerns included as part of the discussions.

Commissioner Valeche stated this is a private company initiative that should be encouraged, and Council should not be attempting to negotiate for peripheral issues, but rather it should be supporting the project.

Councilwoman Webster noted there have been extensive efforts to gain public support for this project. She stated she felt it was in Council's best interest to have the project move forward as it is, with comments from Council to have the additional station and fiber optics be part of future plans.

Councilmember Davis stated that although this is a privately funded endeavor, he noted that they are currently going through the National Environmental Policy Act process, which indicates there is a federal interest. This creates an opportunity for the public entities to engage in the process in a non-threatening manner.

Staff asked if FECI is applying for any federal loans or guarantees. Ms. Goddeau stated that in its environmental assessment, FECI indicated they may apply for Federal loans, such as a Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RIFF), which would give them lower interest rates.

Councilmember Stork asked for clarification of the motion, asking if the resolution would delay the project. Chairman Foley stated the motion was to support the project, but have FECI consider an additional stop at some point in time in Martin, St. Lucie or Indian River County and to consider installing conduit for fiber optic. Staff suggested that Council's concerns could be expressed in a letter to FECI and FDOT.

Commissioner Solari stated his objection to the motion was the manner in which Council's comments were to be presented. He stated a letter, written in the friendliest possible way, would be entirely different from a resolution. Commissioner Fielding stated a letter would be acceptable.

Councilmember Hershey asked that the letter include Council's continuing support of the project. Mayor Ferreri noted the letter should be sent to both FECI and FDOT to consider during their negotiation of the public right-of-way for State Road 528.

Commissioner Perona stated the City of Fort Pierce has been at the table with FECI and learned early on that a stop in the City would not be part of their plans. He noted station locations have been identified within the City. He expressed his appreciation for any support Council could provide.

The motion carried unanimously.

SEVEN50 SOUTHEAST FLORIDA PROSPERITY PLAN UPDATE

Staff provided an overview of recent activities and upcoming summit. It was stated that Council's support of this project is very important because the current trend for the federal government is to align their funding and infrastructure resources with regions that have done planning. Although not every local government may agree on everything, it is crucial to have agreement on some big initiatives, such as passenger rail. Additionally, Council's support is also critical as the private sector, internationally and nationally, are looking at regional planning. A local government may not

be able to attract attention, but when encased inside a region the local government has more visibility and advantages if it is part of a larger, more powerful region. Staff noted that participation in the plan is voluntary and although the planning is being done on a seven-county wide basis, each local government will make the decision on what they want to include from the plan into their own local plans and policies. Staff stated that the plan is attractive because it allows sharing of resources, but preserves home rule.

Recent efforts have been: the completion of the work group meetings, which occurred in each of the seven counties to obtain public input for the plan; collaboration with Universities and their desire for fiber optic lines; sea level rise mapping; and a seven-county transportation model. Staff noted that joint efforts such as these are imperative because water and roads do not stop at the county or municipal borders, and it is much more economical and efficient if local governments are working together. Staff also noted that a data warehouse is being created that will be accessible to all the members of the partnership. This will be a user-friendly, password protected system that will allow participants access to regional data.

Staff informed Council that the next summit is scheduled for January 24, 2013 at Miami-Dade college. The summit will present a future trends model that is intended to give local elected officials an idea of what their jurisdiction will look like in 50 years and make, or not make, policy changes to ensure their community will remain or develop in an acceptable manner. Additionally, there will be a mobile app that will outline the big ideas of the plan.

Staff noted that Indian River County will be considering withdrawing from the partnership on December 18th. Councilmembers were provided with a letter from Commissioner Solari expressing his concerns, and a follow-up letter from staff. Chairman Foley noted that the partnership is very diverse with representation from private and public sector agencies, university and local governments. He stated that he did not wish to see the county withdraw, especially because of its rural nature and what it could contribute to the plan.

Mayor Ferreri stated he is involved in the project because it is important to plan for the future and keep our region unique. He offered that one very key part of the partnership is the ability to access the data warehouse. He stated that every governmental entity needs research and data when they are applying for state and federal funding. This type of service, free to members, is invaluable to everyone, especially the smaller communities. He also noted that part of the uniqueness of the seven-county region is the diversity and that diversity is found throughout the region, not separated by county. He encouraged Indian River County to remain in the partnership stating the regional aspects are both economic and environmental in value.

Commissioner Smith stated he would like to see Council, after the summit is complete, present to all the member counties and cities to provide an update on what Council does and what resources can be provided. He noted the data warehouse as a great opportunity to save money and not duplicate efforts. He also encouraged Indian River County to remain in the partnership, noting that Florida will double in size by 2020 and planning is essential to deal with the growth.

Commissioner Fielding noted that the report produced by the National Intelligence Council projects that by 2020/2030 the majority of the people in the world will belong to the middle class. He stated this will be an enormous change and that it is vital to be part of this project and have input into how

this will affect our region. He stated working together creates an enormous synergistic effect that will benefit everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff thanked Commissioners Fielding and Smith for their support of Regional Planning Councils. They both made great efforts to ensure that the Small County Coalition and the Florida Association of Counties made support of regional planning councils and their funding legislative priorities. Staff stated that the regional planning council is owned and operated by the cities and counties through an interlocal agreement. Additionally, staff noted that although the state has not funded the regional planning councils in over two years, the Governor still appoints nine Councilmembers.

Staff noted a brochure that had been provided to all Councilmembers with respect to the Good Government Initiative, which provides training for local elected officials.

Staff presented the meeting schedule for 2013. Commissioner Solari asked that staff try to disseminate materials as they become available rather than the week before the meeting in order to give Councilmembers more time to review all the information. Staff indicated they would examine this option.

COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION EXCHANGE

None.

STAFF COMMENT

Staff presented outgoing Chairman Foley with a gift. 2013 calendars were distributed to all members.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Foley adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary or a designated nominee of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes of the December 14, 2012 meeting of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Date

Signature