

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 8E

From: Staff

Date: October 16, 2015 Council Meeting

Subject: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log

The Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process serves, in part, as an early warning system for the federal government to determine if a federally funded project or program is consistent with plans and ongoing community initiatives of local governments and the regional planning council. The review process is intended to inform the applicant of potential concerns or inconsistencies regarding the proposed activity. Council’s statutory role is to coordinate the state’s required review at the local level. Council has requested comments from potentially affected local governments in an effort to avoid duplication of efforts, funding, services, and to ensure the efficient use of resources. The attached Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log presents a summary and recommendations on the following applications:

<b>TCRPC Number</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Funding Agency</b>	<b>Federal Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
15-MC-09-01	Southeast Market Pipelines Project – Draft Environmental Impact Statement	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	N/A	N/A	N/A
15-IR-09-02	Community Development Block Grant Application – Economic Development	City of Fellsmere	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

Recommendation

Council should approve the comments in the attached report and authorize their distribution.

Attachments

**TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG**

**TCRPC Number:** 15-MC-09-01 SAI# FL201509087424C

**Applicant:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**Project Description:** Southeast Market Pipelines Project – Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has submitted a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for a new natural gas pipeline, the Southeast Market Pipelines (SMP) Project. The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the SMP Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC is acting as the lead federal agency for the coordination and conduct of environmental reviews under NEPA. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is participating as a cooperating agency in the development of the EIS. The Corps is soliciting comments on the project in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal.

The SMP Project is comprised of three separate natural gas transmission pipeline projects: the Sabal Trail Project in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida; the Florida Southeast Connection Project in Florida; and the Hillabee Expansion Project in Alabama. The purpose of the project is to construct and operate a total of about 685.5 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline and associated facilities, six new natural gas-fired compressor stations, and modify existing compressor stations in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. The SMP Project would provide about 1.1 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas to meet growing demands by the electric generation, distribution, and end use markets in Florida and the southeastern United States. The pipeline is being proposed to improve the region's natural gas transport diversity and reliability.

The Florida Southeast Connection Project is the only portion of the larger SMP Project that will affect the Treasure Coast Region. This natural gas pipeline would cross Polk, Osceola, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, and Martin counties, Florida. The pipeline is proposed to run approximately 126.4 miles beginning in Osceola County and ending at Florida Power & Light Company's Martin Clean Energy Center in Martin County. The pipeline would be constructed in one phase in 2016 and 2017 and provide 400 million cubic feet per day of natural gas to

FPL's existing Martin Plant beginning in May, 2017, increasing to 600 million cubic feet per day in May, 2020.

The underground pipeline would extend about 12.7 miles in southwestern St. Lucie County and 11.6 miles in northwestern Martin County. The 30-inch diameter pipeline would be buried in a 50-foot wide permanent right-of-way. Approximately 81 percent of the proposed route of the Florida Southeast Connection pipeline is collocated with existing roads and utilities. The pipeline would be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations and other applicable federal and state regulations. DOT regulations specify pipeline material selection; minimum design requirements; protection from internal, external, and atmospheric corrosion; and qualification procedures for welders and operations personnel, in addition to other design standards. Also, the pipeline would comply with other applicable federal and state regulations, intended to ensure adequate protection of the public, pipeline workers, contractors, and employees, and to prevent natural gas pipeline accidents and failures.

The draft EIS concluded that the construction and operation of the project would result in temporary and permanent impacts on the environment. However, implementation of impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures would result in no significant impact on the environment. The project would be required to obtain applicable permits and provide mitigation for unavoidable impacts on waterbodies and wetlands through coordination with the Corps and state regulatory agencies. Additionally, environmental inspection and monitoring programs would be adopted as conditions of approval to ensure compliance with all construction and mitigation measures.

**Funding Agency:** N/A

**Estimated Funding:** N/A

**Recommendations:** Within the Treasure Coast Region, the Florida Southeast Connection Project pipeline corridor is primarily located in rural countryside used for agriculture. However, in northwestern Martin County the pipeline corridor crosses Martin Highway (County Road 714). The proposed crossing is about 5 miles west of the intersection of CR 714 and Allapattah Road (State Road 609). This crossing is significant, because the 12-mile segment of CR 714 from State Road 609 to Warfield Boulevard (State Road 710) was recently designated as the Martin Grade Scenic Highway by the Florida Scenic Highway Program. This historic roadway is shaded by a canopy of hundred-year-old oaks and is surrounded by pastures, groves, swamps, and woods. A defining feature

of this scenic highway is the continuous canopy of mature trees that line the roadside.

The proposed pipeline project should be designed to avoid all impacts to the Martin Grade Scenic Highway and the mature trees that line this roadway. The horizontal directional drill method and other special pipeline construction procedures should be required in the conditions of approval in order to avoid impacts to this regionally significant resource. In addition, the project should not create any new breaks in the canopy for access roads and pipeline maintenance. The project should rely on existing breaks in the canopy for access roads. Provided that the Martin Grade Scenic Highway and trees that line this roadway are not impacted and adequate avoidance, mitigation, and compensation are provided for all other impacts to natural resources and private property, the project is consistent with Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan. No extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

**Agencies Contacted:** All Martin County Local Governments  
All St. Lucie County Local Governments  
All Indian River County Local Governments  
Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization  
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization





**TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG**

**TCRPC Number:** 15-IR-09-02

**Applicant:** City of Fellsmere

**Project Description:** Community Development Block Grant Application – Economic Development

The City of Fellsmere has applied to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. The city is working in partnership with Fountains of Fellsmere, LLC to construct an assisted living facility on a 20-acre vacant site at the intersection of North Broadway Street and South Carolina Avenue. The site is located in the city limits.

The proposed project will require street improvements and associated drainage; site work; on-street parking and sidewalks; construction of terminal round-about; and required signage and lighting. Due to increased traffic and pedestrians generated by the project, the city is requiring an existing truck route to be shifted, which will require realignment of an intersection to allow for safe truck passage and will provide increased capacity.

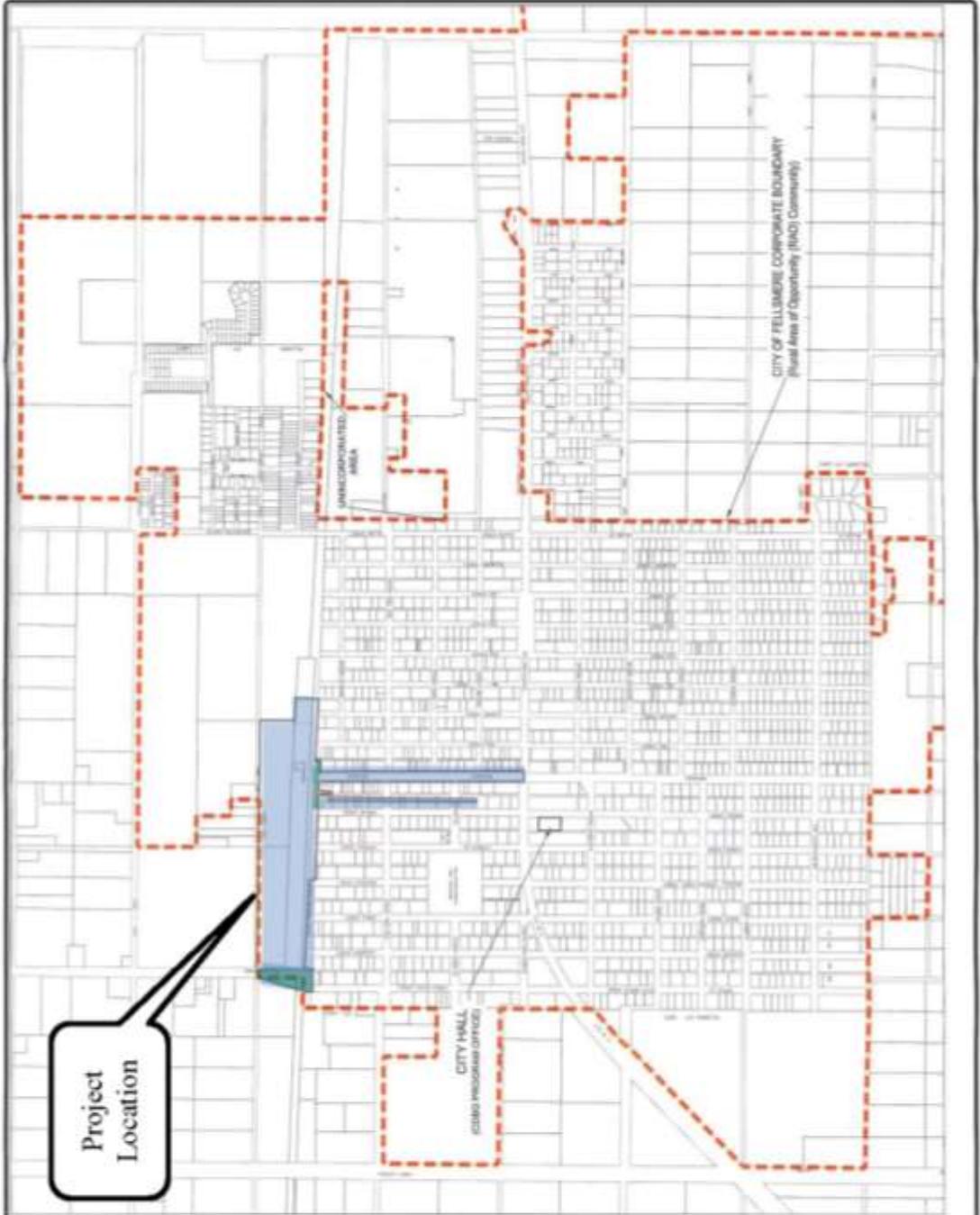
The city indicated the new facility will provide 65 full-time jobs, with a minimum of 51% of those positions being made available to low-to-moderate income persons. Additionally, it is expected the project will generate more activity for other businesses in the area, and increase real estate values and the tax base.

**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Requested Funding:** \$1,500,000

**Recommendations:** No adverse effects on regional resources or facilities and no extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified. The project is consistent with Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan and Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy plan for the Treasure Coast Region.

**Agencies Contacted:** All Indian River County Local Governments



**Project Location**



**CITY OF FELLOSMERE**  
**CDBG FOR ALF**  
 Jurisdiction Map  
 Indian River County, Florida

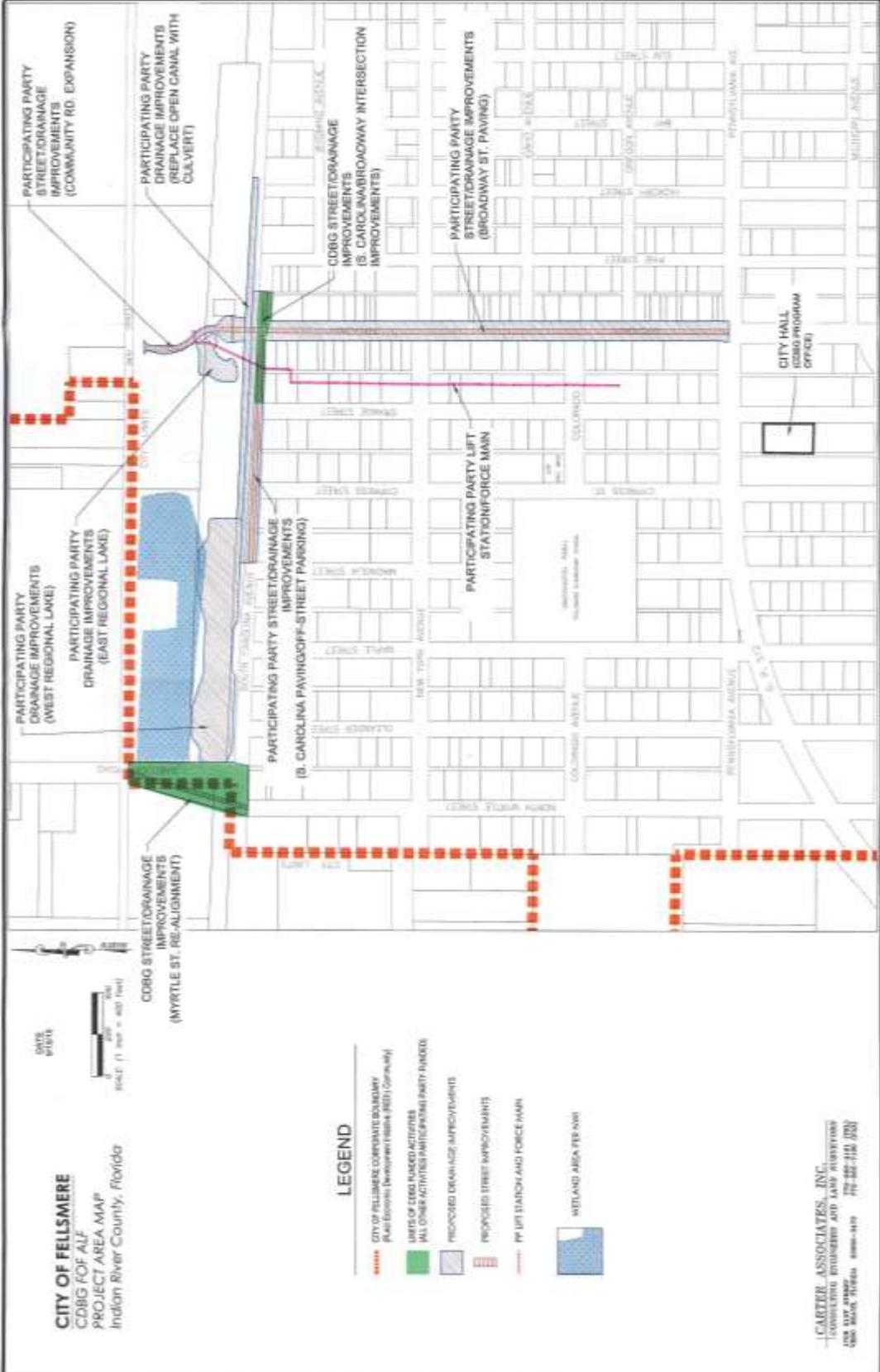
**LEGEND**

- CITY OF FELLOSMERE CORPORATE BOUNDARY (Plus Area of Opportunity (HO) Community)
- City of Project Area
- SITES OF CDBG FUNDED ACTIVITIES (ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES FUNDING/ACTIVITY FUNDED)



**LOCATION MAP .xls**  
 (CITY DATA APPROXIMATE)

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PARTICIPATING PARTY  
STREET/DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS  
(COMMUNITY RD. EXPANSION)

PARTICIPATING PARTY  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
(REPLACE OPEN CANAL WITH  
CULVERT)

CDRG STREET/DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS  
(S. CAROLINA/BROADWAY INTERSECTION)

PARTICIPATING PARTY  
STREET/DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
(BROADWAY ST. PAVING)

PARTICIPATING PARTY  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
(WEST REGIONAL LAKE)

PARTICIPATING PARTY  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
(EAST REGIONAL LAKE)

PARTICIPATING PARTY STREET/DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS  
(B. CAROLINA PAVING/OFF-STREET PARKING)

PARTICIPATING PARTY LEFT  
STATION/FORCE MAIN

CITY HALL  
CDRG PROGRAM  
OFFICE

DATE  
P12/14

SCALE (1" = 400' FEET)

CDRG STREET/DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS  
(MYRTLE ST. REALIGNMENT)

**LEGEND**

- CITY OF FELLSMERE CORPORATE BOUNDARY  
(See Economic Development Issues (RED) Corridor)
- BASIN OF CDORG RANKED ACTIVITIES  
ALL CDORG ACTIVITIES MATCH PARTICIPATING PARTY PARKERS
- PROPOSED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
- PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS
- PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN
- WETLAND AREA PER 606

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