

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 8E

From: Staff

Date: May 20, 2016 Council Meeting

Subject: Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Land Use/Transportation Planning Assistance

Introduction

The purpose of this item is to request Council approval of a resolution enabling execution of a new five-year Joint Participation Agreement beginning in 2016/2017 with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) relating to land use and planning assistance.

Background

Council has been providing land use and planning assistance through joint participation agreements with FDOT since 2008. A portion of Council's assistance has focused on general land use, transportation, and outreach assistance with local governments, agencies, and the public. Additionally, Council has provided project-specific assistance, including corridor plans along state roadways; station-area planning around existing and anticipated Tri-Rail commuter rail stations; outreach and planning related to the Tri-Rail Coastal Link; Amtrak/FEC Corridor projects; and other FDOT projects. Council staff has also assisted FDOT with facilitation of and participation in various committees, task forces, public hearings, and workshops.

Council staff has been requested by FDOT to continue to provide planning assistance to the agency and public, including technical expertise, planning services, and public outreach support for planning activities, including passenger rail development and other projects as needed. A five-year Joint Participation Agreement, beginning in FY 2016-2017 has been prepared for Council's consideration to enable Council to provide continued assistance to FDOT.

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 assist in the advancement of these goals, enhance the transit-supportive land use and policy framework in the region, provide direct assistance to local governments, and help implement the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Recommendation

Council should approve Resolution No. 16-05 authorizing execution of a Joint Participation Agreement between Council and the Florida Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION #16-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND
SERVICES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH SUPPORT FOR PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River 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 technical expertise and services in the areas of general planning and public outreach support for planning activities, including passenger rail development and other technical assistance as needed;

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 Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the technical expertise, services, and public outreach support.

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

DULY ADOPTED by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council this 20th of May, 2016.

Michael Davis
Chair

Michael J. Busha
Executive Director