

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 7

From: Staff

Date: May 18, 2018 Council Meeting

Subject: Supplemental No. 2 to Florida Department of Transportation Joint Participation Agreement

Introduction

The purpose of this item is to request Council approval of a resolution authorizing execution of an amendment to the five-year Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) relating to land use and planning assistance, which was originally approved on May 20, 2016 through Resolution 16-05 in the amount of \$50,000.

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. An amendment to the five-year Joint Participation Agreement has been prepared for Council's consideration to increase the amount from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

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. 18-02 authorizing execution of a Joint Participation Agreement between Council and the Florida Department of Transportation.

Attachment

RESOLUTION #18-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 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; and

WHEREAS, an amendment (Supplemental JPA No. 2) to the Joint Participation Agreement originally approved on May 20, 2016, has been presented by FDOT to increase the amount of funding available to TCRPC.

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

SECTION 1. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council authorizes execution of an amendment to the Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for 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 18th of May, 2018.

Reece J. Parrish
Chair

Michael J. Busha
Executive Director