

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 7
From: Staff
Date: January 11, 2019
Subject: Southeast Florida Transit Oriented Development Pilot Program Update

Background

This item is an update on activities conducted with grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Pilot Program. In September 2015, TCRPC in partnership with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), were awarded \$1,250,000 from the FTA for activities related to the South Florida Transit Oriented Development (SFTOD) Program on the Tri-Coastal Link (TRCL) Corridor (see Attachment 1). Grant funds have been allocated to two types of planning activities:

- (1) TCRPC is leading station area planning assistance in the seven selected communities: Palm Beach Gardens, Delray Beach, Oakland Park, Wilton Manors, Hollywood, North Miami Beach, and Miami. The work varies among communities, including the development of station area TOD plans, analysis of land development regulations, economic studies, and development of concepts and recommendations for local governments. Council's work is nearing completion in five of the seven communities, and all work will be completed by June 2019.
- (2) SFRPC is leading corridor-length planning work, which includes bicycle and pedestrian access, an analysis of housing equity, water and sewer capacity analysis, and the development of TOD business funding concepts. This work will also be completed by June 2019.

Analysis

The SFTOD grant program continues to provide an opportunity for Council to assist local governments with planning, transportation, and economic analysis and recommendations related to future Tri-Rail station locations as well as ongoing infill development and redevelopment activities. Because successful transit service relies heavily on the TOD land use patterns surrounding stations, the Federal funding criteria includes increased importance on TOD development potential, investment trends, and the implementation of transit-supportive

regulations and comprehensive plan policies. Accordingly, the Region's competitiveness to secure Federal funding for the Tri-Rail Coastal Link project will be improved as the TOD characteristics of station areas are improved preceding the establishment of service.

Conclusion

Grant-funded station area planning activities are nearing completion in five of the seven recipient communities, which has produced an array of "lessons learned" to-date, which will help inform future TOD activity and advance the Region's competitiveness, functionality, and sustainability. The SFTOD effort supports multiple aspects of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan such as Transportation Goal 7-1 which calls for a balanced and integrated transportation system, Transportation Strategy 7.1.1(3) which calls for a commuter rail system linking the coastal cities of the Region, and Future of the Region Goal 15.1 which calls for redevelopment and infill in existing urban areas and the containment of suburban sprawl.

Recommendation

For information purposes only.

Council Action – January 18, 2019

Council received a presentation by Kimberly DeLaney (copy attached).

Attachment

ATTACHMENT 1

