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# MEETING NOTICE

# NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on March 25, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology at 7:00 p.m.

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# MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

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# AGENDA NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Virtual Meeting Via Communications Media Technology February 25, 2021 7:00 p.m.

# MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County

Mary Alford, Alachua County

David Arreola, City of Gainesville

Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne

Robert Brown, Hamilton County

James Catron, City of Madison

Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County

Frank Davis, City of Live Oak

Louie Davis, City of Waldo

**Thomas Demps, Taylor County** 

Fletcher Hope, City of Archer

Travis Land, Suwannee County

John Meeks, Levy County

Janice Mortimer, City of Starke

Reina Saco, City of Gainesville

James Tallman, Union County

Lorene Thomas, Dixie County

Donnie Waldrep, Madison County

Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County

Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

# NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

# EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Tom Mirti, Suwannee River Water Management District

Daniel Penniman, Florida Fish and Wildlife

**Conservation Commission** 

David Tyler, Florida Department

of Transportation

# COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

### MEMBERS ABSENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper Mark Clark, City of Newberry Mike Deming, City of Perry Linda Jones, City of High Springs Tim Murphy, Columbia County Daniel Riddick, Bradford County Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville David Stegall, City of Lake Butler Jody Stephenson, Dixie County Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County

# OTHERS PRESENT

Barbara Byram Margie Caparelli Diana Davis Christian Doolin Edith Eudy Stew Lilker Toni Ricard Larry Sessions

# **STAFF PRESENT**

Lynn Franson-Godfrey Scott Koons Tara Tucker Lauren Yeatter

Executive Committee Members names are bold Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

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# I. INVOCATION

Noting a quorum of the Council being present, Chair Chestnut called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Demps gave the invocation.

# II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and guests pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

### III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Chestnut welcomed and introduced Barbara Byram, Co-Founder, Levy County Citizens for an Engaged Electorate; Marjorie Caparelli, Citizen, Suwannee County; Edith Eudy, Citizen, Suwannee County; Toni Ricard, Citizen, Suwannee County; Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes January 28, 2021
- B. Monthly Financial Report December 2020 and January 2021
- C. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Program Grant Resolutions Fiscal Year 2021-22
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County
- H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

Chair Chestnut asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda.

# ACTION: Commissioner Meeks made the motion, with a second by Mayor Louie Davis to approve the consent agenda.

Margie Caparelli, Edith Eudy and Stew Lilker requested that item IV. H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda.

**ACTION:** 

Commissioner Meeks amended the motion and Mayor Louie Davis agreed to the motion, as amended, to remove item IV. H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee from the consent agenda and place it on the regular agenda as item VIII. A. 3. and approve the consent agenda, as amended. The motion carried 20 yeas, 1 nay.

#### V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

**ACTION:** 

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to add item IV. H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee to the regular agenda as item VIII. A. 3. and to approve the regular agenda, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Christian Doolin, Legislative Consultant Florida Small County Coalition

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Christian Doolin, Legislative Consultant, Florida Small County Coalition. Mr. Doolin gave a presentation to the Council concerning issues facing small counties in the north central Florida region and an outlook for the 2021 Legislative Session. Chair Chestnut thanked Mr. Doolin for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT - New Members - Travis Land, Suwannee County

Chair Chestnut welcomed new Council member County Commissioner Travis Land, Suwannee County.

### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

# A. Executive Committee

1. Letter of Support Concerning State Road 26 (University Avenue)
Pedestrian Safety Modifications

Mr. Koons stated that at the January 28, 2021 Council meeting, the Council requested staff to prepare letters to be reviewed by the Council at their February 25, 2021 meeting to be sent to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville. He noted that letters to be sent to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County prepared by staff for signature by the Chair were included in the meeting packet.

**ACTION:** 

Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Mortimer to authorize the Chair to sign letters to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida Campus. The motion carried unanimously.

> American Flood Coalition Agreement to Assist with the Development of North Central Florida Regional Resiliency Collaborative

> > Mr. Koons stated the American Flood Coalition is offering the Council a grant of \$15,000 to support the development of a regional resilience collaborative. He stated such resilience collaborative would be among the local governments in the north central Florida region similar to the recent resiliency collaborative formed by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the resiliency coalition formed by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

### **ACTION:**

Commissioner Wheeler made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to authorize the Chair to sign a grant agreement with the American Flood Coalition for \$15,000 of funding to assist with the development of the North Central Florida Regional Resiliency Collaborative. The motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

Mr. Koons stated the Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. He noted that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Mr. Koons reported that the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area. He stated that the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021. Mr. Koons stated that Florida Statutes authorizes the Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, to recommend a governmental entity, such as the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, as the Community Transportation Coordinator without using a competitive selection process. Finally, he stated that staff and the Executive Committee recommend that the Council authorize the use of the non-competitive selection process to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.

### **ACTION:**

Mayor Louie Davis made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Mortimer to authorize the use of the non-competitive selection process to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.

Edith Eudy, Margie Caparelli, Toni Ricard and Stew Lilker requested that the Council use a competitive request for proposals selection process to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area. The following action was taken concerning the motion to authorize the use of the non-competitive selection process to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.

**ACTION:** 

The motion carried unanimously.

# B. Clearinghouse Committee

Commissioner Hope, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#25 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

#26 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

#27 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)

Commissioner Hope stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. He stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

#### **ACTION:**

Commissioner Hope made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Mortimer to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #25 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #26 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR) and; Item #27 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

### IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

David Tyler, Planning and Environmental Office, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, thanked the Council for authorizing letters to be sent to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville. He also stated that the District is currently soliciting Small County Road Assistance Program grant applications, Small County Outreach Program grant applications, Transportation Regional Incentive Program grant applications and County Incentive Grant program grant applications until February 26, 2021.

Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported that the District is soliciting cost share river grant applications at this time. He stated that flooding is occurring on the Withlacoochee River, Middle Suwannee River and the Santa Fe River resulting from rainfall in January 2021 and the first part of February 2021. Mr. Mirti stated that the status assessment for the minimum flows and levels for the Lower Santa Fe River and the Ichetucknee River prepared by the District indicates that the Lower Santa Fe River is designated as preventive status and the Ichetucknee River is designated as recovery status. Finally, he stated that the District is continuing outreach efforts concerning the update of the District Water Supply Plan.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the proposed state legislation that would allow local governments to post public notices on their web sites in lieu of publishing public notices in newspapers, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority operations and regional transit services.

#### XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

# A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated that the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the January 2021 activity reports included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the January 2021 reports.

# B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard<sup>TM</sup>

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard TM to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the February 2021 Scorecard TM that was included in the Council meeting packet.

# C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2021 Legislative Session will convene on March 2, 2021 and is scheduled to adjourn on April 30, 2021. He also stated legislative committee meetings began the week of January 11, 2021 and concluded the week of February 15, 2021. Mr. Koons reported on the status of bills of interest to the Council and its member local governments.

# D. Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Regional Broadband Workshops

Mr. Koons stated the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Office of Broadband recently partnered with the ten regional planning councils to facilitate virtual regional workshops. He stated the virtual regional workshop for the north central Florida region was held on February 10, 2021.

Mr. Koons stated the virtual regional workshops included leaders from various sectors of the state, including libraries; K-12 education; colleges and universities; local healthcare providers; private businesses; community organizations; economic development organizations; local governments; tourism, parks and recreation; agriculture; and internet service providers. He stated the virtual regional workshops were hosted by the Department and facilitated by the respective regional planning council to assist the Florida Office of Broadband in understanding the regional availability and accessibility of broadband internet throughout the state. Mr. Koons stated the information shared during the workshops will also be used in the development of the Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband.

Mr. Koons also stated the Department has posted a survey concerning broadband needs on its website at Florida Office of Broadband - Survey on the Availability and Accessibility of Broadband Internet Service. He noted that interested persons are encouraged to complete the on-line survey by March 1, 2021.

# E. Enterprise Florida Site Preparation Grant Award Program

Mr. Koons stated the following communities and organization in the north central Florida region recently received funding from the Enterprise Florida Site Preparation Grant Program - Columbia County Economic Development Department \$24,900; Hamilton County Development Authority \$25,000; Levy County Nature Coast Business Development Council \$25,000; North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc. \$25,000; and Suwannee County Economic Development Department \$24,250. He noted that the grants are used to assist rural communities with the development and enhancement of sites to make them build ready and competitive for site selection projects.

# XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Mayor Wilford stated that Merrie Shaw, Assistant Director of University of Florida Innovate/Sid Martin Bio-Technology Center at Progress Park in Alachua recently retired. He noted that the Council prepared the feasibility study that resulted in the development of the Progress Center. Vice-Mayor Wilford stated that, since 1995, the University of Florida Innovate/Sid Martin Bio-Technology Center has secured \$9.2 billion resulting in the creation 8,000 jobs.

Vice-Mayor Wilford also stated that the Alachua County Turkey Creek Preserve will be dedicated on March 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Alachua. He invited Council members to attend the dedication.

# XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Chestnut informed the Council that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on March 25, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.	
Charles C. Chastrut IV. Chair	<u>3/25/21</u> Date
Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair	Date



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March 18, 2021

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Monthly Financial Report - February 2021

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for February 2021. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

#### Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of five months is 38 percent of budget.

# **Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of five months is 28 percent of budget.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, staff is pleased with the financial condition of the Council. The adjusted general fund balance should remain at an acceptable level at the end of the fiscal year.

Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound. Staff is not aware of anything in the current fiscal year that will change this situation.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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# Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited) February 28, 2021

# **BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS Current Assets Checking / Savings Accounts Receivable Other Current Assets	1,830,052 674,827 53,370 2,558,249
Total Current Assets	
TOTAL ASSETS	2,558,249
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	10,499
Other Current Liabilities	535,059
	545,558
Total Liabilities	·
Equity	2,012,691
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,558,249

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited) February 28, 2021

# **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	February 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,102,500	23,923	797,539	38%
Expenses	2,102,500	97,651	579,107	28%

# Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited) February 28, 2021

# **REVENUE**

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	February 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	48,200	56	29,706	62%
Regional Planning Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	69,977	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	105,275	179%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	132,900	0	8,300	
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	0	23,867	44,647	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	464,600	0	100,530	
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	228,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,900	0	1,247	
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,600	0	32,945	17%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	62,509	
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	0	10,759	
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	40,200	0	7,250	
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	0	162,746	
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	20,040	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	0	76,099	
Community Development Block Grant Administration	75,000	0	63,009	
Total Revenue	2,102,500	23,923	797,539	38%

# Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited) February 28, 2021

# **EXPENDITURES**

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	February 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,756	13,477	34%
Contractual Services	105,000	4,452	21,482	20%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	50,000	537	22,885	46%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	19,000	0	6,277	33%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	2,289	4,392	40%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	1,158	2,551	51%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	652	4,481	17%
Personnel	1,402,400	82,702	383,948	27%
Postage	5,000	613	2,978	60%
Printing	2,000	0	1,875	94%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	1,124	5,765	29%
Telephone	6,000	504	2,557	43%
Travel	80,000	845	3,924	5%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	19	102,515	63%
Contingency	112,300	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,102,500	97,651	579,107	28%



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March 18, 2021

TO:

**Council Members** 

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Chair to sign the Bradford; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie; Gilchrist; Lafayette; Levy; Madison and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications.

# **BACKGROUND**:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. As the designated official planning agency, the Council is required to annually certify membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

The attached forms certify that the membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards is established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3) of the Florida Administrative Code. These forms also certify that the membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards represent, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local communities.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### Attachments

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# BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Name: Address:	North Central Florida Regional Planning Council 2009 N.W. 67th Place Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603
The Designated	Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:
1.	The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2.	The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.
Signature:	Date: Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Riddick		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Sherry Ruszkowski	Vacant	6/30/2024
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2024
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2024
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	John Wisker	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Libby Murphy	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeffrey Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Deweece Ogden	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022

# COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Name:	North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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	Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603
The Designated	Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:
<i>U</i>	
1.	The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule
	41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties
	as identified in the following list; and
2.	The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local
	community.
Signature:	Date:
	Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official Hamilton County	Commissioner Brown	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official Suwannee County	Commissioner Land	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official Columbia County	Commissioner Witt	Not Applicable	No Term
Elderly	Vacant	John Koch	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Terri Harmon	Louie Goodin	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Audre' J. Washington	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Daniel Taylor	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	Amanda Bryant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Bruce Evans	Dwight Law	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Deweece Ogden	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Selvin Cray	No Term
Veteran Services	Jonathan Law, Jr.	Ellis Gray, III	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Sandra Buck Camp	Vacant	6/30/2022

# DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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2.	The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.
Signature:	Charles S. Chestnut IV. Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Storey		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Sandra Woodard	Brooke Ward	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Tim Alexander	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Selvin Cray	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022

# GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Poitevint		No Term
Elderly	Richard Esseck	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Leslie Esseck	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Sandra Woodard	Brooke Ward	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Michelle Walker-Crawford	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Pastor Ralph Williams	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Deweece Ogden	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Selvin Cray	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Brittny Keeling	Krishna Stemple	6/30/2022

# LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Walker		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Joey Pearson	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Eva K. Bolton	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Anthony Jennings	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022

# LEVY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Brooks		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Renate Cannon	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Tammy Jean Ippolito	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Sandra Woodard	Brooke Ward	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Tiffany McKenzie	Charles Harris, Jr.	6/30/2023
Public Education	Gary Masters	Joseph Wain	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	John Wisker	Amy Burton	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Peter Shepis	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Deweece Ogden	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Cindy LeCouris	Dale French	No Term
Veteran Services	Robert E. Lowyns	Julie E. Rose	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022

# MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Date: Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Moore		No Term
Elderly	Carl Sims, Jr.	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Paula Arnold	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Shanetha Mitchell	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Melinda Richie	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Steve Russell	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Janice Presley	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Anthony Jennings	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Leila Rykard	Kimberly Allbritton	6/30/2022

# UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Date: Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Perez		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Amanda Bryant	Frederick Johnson	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Libby Murphy	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Deweece Ogden	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Selvin Cray	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	John "Dan" Mann	Vacant	6/30/2022



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March 18, 2021

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

# RECOMMENDATION:

- Appoint Matthew Ferguson as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.
- Appoint Monique Gustafson as the alternate Florida Department of Education Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.
- Appoint Cindy LeCouris as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.
- Appoint Commissioner John Meeks as Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.
- Appoint Allison Stevens as the alternate Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.
- Appoint Larry Trowbridge as the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

# BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended that Matthew Ferguson be appointed the voting Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that Monique Gustafson be appointed the alternate Florida Department of Education Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that Cindy LeCouris be appointed as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Commissioner John Meeks be appointed Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Allison Stevens be appointed the alternate Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that Larry Trowbridge be appointed as the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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March 18, 2021

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment

Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

### RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Commissioner Robert Brown Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for the remainder of a one-year term ending June 30, 2021.

# **BACKGROUND:**

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing the Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

Chapter I. F. (1) of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws provides for the Board to annually recommend to the Council a local elected official to serve as Chair of the Board. At its February 17, 2021 meeting, the Board recommended the Council appoint Commissioner Robert Brown, Hamilton County, as Chair of the Board.

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March 18, 2021

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the attached resolutions of appreciation for Commissioner Matthew Brooks, Dale French and Scott Pendarvis.

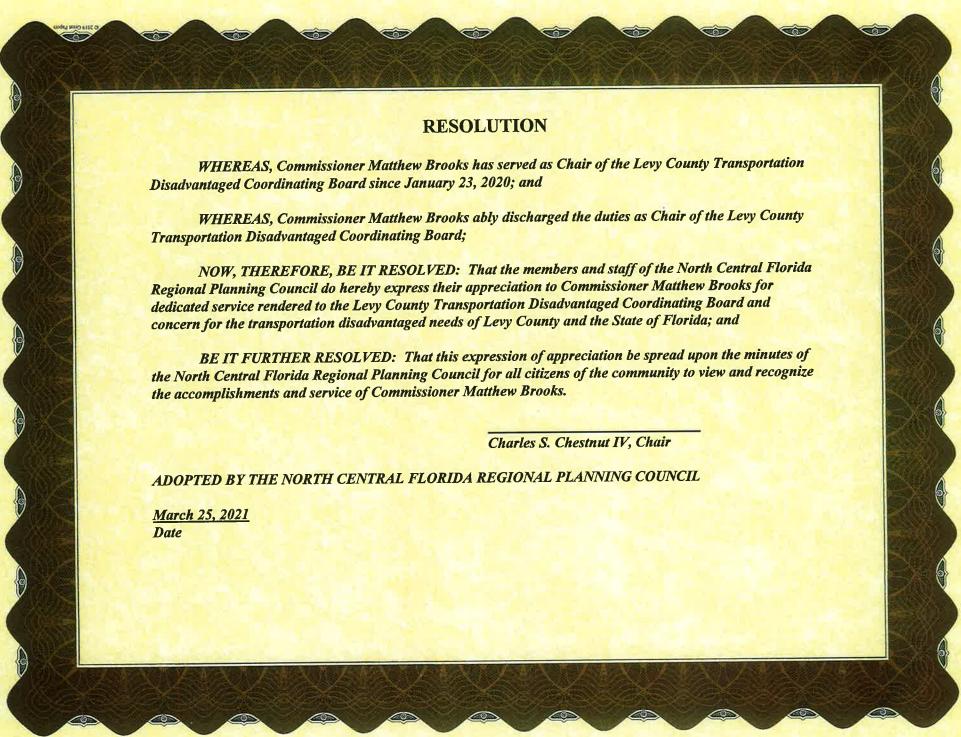
# **BACKGROUND:**

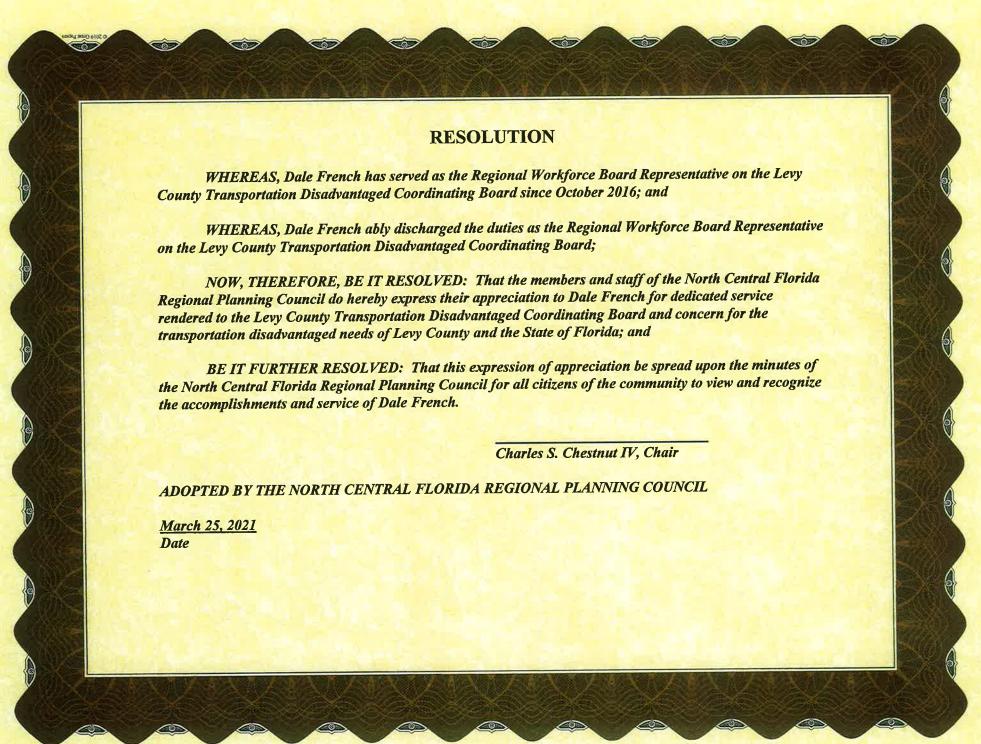
The attached resolutions of appreciation are regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Commissioner Matthew Brooks served as Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Dale French served as the Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Scott Pendarvis served as the Local Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

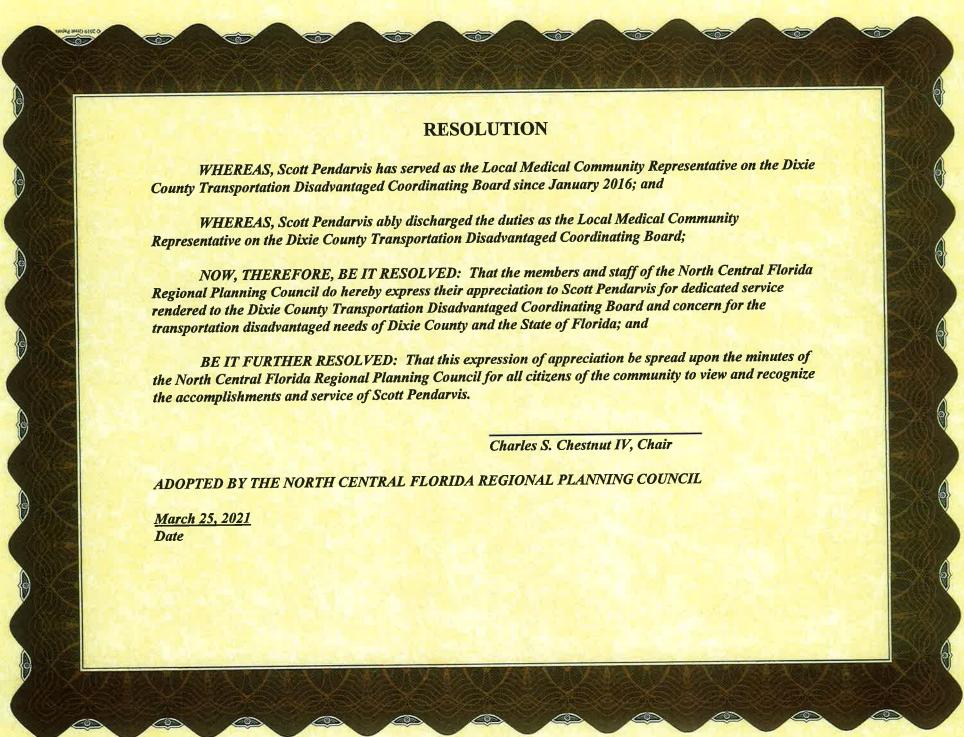
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March 18, 2021

TO:

**Council Members** 

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Appointment

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratify the appointment by the Chair of Alachua County Commissioner Mary Alford to the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to a request by the Madison County Board of County Commissioners, the Council authorized the Executive Director to convene and facilitate a meeting with representatives from Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Suwannee Counties to develop a plan to promote our area and help restore the reputation of the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River as a result of raw sewage spills from the City of Valdosta, Georgia. On September 19, 2018, Council staff convened and facilitated a meeting of county commissioners, and county administrators, coordinators and managers at the Madison County Agricultural Extension office in Madison. Representatives from Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy and Madison Counties were in attendance at the meeting.

By consensus, the county commissioners present requested the Council to establish a task force comprised of a county commissioner from each of the following counties, Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties, in the Suwannee River Basin, including the Santa Fe River Basin, to address the issues of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia. The county commissioners present also requested that the Council authorize its Executive Director to provide administrative support to the Task Force and to develop, in conjunction with county administrators, coordinators and managers, strategies to address the issue of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia.

Pursuant to the request, at the Council meeting on September 27, 2018, the Council established the Middle Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force to be compromised of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties.

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has nominated County Commissioner Mary Alford to replace County Commissioner Ken Cornell to serve on the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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March 18, 2021

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Proclamation Declaring April 2021 as County Government Month

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation declaring April 2021 as County Government Month.

#### **BACKGROUND**

County Government Month is celebrated each April by counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

Counties participate in County Government Month by hosting a variety community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, recognition ceremonies for county employees and volunteers, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay or art contests, meetings with business and community leaders and adoption of resolutions.

The National Association of Counties encourages counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services throughout the month.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### Attachment

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## PROCLAMATION

# DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, counties move America forward by building infrastructure, maintaining roads and bridges, providing health care, administrating justice, keeping communities safe, running election, managing solid waste, keeping records and much more; and

WHEREAS, counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in effective and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe and economically competitive, America's counties provide transportation and infrastructure services that play a key role in everything from daily commutes to shipping goods around the world; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has designated April as County Government Month and encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their programs and services to the public they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby proclaims April 2021 as County Government Month throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:	
SEAL	
Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer	Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



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March 18, 2021

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Proclamation Declaring April 5-9, 2021 as Community Development Week

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation declaring April 5-9, 2021 as Community Development Week.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Community Development Week has been designated by the Natural Community Development Association to bring attention to the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Communities across the north central Florida region have made contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services and economic vitality of their communities using federal funding from these programs.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not he sitate to contact me.

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## PROCLAMATION

### DECLARING APRIL 5-9, 2021 AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 5-9, 2021 has been designated as National Community Development Week to recognize and celebrate the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided funding and flexibility to local communities to provide affordable housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, since, 1992, the HOME Program has created and preserved affordable housing for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, communities across the north central Florida region have made contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services and economic vitality of their communities using federal funding from these two programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby proclaims April 5-9, 2021 as National Community Development Week in the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:	
SEAL	
Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer	Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



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March 18, 2021

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for

Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve attached Resolution No. 2021-16 recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021.

Section 287.057(3) (e) 12, Florida Statutes, allows for contractual services or commodities provided by governmental entities to not be subject to competitive solicitation requirements. Rule 41-2.010 (2) of the Florida Administrative Code allows the selection of Community Transportation Coordinators without competitive acquisition upon the recommendation of the Designated Official Planning Agency. Therefore, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged may designate a governmental entity, such as the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Community Transportation Coordinator without using a competitive selection process.

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is willing to continue serving as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. Please find attached a resolution adopted by the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority concerning designation as the Community Transportation Coordinator.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### Attachments

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16** A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE COUNTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency for Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, as authorized by Section 427.057(3)(e)12, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2.010(2), Florida Administrative Code; WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is willing to provide the services necessary to serve the transportation disadvantaged population; WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the key personnel, financial capacity, equipment resources, accounting system techniques, experience and qualifications for the Community Transportation Coordinator designation; WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the ability to coordinate a multitude of funding and service provisions to serve the transportation disadvantaged population and the general public; WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has identified specific means to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and any applicable local regulations governing disabled accessibility requirements access to transportation; WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated the provision of the most economically cost effective and quality services to the transportation disadvantaged; WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated its plans to comply with safety requirements as specified in Section 341.0161, Florida Statutes; and WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated plans to comply with any state, federal and local laws relating to substance abuse testing. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT: In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the designation of Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021. APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of March 2021. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ATTEST: Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

#### **RESOLUTION NO 2020-006**

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY REQUESTING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE THE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR UNDER FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the authority to be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority may be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties without a competitive acquisition process if the Designated Official Planning Agency determines that approach is in the best interest of the transportation disadvantaged;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority was created in 1974 for the purpose of operating a public transportation system for Columbia County, Hamilton County and Suwannee County residents;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the ability to provide the organizational structure needed to administer and operate public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority hereby authorizes the filing and execution of the Memorandum of Agreement by the Chair of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Registered Agent on behalf of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority or the Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT;

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority requests the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority this 16th day of November,

2020.

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

Toby Witt, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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March 18, 2021

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Fletcher Hope, Chair

Clearinghouse Committee

RE:

Chair's Report

#### I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., March 25, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the meeting will be a virtual meeting conducted via communications media technology. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level items which require Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

#### Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #28 Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 20-2ESR)
- #29 Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #30 Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 20-2ESR)
- #31 Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #32 City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #33 City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)
- #34 City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 20-4ESR)

Please be advised that the Clearinghouse Committee meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <a href="http://ncfrpc.org">http://ncfrpc.org</a> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on Clearinghouse Committee Full Packet).

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TO:

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FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Overall Program Design for Fiscal Year 2021-22

The Program Committee is scheduled to meet on March 25, 2021 to develop a draft of the Overall Program Design for next year. The Overall Program Design is used as the basis for the development of a budget and is also to provide direction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year.

The Program Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 27, 2021 Council meeting.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

The Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying-out the following objectives.

- Ensure regional planning councils are effective service organizations to the State of Florida, its local governments, and the citizens they serve;
- Ensure regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of the region by helping to articulate those multijurisdictional issues that need resolution;
- Encourage and promote opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in state
  programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and
  legislative environments;
- Monitor substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promote mutually supportive policy positions among the regional planning councils;
- Represent regional planning councils in national organizations, such as the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations, and SouthEast Regional Directors Institute; and
- Foster relationships and partnerships and coordinate with state, regional, and national associations and organizations; non-profit entities; public-private partnerships; the Governor's Office; state agencies; and others, on issues of mutual interest and concern, and with whom the Association shares mutual goals and programs.

Please find attached the January 2021 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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#### **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: February 2021**

#### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized articles and distributed the January 2021 Florida Regional Councils
   Association (FRCA) Newsletter, FRCA Forward. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.
- Maintained and updated the FRCA website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- Updated the email lists and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,500 individuals who receive the FRCA Forward newsletter.
- Distributed COVID-19 response and recovery information to regional planning councils.
- Continued working with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Office on Broadband and Regional Planning Councils to support hosting of regional broadband workshops.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
  - o Rural Economic Development Initiative Meeting
  - o Florida Chapter American Planning Association Policy and Planning Workshop
  - Economic Development Impact Dashboard technical virtual meeting

#### **ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT**

- Organized and hosted biweekly GoToMeetings with the regional planning council Executive Directors throughout the month of February.
- Supported Association efforts to oppose Senate Bill 62.
- Coordinated logistics for the 2021 meeting and conference schedule.
- Provided legislative and programmatic information to regional planning council staff upon request.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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SUBJECT:

Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard<sup>TM</sup>

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard<sup>TM</sup> to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan.

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars.

- Talent and Supply Education;
- Innovation and Economic Development;
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership;
- Business Climate and Competitiveness;
- Civic and Governance Systems; and
- Quality of Life and Quality Places.

Please find attached the March 2021 Scorecard.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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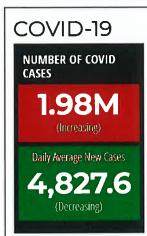


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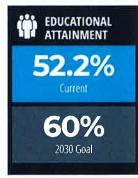






















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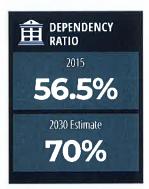
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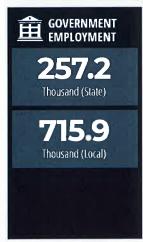








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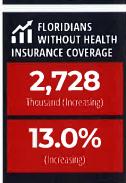






























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SUBJECT:

Legislative Report

The 2021 regular Legislature Session convened on March 2, 2021 and is scheduled to adjourn on April 30, 2021. The legislative interim Committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of January 11-15, 2021
- Week of January 25-29, 2021
- Week of February 1-5, 2021
- Week of February 8-12, 2021
- Week of February 15-19, 2021

The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest.

#### REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING

The Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

#### **REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS**

Senate Bill 62 by Senator Bradley revises a requirement for the Executive Office of the Governor to review and consider certain reports, data and analyses relating to the revision of the state comprehensive plan; eliminating the advisory role of regional planning councils in state comprehensive plan preparation and revision; repealing provisions relating to the Florida Regional Planning Council Act; and authorizing local governments to recommend areas of critical state concern to the state land planning agency. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee (Yeas 6, Nays 3). The bill is now in Judiciary Committee.

There is no companion House bill.

#### **GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

Senate Bill 496 by Senator Perry specifies requirements for certain comprehensive plans effective, rather than adopted, after a specified date and for associated land development regulations; requiring local governments to include a property rights element in their comprehensive plans; prohibiting a local government's property rights element from conflicting with the statement of rights contained in the act; providing that the consent of certain property owners is not required for development agreement changes under certain circumstances; requiring the Florida Department of Transportation to afford a right of first refusal to certain individuals under specified circumstances. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee; and Judiciary Committee. The bill is now in Rules Committee.

#### **GROWTH MANAGEMENT** (Continued)

House Bill 59 by Representatives McClain and Sabatini requires comprehensive plans and certain land development regulations of municipalities established after certain date to incorporate certain development orders; requires local governments to include property rights element in their comprehensive plans; provides statement of rights; requires local government to adopt property rights element by specified date; provides that certain property owners are not required to consent to development agreement changes; provides requirements and procedures for right of first refusal; authorizes certain developments of regional impact agreements to be amended. Referred to State Affairs Committee; Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee. Passed by Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee; and Community Affairs Committee. The bill is now on House Calendar for Second Reading.

#### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENTS

Senate Bill 1274 by Senator Perry authorize landowners with development orders existing before the incorporation of a municipality to elect to abandon such orders and develop the vested density and intensity contained therein under specified conditions; revises the required acreage thresholds under which a small scale development amendment may be adopted from ten acres to 50 acres and if a site is located in an Rural Area of Opportunity from 20 acres to 100 acres. Referred to Community Affairs Committee, Commerce and Tourism Committee and Rules Committee. The bill is currently not in a committee.

House Bill 487 by Representative Duggan increases acreage thresholds adopting an amendment using a small scale development amendment from ten acres to 50 acres and if a site is located in an Rural Area of Opportunity from 20 acres to 100 acres. Referred to Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, Commerce Committee and State Affairs Committee. Passed by Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; and State Affair Committee. The bill has been passed by all referral committees.

#### STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND

Senate Bill 510 by Senators Hooper and Cruz, Polsky, Stewart and Torres exempts the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund from a provision authorizing the Legislature, in the General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and the General Revenue Fund. Referred to the Community Affairs Committee; Finance and Tax Committee; and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee; and Finance and Tax Committee. The bill is now in Appropriations Committee.

House Bill 13 by Representatives Killebrew and Silvers exempts State Housing Trust Fund and Local Government Housing Trust Fund from provision authorizing Legislature, in General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to Budget Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Fund. Referred to Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; and Appropriations Committee. The bill is now in Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

#### MULTI-USE CORRIDORS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE

Senate Bill 100 by Senators Harrell and Taddeo repeals provisions relating to applications for funding for technical assistance relating to areas in and around a proposed multiuse corridor interchange; requires that \$35 million transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise be used for a specified purpose beginning in a specified fiscal year and annually for up to 30 years thereafter; requires that certain increased revenues be used to fund specified projects beginning in a specified fiscal year and annually thereafter; requires the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, to evaluate certain roadways for development of specific controlled access facilities and to include such projects in the work program. Referred to the Transportation Committee and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Transportation Committee (Yeas 5, Nays 3). The bill is now in Appropriations Committee.

Senate Bill 1030 by Senator Polsky repeals the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program and Reversion of Program Funds; repeals provisions relating to the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program and funding therefor, respectively; requiring portions of certain annual license tax revenues to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund; revising the period during which certain revenues shall be transferred to the Florida Turnpike Enterprise. Referred to Transportation Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations Committee. The bill is currently in a committee.

House Bill 763 by Representatives Diamond and Carlos Guillermo Smith repeals provisions relating to Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program and related funding; requires portions of certain annual license tax revenues to be deposited into General Revenue Fund; revises period during which certain revenues shall be transferred to the Florida Turnpike Enterprise. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. The bill is now in Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee.

Senate Bill 924 by Senator Hooper revises the allocation of certain funds for the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program, for specified fiscal years, that result from increased revenues to the State Transportation Trust Fund. Referred to Transportation Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations Committee. The bill is currently not in a committee.

There is no companion House bill.

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