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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 **April 22, 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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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Virtual Public Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology
Gainesville, Florida

April 22, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology

March 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
Mark Clark, City of Newberry
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
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Reina Saco, City of Gainesville
Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler
Jody Stephenson, Dixie 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

Ben Glass, 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
Mike Deming, City of Perry
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County

OTHERS PRESENT

Margie Caparelli
Diana Davis
Susan Davis
Edith Eudy
Harriett Jones
Sean King
Stew Lilker

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Scott Koons
Tara Tucker
Lauren Yeatter

Executive Committee Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION

Noting a quorum of the Council being present, Chair Chestnut called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Vice-Mayor Mortimer 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 Marjorie Caparelli, Citizen, Suwannee County; Edith Eudy, Citizen, Suwannee County; Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis; Susan Davis, St. Johns River Water Management District and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - February 25, 2021
- B. Monthly Financial Report - February 2021
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment
Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Counties

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

ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Clark to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Murphy made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels
Suwannee River Water Management District

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, Suwannee River Water Management District. Mr. King gave a presentation to the Council concerning the Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels Program. Chair Chestnut thanked Mr. King for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT -

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation
1. Matthew Brooks
 2. Dale French
 3. Scott Pendarvis

ACTION: Commissioner Clark made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Alford to authorize the Chair to sign Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation for former Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board members Matthew Brooks, Chair, Local Elected Official, Levy County; Dale French, Regional Workforce Board Representative Levy County; and Scott Pendarvis, Local Medical Community Representative Dixie County. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force Appointment

ACTION: Commissioner Wheeler made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to ratify the appointment by the Chair of Alachua County Commissioner Mary Alford to the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee

1. Proclamation Declaring April 2021 County Government Month

Chair Chestnut stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring April 2021 as County Government Month in the north central Florida region. He further stated that 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.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheeler made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Simmons to adopt the proclamation declaring April 2021 as County Government Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Declaring April 5-9, 2021 Community Development Week

Chair Chestnut stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring April 5-9, 2021 as Community Development Week in the north central Florida region. He further stated that Community Development Week is to bring attention to the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

ACTION: Commissioner Clark made the motion, with a second by Mayor Louie Davis, to adopt the proclamation proclaiming April 5-9, 2021 as Community Development Week, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, to 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 for a five-year period beginning on July 1, 2021.

Margie Caparelli, Edith Eudy and Stew Lilker spoke in opposition to the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

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.

- #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)

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 Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #28 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 20-2ESR); Item #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) and; #34 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 20-4ESR).
The motion carried unanimously.

C. Program Committee - 2020-21 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Demps, Program Committee Chair, gave the Program Committee Report. He stated that the Program Committee met virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. Commissioner Demps stated that this document is to be used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. He stated that there are no changes proposed in the Overall Program Design which include new programs not previously discussed and/or approved by the Council. Commissioner Demps finally stated the Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 27, 2021 Council meeting.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Ben Glass, Legislative and Community Affairs Chief, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported that the District is currently soliciting cost share river grant applications and that the applications are due on April 15, 2021.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed rural 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 February 2021 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the February 2021 report.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ 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 March 2021 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2021 Legislative Session convened 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.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Mayor Mortimer thanked Council staff for the assistance provided to the City of Starke concerning planning and zoning matters.

Commissioner Stegall invited Council members to attend the Spring Showdown Drag Boat Race to be held in the City of Lake Butler on April 10, 2021.

Mayor Louie Davis thanked Chair Chestnut for conducting the Council meeting in an orderly manner.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Chestnut informed the Council that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on April 22, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

4/22/21
Date



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, administering 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



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

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

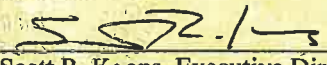
WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated plans to comply with any state, federal and local laws relating to substance abuse testing.

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.

ATTEST:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



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April 15, 2021

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - March 2021

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for March 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 six months is 49 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of six months is 34 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.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2021

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,830,804
Accounts Receivable	856,170
Other Current Assets	<u>20,781</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,707,755</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,707,755</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	9,326
Other Current Liabilities	<u>595,673</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>604,999</u>
Equity	<u>2,102,756</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,707,755</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2021

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	March	2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,102,500		242,227	1,039,766	49%
Expenses	2,102,500		138,890	717,997	34%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2021

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	March 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	48,200	893	30,599	63%
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	9,000	17,300	13%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	0	0	44,647	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	464,600	88,623	189,153	41%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	228,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,900	3,545	4,792	19%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,600	44,862	77,807	39%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	17,500	80,009	70%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	9,241	20,000	10%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	40,200	5,000	12,250	30%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	0	162,746	100%
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	63,563	139,662	57%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	75,000	0	63,009	84%
Total Revenue	2,102,500	242,227	1,039,766	49%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2021

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	March 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,818	16,295	41%
Contractual Services	105,000	1,763	23,245	22%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	50,000	2,560	25,445	51%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	19,000	5,136	11,413	60%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	871	5,263	48%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	0	2,551	51%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	6,143	10,624	41%
Personnel	1,402,400	114,787	498,735	36%
Postage	5,000	1,220	4,198	84%
Printing	2,000	0	1,875	94%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	1,669	7,434	37%
Telephone	6,000	562	3,119	52%
Travel	80,000	1,013	4,937	6%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	348	102,863	63%
Contingency	112,300	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,102,500	138,890	717,997	34%



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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Frederick L. Johnson.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida’s Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Frederick L. Johnson served as the alternate Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Frederick L. Johnson has served as the alternate Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since February 2017; and

WHEREAS, Frederick L. Johnson ably discharged the duties as the alternate Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Frederick L. Johnson for dedicated service rendered to the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Union County and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Frederick L. Johnson.

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 3-7, 2021 as Travel and Tourism Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of May 3-7, 2021 as Travel and Tourism Week in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a task force of the Council 29 years ago. It is now a 14-county independent tourism marketing interlocal agreement organization. The mission of the Original Florida Tourism Task Force is to “Promote the natural, historic, and cultural attractions of the north central Florida region to increase the number of visitors and extend their stay.” The goal is to enhance the area’s economy, image, and quality of life through expanded revenues and employment opportunities. At the same time, the region will encourage the preservation of the resources which bring focus to the area.

The week of May 3-7, 2021 is National Travel and Tourism Week as declared by the Travel Industry Association. Activities are planned throughout the United States and Florida to support and celebrate the tourism industry.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of May 3-7, 2021 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MAY 3-7, 2021 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 86 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates an estimated 74 billion dollars in economic activity, estimated eight billion dollars in annual sales tax revenues and employs over one million persons;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of tourism to the north central Florida regional economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS, local governments, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council support tourism opportunities in north central Florida; and

WHEREAS, local governments, businesses, chambers of commerce, visitors bureaus, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council are working together to support this vital part of north central Florida's economy and all who play a role in tourism to ensure that north central Florida continues to be a place where traditions will be created and continued for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of May 3-7, 2021 as *Travel and Tourism Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of April 2021.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 9-15, 2021 as Economic Development Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming May 9-15, 2021 as Economic Development Week in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The International Economic Development Council has designated May 9-15, 2021 as Economic Development Week. The Council assists local governments and economic development organizations in promoting economic well-being and quality of life for communities create, retain and expand jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base.

The International Economic Development Council is encouraging local governments and other organizations to recognize Economic Development Week.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming May 9-15, 2021 as Economic Development Week in the north central Florida region..

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MAY 5-19, 2021 AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is an economic development district designated by the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers working in the north central Florida region support the expansion of career opportunities and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of May 5-19, 2021 as *Economic Development Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of April 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer

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April 15, 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., April 22, 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

#35 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 20-2ESR)

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

#38 - Town of Horseshoe Beach Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER)

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

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April 15, 2021

TO: Council Members

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 March 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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East Central Florida • Emerald Coast
North Central Florida • Northeast Florida • South Florida
Southwest Florida • Tampa Bay • Treasure Coast

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: March 2021

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized articles and distributed the February 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.
- Worked with the regional planning councils to develop and submit a presentation panel idea for the American Planning Association Florida Annual Conference being held in Miami, August 31 - September 3, 2021.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Organized and hosted biweekly GoToMeetings with the regional planning council Executive Directors throughout the month of March.
- Continue to support Association efforts to oppose Senate Bill 62.
- Organized and hosted the FRCA Partners Meeting held virtually on March 26, 2021.
- Began preparations for the Summer 2021 Policy Board meeting.
- 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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The Association distributes an electronic newsletter each month to approximately 2,600 elected officials, state agencies, partner organizations and interested individuals statewide. Please find attached an excerpted article from the March 2021 monthly Forward Newsletter featuring the community development activities of the Council provided to local governments.

The Council assisted the City of Madison with administering a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant-funded sanitary sewer upgrade project. The project consisted of the rehabilitation of a master sanitary sewer lift station, installation of a new sanitary sewer gravity flow interceptor line, and replacement of dilapidated neighborhood sanitary sewer collection lines and service laterals.

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FORWARD

A monthly update from Florida's Regional Planning Councils



North Central Florida RPC Assists City of Madison



The North Central Florida RPC assisted the City of Madison with a sanitary sewer upgrade project. The project consisted of the rehabilitation of a master sanitary sewer lift station, installation of a new sanitary sewer gravity flow interceptor line and replacement of dilapidated neighborhood sanitary sewer collection lines and service laterals. The project was funded by a combination of City funds and a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. Long-standing sanitary system deficiencies were addressed by the completion of the project resulting in enhanced public health and safety for the residents of the City.

The Council assisted the City identify project needs, conduct household surveys, define the scope of the improvements to address the identified problems, prepare a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application and provide grant administration services to implement the multi-year project. Grant administration services provided by the Council included completion of environmental review and clearance, preparation of construction contract documents, procurement of the construction contractor, and provision of project monitoring to ensure compliance with federal and state rules and regulations. In particular, grant funds, fiscal management, labor standards compliance and fair housing activities were managed by the Council.



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April 15, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ 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.

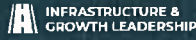
- Talent and Supply Education;
- Innovation and Economic Development;
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership;
- Business Climate and Competitiveness;
- Civic and Governance Systems; and
- Quality of Life and Quality Places.

Please find attached the April 2021 Scorecard.

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State of Florida Metrics

Click any metric to get more information! (What is this?)

FLORIDA POPULATION 04/13/2021

22,311,591

Florida FutureCast

COVID-19

NUMBER OF COVID CASES

2.13M

(Increasing)

Daily Average New Cases

5,604.8

(Decreasing)

WEEKLY PERCENT OF POSITIVE CASES

7.47%

(Increasing)

DAYS SINCE 1ST VACCINE IN FLORIDA

121

DAYS SINCE 1ST CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

407

OPEN JOBS

402,200

(Increasing)

474,000

Unemployed Persons (Declining)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

4.7%

(Declining)

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Jobs Year Over Year Change

-560,000

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3RD GRADE READING SCORES

58%

(Improving)

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100%

2030 Goal

STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS

\$94.0

Billion Visitor Spending

86.7

Million Visitors

STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES

9,669

Starts (Declining)

23,947

Sales (Improving)

INCOME MIGRATION

\$1.19M

Per Hour

POVERTY RATE

14.0%

(Better)

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CONSUMER SENTIMENT

80.9

(Improving)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

90.0%

(Improving)

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SALES TAX REVENUE

\$2.749

Billion per Month (Declining)

VOTER PARTICIPATION

77%

(Improving)

RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION

49%/42%

LAND IN CONSERVATION

28%



State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

Talent Supply & Education

State of Florida FutureCast

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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

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Innovation & Economic Development

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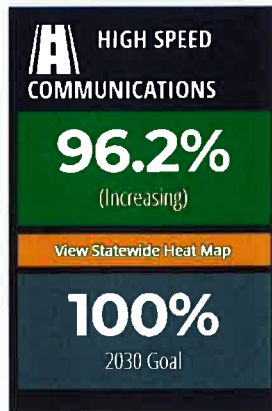
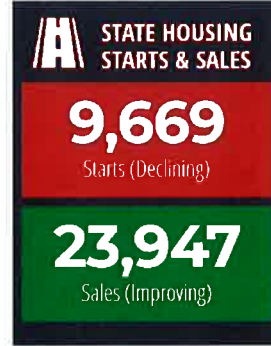
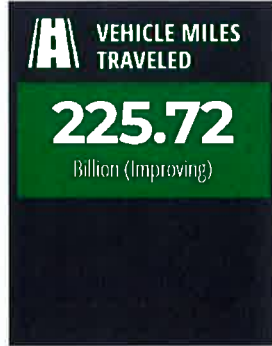
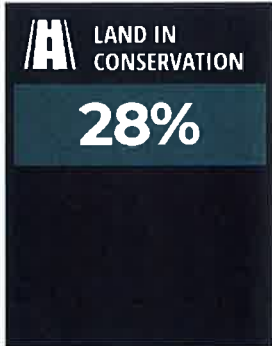


State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

State of Florida FutureCast

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METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

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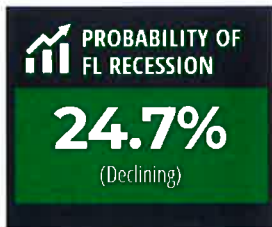


State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Business Climate & Competitiveness

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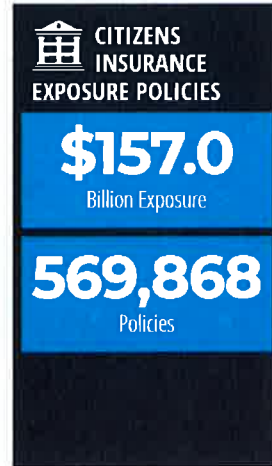
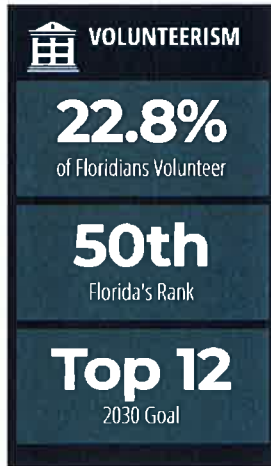
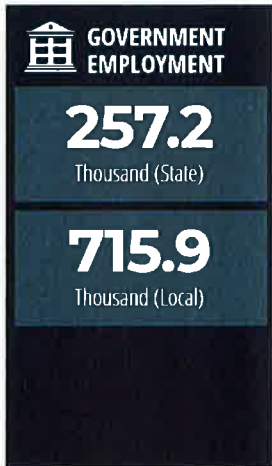
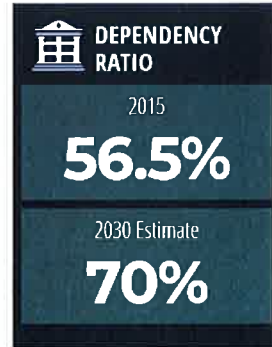


State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Civic & Governance Systems

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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)
Quality of Life and Quality Places

State of Florida FutureCast

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POVERTY RATE

14.0%
(Better)

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CHILDREN IN POVERTY

20.1%
(Decreasing)

<10%
2030 Goal

829,342
(Decreasing)

ALICE HOUSEHOLDS

46%
(Unchanged)

HOUSING COST BURDENED

52.9%
30% (Decreasing)

<10%
2030 Goal

27.1%
50% (Decreasing)

CHILD HEALTH RANKING

38
(Increasing)

FLORIDIANS WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

2,728
Thousand (Increasing)

13.0%
(Increasing)

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

55.8%
(Declining)

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YOUTH OBESITY

14.0%
(Worse)

PER CAPITA INCOME

\$52,426
(Improving)

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HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN

91,068
(Declining)

HOME OWNERSHIP RATE

67.0%
(Declining)

WELL-BEING RANKING

20th
(Increasing)

Top 5
2030 Goal

CRIME DATA

2,551
(Declining)

CRIME RATE RANKING

#27
(Decreasing)

Lowest 10
2030 Goal



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April 15, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

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 was, 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
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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; Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. **The bill has been read for a second time by the Senate.**

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 HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (YEAS 82, NAYS 32) AND BY THE SENATE (YEAS 38, NAYS 0).**

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. Referral to Commerce and Tourism Committee has been removed. **The bill is now in Rules 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 Affairs Committee. **THE BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (YEAS 103, NAYS 9).**

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) and Appropriations Committee (Yeas 17, Nays 2). **THE BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE SENATE (YEAS 39, NAYS 1).**

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.

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



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April 15, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: U. S. Economic Development Administration Grant
City of Lake City Gateway Airport

The United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration has awarded the City of Lake City a \$2.3 million Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act recovery assistance grant to support the aviation maintenance and repair industry at the Lake City Gateway Airport (see attached press release). The funds will be used to retrofit two City-owned, World War II era hangars for use by the aircraft maintenance and repair service industry. The grant to be matched with \$724,675 in local investment is anticipated to create 300 jobs, retain 512 jobs, and generate \$1.2 million in private investment.

This project was made possible by the regional planning efforts led by the Council. The project will further strategies in the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to strengthen the economy of the north central Florida region.

Congratulations to the City of Lake City.

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

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
COMMERCE NEWS
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE — WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, April 8, 2021

Contact: Ike Umannah
IUmannah@eda.gov

**U.S. Department of Commerce Invests \$2.3 Million
in CARES Act Recovery Assistance
to Support Aviation Maintenance and Repair Industry
in Lake City, Florida**

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced that the Department’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$2.3 million CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to Lake City Gateway Airport, Lake City, Florida, to retrofit two city-owned, World War II era hangars for use by the aircraft maintenance and repair service industry. This EDA grant, to be matched with \$724,675 in local investment, is expected to create 300 jobs, retain 512 jobs, and generate \$1.2 million in private investment.

“President Biden is committed to unleashing the full power of the federal government to ensure our nation not only recovers from this pandemic but builds back stronger,” **said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo**. “This EDA investment in Lake City Gateway Airport will provide the critical infrastructure they need to build back better from the coronavirus pandemic.”

“The Economic Development Administration is committed to helping communities across the nation implement strategies to mitigate economic hardships brought on by the coronavirus pandemic,” **said Dennis Alvord, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development**. “Hangar upgrades completed through this EDA investment will help ensure job retention, creation and investment in the aviation industry as it recovers from the economic effects of the pandemic.”

“I was proud to support the CARES Act, which was aimed to assist our local communities against the many harmful effects from the COVID-19 pandemic,” **said Senator Marco Rubio**. “Repairs at Lake City Gateway Airport will create hundreds of employment opportunities for Floridians and aid the aviation industry as it begins to recover from the pandemic.”

“During these challenging times, providing resources for our communities to continue their work is crucial for their economic survival,” **said Congressman Al Lawson (FL-05)**. “The airport is a vital part of Lake City’s workforce, and this grant will provide much-needed funding for projects that may otherwise be neglected during the pandemic. Thank you to President Biden for ensuring the necessary improvements are made to benefit the North Florida community for years to come.”

This project was made possible by the regional planning efforts led by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, which EDA funds to bring together the public and private sectors to create an economic development roadmap to strengthen the regional economy, support private capital investment and create jobs.

This project is funded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act ([Public Law 116-136](#)), which provided EDA with \$1.5 billion for economic assistance programs to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance, which is being administered under the authority of the bureau's flexible [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#) (EAA) program, provides a wide range of financial assistance to eligible communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

About the U.S. Economic Development Administration (www.eda.gov)

The U.S. Economic Development Administration’s (EDA) mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting competitiveness and preparing the nation's regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. An agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA makes investments in economically distressed communities to create jobs for U.S. workers, promote American innovation, and accelerate long-term sustainable economic growth.

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