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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 28, 2022**. 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

Virtual Public Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology
Gainesville, Florida

April 28, 2022
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology

March 24, 2022
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
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
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer
Travis Land, Suwannee County
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Reina Saco, City of Gainesville
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristin Adkins, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Logan Benedict, Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission
Ben Glass, Suwannee River
Water Management District
David Tyler, Florida Department
of Transportation

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Alford, Alachua County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Cynthia Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
Ward Ketring, City of Perry
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Toby Witt, Columbia County

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Laura Jones
Stew Lilker
Britney Moore

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Lauren Yeatter
Tara Tucker

Executive Committee Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members names are italicize

I. INVOCATION

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

Chair Demps stated that the sister of Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne, died earlier in the week and asked the Council to keep her and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Demps welcomed 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 - February 24, 2022
- B. Monthly Financial Report - February 2022
- C. Interagency Agreement with East Central Florida Regional Planning Council to Participate in Regional Joint Mitigation Resiliency Project
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointment

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

ACTION: Commissioner Meeks made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Charles Chestnut, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Duncan-Walker made the motion, with a second by Mayor Louie Davis, to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Britney Moore, Assistant Bureau Chief, Office of Greenways and Trails, Division of Recreation and Parks, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Britney Moore, Assistant Bureau Chief, Office of Greenways and Trails, Division of Recreation and Parks, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Ms. Moore gave a presentation to the Council concerning the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the Florida Trail Town Program. Chair Demps thanked Ms. Moore for her presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT -

A. Resolution of Appreciation

1. David Arreola, City of Gainesville

ACTION: Commissioner Duncan-Walker made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler to approve a resolution of appreciation for former Council member David Arreola, City of Gainesville. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

1. Selvin Cray

ACTION: Commissioner Wheeler made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, to approve a Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation for former Transportation Disadvantaged Program member Selvin Cray, alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and the voting Regional Workforce Board representative on the Dixie County, Gilchrist County, and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards. The motion carried unanimously

C. Committee Appointments

ACTION: Commissioner Meeks made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson to ratify the appointment by the Chair of Commissioner Mark Clark to the Clearinghouse Committee; Commissioner Mary Alford as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee; Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker to the Finance Committee; Mayor Louie Davis as Vice-Chair of the Nominating Committee; Commissioner Daniel Riddick to the Nominating Committee; and Mayor Janice Mortimer as a Florida Regional Councils Association Representative. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Proclamation Declaring April 2022 County Government Month

Chair Demps stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring April 2022 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: Mayor Louie Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson to adopt the proclamation declaring April 2022 as County Government Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2 Proclamation Declaring April 11-15, 2022 Community Development Week

Chair Demps stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring April 11-15, 2022 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 Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to adopt the proclamation proclaiming April 11-15, 2022 as Community Development Week, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Brown, Vice-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.

#65 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

#66 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER)

#67 - City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR)

#68 - City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER)

#69 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ER)

Commissioner Brown 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 Brown made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #65 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #66 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER); #67 - City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR); #68 - City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER); and Item #69 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ER). The motion carried unanimously.

C. Program Committee - 2022-23 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Adams, Vice-Chair of the Council and 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 Adams 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. In conclusion, Commissioner Adams finally stated the Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 26, 2022 Council meeting.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

David Tyler, Rural Transportation Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation will be hosting a Rail and Transit Regional Listening Session on March 29, 2022 at the Urban Area Office in Jacksonville. Also, he reported that District 2 is currently reviewing Small County Road Assistance Program grant applications and the Small County Outreach Program grant applications recently submitted by local governments to District 2.

Logan Benedict, Climate Adaptation Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, discussed the Florida Fish and Wildlife Strategic Conservation Initiative.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Florida Department of Transportation upcoming rail and transit regional listening session on March 29, 2022 in Jacksonville.

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 also stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the February 2022 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the February 2022 report.

B. Florida Regional Councils Association Forward Newsletter

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Council Association distributes an electronic newsletter each month to approximately 2,300 elected officials, state agencies, partner organizations and interested individuals statewide. He discussed an article from the February 2022 monthly Forward Newsletter that was included in the Council meeting packet featuring the staff services provided by the Council to The Original Florida Tourism Task Force, a multi-county destination marketing organization promoting nature-based, heritage based and cultural-based tourism in the north central Florida region. Mr. Koons stated the area consists of 14 predominantly rural counties and covers approximately 10,000 square miles. He noted that the Task Force brands and markets the region as Visit Natural North Florida. In conclusion, Mr. Koons stated marketing activities of the Task Force include a website, digital and print advertising campaigns, distribution of brochures, a quarterly electronic newsletter, and attendance at travel shows.

C. 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 2022 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2022 Legislature Session convened on January 11, 2022 and adjourn on March 14, 2022. He reported on the status of bills of interest to the Council and member local governments.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson thanked the Council for their thoughts and prayers for her and her family concerning the death of her sister. She also thanked Clearinghouse Committee Vice-Chair Brown for chairing the Clearinghouse Committee meeting and presenting the Clearinghouse Committee report.

Mayor Mortimer invited Council members to attend the Bradford County Strawberry Festival to be held on April 2-3, 2022 in Starke.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Demps stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on April 28, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Thomas Demps, Chair

4/28/22
Date



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April 21, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - March 2022

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for March 2022. 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 58 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 are 33 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

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2022

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	2,349,912
Accounts Receivable	601,063
Other Current Assets	<u>25,666</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,976,641</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,976,641</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	14,581
Other Current Liabilities	<u>383,467</u>
Total Liabilities	398,048
Equity	<u>2,578,593</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,976,641</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2022

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	March	2022	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,013,500		273,070	1,173,241	58%
Expenses	2,013,500		143,150	663,845	33%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2022

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	March 2022	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	41,000	115	32,183	78%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,083	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	164,189	279%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	133,200	9,700	17,000	13%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	483,800	49,391	103,447	21%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	200,700	75,291	138,255	69%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	25,600	9,114	12,960	51%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	205,500	22,616	100,801	49%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	17,500	80,006	70%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	20,000	35,000	18%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	32,500	8,280	16,280	50%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	92,500	0	87,907	95%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	19,929	100%
City & County Planning Services	237,200	61,063	229,252	97%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	80,000	0	63,449	79%
Total Revenue	2,013,500	273,070	1,173,241	58%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2022

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	March 2022	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	160,000	3,588	20,903	13%
Contractual Services	118,000	2,071	17,158	15%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	55,000	2,664	30,479	55%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	5,158	11,457	46%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	461	3,958	36%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	7,000	0	2,551	36%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	1,397	5,254	20%
Personnel	1,286,400	123,589	507,965	39%
Postage	9,000	611	2,482	28%
Printing	2,000	0	2,109	105%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	22,000	996	5,687	26%
Telephone	12,000	606	3,952	33%
Travel	80,000	2,009	9,530	12%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	92,500	0	40,360	44%
Contingency	51,600	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,013,500	143,150	663,845	33%



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April 21, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: U. S. Economic Development Administration
Economic Adjustment Assistance Program Grant Amendment

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit a one-year extension amendment for the Federal Assistance Economic Adjustment Grant awarded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to the Council and authorize the Executive Director to execute the time extension.

BACKGROUND:

The Council is designated by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, as an Economic Development District.

The Atlanta Regional Office of the U. S. Economic Development Administration awarded a grant to the Council serving as an Economic Development District to assist the north central Florida region with economic recovery due to the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds grant does not require any matching funds.

In order to complete all activities pursuant to the Economic Adjustment grant, it is recommended that a one-year extension amendment be filed with the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

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




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April 21, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Stephen Clark the voting Public Education Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Caroline W. Ruff-Looney the alternate Florida Association for Community Action Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Shanetha Mitchell the voting Local Medical Community Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Appoint Geanelly Reveron the voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and the Bradford County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Levy County, Lafayette County, Madison County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**

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 Stephen Clark be appointed the voting Public Education Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Caroline W. Ruff-Looney be appointed the alternate Florida Association for Community Action Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Shanetha Mitchell be appointed the voting Local Medical Community Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Geanelly Reveron be appointed the voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and the Bradford County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Levy County, Lafayette County, Madison County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

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

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April 21, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation
for Madison County

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2022-10 recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Big Bend Transit, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Madison County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2022.

BACKGROUND

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Madison County. 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.

Big Bend Transit, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Madison County. Big Bend Transit, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2022.

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2022-01 for the designation of the Madison County Community Transportation Coordinator on February 4, 2022. The following firms submitted proposals in response to the request for proposals:

1. Big Bend Transit, Inc.; and
2. Maruti Mobility Management, Inc.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Madison County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The total raw scores of each reviewer established a rank order for each reviewer. The rank order score of all reviewers was combined to determine the following final rank score:

1. Big Bend Transit, Inc.
2. Maruti Mobility Management, Inc.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Big Bend Transit, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Madison County for five-year period effective July 1, 2022.

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

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE BIG BEND TRANSIT, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR MADISON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Madison County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Madison County in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator will be accomplished through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (3), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2022-01 for the designation of the Madison County Community Transportation Coordinator on February 4, 2022;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received two proposals in response to Request for Proposals No. 2022-01; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee ranked the proposals in the following order:

1. Big Bend Transit, Inc.
2. Maruti Mobility Management, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee recommended that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommend to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the designation of Big Bend Transit, Inc. as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Madison County;

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 designate Big Bend Transit, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Madison County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2022.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 28th day of April 2022.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director


Thomas Demps, Chair



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April 21, 2022

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 Teri Harmon, Joey Pearson and Leila Rykard.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolutions of appreciation are regarding Florida’s Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Teri Harmon served as the voting Citizen Advocate on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Joey Pearson served as the voting Public Education Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Leila Rykard served as the voting Local Medical Community Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

Attachments

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Teri Harmon has served as the voting Citizen Advocate Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since May 2020; and

WHEREAS, Teri Harmon ably discharged the duties of the voting Citizen Advocate Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee 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 Teri Harmon for dedicated service rendered to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee 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 Teri Harmon.

Thomas Demps, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

April 28, 2022
Date

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joey Pearson has served as the voting Public Education Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since May 2017; and

WHEREAS, Joey Pearson ably discharged the duties of the voting Public Education Representative on the Lafayette 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 Joey Pearson for dedicated service rendered to the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Lafayette 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 Joey Pearson.

Thomas Demps, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

April 28, 2022

Date

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Leila Rykard has served as the voting Local Medical Community Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since September 2013; and

WHEREAS, Leila Rykard ably discharged the duties of the voting Local Medical Community Representative on the Madison 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 Leila Rykard for dedicated service rendered to the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Madison 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 Leila Rykard.

Thomas Demps, Chair

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April 21, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Mayor Janice Mortimer Receives Home Rule Hero Award

The Florida League of Cities recently recognized Mayor Janice Mortimer, City of Starke, as a recipient of a 2022 Home Rule Hero Award. This prestigious award was presented for tireless efforts to advance the Florida League of Cities legislative agenda and help protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2022 Legislative Session.

In addition, the following municipal officials in the north central Florida region were also 2022 Home Rule Hero Award recipients.

- Mayor Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
- Mayor Kenneth Lee, Town of Cross City
- Mayor Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry
- Mayor Matthew Surrency, City of Hawthorne
- Vice-Mayor Jovante Teague, Town of Cross City

“On behalf of the League and its legislative team, we’re very proud to present this year’s Home Rule Hero Awards to a deserving group of municipal leaders,” said Florida League of Cities Director of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook. “We had a record number of Home Rule Heroes this year, which shows the dedication and impact of local officials on behalf of their residents and businesses in protecting local decision-making. These local officials were constantly engaged and actively advocating for their communities throughout the 2022 Legislative Session. They’re heroes for Home Rule and we thank them for their efforts.”

Home rule is the ability for a city to establish its own form of government and enact ordinances, codes, plans and resolutions without prior state approval. The Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and nonelected, who consistently responded to the League’s request to reach out to members of the Legislature and help give a local perspective to an issue.

Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida’s cities. Florida’s cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy.

Congratulations Mayor Mortimer.

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April 21, 2022

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 1-7, 2022 as Travel and Tourism Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of May 1-7, 2022 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 30 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 1-7, 2022 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 1-7, 2022 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 1-7, 2022 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 122 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates an estimated 96 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 1-7, 2022 as *Travel and Tourism Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of April 2022.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Janice D. Mortimer, Secretary-Treasurer

Thomas Demps, Chair



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April 21, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 9-13, 2022 as Economic Development Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming May 9-13, 2022 as Economic Development Week in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The International Economic Development Council has designated May 9-13, 2022 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 9-13, 2022 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 9-13, 2022 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 9-13, 2022 as *Economic Development Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of April 2022.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
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April 21, 2022

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Bylaws Proposed Amendments

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Section 6 Officers-Duties-Term of Office and Section 8 Standing and Special Committees of the Council Bylaws to delete the Secretary-Treasurer officer position, delete the Executive Committee Member position, add a separate Treasurer officer position, add a separate Secretary officer position, and delete the review of amendments to developments of regional impact as a duty of the Clearinghouse Committee to be effective May 26, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Please find attached proposed amendments to the Council Bylaws in underline and strike through format. Words bolded and underlined are proposed to be added and words bolded and struck through are proposed to be deleted.

The following is a list of the bylaws proposed amendments to Section 6 Officers-Duties-Term of Office and Section 8 Standing and Special Committees.

1. Delete the Secretary-Treasurer officer position;
2. Delete the Executive Committee Member position;
3. Add a separate Treasurer officer position;
4. Add a separate Secretary officer position; and
5. Delete the review of amendments to developments of regional impact as a duty of the Clearinghouse Committee.

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

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Words **bolded and underlined** have been added.
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Section 6: Officers---Duties---Term of Office.

- (1) The members of the Council shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, ~~and Secretary~~ -Treasurer **and Secretary** to serve as officers of the Council. The officers shall be elected from among the members of the Council and may be elected or gubernatorial appointees no more than one (1) of who may be from representatives appointed by the same general purpose local governmental unit and no more than one (1) may be a gubernatorial appointee from the same county as another gubernatorial appointee. When a vacancy occurs among the officers, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the preceding officers were originally elected.
- (2) The officers shall perform the duties enumerated below and other duties prescribed by the Council:
 - (a) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council and of the Board; sign, with the counter-signature of the Secretary-Treasurer, or Executive Director, as authorized by the Council, any contracts or other instruments which is deemed in the Council's best interest; and perform such other duties incident to the office as may be prescribed by the Council.
 - (b) The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of the Chair's duties, and either in the absence of the Chair or in the event of the Chair's inability or refusal to act, shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the Chair.
 - ~~(e)~~**(d)** The Secretary-Treasurer shall see that minutes of the meetings and the records of the Council are kept; attest the signatures of the Council officers; and see that notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law. **Further, the Secretary shall, in general, perform all duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chair or the Council.**
 - ~~(d)~~**(c)** The Secretary-Treasurer shall, see that proper financial records of the Council are maintained in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles. Further, the Secretary-Treasurer shall, in general, perform all duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chair or the Council.
- (3) Each member elected to an office shall serve for one (1) year or until a successor is elected, and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same officer position in a succeeding year once their service for the one (1) year term of office has been completed and provided that the immediate past-Chair shall not be eligible to be elected to another officer ~~or Executive Committee~~ **member** position until two (2) years have elapsed following the end of their term as immediate past-Chair nor shall an elected official immediate past-Chair be succeeded in the office of Chair by a representative appointed by the same general purpose governmental unit or a gubernatorial appointee from the same county as another gubernatorial appointee.
- (4) Newly elected officers shall be declared installed following the election, and shall assume the duties of office upon adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

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Section 8: Standing and Special Committees.

(1) There shall be maintained four standing committees as follows:

(a) Executive Committee.

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Council officers and the immediate past-Chair, or another Council member selected by the Council if the immediate past-Chair is not a member of the Council, ~~and one (1) additional member selected by the Council.~~
2. The Executive Committee shall have the duty to conduct the business of the Council between regular meetings and advise the Council of matters of day-to-day operations. Any action taken by the Executive Committee between regular meetings shall be placed on the agenda to be ratified by the Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
3. In the event the Council fails to assemble a quorum for the purpose of transacting business at any regular or called meeting, the Executive Committee is authorized to act on behalf of the Council at the time and place of a scheduled meeting. In such instances, all members of the Council who are present may vote on items considered by the Executive Committee, and a majority of those voting shall decide any question under consideration. Actions of the Executive Committee shall be final.
4. The Executive Committee shall also act as the Personnel Committee for the Council.

(b) Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee shall be composed of two (2) Council members appointed by the Chair and ratified by the Council, and the ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer who shall be the Finance Committee Chair. The purpose of the Finance Committee shall be to develop and to recommend an annual budget and budget amendment(s) to the Council for consideration. The Finance Committee shall also, review the annual financial audit of the Council and recommend the annual financial audit to the Council for consideration.

(c) Program Committee.

The Program Committee shall be composed of eight (8) members appointed by the Chair and ratified by the Council, and the Vice-Chair who shall be the Program Committee Chair. The purpose of the Program Committee shall be to develop and recommend an Annual Work Program (Overall Program Design) to the Council for consideration.

(d) Clearinghouse Committee.

The Clearinghouse Committee shall be composed of nine (9) Council members appointed by the Chair and ratified by the Council. The Clearinghouse Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- ~~1. To review amendments to Developments of Regional Impact and make recommendations to the Council for final action;~~
- 2 1.** To review proposals to nominate for consideration possible Areas of Critical State Concern and make recommendations to the Council for final action;

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- 3 2.** To review comprehensive plans or amendments thereto of local governments and make recommendations to the Council for final action, except in the case of comprehensive plans or amendments thereto of local governments which require action prior to the next regular meetings of the Council, in which case, the Clearinghouse Committee is delegated the responsibility for forwarding comments to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity or its successor agency pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes as amended, and local governments; and
- 4 3.** To provide policy oversight to staff reviews of proposals/projects submitted to the Council for review pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Gubernatorial Executive Order 83-150, the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Process.

The Clearinghouse Committee shall develop procedures where necessary to guide actions of the Clearinghouse Committee and staff and present the proposed procedures to the Council for approval.

(2) Special Ad Hoc or Advisory Committees.

The Council shall establish and maintain such Special Ad Hoc or Advisory Committees as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Council. Special Ad Hoc or Advisory Committees shall be created or dissolved by the Chair subject to approval of the Council.

(3) Committee Appointment.

All committees and chairpersons thereof shall be appointed by the Council Chair subject to ratification by the Council unless otherwise provided herein.



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April 21, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, 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 28, 2022. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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

- #70 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR)
- #71 - City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR)
- #72 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ER)
- #73 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR)
- #74 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-2ESR)
- #76 - City of Fort White Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR)
- #78 - City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ER)
- #79 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ER)
- #80 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ER)

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 21, 2022

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 2022 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: March 2022

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized and distributed the February 2022 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*. Updated the FRCA website and Facebook page.
- Updated the email lists for and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,350 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Maintained and updated the FRCA website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- 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 webinars:
 - Florida Collaborative Coordinators Forum hosted by the Nature Conservancy
 - Mitigate Florida Quarterly Meeting hosted by the Florida Division of Emergency Management
 - Interagency Coordinating Committee on Hurricanes Virtual Meetings

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Hosted the March FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) and prepared for the April EDAC Meeting and Partners Meeting.
- Coordinated sponsorship of the annual Florida Association of County Conference scheduled for June 28-30, 2022, in Orlando.
- Coordinated sponsorship of the annual Florida League of Cities Conference scheduled for August in Ft. Lauderdale.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2022 meeting and conference schedule.
- Coordinated with the FRCA lobbyist and distributed the final FRCA Bill Report.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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April 21, 2022

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 2022 Scorecard.

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

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State of Florida Metrics

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FLORIDA POPULATION 04/13/2022

22,202,077

Florida FutureCast

<p> JOB CHANGE</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p>530,200</p> <p>Net New Jobs Needed by 2030</p> <p>1.62M</p>	<p> CHILDREN IN POVERTY</p> <p>18.7% (Decreasing)</p> <p><10% 2030 Goal</p> <p>773,801 (Decreasing)</p>	<p> 3RD GRADE READING SCORES</p> <p>54% (Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>100% 2030 Goal</p> <p>Florida Gap Map</p>	<p> OPEN JOBS</p> <p>509,987 (Increasing)</p> <p>348,000 Unemployed Persons (Declining)</p>
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<p> UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</p> <p>3.3% (Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p>530,200</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> 3RD GRADE READING SCORES</p> <p>54% (Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>100% 2030 Goal</p>	<p> STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS</p> <p>\$98.8 Billion Visitor Spending</p> <p>122.4 Million Visitors</p>	<p> STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES</p> <p>11,884 Starts (Improving)</p> <p>23,661 Sales (Improving)</p>
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<p> INCOME MIGRATION</p> <p>\$2.00M Per Hour</p>	<p> POVERTY RATE</p> <p>13.3% (Better)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> CONSUMER SENTIMENT</p> <p>69.7 (Improving)</p>	<p> HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE</p> <p>90.1% (Improving)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>
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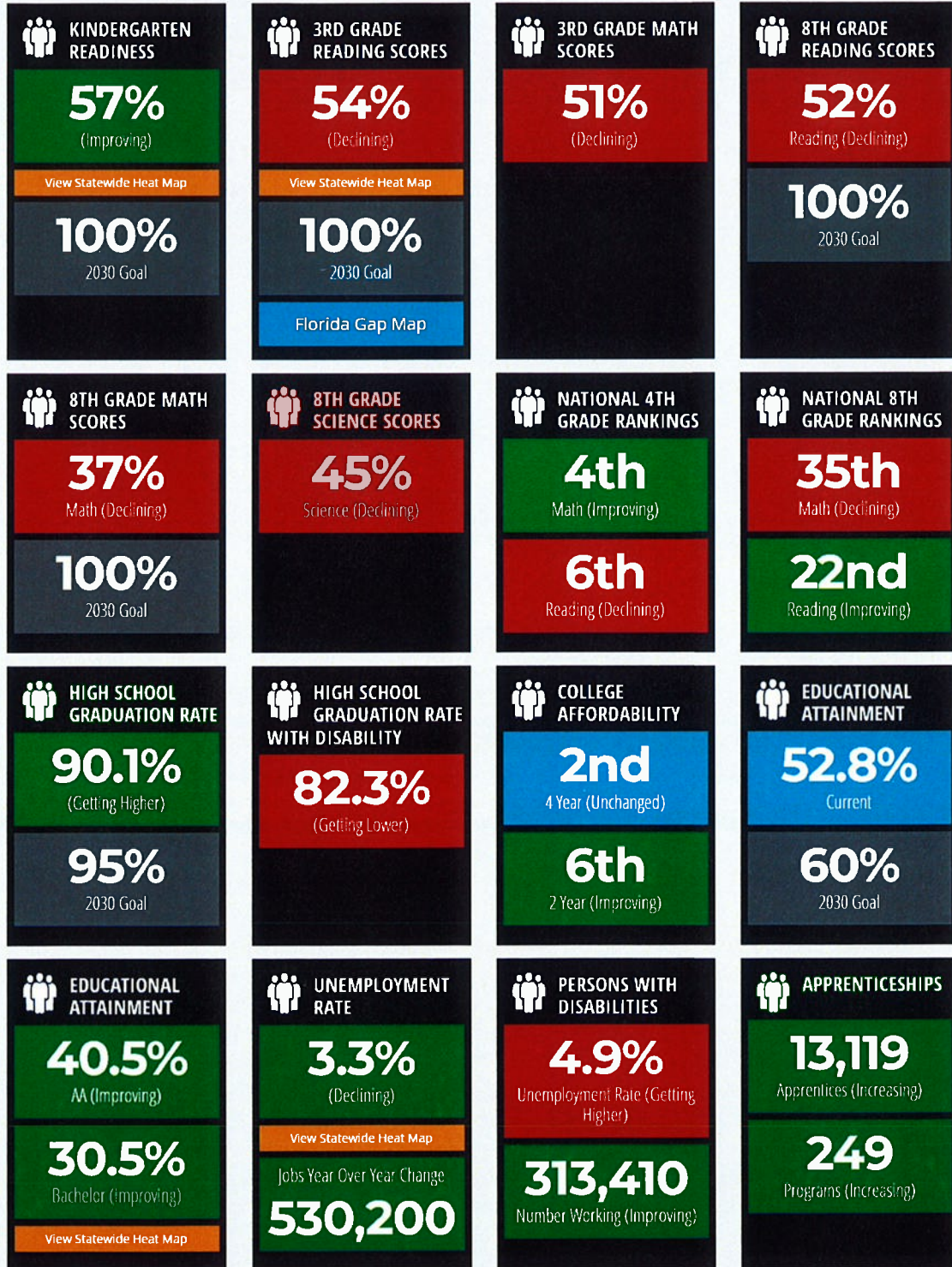
<p> SALES TAX REVENUE</p> <p>\$3.452 Billion per Month (Declining)</p>	<p> VOTER PARTICIPATION</p> <p>77% (Improving)</p>	<p> RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION</p> <p>49%/43%</p>	<p> LAND IN CONSERVATION</p> <p>28%</p>
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Talent Supply & Education

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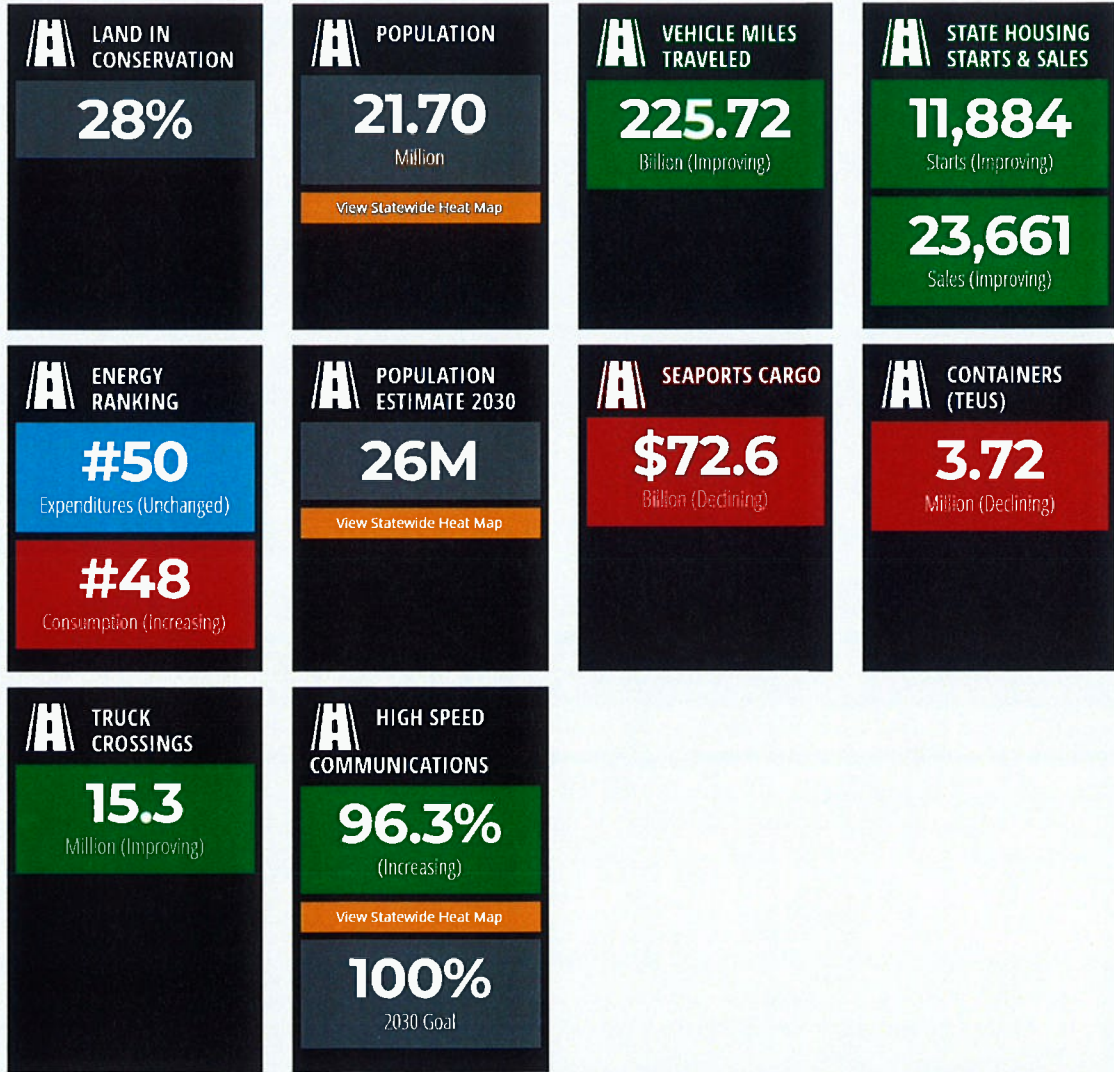


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Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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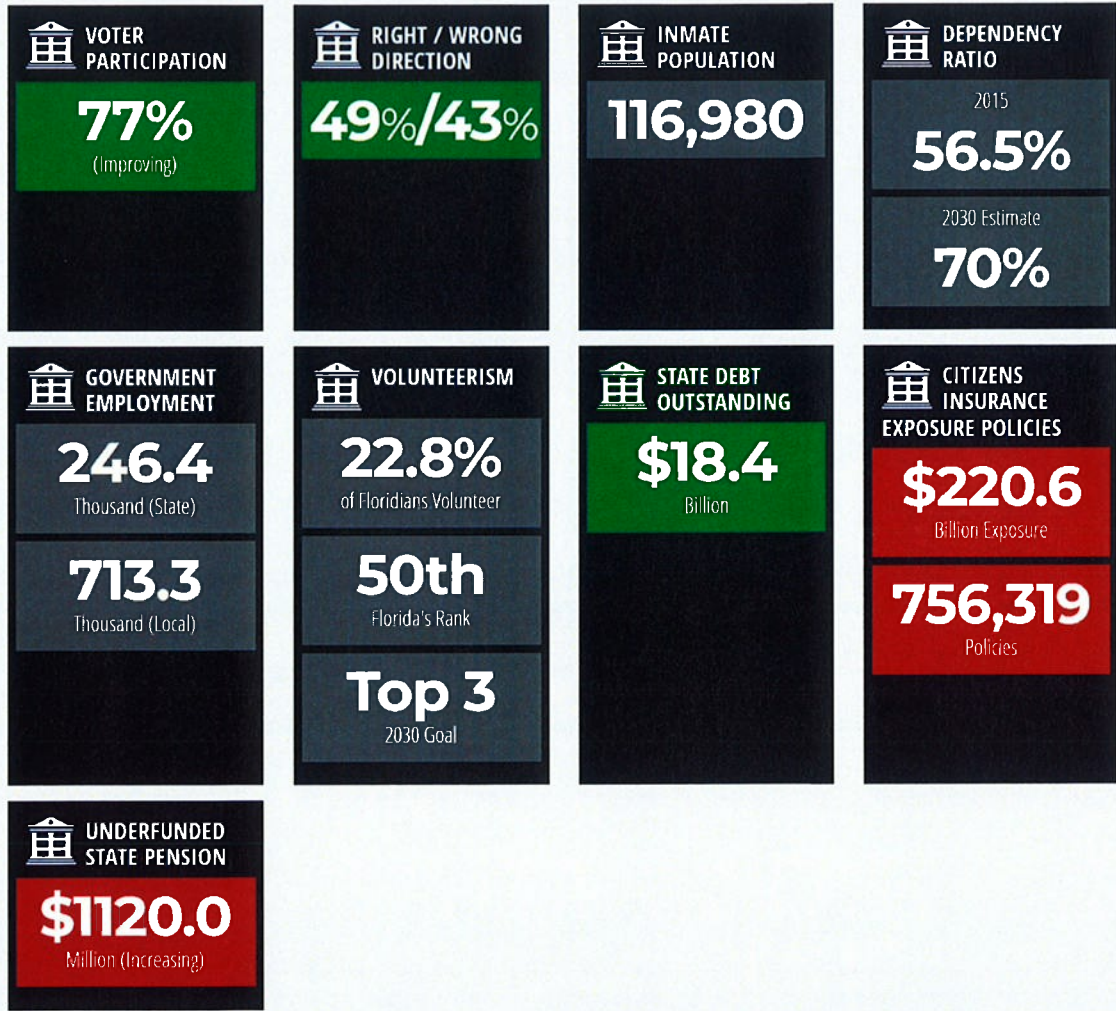
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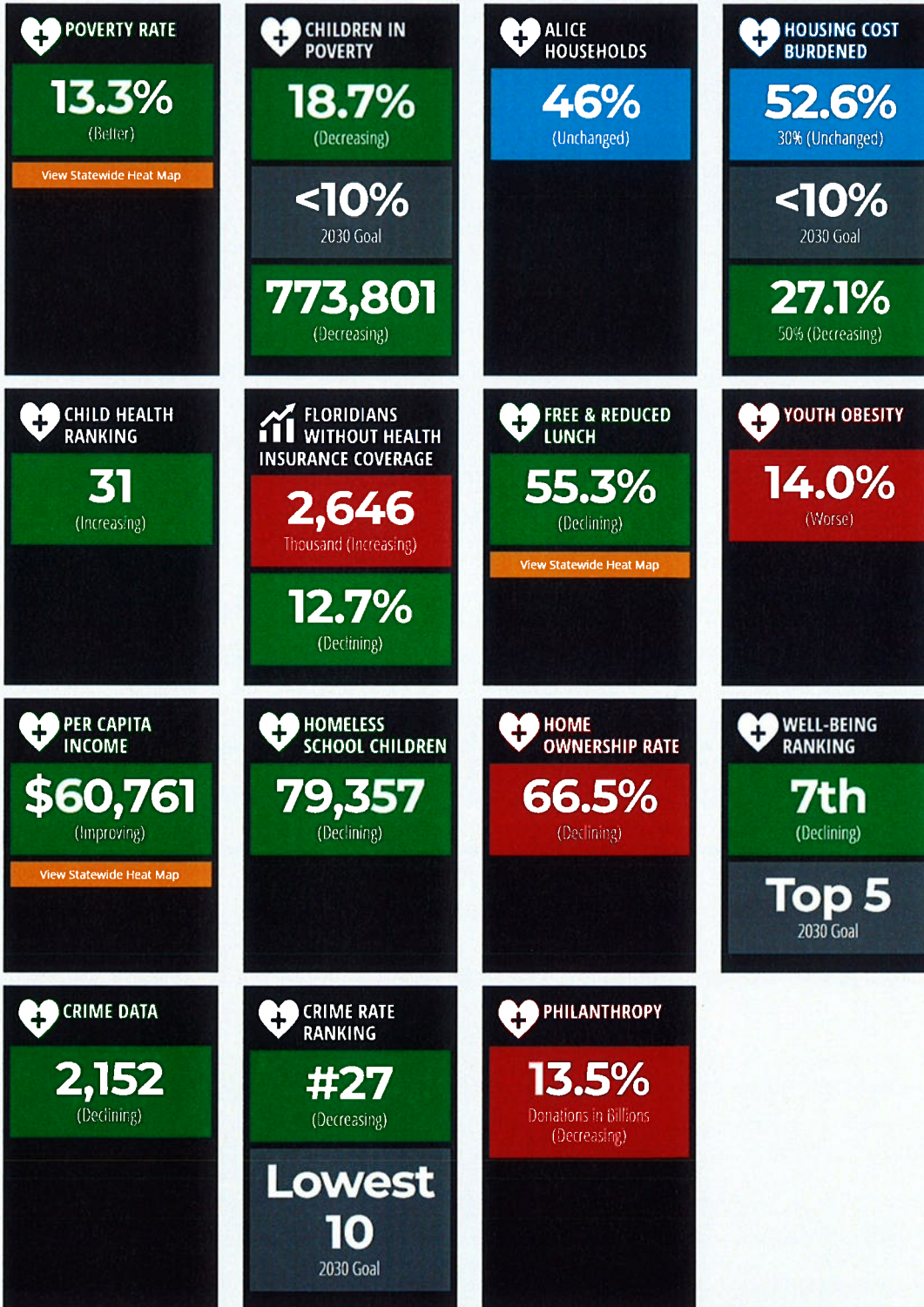
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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

Pursuant to Section 288.101, Florida Statutes, the Florida Job Growth Fund is an economic development program designed to build on Florida's success and economic prosperity. In its first year, Fiscal Year 2017-18 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018), the Florida Job Growth Fund provided \$85 million. The Fiscal Year 2020-21 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) state budget provides \$50 million for public infrastructure and job training projects that support growth and employment in Florida's diverse industries.

Public infrastructure projects can include transportation and utilities needed to support economic development. Workforce training projects will provide Floridians with transferable, sustainable workforce skills applicable to many employers.

Project proposals can come from local governments, community colleges, technical centers, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Inc. and Florida Department of Transportation. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida, Inc. will make project recommendations to the Governor who can approve projects for funding based on local and regional needs.

Public Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

- Promote economic recovery in specific regions of the state, economic diversification or economic enhancement in a targeted industry;
- Are not for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity; and
- Are for infrastructure that is owned by the public and is for public use or predominately benefits the public.

Workforce Training Grant Eligibility

- Support programs and associated equipment at state colleges and state technical centers;
- Provide participants with transferable and sustainable workforce skills applicable to more than a single employer;
- Are offered to the public;
- Are based on criteria established by the state colleges and state technical centers; and
- Prohibit the exclusion of applicants who are unemployed or underemployed.

On February 6, 2018, \$35 million in grant awards were announced for nine Florida Job Growth Fund projects across the state. The awards included the following three projects in the north central Florida region.

- **Columbia County** - \$3,135,600 for the construction of the North Florida Mega Industrial Park Rail Project to construct a rail spur to allow access to an industrial park of more than 2,600 acres.
- **Suwannee County** - \$3,125,000 to provide water supply and fire protection to the Interstate 75 and County Road 136 interchange.
- **City of Alachua** - \$6,755,000 to construct the San Felasco Parkway and nearby utilities, connecting a large bioscience cluster, including the University of Florida Sid Martin Biotechnology Institute, to a shovel-ready site of 280 acres.

On March 6, 2018, an additional \$22.9 million in grant awards were announced for 11 Florida Job Growth Fund projects across the state. The awards included the following project in the north central Florida region.

- **Big Bend Technical College (Taylor County)** - \$100,000 to open a Diesel Mechanic Technician Program and a Diesel System Technical 1 Program that will train students for positions working with diesel transportation vehicles and diesel engines, along with purchasing equipment needed for the hands-on laboratory.

In December 2021, the Big Bend Technical College located in Perry, received the following Florida Job Growth Fund grant award.

- **Big Bend Technical College (Taylor County)** - \$90,000 for a Virtual Reality and High Tech Manikin Training Laboratory - The funds will be used to purchase state-of-the-art programmable manikins and virtual reality equipment and software to replicate real-world scenarios to supplement clinical experiences, which with the pandemic is more crucial than ever to train nurses and patient care technicians.

On April 5, 2022, Hamilton County received the following Florida Job Growth Fund grant award.

- **Hamilton County** - \$5,400,000 to provide an access road, and water and sanitary sewer facilities for a logistics center and travel center with the potential for futures manufacturing opportunities on a 57-acre site at the Interstate 75 and State Road 6 interchange.

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