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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 December 11, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Please call the Council at (352) 955-2200, or (800) 226-0690, or email strong@ncfrpc.org by December 8th to let us know if you will be attending the meeting. (You can call after hours and leave a message on voice mail too.) **THANK YOU.***

(Location Map on Back)

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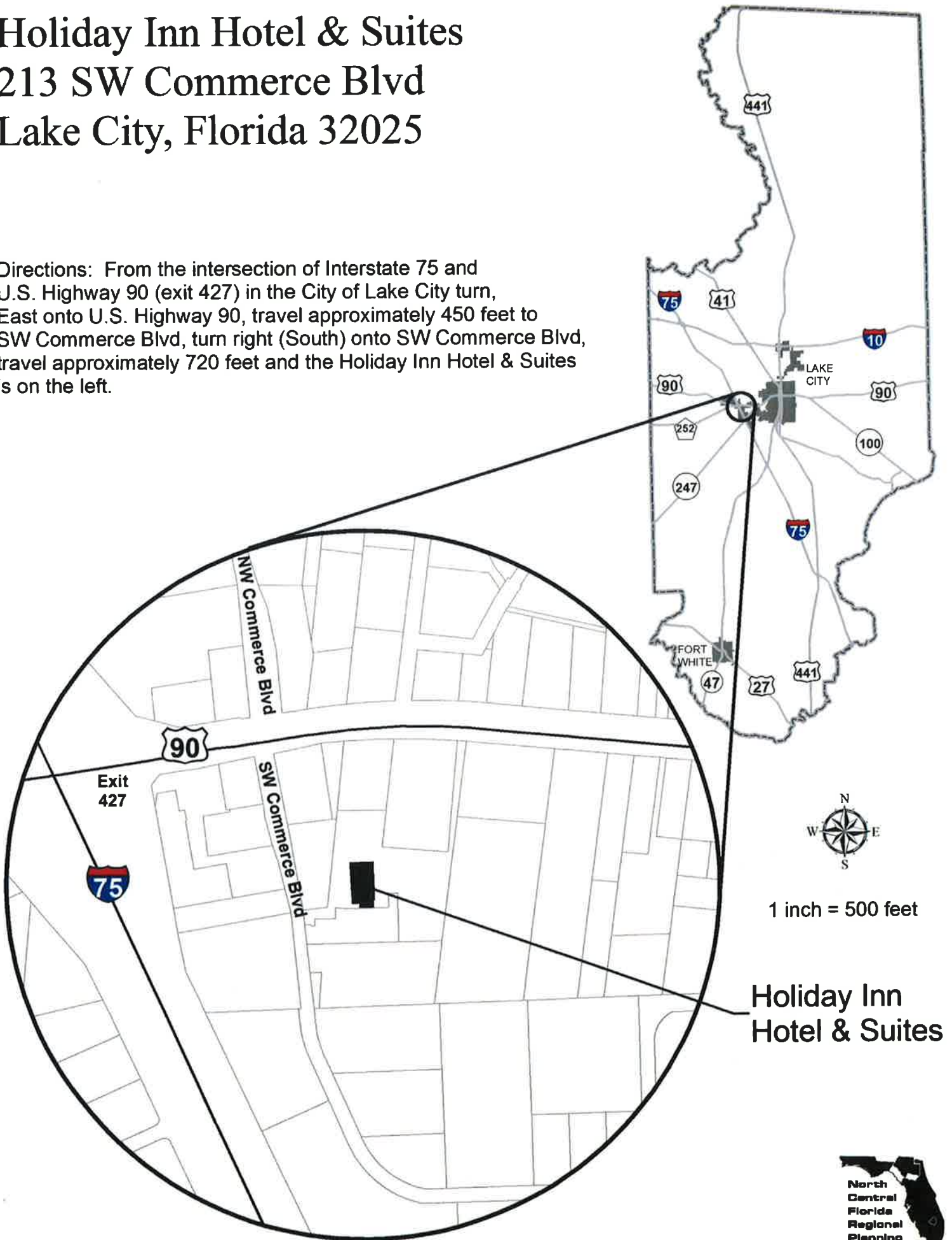
Dedicated to improving the quality of life of the Region's citizens,
by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

213 SW Commerce Blvd

Lake City, Florida 32025

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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida

December 11, 2014
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

October 23, 2014
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
David Sullivan, City of Perry
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Brian Delburn, Florida Department of
Transportation
Russell Simpson, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Susan Baird, Alachua County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
M. Wayne Smith, Union County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bennett
Diana Davis
Thomas Hawkins
David Pieklik
Joe Riddick

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Lynn Godfrey
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Spooner called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Patterson and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Spooner stated that there was a quorum.

Chair Spooner welcomed and introduced Thomas Hawkins, past Council member and Alachua County ADCO member, David Pieklik, from Nature Coast Business Development Council and Levy County ADCO member, Tim Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison, Joe Riddick, past member and former Council Chair from Bradford County and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Mayor Davis.

Chair Spooner asked that Item VI.A., Executive Committee Appoint members for two-year terms to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., Item VI.B.2., Clearinghouse Committee City of Hawthorne Adopted Amendment and Item VI.B.3. Clearinghouse Committee City of Gainesville Draft Amendment, these items were received by staff after the meeting packets were distributed, be added to the committee reports.

ACTION: Commissioner Poe made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hutchinson to add Item VI.A., Executive Committee Appoint members for two-year terms to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., Item VI.B.2., Clearinghouse Committee City of Hawthorne Adopted Amendment and Item VI.B.3. Clearinghouse Committee City of Gainesville Draft Amendment to the committee reports. The motion carried unanimously.

II. PRESENTATION ON TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM IN NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Lynn Franson-Godfrey, Senior Planner, for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Ms. Franson-Godfrey gave a presentation concerning the activities of the Council relating to the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in north central Florida. Chair Spooner thanked Ms. Franson-Godfrey for her presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 25, 2014

Chair Spooner asked that the minutes of the September 25, 2014 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2014 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments
- B. National Association of Development Organizations Membership

Chair Spooner asked if there were any questions regarding any of the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Members

Chair Spooner introduced new Council member, Councilman David Sullivan from the City of Perry.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Appointment of North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. Members

Mr. Koons reported that the Articles of Incorporation of the small business loan company, the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., require that the Council make appointments of its members. These appointments are to be made on even numbered years for two-year terms.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to appoint Ed Braddy, Alachua County, LaBarfield Bryant, Hamilton County, Craig Carter, Alachua County, Jim Catron, Madison County, Louie Davis, Alachua County, Rick Davis, Madison County, Sandra Haas, Suwannee County, Curtis Hamlin, Lafayette County, Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County, Tim Marden, Alachua County, James Montgomery, Columbia County, Garth Nobles, Jr., Suwannee County, Frank Ogborn, Alachua County, Patricia Patterson, Taylor County, David Pieklik, Levy County, Lauren Poe, Alachua County, Daniel Riddick, Bradford County, Kevin Sheilley, Marion County, M. Wayne Smith, Union County, Carolyn Spooner, Bradford County, David Sullivan, Taylor County, Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County, Lorene Thomas, Dixie County, Robert Wilford, Alachua County, Charles Williams, Hamilton County, and Stephen Witt, Columbia County for two-year terms to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Chair Sandra Haas gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed three local government comprehensive plan amendments.

- #1 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #2 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #3 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Ms. Haas stated that 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 adjoining local governments. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Poe, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #1 Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, Item # 2 City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item #3 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that Northeast District staff will be holding a Hazardous Waste training in there office in Jacksonville on November 5, 2014.

Brian Delburn, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that in November 2014 the Department will be attending Board of County Commissioners meetings in rural counties to discuss potential projects for the Department Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 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. He stated that the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven, are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the September 2014 monthly review report included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that 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 develop 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. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and 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 October 2014 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. National Association of Regional Councils Award

Mr. Koons stated that the National Association of Regional Councils serves as a national voice for regionalism by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address a variety of community planning and development opportunities and issues. He also stated that the National Association of Regional Councils member organizations are composed of multiple local governments that work together to serve American communities, large and small, urban and rural. Mr. Koons stated that for nearly 50 years, the National Association of Regional Councils has represented the interests of its members and has advanced regional cooperation through effective interaction and advocacy with Congress, Federal officials and other related agencies and interest groups. He stated the National Association of Regional Councils focus includes, but is not limited to, transportation and the economic and community development, environment, homeland security and regional preparedness, and a variety of community issues undertaken by its member organizations.

Mr. Koons stated that at the National Association of Regional Councils 48th Annual Conference and Exhibition, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received the 2014 Medium Metro Achievement Award. The Association recognized the Council for developing a standard set of reporting that was used for the preparation coordinated statewide comprehensive economic development strategies prepared by each of the 11 regional planning councils in Florida, serving as U.S. Department of Commerce designated economic development districts. He also stated the project was recognized for having significant impact on regional cooperation, coordination and excellence.

E. Check Fraud Status Report

Mr. Koons reported that on March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account. He added that on June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

Mr. Koons stated that at their meeting on July 25, 2013, the Council authorized the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00, to engage Stanley Cushman from the law firm of Scruggs and Carmichael to serve as co-counsel for the lawsuit and to designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit. He stated that on August 6, 2013, a lawsuit was filed against Wells Fargo to recover the Council's funds.

Mr. Koons further reported that on September 9, 2013, Wells Fargo responded to the complaint by filing a Motion to Compel Arbitration. Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman responded to the motion stating that arbitration does not apply to the dispute and have filed a motion for a hearing on the motion to compel arbitration.

A hearing originally scheduled for October 30, 2013 in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida on the Motion to Compel Arbitration filed by Wells Fargo to resolve the dispute between the Council and Wells Fargo was rescheduled for January 24, 2014. Mr. Koons reported that at the conclusion of the hearing, the Circuit Court granted the Motion to Compel Arbitration.

Mr. Koons reported that a letter was sent to Wells Fargo on May 13, 2014 requesting additional information concerning the disputed check. On September 24, 2014 a Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim was filed with the American Arbitration Association by Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman on behalf of the Council. On October 14, 2014 attorneys from Wells Fargo filed a Respondent's Answering Statement to the Statement of Claim.

Mr. Koons further reported that Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman are continuing to coordinate with the attorney of Wells Fargo on the selection of an arbitrator and scheduling of the arbitration hearing.

F. Employee Retirements

Mr. Koons informed the Council that two employees will be retiring on October 31, 2014. He stated that Tony Marshall, Finance Director, who has been employed by the Council for 10 years, will be retiring. He then stated that Carol Laine, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, who has been employed with the Council for 28 years, will also be retiring. He then informed the Council that a new hire, John Theimann, will begin serving as Finance Director on October 27, 2014 and Jean Strong will be promoted to the position of Executive Assistant to the Executive Director and will begin serving in that capacity starting November 3, 2014.

Chair Spooner informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on December 11, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

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Date



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December 4, 2014

TO: Council Members
 FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
 SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - October 2014

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for October 2014. 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 one month is seven percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of one months is seven percent of budget. It is anticipated that the year should end with revenues exceeding expenditures.

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)
October 31, 2014

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	967,327
Accounts Receivable	634,787
Other Current Assets	108,064
Total Current Assets	<u>1,710,178</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,710,178</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	2,152
Other Current Liabilities	165,415
Total Liabilities	<u>167,567</u>
Equity	<u>1,542,611</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,710,178</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
October 31, 2014

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2014 - 15	October 2014	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,688,600	119,137	119,137	7%
Expenses	1,688,600	121,152	121,152	7%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
October 31, 2014

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2014 - 15	October 2014	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	24,800	6,004	6,004	24%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	40,000	10,013	10,013	25%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	23,700	0	0	0%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	42,400	4,075	4,075	10%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	93,500	0	0	0%
Hazards Analyses	9,100	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	502,000	0	0	0%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	212,300	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,200	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	173,700	0	0	0%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	11,261	11,261	10%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000	0	0	0%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	39,000	34,000	34,000	87%
Vision North Central Florida		2,500	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	10,000	2,496	2,496	25%
City & County Planning Services	291,700	47,767	47,767	16%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	59,200	1,021	1,021	2%
Total Revenue	1,688,600	119,137	119,137	7%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
October 31, 2014

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2014 - 15	October 2014	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	15,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	31,000	2,732	2,732	9%
Contractual Services	20,000	751	751	4%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	50,000	17,667	17,667	35%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance and Bonding	18,000	1,170	1,170	7%
Legal Costs	14,000	316	316	2%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	0	0	0%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	1,350	1,350	7%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	21,000	1,504	1,504	7%
Personnel Costs	1,270,700	88,630	88,630	7%
Postage	8,000	605	605	8%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	13,000	1,006	1,006	8%
Telephone	7,000	216	216	3%
Travel	98,000	5,205	5,205	5%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	39,000	0	0	0%
Contingency	38,900	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,688,600	121,152	121,152	7%



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Second Amended Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Additional Training Funds for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2013-2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute a second amended agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for an additional amount of \$4,450 in training funds to conduct four additional classes, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management passes through funds from the United States Department of Transportation for hazardous materials planning and training. The Council, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, offers free hazardous materials response training to local government employees.

Training funds for Fiscal Year 2013-14 have been spent on conducting 18 hazardous materials emergency response classes. An additional \$4,450 has been requested to conduct four additional classes prior to December 31, 2014. This includes classes in Cross City, Live Oak and Perry.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with
 Updating the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with updating the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study for a fixed fee amount of \$8,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management contracted with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to coordinate the state-wide update of Regional Evacuation Studies. The scope of work will consist of developing directional storm surge atlases to assist in hurricane evacuation decisions. Each of the 11 regional planning councils will be responsible for the update of the Regional Evacuation Study for their respective region.

This task will focus on developing the directional atlases using the Council's Geographic Information System.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$8,000 for this task by the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with the update of the Study.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Michelle Walker-Crawford to the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the voting Public Education Representative.**
- **Appoint Leslie Esseck to the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the voting Persons with Disabilities Representative.**
- **Appoint Alicia Fowler to the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative.**
- **Appoint Brittny Keeling to the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the voting Medical Community Representative.**
- **Appoint Commissioner Woody Kitler to the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as Chair.**
- **Appoint Cara Ladnyk to the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the alternate Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative.**
- **Appoint Margaret Minter to the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the alternate Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative.**
- **Appoint Alana McKay to the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative.**
- **Appoint Commissioner Larry Sessions as the Local Elected Official for Suwannee County to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Andrew Singer to the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the alternate Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative.**
- **Appoint Krishna Stemple to the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the alternate Medical Community Representative.**
- **Appoint Julie Thomas to the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the alternate Public Education Representative.**

Memo to Council Members
December 4, 2015
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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 Ms. Walker-Crawford, Ms. Esseck, Ms. Fowler, Ms. Keeling, Commissioner Kitler, Ms. Ladnyk, Ms. Minter, Ms. McKay, Mr. Singer, Ms. Stemple and Ms. Thomas be appointed to the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

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



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Stephen Bailey, Susan Baird, Robert Barnas,
Beth Burnam, M. Wayne Smith and Commissioner Wesley Wainwright

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolutions of appreciation for former Commissioner Stephen Bailey, former Commissioner Susan Baird, former Commissioner Robert Barnas, Commissioner Burnam, Commissioner M. Wayne Smith and Commissioner Wesley Wainwright.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for former Commissioner Stephen Bailey's service on the Council since January 2007 and in recognition of his commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

As a token of appreciation for former Commissioner Susan Baird's service on the Council since January 2011 and in recognition of her commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

As a token of appreciation for former Commissioner Robert Barnas' service on the Council since March 2012 and in recognition of his commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

As a token of appreciation for Commissioner Burnam's service on the Council since January 2013 and in recognition of her commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

As a token of appreciation for Commissioner M. Wayne Smith's service on the Council since December 2013 and in recognition of his commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

As a token of appreciation for Commissioner Wesley Wainwright's service on the Council since January 2009 and in recognition of his commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

Attachments

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Stephen Bailey has been representing Columbia County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2007;

WHEREAS, Stephen Bailey has ably discharged his duties throughout his association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Stephen Bailey for the dedicated service he has rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for his concern for the future growth and development of this area 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 region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Stephen Bailey.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

ATTEST:

Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF DECEMBER 11, 2014.



Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Susan Baird has been representing Alachua County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2011;

WHEREAS, Susan Baird has ably discharged her duties throughout her association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Susan Baird for the dedicated service she has rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for her concern for the future growth and development of this area 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 region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Susan Baird.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

ATTEST:

Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF DECEMBER 11, 2014.



Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Robert Barnas has been representing City of High Springs on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since March 2012;

WHEREAS, Robert Barnas has ably discharged his duties throughout his association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Robert Barnas for the dedicated service he has rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for his concern for the future growth and development of this area 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 region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Robert Barnas.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

ATTEST:

Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF DECEMBER 11, 2014.



Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Beth Burnam has been representing Hamilton County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2013;

WHEREAS, Beth Burnam has ably discharged her duties throughout her association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Beth Burnam for the dedicated service she has rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for her concern for the future growth and development of this area 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 region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Beth Burnam.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

ATTEST:

Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF DECEMBER 11, 2014.



Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, M. Wayne Smith has been representing Union County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since December 2013;

WHEREAS, M. Wayne Smith has ably discharged his duties throughout his association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to M. Wayne Smith for the dedicated service he has rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for his concern for the future growth and development of this area 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 region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of M. Wayne Smith.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

ATTEST:

Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF DECEMBER 11, 2014.



Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Wesley Wainwright has been representing Suwannee County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2009;

WHEREAS, Wesley Wainwright has ably discharged his duties throughout his association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Wesley Wainwright for the dedicated service he has rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for his concern for the future growth and development of this area 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 region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Wesley Wainwright.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

ATTEST:

Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer

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December 4, 2014

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 Kathy Barrs, Commissioner Jason Bashaw, Former Commissioner John Rance Thomas and Commissioner M. Wayne Smith.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolutions of appreciation are regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Kathy Barrs served as the Medical Community Representative on the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since November 2012 and the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since July 2013. Commissioner Bashaw served as Chair of the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2013 and the Local Elected Official for Suwannee County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since July 2014. Commissioner John Rance Thomas served as Chair of the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2012. Commissioner M. Wayne Smith served as Chair of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since October 1992.

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

Attachments

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kathy Barrs has served as the Medical Community Representative on the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since November 2012 and the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Barrs ably discharged her duties as the Medical Community Representative on the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and 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 Kathy Barrs for the dedicated service she rendered to the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for her concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties 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 Kathy Barrs.

Carolyn B. Spooner., Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

December 11, 2014
Date

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jason Bashaw served as Chair of the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2013 and as the Local Elected Official for Suwannee County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since July 2013; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bashaw ably discharged his duties as Chair of the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and as the Local Elected Official for Suwannee County 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 Commissioner Bashaw for the dedicated service he rendered to the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties 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 Commissioner Bashaw.

Carolyn B. Spooner., Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

December 11, 2014
Date

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Commissioner M. Wayne Smith has served as the Chair of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since October 1992; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Smith ably discharged his duties as the Chair of 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 Commissioner Smith for the dedicated service he rendered to the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his 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 Commissioner M. Wayne Smith.

Carolyn B Spooner, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

December 11, 2014

Date

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, John Rance Thomas has served as the Chair of the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2012; and

WHEREAS, John Rance Thomas ably discharged his duties as the Chair of the Gilchrist 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 John Rance Thomas for the dedicated service he rendered to the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Gilchrist 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 John Rance Thomas.

Carolyn B Spooner, Chair

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December 4, 2014

TO: Council Members
FROM: Carolyn Spooner, Chair
SUBJECT: Certificate of Service for Council Employee

As you know, the Council amended its Personnel Regulations to establish an Employee Length of Service Program.

The strength and stability of an organization is based upon the experience and institutional knowledge of its senior, long-serving employees. Dwayne Mundy has been an employee of the Council since October 22, 1984 and currently serves as the Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director. As a token of appreciation for 30 years of service to the Council and in recognition of his dedicated service to the Council, a certificate of service is being presented to Mr. Mundy.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Amendment to Clearinghouse Committee Procedures

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an amendment to Policy 1998-2 Clearinghouse Committee Procedures providing for the Committee to review and recommend comments to the Council concerning environmental impact statements, gas pipeline applications, electric transmission line applications and electrical power generating plants equal to or exceeding 75-megawatts in capacity applications.

BACKGROUND:

At its October 23, 2014 meeting, the Clearinghouse Committee voted to recommend that the Council amend the Clearinghouse Committee Procedures. Please find attached a copy of the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment to the Clearinghouse Committee Procedures authorizes the Committee to review and prepare recommendations to the Council for its consideration concerning environmental impact statements, gas pipeline applications, electric transmission line applications and electrical power generating plants equal to or exceeding 75-megawatts in capacity applications. Review of these items is currently delegated to staff with the Clearinghouse Committee providing oversight review of staff comments.

The proposed amendment also authorizes staff to schedule, arrange and conduct scoping meetings for sector plans pursuant to Section 163.3245(2), Florida Statutes, as amended. In addition, the proposed amendment also includes a number of editorial changes to the Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.

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

Attachment

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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
POLICY 1998-2; AMENDED 11-1-00 AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT 12-11-14
CLEARINGHOUSE COMMITTEE PROCEDURES**

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has been designated by the state ~~and planning agency~~ as the regional planning agency to exercise certain review responsibilities under Chapters 163, 186, and 380, Florida Statutes, as amended, for Administrative District III including the counties of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union.

Council ~~Rule 29C-1, Florida Administrative Code, Procedures~~ establishes the Clearinghouse Committee as a standing committee of the Council having the responsibility of preparing recommendations on each of the individual review items for final action by the Council.

The Committee's regular meetings will be held ~~in conjunction with~~ immediately prior to the regular monthly Council meetings ~~beginning at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 7 p.m. depending on the number and/or type of review items.~~ The Chairman may call special meetings from time to time as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Committee. Notice of meetings shall be in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 120, F.S Florida Statutes. The Committee will follow Robert's Rules of Order except where specified otherwise.

**GAS PIPELINES, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES AND ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENTS**

The Clearinghouse Committee is assigned the responsibility of reviewing and preparing recommendations to the Council regarding Environmental Impact Statements, gas pipeline applications, electric transmission line applications and electrical power generating plants equal to or exceeding 75-megawatts in capacity applications. The Clearinghouse Committee shall review said items for adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region.

The Clearinghouse Committee is given the responsibility of preparing a report and recommendation to the Council on said items, and presenting its findings to the Council for final action.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW (~~IC&R~~) PROCESS

Established and governed by Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Gubernatorial Executive Order ~~83-150~~ 95-359, the **IC&R Intergovernmental Coordination and Review** process attempts to ensure the compatibility of federal or federally funded projects with local, regional and state plans and programs through a 30-day review process. The Council has been designated by the state as the regional clearinghouse for Administrative District III. Due to their relatively small size/scope, nearly **100-percent all** of the applications for federal assistance and/or proposed federal projects received for review affect or have the potential to affect only small (local) areas.

Staff is assigned the responsibility of processing proposed projects submitted to the Council for review with the Committee providing oversight of staff reviews at regular intervals. On receipt, staff forward copies of the project description to potentially impacted local governments~~and~~ **government** agencies for their review and comments which, once received, are forwarded to the State Clearinghouse, the single point of contact (for federal agencies) for the state. Based on the comments received, staff makes a determination of the consistency of the proposed project with local and areawide plans and programs.

Copies of the project description, along with staff findings and local comments, are reviewed by the Committee at its regular monthly meeting.

DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT (~~DRI~~) AND FLORIDA QUALITY DEVELOPMENT (~~FQD~~) REVIEW PROCESSES

The Council has been designated by the state as the regional planning agency for Administrative District III for purposes of implementing Section 380.06, ~~F.S~~ **Florida Statutes**. The Council's responsibilities in this review process are strictly governed by the statute and rules adopted by the State Land Planning Agency, currently the Florida Department of **Community Affairs Economic Opportunity**.

The Clearinghouse Committee is given the responsibility of preparing the report and recommendation required by the statute and rule, and present it to the Council for final action.

The staff is authorized to schedule, **and** arrange **and conduct** **DRI** preapplication conferences **for Developments of Regional Impact** and determining when the application for development approval, application for development approval of a substantial deviation, application for development designation, and application for development designation of a substantial change, are sufficient to begin their respective review processes.

SECTOR PLANS

The staff is also authorized to schedule, arrange and conduct scoping meetings for Sector Plans pursuant to Section 163.3245(2), Florida Statutes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEWS

Section ~~163.3164(5), F.S.~~ 163.3184(3) and (4), Florida Statutes, establishes a requirement that proposed local comprehensive plans and amendments to the plans be reviewed for **potential impacts to regional resources and facilities and adjacent local governments. Once the plans/amendments are adopted by the local governments, the plans as a whole are to be reviewed for overall consistency with the adopted strategic regional policy plan for the regional planning district within which the local governments reside. adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region.**

The Clearinghouse Committee is assigned the responsibility of reviewing both the draft and adopted plans/amendments and preparing a recommendation for consideration of the Council which takes final action. However, the Committee is delegated the responsibility of forwarding comments to the Department of ~~Community Affairs~~ Economic Opportunity and the local governments on those proposed or adopted plan amendments which require action prior to the regularly-scheduled meetings of the Council.

Reports submitted in accordance with this delegation will be included as "information" items on the agenda of the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Council.

OTHER REVIEW AND COMMENT REQUESTS

All other items, **including electric utility ten-year site plans**, sent to the Council for review and comment shall be processed in the same manner as ~~IC&R~~ Intergovernmental Coordination and Review requests with the exception of campus master plans prepared in accordance with Section 240.155(3), ~~F.S~~ Florida Statutes. Campus master plans shall be processed in the same manner as local government comprehensive plan reviews.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

12/11/14
Date



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December 4, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Sandra Haas, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

I. ITEMS REVIEWED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL (FOR YOUR INFORMATION)

As per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures, the Committee met November 19, 2014 to review the following local government comprehensive plan amendment for which the comment deadline occurred prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. A copy of the report is included in your packet for your information.

#5 - City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ER)

II. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., December 11, 2014 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level item which requires Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's action and recommendation at the Council meeting held later that evening.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#6 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ESR)

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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NOTE: For informational purposes only. The comment deadline for this item preceded the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Therefore, the Clearinghouse Committee reviewed and commented on this item on behalf of the Council on November 19, 2014, as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.

**FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW FORM 01**

Regional Planning Council: North Central FL
Review Date: 11/19/14
Amendment Type: Draft Amendment

Regional Planning Council Item No.: 5
Local Government: City of Starke
Local Government Item Nos.: CPA 14-01
State Land Planning Agency Item No.: 15-1ER

Date Mailed to Local Government and State Land Planning Agency: 11/20/14 (estimated)

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of local government comprehensive plan amendments is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the state land planning agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT

City item CPA 14-01 amends the text and the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City Comprehensive Plan based on an evaluation completed by the City to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes; amends the text of the Land Use Element; the Transportation Element; the Housing Element; the Public facilities Element; the Conservation Element; the Recreation and Open Space Element; the Intergovernmental Coordination Element; the Capital Improvements Element; and the Public School Facilities Element (see attached excerpts) .

1. ADVERSE EFFECTS TO SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN

The City is bisected by the following roads which are identified and mapped in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan as part of the Regional Road Network: U.S. Highway 301, State Road 16, State Road 100 and State Road 230. Nevertheless, significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur to the regional road network as a result of the amendment since it does not result in an increase in intensity or density of use. Additionally, the Transportation Element adds several policies which implement Transportation Planning Best Practices contained in the regional plan (see attached).

Significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur to Natural Resources of Regional Significance as no such resources are located within or near the City.

2. EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE REGION

The City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, is not anticipated to create significant adverse impacts to adjoining local governments.

Request a copy of the adopted version of the amendment?

Yes ☒ X ☐

No ☐

Not Applicable ☐

It is recommended that these findings be forwarded to the City and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Clearinghouse Committee Action: At its November 19, 2014 meeting, the Committee voted to adopt this report as official Council comment as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Reports

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 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 October 2014 and November 2014 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven.

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

Attachments

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Dedicated to improving the quality of life of the Region's citizens,
by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: October 2014

OUTREACH

- Issued FRCA's Fall 2014 Quarterly Newsletter, which was distributed to approximately 2,500 RPC board members, staff, local government elected officials, and stakeholders.
- Participated in a Regional Education Consortia teleconference at the request of the Small County Coalition to address continuation of a rural STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program.
- Helped representatives from the U.S. Economic Development Administration schedule a grant training session for Florida's Economic Development Districts, which will be held on November 13, 2014 in Gainesville.
- Participated in a meeting hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Division of Community Development, regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's National Disaster Resiliency Competition, to identify areas of eligibility and roles for RPCs.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Completed the 2013-14 FRCA Annual Report and Directory, provided it to the RPC Executive Directors, FRCA Policy Board, and FRCA stakeholders, and posted it to the FRCA website.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in Enterprise Florida's monthly teleconference for its economic development partners; U.S. Economic Development Administration's quarterly teleconference for Florida's Economic Development Districts; and the Florida Transportation Commission's biweekly teleconference for its members.
- Completed the final two days of a four day Economic Development Academy training program, hosted by the North Florida Economic Development Partnership.
- On behalf of Chairman Brian Teeple (NEFRC), attended the quarterly meetings of the Local Emergency Planning Committees and State Emergency Response Commission.
- Prepared and submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity FRCA's 2014-15 first quarter report demonstrating implementation of the *Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development*.
- Participated in a planning meeting for the Florida Civic Advance inaugural annual conference, which is an initiative of the Florida Consensus Center.
- Distributed funding announcements from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Energy Office, National Center on Senior Transportation, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and U.S. Economic Development Administration.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

- Continued seeking feedback and revising draft recommendations for changes to the Development of Regional Impact process for submission to the Senate Committee on Community Affairs.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Revised FRCA's Bylaws based on direction from the Policy Board and posted them to the FRCA Website.
- Finalized, distributed, and posted to the website FRCA's 2015 meeting calendar.
- Secured meeting space and negotiated contracts for the January through April 2015 FRCA meetings in Tallahassee.
- Participated in the October 1, 2014 FRCA Business and Partners meetings and continued preparations for the December 2-3, 2014 FRCA Business and Partners meetings, which will be held at the Tampa Bay RPC.
- Updated the FRCA website as noted in the sections above.



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: November 2014

OUTREACH

- Attended the annual Rural Economic Development Summit and participated in a rural issues working group meeting focused on connecting regional partners, including the Regional Education Consortia, Rural Areas of Opportunity, and regional planning councils, as well as seeking support for continuation of the Florida Learns STEM Scholars program.
- Prepared an informational summary and distributed it along with a sample letter of support for the Florida Learns STEM Scholars program to the appropriate regional planning councils for execution at their discretion.
- Worked with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Florida Department of Environmental Protection to position the regional planning councils to receive a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Special Merit Grant to increase community resiliency capacity at the regional level.
- Spoke multiple times with Julie Dennis in the Division of Community Development at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to continue exploring opportunities for the regional planning councils in the Department's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the National Disaster Resiliency Competition.
- Explored the costs versus benefits of joining VISIT FLORIDA's Partnership Program, which are still being analyzed.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Participated in a U.S. Economic Development Administration grant training session for Florida's Economic Development Districts and spent time networking with agency staff.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in meetings of the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, Florida Transportation Commission, and Rural Economic Development Initiative; and, participated in Enterprise Florida's monthly teleconference for its economic development partners; a Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission teleconference to finalize the agency's Wildlife Best Management Practices report; and, a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on-line meeting for its community resiliency work group.
- Participated in the Florida Chamber Foundation's first 2015 Future of Florida Forum Partners Meeting to begin planning for next year's Forum.
- Participated in a planning meeting for the Florida Civic Advance inaugural annual conference, which is an initiative of the Florida Consensus Center.
- Distributed funding announcements from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Forest Service.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

- Finalized the Executive Directors Advisory Committee's Position Statement regarding the Developments of Regional Impact and Sector Planning programs and provided it to staff at the Senate Committee on Community Affairs as well as others as appropriate.
- Drafted FRCA's 2015 Legislative platform, which will first be reviewed by the Executive Directors Advisory Committee in December for further consideration by the Policy Board at its January 9, 2015 meeting.
- Updated the Lobbytools account and settings in preparation for the upcoming Legislative Session and began reviewing newly filed bills.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Developed a Draft Strategic Operating Plan for FRCA based on the Policy Board's Strategic Assessment Retreat Final Report and additional recommendations generated at their August 2014 Policy Board meeting, which will be presented to the Policy Board at their January 9, 2015 meeting for further consideration.
- Began soliciting speakers for the January 9, 2015 Policy Board meeting and February, March, and April Executive Directors Advisory Committee Partners meetings.
- Finalized preparations for the December 2-3, 2014 FRCA Business and Partners meetings, which will be held at the Tampa Bay RPC; secured speakers and developed the meeting agendas for these meetings; and, prepared the October 1, 2014 business and partners meeting summaries.



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December 4, 2014

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 Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and 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 December 2014 Scorecard.

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

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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

The Metrics that Help Florida Leaders Secure Florida's Future

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Since 2010, Florida's Private Sector Businesses Created 651,300 Jobs for Florida Families

DID YOU KNOW? Florida job creators added 12,800 private-sector jobs over the month of September which helped lower Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 6.1%, down two basis points to one of the lowest since the recession began. Nine of the ten major industries across Florida experienced positive over the year job growth through September, with only government employment showing a decline over the year. In September, 66 of Florida's 67 counties saw unemployment drop.

Since December of 2010, Florida has added 651,300 private-sector jobs and we have dropped five percentage points in unemployment, reducing Florida's unemployment rate from 11.1% to 6.1%. Our state has experienced 50 consecutive months of positive job growth and Florida's annual job growth rate has been better than the nation's rate since April of 2012.



Employment - Monthly

Forecasts from the July meeting of the Florida Economic Estimating Conference suggest that, assuming no significant changes, Florida is forecasted to add approximately 200,000 over the year as it marches back to its peak employment by 2016.

As we project forward to 2030, population growth and demographic changes are going to play a big part in Florida's future workforce. Based on Florida Chamber Foundation estimates, we will need to create close to two million net new jobs across the state to maintain a six percent unemployment rate. "The kind of jobs we create will define the kind of Florida we live in," said Chamber Foundation Executive Vice President Tony Carvajal. "As the global landscape continues to evolve and Florida positions itself as the leading place for talent and economic opportunity, we will need to maintain a focus on the diversification of our economy in every community in order to achieve global competitiveness, high wage jobs, and vibrant and sustainable communities."

Is your community experiencing the benefits of the economic recovery of the last four years? What kind of activities would you like to see the state continue, or avoid, as we continue our growth? How is your community and industry preparing for the economy of tomorrow? [Tell us your story](#)

Florida Net 12-Month Job Creation



206.9K
FLORIDA JOBS

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Home Foreclosures

As Florida continues to recover from the housing market collapse, trends in home foreclosures provide insight into Florida's progress through the extended recovery.



Consumer Confidence

The Florida Consumer Confidence Index measures residents' perceptions of personal finances now compared to a year ago and expectations of U.S.



Population

Florida has the 4th largest population in the U.S., estimated at just over 19 million in April 2012.



Unemployment Rate

Florida has a labor force of over 9 million, ready to meet the workforce needs of businesses.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: National Association of Development Organizations Innovation Award

The National Association of Development Organizations is a Washington, D.C.-based association that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies. The Association's Innovation Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of local communities throughout the region.

The Association recently awarded the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council a 2014 Innovation Award. The award was for the North Central Florida Regional Transportation Study. The 2014 slate of awardees includes 100 projects representing the Association of members from 27 states.

Each year, the Association recognizes member organizations that demonstrate innovative approaches to regional economic and community development with an Innovation Award. More than 1,400 Association member projects have been recognized since 1986 for their creative efforts in advancing economic development. The breadth and scope of the winning projects is impressive and far reaching and illustrates the important role the Association of members have across their regions, as well as on the national landscape.

"Innovation winners have successfully leveraged their awards to bring additional resources to their regions. They have also used the awards to better explain to their various audiences the important work they do. The Association of uses the award winning projects to share your collective work on Capitol Hill and with federal agencies, as well as to provide peer-to-peer training and information sharing among the membership," said Association President Peter Gregory, Executive Director of Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, Woodstock, Vermont.

North Central Florida Regional Transportation Safety Study

At the 2014 National Association of Development Organizations Annual Training Conference, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in cooperation with partner organization the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Organization, received a 2014 Innovation Award. The Association recognized the Council for developing a method to use geographic information system data to evaluate the success of safety improvements on the highway system.

The Council provides staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area. In December 2013, Council staff completed a technical report for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization entitled Incorporating Safety into Transportation Planning.

A primary purpose of this technical report was to strengthen the foundation for identifying and solving safety issues in the Long Range Transportation Plan. This was accomplished through the analysis of motor vehicle crashes on the road network, and presentation of various strategies and countermeasures to improve safety. The process was data-driven and has measurable performance measures.

By using up-to-date, geocoded accident data combined with the spatial analysis only available from a Geographic Information System, the results achieved from safety improvements are data-driven and have measurable performance measures. This level of analysis provides a very timely feedback on identifying safety issues in potential long range transportation planning projects as well as providing decision makers with measurable feedback on the impacts of recently completed projects.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Check Fraud Status Report

On March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department.

On March 28, 2013, Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow and Council staff briefed the Executive Committee concerning this matter. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account. On April 25, 2013, Council staff briefed the Council concerning this matter. On June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter to Mr. Wershow's letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

On July 25, 2013, the Council authorized the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 and designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit. In addition, the Council authorized the Council Attorney and the Executive Director to contact federal and state law enforcement agencies to discuss the fraudulent check processed and paid out of the Council's bank account by Wells Fargo.

On August 5, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and I met with Mr. William Cervone, State's Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida to discuss the check fraud incident. Mr. Cervone offered the assistance of his staff to work with the Gainesville Police Department to secure the bank records relating to the check fraud incident.

On August 6, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Council Stanley Cushman filed a five-count lawsuit in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida, against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's bank account.

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On September 9, 2013, Wells Fargo responded to the complaint by filing a Motion to Compel Arbitration. Wells Fargo alleges that disputes related to the Council's checking account are to be resolved by an arbitrator. Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman responded to the motion stating arbitration does not apply to the dispute.

A hearing was scheduled for October 30, 2013 in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida on the Motion to Compel Arbitration filed by Wells Fargo to resolve the dispute between the Council and Wells Fargo. However, the hearing was rescheduled for January 24, 2014. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Circuit Court granted the Motion to Compel Arbitration.

A letter was sent to Wells Fargo on May 13, 2014 requesting additional information concerning the disputed check. On September 24, 2014 a Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim was filed with the American Arbitration Association by Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman on behalf of the Council. On October 14, 2014 attorneys from Wells Fargo filed a Respondent's Answering Statement to the Statement of Claim.

Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman are continuing to coordinate with the attorney of Wells Fargo on the selection of an arbitrator and scheduling of the arbitration hearing.

Please find attached a summary of legal fees incurred to date concerning the lawsuit.

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Wells Fargo Lawsuit
Legal Fees

December 4, 2014

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 2013	\$1,383
September 2013	\$2,253
October 2013	\$3,445
November 2013	\$180
December 2013	\$0
January 2014	\$2,760
February 2014	\$1,410
March 2014	\$2,502
April 2014	\$2,669
May 2014	\$2,970
June 2014	\$6,515
July 2014	\$330
August 2014	\$420
September 2014	\$810
October 2014	<u>\$3,429</u>
 Total	 \$31,076