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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 **February 25, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology at **7:00 p.m.**

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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Virtual Public Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology
Gainesville, Florida

February 25, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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Florida Small County Coalition
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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology

January 28, 2021
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Mary Alford, Alachua County
David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
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
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Reina Saco, City of Gainesville
Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
James Tallman, Union County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Deming, City of Perry
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
Travis Land, Suwannee County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Stew Lilker
Jerry Parrish
Jeannie Scheibert

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Tara Tucker
Lauren Yeatter

Executive Committee Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water
Management District
Tom Mirti, Suwannee River Water
Management District
Daniel Penniman, Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission
David Tyler, Florida Department
of Transportation

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

I. INVOCATION

Noting a quorum of the Council being present, Chair Chestnut called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mayor Louie Davis gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Chestnut welcomed and introduced Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis; Jeannie Scheibert, citizen; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - December 10, 2020
- B. Monthly Financial Report - November 2020
- C. Interagency Agreement with Central Florida Regional Planning Council to Assist with Local Government Comprehensive Plan Study
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

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

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

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research
Florida Chamber Foundation

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Jerry Parrish, PhD, Chief Economist and Director of Research for the Florida Chamber Foundation. Dr. Parrish gave a presentation to the Council concerning economic trends in Florida and the north central Florida region. Chair Chestnut thanked Mr. Parrish for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT

- A. New Members - Travis Land, Suwannee County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County

Chair Chestnut welcomed new Council member County Commissioner Donnie Waldrep, Madison County. He also stated Suwannee County recently appointed County Commissioner Travis Land as their representative to the Council.

- B. Resolutions of Appreciation - Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Don Hale, Suwannee County

ACTION: Commissioner Simmons made the motion, with a second by Mayor Bryant to approve Resolutions of Appreciation for former Council members Ken Cornell, Alachua County and Don Hale, Suwannee County. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation -
Don Hale, Suwannee County
Darlene Strimple, Career Source Florida Crown

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson to approve Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation for former Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board members Don Hale and Darlene Strimple. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Committee Appointments

ACTION: Mayor Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Simmons to ratify the appointment by the Chair of LaBarfield Bryant to the Clearinghouse Committee and Patricia Bouie Hutchinson as Vice-Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee; Marihelen Wheeler to the Finance Committee and Gigi Simmons as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee; Daniel Riddick to the Nominating Committee; Travis Land and Donnie Waldrep to the Program Committee; and Gigi Simmons and Marihelen Wheeler to the Regional Planning Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force Appointments

ACTION: Commissioner Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson to ratify the appointment by the Chair of Dixie County Commissioner Jody Stephenson, Hamilton County Commissioner Josh Smith and Madison County Commissioner Brian Williams to the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force; and ratify the appointment by the Chair of Levy County Commissioner John Meeks as Chair and Suwannee County Commissioner Don Hale as Vice-Chair of the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Proclamation Declaring February 22-28, 2021 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

Mr. Koons stated that the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has designated the week of February 22, 2021 thru February 28, 2021 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week and that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council join in this public outreach effort by proclaiming the week of February 22, 2021 thru February 28, 2021 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in the north central Florida region.

ACTION: Mayor Louie Davis made the motion, with a second by Mayor Bryant to approve the attached proclamation declaring the week of February 22, 2021 - February 28, 2021 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in north central Florida region.

2. Resolution No. 2021-01 Recognizing 100th Anniversary of Dixie County

Mr. Koons stated that Dixie County was incorporated on April 25, 1921. He noted that the County is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council adopt a resolution congratulating Dixie County on its 100th Anniversary.

ACTION: Mayor Bryant made the motion, with a second by Mayor Louie Davis to adopt the attached Resolution No. 2021-01 recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Dixie County. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution No. 2021-02 Recognizing 100th Anniversary of Union County

Mr. Koons stated that Union County was incorporated on October 1, 1921. He noted that the County is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council adopt a resolution congratulating Union County on its 100th Anniversary.

ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Commissioner Tallman to adopt attached Resolution No. 2021-02 recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Union County. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution No. 2021-03 Supporting Access to Affordable, Reliable High-Speed Internet Throughout Florida

Mr. Koons stated the Florida Small County Coalition and Florida Association of Counties are requesting boards of county commissioners and other organizations to adopt a resolution expressing support for the implementation of a broad-based effort to close the internet gap that exists throughout the state. He stated the absence of access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet service prevents communities from achieving their full potential in the areas of virtual learning, remote working, telemedicine, public safety communications and economic development efforts.

Mr. Koons stated these initiatives are based on House Bill 969 passed by the Florida Legislature, during the 2020 Legislative Session, creating the Florida Office of Broadband within the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. He stated the Florida Office of Broadband is required to create a strategic plan that has goals and strategies for increasing the use of broadband internet service in the state. He also stated the Florida Office of Broadband is also to address the need to define accurate and up-to-date mapping quantifying the internet needs of the public and private sector.

ACTION: Commissioner Clark made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Brown to adopt the attached Resolution No. 2021-03 Supporting Access to Affordable, Reliable High-Speed Internet throughout Florida. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution No. 2021-04 Opposing Senate Bill 62 Concerning Regional Planning Councils

Mr. Koons stated Senator Bradley has filed Senate Bill 62 concerning regional planning councils. He stated the bill repeals the regional planning section of the State and Regional Planning Act. Mr. Koons stated this section of the Act provides for the establishment of regional planning councils; specifies boundaries for regional planning councils; specifies duties and responsibilities for regional planning councils; provides for gubernatorial appointees to regional planning councils; and provides for preparation and maintenance of strategic regional policy plans by regional planning councils. He stated the bill also removes regional planning councils from all other state statutes.

ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Simmons to adopt the attached Resolution No. 2021-04 opposing Senate Bill 62 or similar legislation concerning regional planning councils. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

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

- #21 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ESR)
- #23 - City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 20-3ESR)
- #24 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 20-4ESR)

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

ACTION: Commissioner Hope made the motion, with a second by Bouie Hutchinson to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #21 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ESR); Item #23 - City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 20-3ESR) and; Item #24 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 20-4ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

David Tyler, Planning and Environmental Office, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, stated that the District is currently soliciting Small County Road Assistance Program grant applications, Small County Outreach Program grant applications, Transportation Regional Incentive Program grant applications and County Incentive Grant program grant applications until February 26, 2021. He also stated that District 2 held a public hearing on the Department's Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2021-22 to 2025-26 on January 14, 2021 at the District 2 Urban Office in Jacksonville and that comments concerning the Tentative Work Program were due by January 28, 2021.

Ben Glass, Legislative and Community Affairs Chief, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated the District is currently reviewing springs cost share applications and alternative water supply cost share applications submitted to the District by local governments. He also stated that the District proposed minimum flows and levels for the Lower Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee River are currently undergoing peer review. Finally, he stated that the District is continuing the process of updating its Water Supply Plan.

Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported that the Madison County Health Department and Hamilton County Health Department issued public health advisories concerning no human contact with the waters of the Withlacoochee River for the period January 3, 2021 to January 4, 2021 due to elevated E. coli bacteria levels originating from non-point sources.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated that the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the December 2020 activity reports included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the December 2020 reports.

B. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Forum Report

Mr. Koons reported that he attended the semi-annual forum of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board along with the Immediate Past Chair Robert Wilford and Former Chair Lorene Thomas held virtually via communications media technology on January 8, 2021. He

stated the Policy Board heard presentations from Secretary Kevin Thibault, Florida Department of Transportation and Director Jared Moskowitz, Florida Division of Emergency Management. Mr. Koons stated the Policy Board heard reports on various projects of regional planning councils throughout the state and received the 2019-20 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report. Mr. Koons stated the Policy Board also heard a legislative report and a report concerning the update of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study.

C. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Forward Newsletter

Mr. Koons reported the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons stated the Association distributes an electronic newsletter each month to approximately 2,600 elected officials, state agencies, partner organizations and interested individuals statewide.

Mr. Koons note that an excerpted article from the November/December 2020 monthly Forward Newsletter featuring the activities of the Council serving as the administrative entity and fiscal agent for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area was included in the meeting packet. He stated the article highlights the work that the Council recently completed for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization concerning the update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. Mr. Koons also stated the Plan identifies projects for highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities for the next 25 years.

D. 2019-20 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2019-20 Annual Report for the Florida Regional Councils Association was included in the meeting packet. He stated the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide association of all ten regional councils in Florida. Mr. Koons stated it is governed by a Policy Board made up of three representatives (county, municipal, gubernatorial) from each Council who are in turn advised by the Executive Directors Advisory Committee comprised of all ten executive directors. He stated that Charles Chestnut IV, Chair; Lorene Thomas, Former Chair; and Robert Wilford, Immediate Past Chair currently serve on the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board. Mr. Koons stated Immediate Past Chair Wilford currently serves as the 2nd Vice-President of the Association. Finally, he stated the activities of the Council are featured on pages 3, 4, 6 and 10 of the Annual Report.

E. 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 January 2021 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

F. Legislative Report

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

G. 2045 Florida Transportation Plan Policy Element and Performance Element

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Transportation Plan is the single overarching statewide plan guiding Florida's transportation future. He stated it is a plan for all of Florida created by, and providing direction to, the Florida Department of Transportation and all organizations that are involved in planning and managing Florida's transportation system, including statewide, regional and local partners. Mr. Koons stated that every five years, the Department updates the Florida Transportation Plan. He reported that the Department recently released the second and third components of the updated Florida Transportation Plan, the Policy Element and the Performance Element. Finally, Mr. Koons noted that copies of the Policy Element and Performance Element were included in the meeting packet.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Witt stated that both the mother and father of Jordan Green, Transportation Support Manager, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, recently died as a result of the COVID-19 virus.

Mayor Louie Davis stated former Bradford County Commissioner Kenny Thompson recently shared with him very positive comments concerning the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Executive Director Scott Koons.

Commissioner Simmons asked that the Council send a letter of support to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County concerning safety modifications for pedestrians along West University Avenue (State Road 26) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville.

ACTION: Commissioner Simmons made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Alford to request staff prepare a letter to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County concerning support for safety modifications for pedestrians along West University Avenue (State Road 26) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville for review by the Council at its February 25, 2021 meeting.
The motion carried unanimously.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

2/25/21
Date



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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - December 2020

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council’s activities for December 2020. 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 three months is 32 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of three months are 15 percent of budget.

Conclusion

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

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

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

Attachment

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 31, 2020

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,962,134
Accounts Receivable	707,814
Other Current Assets	51,696
Total Current Assets	<u>2,721,644</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,721,644</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	15,176
Other Current Liabilities	556,275
Total Liabilities	<u>571,451</u>
Equity	<u>2,150,193</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,721,644</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 31, 2020

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	December 2020	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,102,500	299,846	666,723	32%
Expenses	2,102,500	150,637	315,861	15%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 31, 2020

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	December 2020	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	48,200	127	29,578	61%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	69,977	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	105,275	179%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	132,900	8,300	8,300	6%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	0	5,625	20,780	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	464,600	100,530	100,530	22%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	228,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,900	1,247	1,247	5%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,600	32,945	32,945	17%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	17,500	62,509	54%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	10,759	10,759	5%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	40,200	7,250	7,250	18%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	58,000	58,425	36%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	20,040	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	57,563	73,599	30%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	75,000	0	63,009	84%
Total Revenue	2,102,500	299,846	666,723	32%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 31, 2020

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	December 2020	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	1,550	7,740	19%
Contractual Services	105,000	4,496	15,347	15%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	50,000	319	9,713	19%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	19,000	0	6,277	33%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	519	1,863	17%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	0	1,158	23%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	1,111	3,255	13%
Personnel	1,402,400	121,127	242,834	17%
Postage	5,000	647	1,188	24%
Printing	2,000	1,875	1,875	94%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	1,762	3,875	19%
Telephone	6,000	470	1,542	26%
Travel	80,000	765	2,311	3%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	15,996	16,883	10%
Contingency	112,300	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,102,500	150,637	315,861	15%



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SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - January 2021

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Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of four months is 37 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of four months are 23 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.

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

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,883,435
Accounts Receivable	687,169
Other Current Assets	<u>63,162</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,633,766</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,633,766</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	18,954
Other Current Liabilities	<u>542,031</u>
Total Liabilities	560,985
Equity	<u>2,072,781</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,633,766</u>

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

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	January 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,102,500	106,893	773,616	37%
Expenses	2,102,500	165,595	481,456	23%

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

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	January 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	48,200	72	29,650	62%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	69,977	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	105,275	179%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	132,900	0	8,300	6%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	0	0	20,780	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	464,600	0	100,530	22%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	228,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,900	0	1,247	5%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,600	0	32,945	17%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	62,509	54%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	0	10,759	5%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	40,200	0	7,250	18%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	104,321	162,746	100%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	20,040	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	2,500	76,099	31%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	75,000	0	63,009	84%
Total Revenue	2,102,500	106,893	773,616	37%

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

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	January 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,981	10,721	27%
Contractual Services	105,000	1,683	17,030	16%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	50,000	12,635	22,348	45%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	19,000	0	6,277	33%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	240	2,103	19%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	235	1,393	28%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	574	3,829	15%
Personnel	1,402,400	58,412	301,246	21%
Postage	5,000	1,177	2,365	47%
Printing	2,000	0	1,875	94%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	766	4,641	23%
Telephone	6,000	511	2,053	34%
Travel	80,000	768	3,079	4%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	85,613	102,496	63%
Contingency	112,300	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,102,500	165,595	481,456	23%



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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to sign an amendment to the memorandum of agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for an additional year as a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc., for a fixed fee amount of \$5,530.50.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Council entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to be a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. economic impact model. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is a licensed user of the model by Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is authorized to issue user rights to other parties subject to collection of a fee to be paid to Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. At this time, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is proposing to extend the Council's existing memorandum of agreement for a one-year period for a fixed fee of \$5,530.50.

The Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. model is based upon an input-output engine and provides the Council, our local governments, economic development agencies and others with a dynamic tool for economic and demographic analysis and forecasting. It uses national data calibrated for the region, but also can accept local data sets to enhance its accuracy. This model can review system-wide effects over both short- and long-range time horizons, include economic and fiscal impact analyses, policy impact analyses and economic development/redevelopment analyses. The model can be configured to either address the entire region of any number of county-based subsets of the region, as well as including counties in adjacent regions.

Council staff has used this model to evaluate the impact of several projects throughout the region. Examples of projects include an advertising agency in Alachua County, a hotel and a redevelopment project in the City of Gainesville, a sanitary sewer system in the City of Archer, a recreational vehicle resort in the City of Hawthorne, a food processing plant in the City of Newberry, a computer technical support call center, manufacturing facilities and sports complex in Columbia County, a hypothetical manufacturing plant in Gilchrist County, an ethanol plant in Hamilton County, a refrigerated container manufacturing plant in Madison County, a manufacturing facility and a sawmill plant in Suwannee County and an electric power generating plant in Taylor County.

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

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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Planning Grant Resolutions
Fiscal Year 2021-22

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Planning Grant Applications for Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Union Counties and authorizing the Chair to execute the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreements for Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Union Counties.

BACKGROUND:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. As the designated official planning agency, the Council is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating boards with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the boards to fulfill their responsibilities.

The attached resolutions authorize the Chair to sign the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Planning Grant Agreements with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The Planning Grant Agreements provide the funding needed to provide staff services to the local coordinating boards.

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

Attachments

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LEVY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation
for Dixie County

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2021-13, recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

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

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021.

The Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2020-01 for the Dixie County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on November 6, 2020. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Dixie County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The Technical Review Committee reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and determined that it is responsive to Requests for Proposals No. 2020-01. Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR DIXIE 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 Dixie County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie 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. 2020-01 for the designation of the Dixie County Community Transportation Coordinator on November 6, 2020;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2020-01; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was the only proposal received that was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2020-01.

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 Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of February 2021.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation
for Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2021-14, recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

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

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021.

The Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2020-02 for the Gilchrist County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on November 6, 2020. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Gilchrist County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The Technical Review Committee reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and determined that it is responsive to Requests for Proposals No. 2020-02. Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR GILCHRIST 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 Gilchrist County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist 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. 2020-02 for the designation of the Gilchrist County Community Transportation Coordinator on November 6, 2020;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2020-02; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2020-02.

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 Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of February 2021.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation
for Union County

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2021-15, recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

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

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021.

The Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2020-03 for the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on November 6, 2020. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The Technical Review Committee reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and determined that it is responsive to Requests for Proposals No. 2020-03. Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR UNION 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 Union County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union 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. 2020-03 for the designation of the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator on November 6, 2020;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2020-03; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2020-03.

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 Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of February 2021.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for
Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the use of the non-competitive selection process to designate the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.

BACKGROUND:

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

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area. Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021. According to Section 287.057(3) (e)12, Florida Statutes, the Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, may choose to recommend a governmental entity, such as the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, as the Community Transportation Coordinator without using a competitive selection process.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: State Road 26 (University Avenue) Pedestrian Safety Modifications

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chair to sign the attached letters to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus.

BACKGROUND

Due to several recent traffic incidents resulting in serious bodily injuries and fatalities, particularly along State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville, the City of Gainesville, along with Alachua County and the University of Florida, are encouraging the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications to the road.

In 2015, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area consisting of the Mayor and all six city commissioners and all five county commissioners completed the State Road 26 / University Avenue Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study. Since that time, the pedestrian safety recommendations of the Study have been included in the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization List of Priority Projects.

The Department of Transportation has completed a pedestrian traffic signal advance timing project at intersections adjacent to the University of Florida campus. A pedestrian-only cycle study at the West University Avenue and West 13th Street intersection has also been completed.

At the January 28, 2021 Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to send letters to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville. Please find attached proposed letters supporting their efforts.

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

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February 26, 2021

Honorable Lauren Poe, Mayor
City of Gainesville
P.O. Box 490
Gainesville, FL 32627-0490

RE: State Road 26 (University Avenue) Pedestrian Safety Modifications

Dear Mayor Poe:

This letter is in reference to several recent traffic incidents resulting in serious bodily injuries and fatalities, particularly along State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville.

At its meeting on February 25, 2021, the Council voted unanimously to send letters to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville.

The Council, comprised of 12 counties and 40 municipalities in the north central Florida region, strongly supports the efforts of the City of Gainesville, along with Alachua County and the University of Florida, to make the area adjacent to campus a safer more pedestrian friendly environment. The Council commends the City, County and University for collaborating to advance this very important community priority.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director of the Council at 352.955.2200, ext. 101 or koons@ncfrpc.org.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Chestnut IV
Chair

xc: Greg Evans, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Secretary

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February 26, 2021

Honorable Ken Cornell, Chair
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
12 Southeast 1st Street
Gainesville, FL 32601-6826

RE: State Road 26 (University Avenue) Pedestrian Safety Modifications

Dear Chair Cornell:

This letter is in reference to several recent traffic incidents resulting in serious bodily injuries and fatalities, particularly along State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville.

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Sincerely,

Charles S. Chestnut IV
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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: American Flood Coalition Agreement to Assist with the
Creation of the North Central Florida Regional Resiliency Collaborative

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign a grant agreement with the American Flood Coalition for \$15,000 of funding to assist with the development of the North Central Florida Regional Resiliency Collaborative.

BACKGROUND:

The American Flood Coalition is a nonpartisan group of political, military, business and local leaders that have come together to drive adaptation to the reality of higher seas, stronger storms and more frequent flooding. The Coalition seeks to advance solutions that support flood-affected communities and protect residents, the economy and military installations.

The mission of the Coalition is to protect communities that are vulnerable to flooding and sea level rise. The need to address these issues is vitally important to the well-being of citizens, economic strength and security. Proactive planning and smart policy can enable flood-affected communities to adapt and thrive. Investing in adaptation planning and projects that reduce risk can protect home values and the highways, ports, and other essential infrastructure that drive our economy, creating jobs and economic opportunities.

The Coalition focuses on the following four solution pillars.

- Economy - Invest in infrastructure and natural solutions that boost the economy and protect property values;
- Communities - Use smart planning to keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars;
- Rebuilding - Build back stronger to protect communities from future flooding; and
- Military - Ensure our military installations are ready to deploy 365 days a year.

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

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

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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Fletcher Hope, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

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

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #25 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #26 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #27 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)

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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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

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

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

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

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

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

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Southwest Florida • Tampa Bay • Treasure Coast

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: January 2021

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Collected and organized articles for the January 2021 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.
- Maintained and updated the FRCA website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- Updated the email lists and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,500 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Distributed COVID-19 response and recovery information to regional planning councils.
- Continued working with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Office on Broadband to support and coordinate RPC participation in the development of regional broadband workshops.
- Began compiling the October – December quarterly report for the Department of Economic Opportunity on economic activities in each regional planning council area.
- Arranged sponsorship of the Policy and Planning Workshop hosted by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association being held virtually on February 24 – 25th.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Organized and hosted biweekly GoToMeetings with the regional planning council Executive Directors throughout the month of January.
- Participated with the Winter 2021 Policy Board Forum held on January 8, 2021.
- Supported Association efforts to oppose Senate Bill 62.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

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

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

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

Please find attached the February 2021 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 FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 07/15/2021

22,250,919

COVID-19

NUMBER OF COVID CASES

1.83M
(Increasing)

Daily Average New Cases

7,571.1
(Decreasing)

WEEKLY PERCENT OF POSITIVE CASES

7.25%
(Decreasing)

DAYS SINCE 1ST VACCINE IN FLORIDA

64

DAYS SINCE 1ST CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

350

OPEN JOBS

371,000
(Increasing)

614,000
Unemployed Persons
(Declining)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.1%
(Declining)

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Jobs Year Over Year Change

-419,200

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3RD GRADE READING SCORES

58%
(Improving)

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100%
2030 Goal

STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS

\$94.0
Billion Visitor Spending

131.4
Million Visitors

STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES

11,019
Starts (Improving)

30,478
Sales (Improving)

INCOME MIGRATION

\$1.19M
Per Hour

POVERTY RATE

14.0%
(Better)

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CONSUMER SENTIMENT

82.6
(Improving)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

90.0%
(Improving)

View Statewide Heat Map

SALES TAX REVENUE

\$2.682
Billion per Month (Improving)

VOTER PARTICIPATION

77%
(Improving)

RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION

49%/42%

LAND IN CONSERVATION

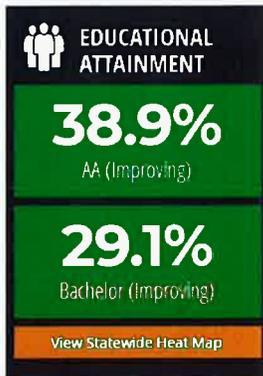
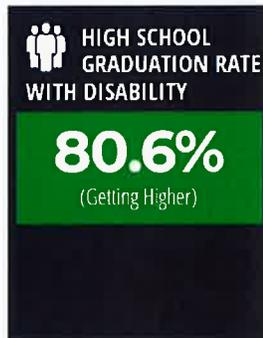
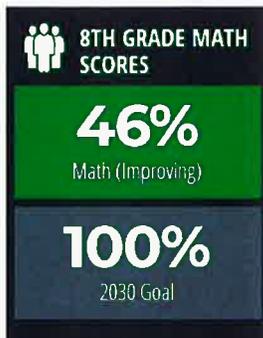
28%

State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Talent Supply & Education

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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

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Innovation & Economic Development

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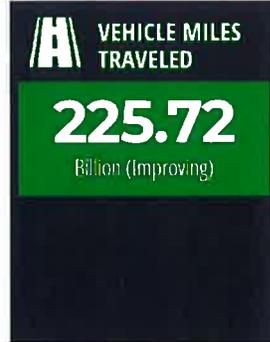


State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

State of Florida FutureCast

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METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Business Climate & Competitiveness

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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

Civic & Governance Systems

State of Florida FutureCast

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VOTER PARTICIPATION

77%
(Improving)

RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION

49%/42%

INMATE POPULATION

119,036

DEPENDENCY RATIO

2015
56.5%

2030 Estimate
70%

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

257.2
Thousand (State)

715.9
Thousand (Local)

VOLUNTEERISM

22.8%
of Floridians Volunteer

50th
Florida's Rank

Top 12
2030 Goal

STATE DEBT OUTSTANDING

\$21.0
Billion

CITIZENS INSURANCE EXPOSURE POLICIES

\$133.5
Billion Exposure

511,055
Policies

UNDERFUNDED STATE PENSION

\$1120.0
Million (Increasing)

State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Quality of Life and Quality Places

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POVERTY RATE

14.0%
(Better)

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CHILDREN IN POVERTY

20.1%
(Decreasing)

<10%
2030 Goal

829,342
(Decreasing)

ALICE HOUSEHOLDS

46%
(Unchanged)

HOUSING COST BURDENED

52.9%
30% (Decreasing)

<10%
2030 Goal

27.1%
50% (Decreasing)

FLORIDIANS WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

2,728
Thousand (Increasing)

13.0%
(Increasing)

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

55.8%
(Declining)

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YOUTH OBESITY

10.9%
(Better)

PER CAPITA INCOME

\$49,417
(Improving)

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HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN

95,167
(Increasing)

HOME OWNERSHIP RATE

69.7%
(Declining)

WELL-BEING RANKING

20th
(Increasing)

Top 5
2030 Goal

CRIME DATA

2,551
(Declining)

CRIME RATE RANKING

#28
(Decreasing)

Lowest 10
2030 Goal



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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

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

- Week of January 11-15, 2021
- Week of January 25-29, 2021
- Week of February 1-5, 2021
- Week of February 8-12, 2021
- Week of February 15-19, 2021
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The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING

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

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

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

There is no companion House bill.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

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

GROWTH MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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

STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND

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

MULTI-USE CORRIDORS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE

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

House Bill 763 by Representative Diamond and Carlos Guillermo Smith repeals provisions relating to Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program and related funding; requires portions of certain annual license tax revenues to be deposited into General Revenue Fund; revises period during which certain revenues shall be transferred to the Florida Turnpike Enterprise. The bill has not been referred to any committees. **The bill is currently not in a committee.**

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

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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members
 FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
 SUBJECT: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Regional Broadband Workshops

BACKGROUND:

During the 2020 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 969 creating the Florida Office of Broadband within the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The Office of Broadband has been directed to perform the following duties.

- Create a strategic plan to increase the use of broadband internet service in Florida;
- Build and facilitate local technology planning teams, especially with community members from the areas of education, healthcare, business, tourism, agriculture, economic development and local government;
- Encourage public use of internet service expansion through broadband grant programs; and
- Monitor, participate in, and provide input on Federal Communications Commission proceedings that are related to the geographic availability and deployment of broadband internet in Florida.

As the first step in the process of developing the Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband, the Department recently hosted a series of virtual regional workshops to better understand the needs for expanding broadband internet access across the state. The Department partnered with the ten regional planning councils to facilitate the virtual regional workshops. The virtual regional workshop for the north central Florida region was held on February 10, 2021.

The virtual regional workshops included leaders from various sectors of the state, including libraries; K-12 education; colleges and universities; local healthcare providers; private businesses; community organizations; economic development organizations; local governments; tourism, parks and recreation; agriculture; and internet service providers.

Each virtual regional workshop was hosted by the Department and facilitated by the respective regional planning council to assist the Office of Broadband in understanding the regional availability and accessibility of broadband internet throughout the state. This information will ultimately assist in the design of state programs and resources for broadband adoption, deployment, expansion and resiliency. The information shared during the workshops will also be used in the development of the Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband.

In addition, the Department has posted a survey concerning broadband needs on its website at [Florida Office of Broadband - Survey on the Availability and Accessibility of Broadband Internet Service](#). Interested persons are encouraged to complete the on-line survey by March 1, 2021.

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

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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Enterprise Florida Site Preparation Grant Award Program

BACKGROUND:

Last fall, Enterprise Florida introduced its Rural Expansion Toolkit. The Toolkit consists of grant programs including Consulting Services and Site Preparedness in Rural Communities, as well as existing Marketing and Training grant opportunities.

To gain a competitive advantage when it comes to business attraction and expansion projects, Enterprise Florida’s Site Preparedness Grant Program assists Florida’s rural communities with the development and enhancement of sites to make them build ready and competitive for site selection projects.

Recently, the Governor announced the award of \$348,400 to 14 rural counties and cities for site preparation projects. The awards are part of the Enterprise Florida’s Rural Expansion Toolkit initiative to assist rural communities with broad-based economic engagement and capacity building efforts. Grant recipients were those communities that were able to demonstrate a pathway to site readiness.

The following communities and organization in the north central Florida region received funding from the Site Preparation Grant Program.

- Columbia County Economic Development Department \$24,900
- Hamilton County Development Authority \$25,000
- Levy County Nature Coast Business Development Council \$25,000
- North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc. \$25,000
- Suwannee County Economic Development Department \$24,250

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