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MEETING NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **April 27, 2017**. The meeting will be held at the **Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at **7:30 p.m.**

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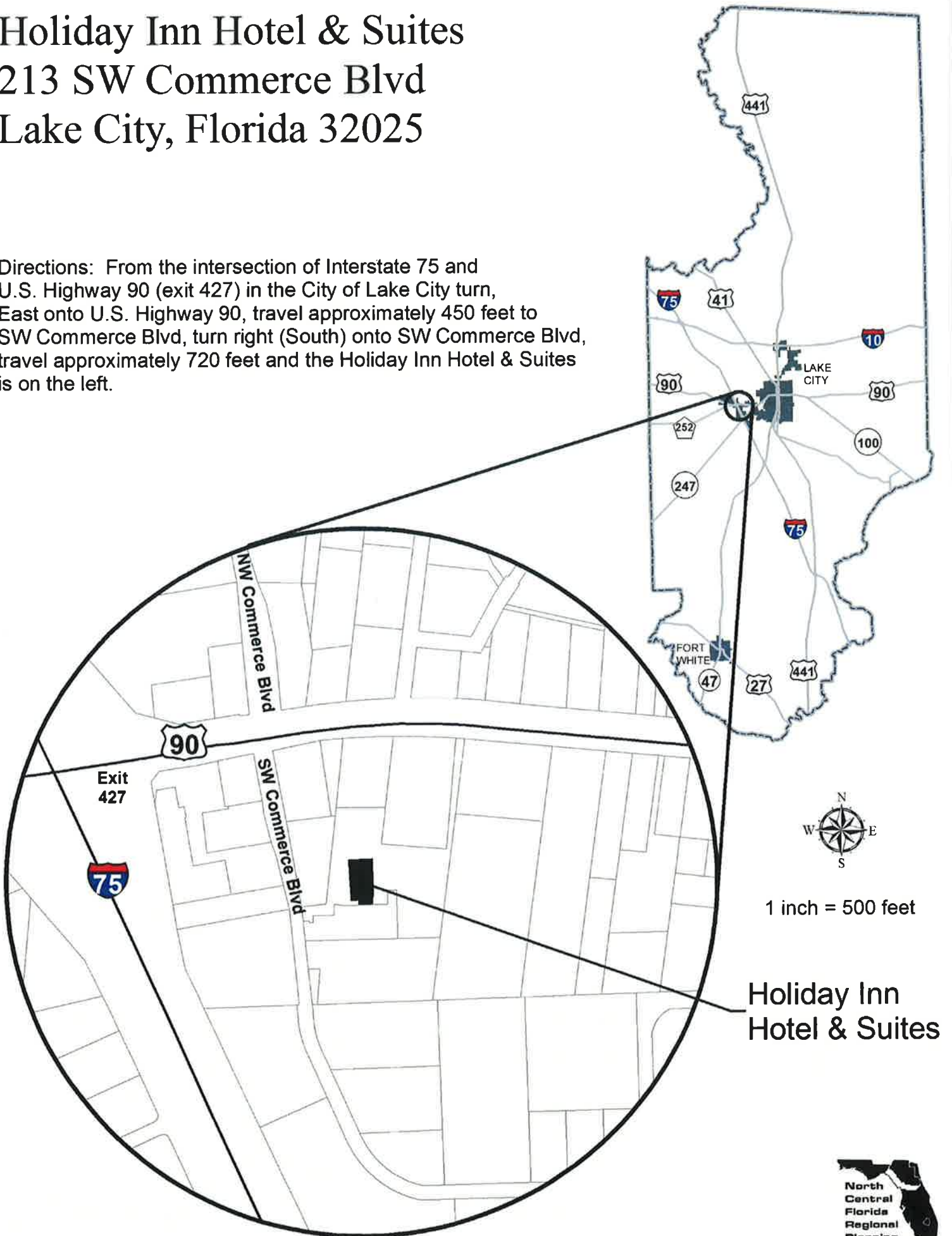
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AGENDA NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida

April 27, 2017
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

March 30, 2017
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Patricia, Bouie, City of Hawthorne
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Jason Evans, City of High Springs
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
William Hunter, Hamilton County
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
James Tallman, Union County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department
of Transportation
Susan Davis, St Johns River
Water Management District
Noah Valenstein, Suwannee River
Water Management District

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
James Catron, City of Madison
Mike Deming, City of Perry
Adrian Hayes-Santos, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Kaitlin Davidson
Diana Davis
Sean Greene
Don Hale
Brian Kaufmann
Stew Lilker
Darryl Mortimer
Judy Rice
Huiwei Shen
Bikram Wadhawan

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Scott Koons
Jean Strong
Tara Tucker

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. with an invocation given by Ms. Thomas and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Davis stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis welcomed and introduced Don Hale, County Commissioner from Suwannee County; Brian Kaufmann, County Manager from the Madison County; Judy Rice, City Clerk from City of Newberry; Sandra Buck-Camp and Ralph Kitchens, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Katlin Davidson and Bikram Wadhawan, Hanson Professional Services, Inc. (consultants for the Florida Department of Transportation); Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis; Darryl Mortimer, husband of Council member Janice Mortimer and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

Chair Davis asked that Item VIII.B.8. #74 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to add Item VIII.B.8. #74 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Davis asked that the agenda be approved.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER - Huiwei Shen, Manager, Systems Planning Office
Florida Department of Transportation

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Huiwei Shen, Manager of Systems Planning Office from the Florida Department of Transportation. Ms. Shen gave a presentation on the conclusions of the North Interstate 75 Master Plan Update. Chair Davis thanked Ms. Shen for her comments.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 23, 2017

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Monthly Financial Report - February 2017

- B. Florida Department of Transportation
Joint Participation Agreement and Resolution
- C. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.
- D. Local Government Emergency Management Strategic Planning Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2016-17 - Gilchrist County
- E. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Prepare
Commodities Flow Study
- F. Purchase Order with Apalachee Regional Planning Council to Assist with
Evaluating Statewide Hurricane Exercise
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments
- H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Certifications
- I. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator
for Madison County
- J. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Resolutions Fiscal Year 2017-18

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

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

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Member

Chair Davis welcomed new Council member Commissioner Patricia Bouie from City of Hawthorne.

- B. Resolution of Appreciation - DeLoris Roberts

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for DeLoris Roberts. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation
 - 1. Ginger Calhoun
 - 2. Martha Humphries

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Evans to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Ginger Calhoun and Martha Humphries. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Executive Director Appointed to Florida Chamber Foundation Florida 2030 Infrastructure and Growth Leadership Pillar Advisory Committee

Chair Davis stated that Executive Director, Scott Koons has been appointed to Florida Chamber Foundation Florida 2030 Infrastructure and Growth Leadership Pillar Advisory Committee. He stated that Mr. Koons will join leaders throughout the state on the Florida 2030 Advisory Committee to help craft a blueprint for Florida's future that secures prosperity and high wage jobs, prepares us for more aggressive global competitiveness and promotes vibrant and sustainable communities for Floridians.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee - None
- B. Clearinghouse Committee

Commissioner Sessions, Clearinghouse Committee Vice-Chair, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#66 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#67 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#69 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#70 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#71 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#72 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#73 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Commissioner Sessions stated that following item added to the agenda requires action prior to the next meeting.

#74 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Commissioner Sessions stated with regards to item #67 Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources or adjacent local governments. He further stated however, significant adverse impacts may occur to a segment of the Regional Road Network.

Commissioner Sessions stated with regards to remaining items, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plans as amended, are 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 Sessions made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell, to approve the Committee recommendations concerning #66 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #67 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #69 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #70 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #71 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #72 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #73 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and #74- City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Regional Planning Committee - Evaluation and Appraisal Report Based Amendments
North Central Florida Strategic Plan Policy Plan

Commissioner Burnam, Regional Planning Committee Chair, gave the Regional Planning Committee Report, she stated that the Regional Planning Committee met earlier in the evening to review a proposed amendment to the Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based Amendments as a result of comments received from reviewing agencies and local governments. She also stated the Committee anticipates presenting its final recommendation concerning the Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments at the April 27, 2017 Council meeting.

D. Program Committee - 2017-18 Overall Program Design

Ms. Thomas stated that the Program Committee is scheduled to meet on April 27, 2017 to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. She stated that this document is to be used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. Ms. Thomas finally stated the Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 25, 2017 Council meeting.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Susan Davis, St. Johns Water Management District, stated the District is accepting applications from local governments for cost share projects through April 13, 2017. She noted that projects may address alternative water supply, water quality, flood protection, natural systems or water conservation.

Noah Valenstein, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the District is accepting grant applications from local governments for springs projects through the end of April 2017. He also noted that the District is required by state law to establish minimum flows and levels for Outstanding Florida Springs. Finally, he stated that local governments are required by state law to adopt fertilizer use ordinances to protect Outstanding Florida Springs springsheds.

Sean Green, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission North Central Region, stated that the Commission offers wildlife conservation planning services to landowners and local governments throughout the region.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 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. He stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the February 2017 activities report included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to develop a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics related to each of the Six Pillars. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the March 2017 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported on bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments being considered during the 2017 Legislative Session. He noted Senate Bill 600 by Senator Grimsley and House Bill 333 by Representative Clemons relate to the Rural Economic Development Initiative Program.

Mr. Koons reported that Senate Bill 216 by Senator Rodriguez relates to economic incentive programs. He also reported that House Bill 7005 by Commerce and Tourism Committee that also relates to economic incentive programs has passed the House of Representatives.

Mr. Koons reported House Bill 9 by Representative Renner relates to Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation (VisitFlorida). He stated that House Bill 889 by Representative Gruters and co-sponsors relates Florida government support organizations. He stated Senate Bill 1076 by Senator Passidono relates to Florida government support organizations.

Mr. Koons reported Senate Bill 1110 by Senator Brades, Braxton and Rodrigues relates to economic development. He stated Senate Bill 1112 by Senator Brades relates to state economic enhancement and development trust fund. Mr. Koons reported that Senate Bill 936 by Senator Montford relates to Regional Rural Development Grants. He stated that House Bill 1415 by Representative Ponder also relates to Regional Rural Development Grants. He stated House Bill 13 by Local Federal Veterans Affairs Subcommittee and Representative Raburn relates to community redevelopment areas. Mr. Koons also reported Senate Bill 1770 by Senator Lee also relates to community redevelopment agencies.

Mr. Koons reported House Bill 17 by Careers and Competition Subcommittee and Representatives Fine and Renner relates to local regulation preemption. He stated that Senate Bill 1158 by Senator Passisomo also relates to local regulation preemption.

ACTION: Commissioner Cornell made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to amend the agenda to add an item to send a letter signed by the Chair to the Senate President, House of Representatives Speaker and regional legislative delegation regarding the adverse impact on local home rule authority that would result from Senate Bill 1158 and House Bill 17. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Cornell made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to send a letter signed by the Chair to the Senate President, House of Representatives Speaker and regional legislative delegation regarding the adverse impact on local home rule authority that would result from Senate Bill 1158 and House Bill 17. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Koons reported Senate Bill 464 by Senator Clemens relates to natural hazards. He noted that House Bill 181 by Representative Jacobs also relates to natural hazards.

He stated House Bill 285 by Representative Fine relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal system inspections and House Bill 551 by Representative Stone relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.

Mr. Koons reported Senate Bill 406 by Senator Bradley, Senate Bill 614 by Senator Brandes, Senate Bill 1388 by Senator Artilles, Senate Bill 1666 by Senator Braynon, Senate Bill 1758 by Senator Grimsley and House Bill 1397 by Representative Rodrigues all relate to medical marijuana.

Mr. Koons reported that three public servant leaders in the north central Florida region recently died. He noted that Herbert Darby, former Lake City Mayor and long-time City Attorney for Lake City; John McCormick former White Springs Mayor, Hamilton County Judge and long-time County Attorney for Hamilton County; as well as Keith Mixon, Live Oak City Council President all recently died. A moment of silence was observed by the Council in remembrance of the lives and service of these individuals.

In response to an inquiry by Council member Bill Hunter, Chair Davis stated that the Executive Committee would review the Council meeting format with particular emphasis regarding guest speakers.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on April 27, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Rick Davis, Chair

4/27/17
Date



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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members
 FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
 SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - March 2017

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for March 2017. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of six months is 46 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of six months is 52 percent of budget.

Conclusion

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

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

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2017

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

 Current Assets

 Checking / Savings 1,074,216

 Accounts Receivable 747,016

 Other Current Assets 18,830

 Total Current Assets 1,840,062

TOTAL ASSETS 1,840,062

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

 Liabilities

 Current Liabilities

 Accounts Payable 7,522

 Other Current Liabilities 165,140

 Total Liabilities 172,662

 Equity 1,667,400

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,840,062

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2017

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2016 - 17	March 2017	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,905,300	395,108	871,349	46%
Expenses	1,905,300	227,190	987,721	52%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2017

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2016 - 17	March 2017	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	29,800	399	19,097	64%
Regional Planning		0		
State Planning & Review	110,000	0	67,258	61%
		0		
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance		0		
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	129,200	29,262	51,412	40%
Hazards Analyses	18,500	0	0	0%
Local Mitigation Strategies	10,500	0	0	0%
Coastal Flooding		0	5,000	
Homeland Security Activities		0	1,500	
		0		
Transportation		0		
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	368,100	184,050	184,050	50%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	203,300	67,767	67,767	33%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,100	2,528	10,606	44%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	192,700	21,233	86,861	45%
		0		
Economic Development		0		
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	153,000	17,500	88,322	58%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	59,400	5,625	11,250	19%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	274,100	58,494	111,494	41%
Vision North Central Florida		0	2,500	
		0		
Local Government Assistance		0		
General Technical Services	30,000	0	18,357	61%
City & County Planning Services	243,700	8,250	145,875	60%
Total Revenue	1,905,300	395,108	871,349	46%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2017

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2016 - 17	March 2017	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	18,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,501	16,293	41%
Contractual Services	48,000	10,363	73,901	154%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	54,000	8,042	46,063	85%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance and Bonding	21,000	0	10,623	51%
Legal Costs	14,000	2,263	5,197	37%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	0	2,272	45%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	1,350	7,044	37%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	25,000	855	9,119	36%
Personnel Costs	1,153,700	141,417	591,227	51%
Postage	6,000	377	2,997	50%
Printing	2,000	0	1,892	95%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	15,000	1,099	6,737	45%
Telephone	7,000	672	2,426	35%
Travel	83,000	11,747	44,172	53%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	274,100	46,504	167,758	61%
Contingency	101,500	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,905,300	227,190	987,721	52%

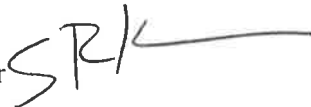


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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization
for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Interlocal Agreement Affirmation

RECOMMENDATION:

Reaffirm the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement among the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Transportation, the City of Gainesville and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority executed on January 26, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Council provides professional staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to assist them with administering a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning program pursuant to a Federal Highway Administration and Florida Department of Transportation approved unified work program. In particular, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, serving as the designated metropolitan planning organization, is responsible for developing and maintaining a long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program.

According to Section 339.175 (10)(a)(2) Florida Statutes, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is required to execute “an agreement with the metropolitan and regional intergovernmental coordination and review agencies serving the metropolitan areas, specifying the means by which activities will be coordinated and how transportation planning and programming will be part of the comprehensive planned development of the area.”

Please find attached a copy of the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area executed on January 26, 2007, along with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Transportation, the City of Gainesville and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority. According to Section 339.175 (10)(a) Florida Statutes, the Agreement is to be reviewed and updated as necessary every five years.

There are no updates that need to be made to the Agreement at this time.

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

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW
AND
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION
JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

THIS JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 26th day of January, 2007 by and between the STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, hereinafter referred to as the Department; the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville urbanized area, hereinafter referred to as the MTPO; The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council; the City of Gainesville, hereinafter referred to as the City; and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, under the authority of 23 U. S. C. and any subsequent applicable amendments requires each metropolitan area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, to have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in designated metropolitan areas to develop and implement plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, 23 U. S. C. 134 (a) and (b), and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, provide for the creation of metropolitan planning organizations to develop transportation plans and programs for metropolitan areas;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned federal laws require that the State, the MTPO, and the operators of publicly owned transportation systems shall enter into an agreement clearly identifying the responsibilities for cooperatively carrying out such transportation planning (including corridor and subarea studies pursuant to 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.316 and 450.318) and programming;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20.23, Florida Statutes, the Department has been created by the State of Florida, and the Department has the powers and duties relating to transportation, all as outlined in Section 334.044, Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, 49 United States Code 5303, 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.306, and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, the MTPO has been designated and its membership apportioned by the Governor of the State of Florida, with the agreement of the affected units of general purpose local government, to organize and establish the MTPO;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 339.175(9)(a)2., Florida Statutes, the MTPO shall execute and maintain an agreement with the metropolitan and regional intergovernmental coordination and review agencies serving the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, hereinafter referred to as the Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid agreement must describe the means by which activities will be coordinated and specify how transportation planning and programming will be part of the comprehensively planned development of the Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, the Council was established and operates under its Organization Policies with a primary purpose of intergovernmental coordination and review;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.505(24), Florida Statutes, the Council is to review plans of metropolitan planning organizations to identify inconsistencies between those agencies' plans and applicable local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, the Council, pursuant to Section 186.507, Florida Statutes, is required to prepare a Strategic Regional Policy Plan, which will contain regional goals and policies that address regional transportation issues;

WHEREAS, based on the Council's statutory mandate to identify inconsistencies between plans of metropolitan planning organizations and applicable local government comprehensive plans, and to prepare and adopt a Strategic Regional Policy Plan, the Council is appropriately situated to assist in the intergovernmental coordination of the intermodal transportation planning process;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.509, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 29C-8, Florida Administrative Code, the Council has adopted a conflict and dispute resolution process;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the dispute resolution process is to reconcile differences in planning and growth management issues between local governments, regional agencies, and private interests;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined that the voluntary dispute resolution process is useful in the process of resolving conflicts and disputes arising in the transportation planning process;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.310(b) and Section 339.175(9)(a)3., Florida Statutes, the MTPO must execute and maintain an agreement with the operators of public transportation systems, including transit systems, commuter rail systems, airports, and seaports, describing the means by which activities will be coordinated and specifying how public transit, commuter rail, aviation, and seaport planning (including corridor and subarea studies pursuant to 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.316 and 450.318) and programming will be part of the comprehensively planned development of the Metropolitan

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WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the MTPO, operators of public transportation systems, including transit systems, commuter rail systems, port and aviation authorities, jointly pledge their intention to cooperatively participate in the planning and programming of transportation improvements within the Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, the undersigned parties have determined that this Agreement satisfies the requirements of, and is consistent, with 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.310, 450.312, 450.316 and 450.318 and Section 339.175(9)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement desire to participate cooperatively in the performance, on a continuing basis, of a coordinated, comprehensive transportation planning process to assure that highway facilities, mass transit, rail systems, air transportation and other facilities will be properly located and developed in relation to the overall plan of community development.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representation herein, the parties desiring to be legally bound, do agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 RECITALS; DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Recitals. Each and all of the foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and acknowledged to be true and correct. Failure of any of the foregoing recitals to be true and correct shall not operate to invalidate this Agreement.

Section 1.02. Definitions. The following words when used in this Agreement (unless the context shall clearly indicate the contrary) shall have the following meanings:

Agreement means and refers to this instrument, as amended from time to time.

Corridor or Subarea Study shall mean and refer to studies involving major investment decisions or as otherwise identified in 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.316 and 450.318.

Department shall mean and refer to the Florida Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of Florida, created pursuant to Section 20.23, Florida Statutes.

FHWA means and refers to the Federal Highway Administration.

Long Range Transportation Plan is at a minimum a 20-year plan which: identifies transportation facilities and; includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the plan can be implemented and assesses capital improvements necessary to preserve the existing metropolitan transportation system and make efficient use of existing transportation facilities and; indicates proposed transportation enhancement activities; all as required by 23 United States Code 134(g), 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.322 and Section 339.175(6), Florida Statutes.

Metropolitan Area means and refers to the planning area as determined by agreement between the MTPO and the Governor in the urbanized areas designated by the United States Bureau of the Census as described in 23 United States Code 134(b)(1) and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, which shall be subject to the MTPO's planning authority.

MTPO means and refers to the MTPO formed pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement dated May 26, 2004 as amended or superseded from time to time.

Council means and refers to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council created pursuant to Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, and established to operate under its Organization Policies.

TIP is the staged multi-year program of transportation improvement projects developed by the MTPO consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan and developed pursuant to Title 23 United States Code 134(h), 49 United States Code 5304, 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.324 and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes.

Unified Planning Work Program is the annual program, developed in cooperation with the Department and public transportation providers, that lists all planning tasks to be undertaken during a program year, with a complete description thereof and an estimated budget, all as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulations 420, Subpart A, and Section 450.314, and Section 339.175(8), Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

Section 2.01. Coordination with public transit operators. As set forth in Article 3 of this Agreement, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide for cooperation with the Department, the City, the Authority, and the MTPO in the development and preparation of the Unified Planning Work Program, the TIP, the Long-Range Transportation Plan, and any applicable Corridor or Subarea Studies.

Section 2.02. Intergovernmental coordination. As set forth in Article 4 of this Agreement, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide a process through the Council for intergovernmental coordination and review and identification of inconsistencies between proposed MTPO transportation plans and local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and approved by the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Section 2.03. Dispute resolution. As set forth in Article 5 of this Agreement, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide a process for conflict and dispute resolution through the Council.

ARTICLE 3

COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING WITH OPERATORS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Section 3.01. Cooperation with operators of public transportation systems; coordination with local government approved comprehensive plans.

(a) The MTPO shall cooperate with the City, the Authority and the Department to optimize the planning and programming of an integrated and balanced intermodal transportation system for the Metropolitan Area.

(b) The MTPO shall implement a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that is consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with aviation master plans, and public transit development plans of the units of local governments whose boundaries are within the Metropolitan Area.

(c) The MTPO shall ensure that representatives of transit agencies and airports within the Metropolitan Area are provided membership on the MTPO's Technical Advisory Committee.

Section 3.02. Preparation of transportation related plans.

(a) Although the adoption or approval of the Unified Planning Work Program, the TIP, and the Long-Range Transportation Plan is the responsibility of the MTPO, development of such plans or programs shall be viewed as a cooperative effort involving the Department, the City, and the Authority. In developing its plans and programs, the MTPO shall solicit the comments and recommendations of the parties to this Agreement in the preparation of such plans and programs.

(b) At the commencement of the process of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program, the TIP, or the Long-Range Transportation Plan, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the MTPO), the MTPO shall extend notice to the Department, the City, and the Authority advising the scope of the work to be undertaken and inviting comment and participation in the development process. The MTPO shall ensure that the chief operating officials of the Department, the City, and the Authority shall receive approximate 15 days written formal notice of all public workshops and hearings relating to the development of such plans and programs. It is stipulated by the parties to this Agreement that the failure by the MTPO to properly extend written or other notice shall not invalidate, or be lodged as a claim to invalidate, the adoption of the aforementioned plans and programs.

(c) Local government comprehensive plans.

(1) In developing the TIP, Long-Range Transportation Plan, or a Corridor or Subarea Studies, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the

MTPO), the MTPO, the City and the Authority shall analyze for each local government in the Metropolitan Area: (i) the comprehensive plan future land use elements; (ii) the goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plans; and (iii) the zoning regulations of each of the local governments in the Metropolitan Area. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other growth management factors, the MTPO, the City and the Authority shall provide written recommendations to local governments in the Metropolitan Area in the development, amendment, and implementation of their comprehensive plans and zoning regulations. A copy of the recommendations shall be sent to the Council.

(2) The MTPO agrees that, to the maximum extent feasible, the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the project and project phases within the TIP shall be consistent with the future land use element and goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plans of local government in the Metropolitan Area. If the MTPO's TIP is inconsistent with a local government comprehensive plan, the MTPO shall so indicate, and the MTPO shall present, as part of the TIP, justification for including the project in the program.

(d) Multi-modal transportation agency plans.

(1) In developing the TIP, Long-Range Transportation Plan, or a Corridor or Subarea Studies, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the MTPO), the MTPO shall analyze the affected master plans and comprehensive plans of the City and Authority. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other transportation-related factors, the MTPO, shall from time to time and as appropriate, provide recommendations to the parties to this Agreement as well as local governments within the Metropolitan Area, for the development, amendment, and implementation of their master, development, or comprehensive plans.

(2) In developing or revising their respective master or development plans, the parties to this Agreement shall analyze the draft or approved Unified Planning Work Program, TIP, Long-Range Transportation Plan, or Corridor and Subarea Studies, or amendments thereto. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other transportation-related factors, the parties to this Agreement shall from time to time and as appropriate, provide written recommendations to the MTPO with regard to development, amendment, and implementation of the plans, programs, and studies.

(3) The MTPO agrees that, to the maximum extent feasible, the TIP shall be consistent with the affected master plans and development plans of the parties to this Agreement.

(e) By letter agreement to be executed by the MTPO and the affected Authority and public transit providers represented by MTPO members, the MTPO and the affected agency or authority shall mutually develop a process for planning coordination, forwarding recommendations, and project programming consistency to be referred to as the letter agreement. The parties to this letter agreement agree that the MTPO need only include in the TIP those state-funded airport projects that directly relate to surface transportation activities. The process agreed to in the letter agreement shall provide flexible deadlines for inter-agency comment on affected plans referenced in this section. This Agreement will be amended pursuant to Section

6.02 to incorporate this letter agreement. The signatories to the letter agreement may revise or terminate the letter agreement upon 30 days written notice to all other parties to this letter agreement but without approval of other parties hereto.

ARTICLE 4

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW

Section 4.01. Coordination with Council. The Council shall perform the following tasks:

(a) Within 30 days of receipt, review the draft of the proposed TIP, Long-Range Transportation Plan, Corridor and Subarea Studies, or amendments thereto, as requested by the MTPO, to identify inconsistencies between the foregoing plans and programs and applicable local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, for counties and cities within the Metropolitan Area and the adopted Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

(1) The parties hereto recognize that, pursuant to Florida law, the Long-Range Transportation Plan of the MTPO must be considered by cities and counties within the Metropolitan Area in the preparation, amendment, and update/revision of their comprehensive plans. Further, the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the projects and project phases within the TIP are to be consistent with the future land use element and goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plans of local governments in the Metropolitan Area to the maximum extent feasible. Therefore, promptly upon completion of its review of the draft proposal, the Council shall advise the MTPO and each affected county or city of its findings;

(2) If, after completing its review of the draft proposal, the Council deems that the plans or programs submitted are not acceptable, the Council shall promptly advise the MTPO in writing of its concerns and identify those portions of the submittals which need to be reevaluated and potentially modified; and

(3) Upon final adoption of the proposed TIP, Long-Range Transportation Plan, Corridor and Subarea Studies, or amendment thereto, the MTPO may request that the Council consider adoption of regional transportation goals, objectives, and policies in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan implementing the adopted TIP, Long-Range Transportation Plan, Corridor and Subarea Studies, or amendments thereto. If the proposed plan, program, or study, or amendments thereto, was the subject of previous adverse comment by the Council, the MTPO will identify the change in the final adopted plan intended to resolve the adverse comment, or alternatively, the MTPO shall identify the reason for not amending the plan as suggested by the Council.

(b) The Council and MTPO agree to use the conflict and dispute resolution process as set forth in Article 5 below.

ARTICLE 5

CONFLICT AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

Section 5.01. Disputes and conflicts under this Agreement. This process shall apply to conflicts and disputes relating to matters subject to this Agreement, or conflicts arising from the performance of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in this Article 5, only representatives of the agencies with conflicts or disputes shall engage in conflict resolution.

Section 5.02. Remedies. The parties may seek to resolve their dispute by the informal dispute resolution procedures of the Council as set forth in Chapter 29C-8, Florida Administrative Code, or by mediation or such other procedures as mutually agreed to by all the parties. In the event the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, the parties shall retain their right to all available administrative and/or judicial remedies.

ARTICLE 6

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

Section 6.01. Constitutional or statutory duties and responsibilities of parties. This Agreement shall not be construed to authorize the delegation of the constitutional or statutory duties of any of the parties. In addition, this Agreement does not relieve any of the parties of an obligation or responsibility imposed upon them by law, except to the extent of actual and timely performance thereof by one or more of the parties to this Agreement or any legal or administrative entity created or authorized by this Agreement, in which case this performance may be offered in satisfaction of the obligation or responsibility.

Section 6.02. Amendment of Agreement. Amendments or modifications of this Agreement may only be made by written agreement signed by all parties hereto with the same formalities as the original Agreement.

Section 6.03. Duration; withdrawal procedure.

(a) Duration. This Agreement shall have a term of five years and shall automatically renew at the end of said five years for another five year term and every five years thereafter. At the end of the first five year term and at least every five years thereafter, the parties hereto shall examine the terms hereof and agree to amend the provisions or reaffirm the same. However, the failure to amend or to reaffirm the terms of this Agreement shall not invalidate or otherwise terminate this Agreement.

(b) Withdrawal procedure. Any party may withdraw from this Agreement after presenting in written form a notice of intent to withdraw to the other parties to this Agreement and the MTPO, at least 90 days prior to the intended date of withdrawal; provided, that financial commitments made prior to withdrawal are effective and binding for their full term and amount regardless of withdrawal.

Section 6.04. Notices. All notices, demands and correspondence required or provided for

under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered in person or dispatched by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. Notice is required to be given and shall be addressed as follows:

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place, Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area
2009 NW 67th Place, Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

Florida Department of Transportation, District 2
1109 South Marion Avenue, Mail Station 2000
Lake City, FL 32025-5874

City of Gainesville
P.O. Box 490
Gainesville, FL 32602

Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority
3880 NE 39th Avenue, Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32609

A party may unilaterally change its address or addressee by giving notice in writing to the other parties as provided in this section. Thereafter, notices, demands and other pertinent correspondence shall be addressed and transmitted to the new address.

Section 6.05. Interpretation.

(a) Drafters of Agreement. All parties hereto were each represented by, or afforded the opportunity for representation by legal counsel, and participated in the drafting of this Agreement and in the choice of wording. Consequently, no provision hereof should be more strongly construed against any party as drafter of this Agreement.

(b) Severability. Invalidity of any one of the provisions of this Agreement or any part, clause or word hereof, or the application thereof in specific circumstances, by judgment, court order, or administrative hearing or order shall not affect any other provisions or applications in other circumstances, all of which shall remain in full force and effect; provided, that such remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

(c) Rules of construction. In interpreting this Agreement, the following rules of construction shall apply unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (1) The singular of any word or term includes the plural;
- (2) The masculine gender includes the feminine gender; and
- (3) The word “shall” is mandatory, and “may” is permissive.

Section 6.06. Attorney’s Fees. In the event of any judicial or administrative action to enforce or interpret this Agreement by any party hereto, each party shall bear its own attorney’s fees in connection with such proceeding.

Section 6.07. Agreement execution; use of counterpart signature pages. This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 6.08. Effective date. This Agreement shall become effective upon its execution by all parties hereto.

Section 6.09. Other authority. In the event that any election, referendum, approval, permit, notice, or other proceeding or authorization is required under applicable law to enable the parties to enter into this Agreement or to undertake the provisions set forth hereunder, or to observe, assume or carry out any of the provisions of the Agreement, said parties will initiate and consummate, as provided by law, all actions necessary with respect to any such matters for required.

Section 6.10. Parties not obligated to third parties. No party hereto shall be obligated or liable hereunder to any party not a signatory to this Agreement. There are no express or intended third party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

Section 6.11. Rights and remedies not waived. In no event shall the making by the Department of any payment to the MTPO constitute or be construed as a waiver by the Department of any breach of covenant or any default which may then exist on the part of the MTPO, and the making of any such payment by the Department while any such breach or default exists shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the Department in respect of such breach or default.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have executed this Joint Participation Agreement on behalf of the referenced legal entities on the date as first above written.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in the presence of:

ATTEST:



ATTEST:


METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE
URBANIZED AREA

By: 

Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY


David Schwartz, MTPO Attorney

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: 

District 2 Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY


FDOT District 2 Attorney

ATTEST:



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

By: 

Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY


Jonathan Wershow, Council Attorney

ATTEST:




GAINESVILLE-ALACHUA COUNTY
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

By: 

Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY


Authority Attorney

ATTEST:

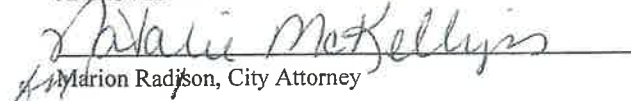


CITY COMMISSION
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

By: 

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY


Marion Radison, City Attorney




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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for
 Local Emergency Planning Committee - Fiscal Year 2017-18

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Fiscal Year 2017-18 to provide the services to the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$79,000.

BACKGROUND:

This item concerns an annual contract which the Council enters into with the Division of Emergency Management to cover the costs of the Council's emergency planning activities.

These funds are used to provide Council staff support to the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, including providing assistance with meetings, plan updates and training exercises.

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

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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management
 to Update Hazards Analyses - Fiscal Year 2017-18

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Fiscal Year 2017-18 to update hazards analyses for Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Marion and Taylor Counties for an estimated amount of \$17,159.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Florida Division of Emergency Management provides funding to the Council to update hazards analyses for locations that contain extremely hazardous substances that if released could cause off-site injuries.

Sites located in the following counties will be included in the hazard analyses update: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Marion and Taylor Counties. The estimated amount of the agreement will be \$17,159.

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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Hurricane Exercise Planning, Evaluation and Documentation

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with hurricane exercise planning, evaluation and preparing documentation for a fixed fee amount of \$1,500.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Florida has provided funding to counties and regional planning councils to assist with conducting training and exercises. The Council has been asked to provide technical assistance to the Northeast Florida Regional Council with a hurricane exercise for St. Johns County to be held in June 2017. The exercise will follow the methodology defined in the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$1,500 by the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with the exercise.

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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Public Health Exercise Planning, Evaluation and Documentation

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with public health exercise planning, evaluation and preparing documentation for a fixed fee amount of \$1,500.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Florida has provided funding to counties and regional planning councils to assist with conducting training and exercises. The Council has been asked to provide technical assistance to the Northeast Florida Regional Council with a public health exercise for the North Central Florida Healthcare Coalition to be held in June 2017. The exercise will follow the methodology defined in the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$1,500 by the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with the exercise.

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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation
 Florida 2030 Town Halls

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to partner with the Florida Chamber Foundation and local chambers of commerce to co-host Florida 2030 town halls in north central Florida region counties.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Chamber Foundation is leading the charge to write the blueprint for Florida's future through their Florida 2030 initiative (see attached summary). This two-year research program is stimulating strategic thinking about Florida's future and engaging business and community leaders through town halls in each of Florida's 67 counties in identifying key trends and the factors that can drive their regional economy. By 2030, Florida will add six million more residents. The blueprint will address such issues as whether we have enough clean water, enough energy capacity and enough infrastructure to guarantee vibrant and sustainable communities throughout the state.

Founded in 1968, the Florida Chamber Foundation is a business-led, problem-solver and research organization, working in partnership with state business leaders to promote a vibrant Florida economy. The Foundation's Six Pillars serve as a visioning platform for moving Florida forward. The Foundation's work focuses on the following issues.

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

It is recommended that the Council partner with the Florida Chamber Foundation and local chambers of commerce to co-host Florida 2030 town halls in north central Florida region counties.

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

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 by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
 promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

IS FLORIDA READY FOR THE FUTURE?

By the year 2030, Florida will:



Add
6 million
more
RESIDENTS



Need
2 million
more
JOBS



Attract
more than
150 million
annual
VISITORS



Have
4-5 million
more
new
DRIVERS



Demand
76%
more
ENERGY



Need
20%
more
WATER

The Florida 2030 Project

By 2030, six million more residents will call Florida home and 2 million more jobs will be needed. To prepare for this continued growth and ensure Florida remains successful, we need a plan for Florida's future that develops high-wage jobs, diversifies the economy, ensures global competitiveness and creates vibrant communities.

The Florida Chamber Foundation is leading the charge to write the blueprint for Florida's future — Florida 2030. This two-year research program will stimulate strategic thinking about Florida's future and engage business and community leaders in each of Florida's 67 counties in identifying key trends and the factors that can drive their regional economy.

Florida 2030 is our opportunity to work together to strengthen your community, your business, and your future. Help us make Florida a better place for tomorrow by engaging in Florida 2030 today.

Secure Florida's Future

- **Lend your expertise.** We are going around the state and hosting townhalls. We want you to help us bring people together at your company meetings or community events. Our target is 10,000 voices telling us about the future.
- **Provide your input.** We are seeking people who have the ability to vision at the local and state level. What are the changes you see coming?
- **Invest in Florida's future.** Preparing a roadmap is essential to building a future where all Floridians succeed. Florida 2030 is driven by and funded by corporations, small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals who are committed to securing Florida's future.




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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Selvin Cray the alternate Regional Workforce Development Board Representative on the Dixie, Gilchrist and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**
- **Appoint Libby Murphy the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Bradford and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**
- **Appoint Darlene Strimple the voting Regional Workforce Development Board Representative on the Dixie, Gilchrist and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and the alternate Regional Workforce Development Board Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Selvin Cray serve as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Dixie, Gilchrist and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Libby Murphy serve as the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Bradford and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Darlene Strimple serve as the voting Regional Workforce Development Board Representative on the Dixie, Gilchrist and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and the alternate Regional Workforce Development Board Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring April 2017 as County Government Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation declaring April 2017 as County Government Month.

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

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 by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
 promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MONTH OF APRIL AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby declares April 2017 as County Government Month throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of April 2017.

ATTEST:

Louie Davis, Secretary-Treasurer

Rick Davis, Chair

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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring May 7-13, 2017 as Travel and Tourism Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached proclamation declaring the week of May 7-13, 2017 as Travel and Tourism Week.

BACKGROUND:

The Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a task force of the Council 24 years ago. It is now a 14-county independent tourism marketing interlocal agreement organization. The mission of the Original Florida Tourism Task Force is to “Promote the natural, historic, and cultural attractions of the north central Florida region to increase the number of visitors and extend their stay. The goal is to enhance the area’s economy, image, and quality of life through expanded revenues and employment opportunities. At the same time, the region will encourage the preservation of the resources which bring focus to the area.”

The week of May 7-13, 2017 is *National Travel and Tourism Week* as declared by the Travel Industry Association. Activities are planned throughout the United States and Florida to support and celebrate the tourism industry.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation declaring the week of May 7-13, 2017 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida.

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

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 7-13, 2017 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 112 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates over \$11.3 billion in annual sales tax revenues and employs over 1.4 million persons;

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby declares the week of May 7-13, 2017 as Travel and Tourism Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of April 2017.

ATTEST:

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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: James Montgomery, Chair
 Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., April 27, 2017 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. 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

- #75 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 17-2ESR)
- #77 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DEO No. 17-2ESR)
- #79 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No., 17-2ESR)
- #80 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 17-1ER)
- #81 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DEO No. 17-2ESR)

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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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Overall Program Design for Fiscal Year 2017-18

The Program Committee is scheduled to meet on April 27, 2017 to develop a draft of the Overall Program Design for next year. The Overall Program Design is used as the basis for the development of a budget and is also to provide direction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year.

The Program Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 25, 2017 Council meeting.

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

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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

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

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

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

Please find attached the March 2017 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association.

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

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: March 2017

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized and distributed the March, 2017 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter; began collecting articles for the April, 2017 Newsletter.
- Continue to work with the Florida Association of Counties to further develop the email listserv for the more than 2,500 individuals who receive the FRCA Newsletter.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in or attended the following meetings:
 - Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Additional Lands Feasibility Study – March 7th
 - DEP Additional Lands Feasibility Study – March 29th
- Coordinated on Florida Plan4Health Project, will be attending a roundtable meeting on May 1st.
- Assisted the Florida Division of Emergency Management with updating the State Hazard Mitigation Plan regarding the role of regional planning councils in disaster recovery and mitigation.
- Coordinated with the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research on assisting the Census Bureau with the Local Update of Census Addresses.
- Supported the RPC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update Committee.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Worked with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) to populate the updated FRCA Website with past meeting agendas, summaries and monthly newsletters.
- Prepared for and participated in the March 9-10, 2017 Executive Directors Advisory Council (EDAC) and Policy Board meetings held in Tallahassee.
- Finalized the logistics, secured speakers, developed agendas, and drafted meeting materials for the April 13, 2017 FRCA EDAC and Partners meetings.
- Coordinated logistics with FAC staff for the June FRCA EDAC and Policy Board meetings
- Registered for the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference and coordinated logistics with FLC staff for August FRCA EDAC and Partners meetings
- Coordinated with Florida Chamber Foundation staff for September EDAC and Partners meetings.



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April 20, 2017

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

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

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

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

Please find attached the April 2017 Scorecard.

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

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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

State of Florida Metrics



UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE

5.0%

(Unchanged)

Jobs Year Over Year Change

248,800



CONSUMER
SENTIMENT

99.0

(Improving)



STATE OF
FLORIDA
VISITORS

\$89.1

Billion Visitor Spending

112.8

Million Visitors



STATE HOUSING
STARTS & SALES

6,105

Starts (Improving)

18,033

Sales (Improving)



SALES TAX
REVENUE

\$2.278

Billion per Month
(Declining)



INCOME
MIGRATION

\$879K

Per Hour



POVERTY RATE

15.8%

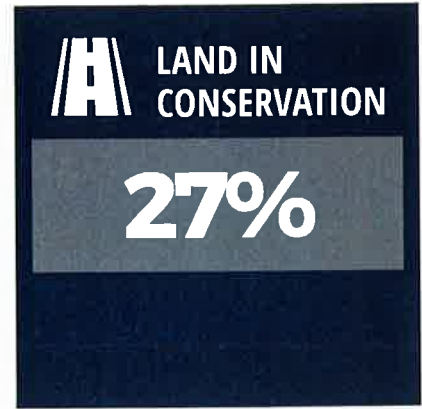
(Better)



HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION
RATE

80.7%

(Improving)



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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2017 regular Legislative session convened on March 7, 2017 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 5, 2017. The legislative interim Committee schedule was, as follows.

- Week of December 12, 2016
- Week of January 9, 2017
- Week of January 23, 2017
- Week of February 6, 2017
- Week of February 13, 2017
- Week of February 20, 2017

The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest to date.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING

The Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Senate Bill 600 by Senator Grimsley relates to the Rural Economic Development Initiative Program. Provides for an analysis of the Rural Economic Development Initiative Program and Rural Areas of Opportunity Program; revises legislative intent relating to the Rural Economic Development Initiative; revising the duties, responsibilities, and membership of the Rural Economic Development. **Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Agriculture Committee; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee. Passed by Commerce and Tourism Committee; Agriculture Committee; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee. This bill is now in Rules Committee.**

House Bill 333 by Representative Clemons relates to the Rural Economic Development Initiative Program. Provides for an analysis of Rural Economic Development Initiative Program and Rural Areas of Opportunity Program; revises legislative intent; redefines term Rural Area of Opportunity; revises duties, responsibilities and membership of the Rural Economic Development Initiative; revises reporting requirements. **Referred to Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. This bill is now in Agriculture and Property Rights Committee. Passed by Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee. This bill is now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Senate Bill 216 by Senator Rodriguez relates to economic incentive programs. Provides for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to contract with an independent third party to verify compliance with economic development incentive requirements; reduces state operational funding to Enterprise Florida, Inc., under certain circumstances; requires a person appointed President of the Board of Directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc., to be confirmed by the Senate. **Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Ethics and Elections Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; and Appropriation Committee.**

House 7005 by Commerce and Tourism Committee relates to economic incentive programs. Provides for the elimination of the following 27 organizations and programs.

- Enterprise Florida, Inc.;
- Office of Film and Entertainment, and entertainment industry tax programs;
- Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program;
- Capital Investment Tax Credit Program;
- Florida Small Business Development Center Network;
- Florida international offices and International Trade and Promotion Fund;
- Cooperative Advertising Matching Grants Program;
- Quick-response Training Programs;
- Qualified Defense Contractor and Space Flight Business Tax Refund Programs;
- Qualified Target Industry Businesses Tax Refund Programs;
- Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refunds;
- High-impact Business Program;
- Economic Gardening Business Loan and Technical Assistance Pilot Programs;
- Quick Action Closing Fund;
- Innovation Incentive Program;
- Professional Sports Franchise, Spring Training Franchise, and Related Sports Development Programs;
- International Game Fish Association World Center facility;
- Florida Small Business Technology Growth Program;
- Florida Opportunity Fund;
- Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research;
- Florida Technology Seed Capital Fund;
- New Markets Development Program Act;
- Microfinance Guarantee Program;
- Economic Development Transportation Projects (Road Fund);
- State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund;
- Tourism Promotional Trust Fund; and
- Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund.

Referred to Careers and Competition Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; and Rules and Policy Committee. Passed Careers and Competition Subcommittee by a vote of 10 yeas and 5 nays. Passed Appropriations by a vote of 18 yeas and 12 nays. Passed by Rules and Policy Committee. PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY VOTE OF 87 YEAS AND 28 NAYS.

FLORIDA TOURISM INDUSTRY MARKETING CORPORATION (VISIT FLORIDA)

House Bill 9 by Representative Renner relates to Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation (VisitFlorida). Authorizes VisitFlorida to enter into an agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for certain purposes and to use certain funds; repeals provisions relating to the Florida State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund and the Tourism Promotional Trust Fund, respectively; provides that VisitFlorida is a direct-support organization of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, rather than Enterprise Florida, Inc.; creates the Targeted Marketing Assistance Program to enhance the tourism business marketing of small, minority, rural, and agritourism businesses in the state; removes a requirement that Enterprise Florida, Inc., include a division related to tourism marketing. **Referred to Rules and Policy Committee. Passed by Rules and Policy Committee. PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY VOTE OF 80 YEAS AND 35 NAYS.**

FLORIDA GOVERNMENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

Senate Bill 1076 by Senator Passidomo relates to Florida Government Support Organizations. Prohibits the Florida Commission on Community Service from entering into a contract if a Commission member or his or her immediate family member would receive a direct financial benefit from such contract; authorizes the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, rather than Enterprise Florida, Inc. to establish a cooperative advertising matching grants program, make certain expenditures, and enter into contracts with local governments and nonprofit corporations for a specified purpose; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to establish a direct-support organization known as the Florida Sports Foundation to assist the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, rather than the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, with specified duties. **Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; Appropriations Committee; and Rules Committee.**

House Bill 889 by Representative Gruters and co-sponsors relates to Florida government support organizations. Revises responsibilities and duties of certain state government support organizations; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to perform certain responsibilities and duties regarding specified programs and organizations, rather than Enterprise Florida, Inc.; provides that VisitFlorida direct-support to organization of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to establish Florida Sports Foundation as direct-support organization; requires Enterprise Florida, Inc., to develop, maintain and market small business liaison service; repeals provisions relating to the Division of Tourism Marketing. **Referred to Careers and Competition Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; and Rules and Policy Committee. This bill is now in Careers and Competition Subcommittee.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Senate Bill 1110 by Senator Brades, Broxson and Rodriguez relates to economic development. Requiring the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to contract with a specified direct-support organization to guide, stimulate, and promote the sports industry, the participation of residents in amateur athletic competitions, and this state as a host for national and international athletic competitions; requiring the office of Economic Opportunity and Demographic Research to calculate the net state gross domestic product per state dollar of certain programs; creating the Quick Action Closing Fund Escrow Account within the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund; creating the Start-Up Florida Grant Program. **Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Committee; Appropriations Committee and Rules Committee.**

There is not a House companion bill to Senate Bill 1110.

STATE ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND

Senate Bill 1112 by Brandes relates to state economic enhancement and development trust fund. Requiring the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to retain funds appropriated for specified programs until performance requirements for incentives are submitted and verified; requiring the department to return certain unexpended funds to the State Treasury; creating the Quick Action Closing Fund Escrow Account within State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund; requiring the department to determine whether the account contains money from specified agreements or contracts that have terminated for expired or for which the applicant has not met performance conditions. **Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Committee; Appropriations Committee; and Rules Committee.**

There is not a House companion bill to Senate Bill 1112.

REGIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Senate Bill 936 by Senator Montford relates to Regional Rural Development Grants. Revises the purpose of the Regional Rural Development Grants Program; deletes a provision authorizing the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to contract for the development of certain enterprise zone web portals or websites. **Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Appropriations Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Commerce and Tourism Committee. This bill is now in Appropriations Committee.**

House Bill 1415 by Representative Ponder relates to Regional Rural Development Grants. Revises grant program established by Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to provide funding to certain entities; provides maximum amount of grant funding that specified economic development organizations may receive; provides for use of grant funds for professional services, operations and engagement and compensation of professional staff; deletes provision authorizing Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to contract for development of certain enterprise zone web portals or websites; increases maximum amount Florida Department of Economic Opportunity may expend from funds appropriated to Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund for certain expenses. **Referred to Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. This bill is now in Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee.**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREAS

House Bill 13 by Local Federal Veterans Affairs Subcommittee and Representative Raburn relates to community redevelopment areas. Provides reporting requirements; revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies; prohibits creation of new community redevelopment agencies after date certain; provides phase-out period; creates criteria to determine whether community redevelopment agency is inactive; provides hearing procedures; authorizes certain financial activity from inactive community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds; revises county and municipal government reporting requirements; revises criteria for finding that county or municipality failed to file report; requires the Florida Department of Financial Services to provide report to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity concerning community redevelopment agencies with no revenues, no expenditures, and no debts. **Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; and Government Accountability Committee. Passed by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; and Government Accountability Committee.**

Senate Bill 1770 by Senator Lee relates to community redevelopment agencies. Requires ethics training for community development agency commissioners; provides a phase-out period for existing community redevelopment agencies; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to declare inactive community redevelopment agencies that have reported no financial activity for a specified number of years. **Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee. This bill is now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.**

LOCAL REGULATION PREEMPTION

Pursuant to Council action at their March 30, 2017 meeting, the attached letters were sent to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the regional legislative delegation expressing the Council's concern regarding the adverse impact of House Bill 17 and Senate Bill 1158 on local government home rule authority.

House Bill 17 by Careers and Competition Subcommittee and Representatives Fine and Renner relates to local regulation preemption. Prohibits certain local governments from imposing or adopting certain regulations on businesses, professions, and occupations after certain date; preempts to state regulations concerning businesses, professions, and occupations; provides exceptions to preemption. **Referred to Careers and Completion Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. Passed by Careers and Completion Subcommittee. This bill is now in Commerce Committee.**

Senate Bill 1158 by Senator Passidomo relates to local regulation preemption. Reserves to the state the exclusive right to regulate matters of commerce, trade, and labor under certain circumstances; prohibits counties, municipalities, and special districts from engaging in specified actions that regulate commerce, trade, or labor, unless otherwise expressly authorized to do so by special or general law; provides that an ordinance, rule or regulation that violates a specified provision is null and void. **Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Community Affairs Committee; Appropriations Committee; and Rules Committee.**

NATURAL HAZARDS

Senate Bill 464 by Senator Clemens relates to natural hazards. Provides for creating an interagency workgroup to share information, coordinate ongoing efforts, and collaborate on initiatives relating to natural hazards; designating the Director of Florida Division of Emergency Management or his or her designee as the liaison to and coordinator of the workgroup. **Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee; Community Affairs Committee; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee; and Community Affairs Committee; Government Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Rules Committee. This bill is now on Senate Calendar on Second Reading.**

House Bill 181 by Representative Jacobs relates to natural hazards. Provides for creating an interagency workgroup to share information, coordinate efforts and collaborate on initiatives relating to natural hazards; requires certain agencies to designate liaisons to the workgroup; requires the Florida Division of Emergency Management to prepare an annual report; requires report to be posted on agency websites and submitted to Governor and Legislature. **Referred to Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; and Government Accountability Committee. Passed by Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; and Government Accountability Committee. PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY A VOTE OF 111 YEAS AND 1 NAY.**

ONSITE SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

House Bill 285 by Representative Fine relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal system inspections. Provides onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems be inspected by specified professional at point of sale in real estate transactions; deletes provisions prohibiting local governments and specified ordinances from mandating such evaluations. **Referred to Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee; Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. Passed by Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee; Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. This is now on House of Representatives Calendar for Third Reading.**

There is not a Senate companion bill to House Bill 285.

ONSITE SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Senate Bill 874 by Senator Young relates to nutrient pollution from onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems. Specifies an appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to reduce nutrient pollution by offsetting or partially offsetting property owner costs incurred to retrofit certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, to connect certain properties to central sewer systems, and for certain muck dredging and stormwater improvements; authorizes the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to make certain grants; requires the Department, as part of a basin management action plan, to develop onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans under certain conditions. **Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee. This bill is now in Appropriations Subcommittee and the Environment and Natural Resources.**

House Bill 551 by Representative Stone relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems. Provides for appropriation from Land Acquisition Trust Fund for grant program to offset property owner costs to retrofit onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, connect certain properties to central sewer systems and for certain dredging and stormwater improvements; directs Florida Department of Environmental Protection to develop specific onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans under certain conditions. **Referred to Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; and Government Accountability Committee. This bill is now in Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee.**

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Senate Bill 406 by Senator Bradley relates to medical marijuana. Provides for compassionate use of low-tetrahydrocannabinol cannabis and marijuana; authorizes physicians to issue physician certificates to specified patients who meet certain conditions; require written consent of a parent or legal guardian for treatment of minors; requires that certain physicians annually reexamine and reassess patients and update patient information in the compassionate use registry; requires the Florida Department of Health to register caregivers meeting certain requirements on the compassionate use registry. **Referred to Health Policy Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Health Policy Committee and Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.**

Senate Bill 614 by Senator Brandes relates to medical marijuana. Provides for creating the Florida Medical Marijuana Act; authorizes a qualifying patient or his or her caregiver to purchase, acquire, and possess up to the allowed amount of marijuana medical marijuana products and associated paraphernalia for qualifying patient's use; provides that a physician must certify, on a specified form, that a patient is suffering from a debilitating medical condition and that the benefits to the patient of using marijuana outweigh the potential health risks before a patient may register with the Florida Department of Health and obtain a registry identification card; requires that the Florida Department of Health create a secure online, electronic medical marijuana patient registry containing a file containing specified information for each qualifying patient, caregiver, and certifying physician. **Referred to Health Policy Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and Appropriations Committee.**

Senate Bill 1388 by Senator Artiles related to medical marijuana. Authorizes physicians to issue physician certifications for medical cannabis or cannabis delivery devices, instead of ordering low-tetrahydrocannabinol cannabis, for patients suffering from a debilitating medical condition; deleting provisions requiring successful completion of a specified course and examination by a physician who orders low- tetrahydrocannabinol cannabis and by a medical director of a dispensing organization; requires the Florida Department of Health to register medical marijuana treatment centers, rather than authorize the establishment of dispensing organizations. **Referred to Health Policy Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services Committee; and Appropriations Committee.**

Senate Bill 1666 by Senator Braynon relates to medical use of marijuana. Authorizes physicians to issue physician certifications to specified patients for the provision of marijuana and marijuana delivery devices; requires physicians to meet certain conditions to be authorized to issue and make determinations in physician certifications; requires the Florida Department of Health to register on the compassionate use registry a caregiver and to issue him or her a caregiver identification card if the caregiver meets certain requirements. **Referred to Health Policy Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services Committee; and Appropriations Committee.**

Senate Bill 1758 by Grimsley relates to medical use of marijuana. Authorizes physicians to issue physician certifications to specified patients for the provision of marijuana and marijuana delivery devices; reduces the number of hours of coursework required of physicians who issue physician certifications; requiring the Florida Department of Health to register on the compassionate use registry a caregiver and to issue him or her a caregiver identification card if the caregiver meets certain requirements. **Referred to Health Policy Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services Committee; and Appropriations Committee. Passed Health Quality Subcommittee and Appropriations Committee.**

House Bill 1397 by Rodrigues relates to medical use of marijuana. Provides sales tax exemption for marijuana used for medical purposes; provides qualifying medical conditions for patient to be eligible to receive marijuana; provides requirements for designating qualified physician; provides criteria for certification of patient for medical marijuana treatment by qualified physician; requires the Florida Department of Health to establish medical marijuana use registry; requires the Florida Department of Health to issue licenses to medical marijuana treatment centers and conduct periodic inspections; provides for establishment of medical marijuana testing laboratories; provides appropriations. **Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; and Health and Human Services Committee. Passed by Health and Quality Subcommittee. This bill is now in Appropriations Committee.**

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Senate Bill 940 by Senator Perry relates to growth management. Requires local governments to address the protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires the comprehensive plan to include a private property rights element that sets forth principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies to achieve certain objectives; requires the state land planning agency to approve the private property rights element adopted by each local government if it is substantially in a specified form. **Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee. This bill is now in Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee.**

House Bill 1309 by Representative Payne relates to growth management. Requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plan to include private property rights element; requires counties and municipalities to adopt or amend land development regulations consistent with private property rights element; provides deadlines; requires state land planning agency to approve private property rights element if it is substantially in specified form. **Referred to Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. This bill is now in Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee.**

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April 5, 2017

Honorable Joe Negron, President
Florida Senate
The Capitol, Room 305
404 South Monroe Street
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RE: Senate Bill 1158

Dear President Negron:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is an association of local governments dedicated to improving the quality of life of the region's citizens. An essential means towards advancing this mission is partnering with our member local governments through the implementation of their local police powers to protect public health, safety and welfare.

Local governments provide a readily accessible forum for citizens to present their grievances and have local elected officials address local issues and concerns. The Council, at its March 30, 2017 meeting, unanimously voted to express its concern regarding the adverse impact on local home rule authority that Senate Bill 1158 would have on the ability of local governments to represent their citizens and be responsive in addressing local issues.

Thank you for your consideration of our concern regarding the adverse impact Senate Bill 1158 would have on the ability of local governments to address the local issues and concerns of their citizens.

Sincerely,

Rick Davis
Chair

xc: Honorable Dennis Baxley, Senate District 12
Honorable Rob Bradley, Senate District 5
Honorable Bill Montford, Senate District 3
Honorable Keith Perry, Senate District 8

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April 5, 2017

Honorable Richard Corcoran, Speaker
Florida House of Representatives
The Capitol, Room 420
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

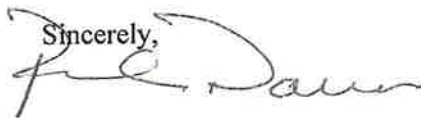
RE: House Bill 17

Dear Speaker Corcoran:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is an association of local governments dedicated to improving the quality of life of the region's citizens. An essential means towards advancing this mission is partnering with our member local governments through the implementation of their local police powers to protect public health, safety and welfare.

Local governments provide a readily accessible forum for citizens to present their grievances and have local elected officials address local issues and concerns. The Council, at its March 30, 2017 meeting, unanimously voted to express its concern regarding the adverse impact on local home rule authority that House Bill 17 would have on the ability of local governments to represent their citizens and be responsive in addressing local issues.

Thank you for your consideration of our concern regarding the adverse impact House Bill 17 would have on the ability of local governments to address the local issues and concerns of their citizens.

Sincerely,


Rick Davis
Chair

xc: Honorable Hasley Beshears, House District 10
Honorable Chuck Clemons, House District 21
Honorable Don Hahnfelt, House District 33
Honorable Stan McClain, House District 23
Honorable Bobby Payne, House District 19
Honorable Elizabeth Porter, House District 10
Honorable Charlie Stone, House District 22
Honorable Clovis Watson, House District 20


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April 20, 2017

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Travel Marketing Professional Certification

Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, recently was awarded a diploma by the Southeast Tourism Society College Board of Trustees for successfully completing the required courses in Marketing for Travel and Tourism. During the past three years, he attended the three-week Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College Program at the University of North Georgia.

The Southeast Tourism Society is a regional tourism promotion partnership among states that is a recognized leader among travel organizations. The Society is dedicated to improving the economic vitality of the Southeast by uniting all segments of the travel and tourism industry through promoting tourism within member states, fostering cooperation, sharing resources and providing continuing education.

A key component for the success of the Society and its members are educational sessions provided via the Spring Tourism Symposium and the Fall Tourism Forum. In addition, the Marketing College is recognized as the premiere educational program in the nation for the tourism industry whose graduates earn certification as a Travel Marketing Professional.

For more than 25 years, the Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College has been providing a continuing education program for the travel and tourism industry. Since its inception in 1992, the Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College has hosted tourism professionals, for one week each year, at the University of North Georgia. Students participate in a curriculum of courses designed to teach marketing techniques from all facets of the tourism industry.

Marketing College professors are industry-related professionals from across the United States, noted as experts in their field, who bring a working knowledge of current trends, data, and implementation for tourism and travel. Upon completion of the three-year Marketing College curriculum, students receive a Travel Marketing Professional certification.

Congratulations to Steve.

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

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