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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 **March 27, 2025**. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**, and via Communications Media Technology at **7:00 p.m.**

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MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

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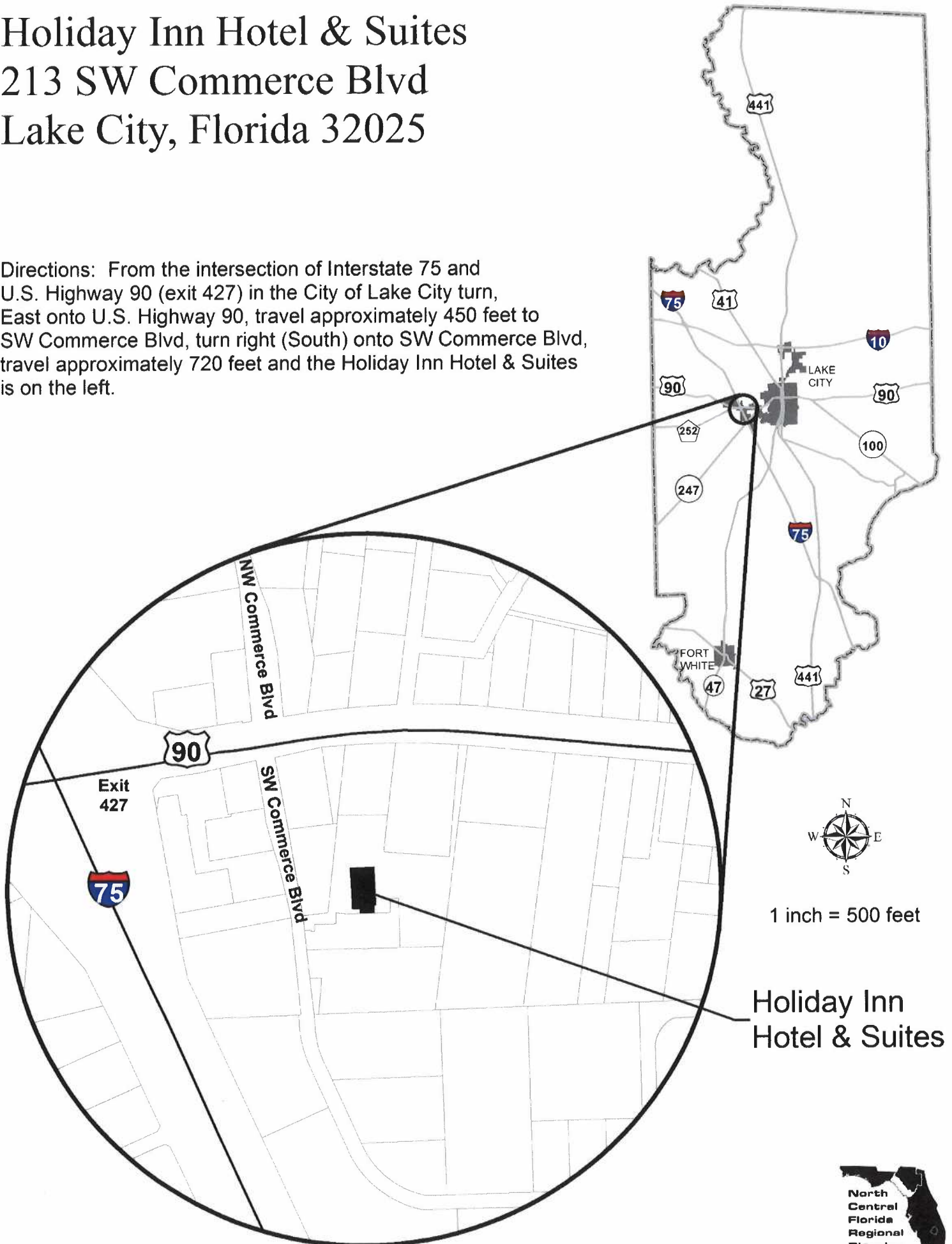
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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Hybrid Public Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida and
Via Communications Media Technology

March 27, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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The Council welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the Council. If you would like to address the Council, please complete a form, come to the podium when you are called, speak into the microphone and state your name for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

IV.A.

Hybrid Public Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida and
Via Communications Media Technology

February 27, 2025
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
James Carter Jr., City of Lake City
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Jhelecia Hawkins, City of Jasper
Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer
James Howell, Hamilton County
Edward Potts, City of Alachua
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
Joseph Stephenson, City of Lake Butler
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)

Edward Book, City of Gainesville
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Shirley Hampton, City of Perry
James Ingle, City of Gainesville
Desiree Mills, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

Melissa McNeal, Union County

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Alford, Alachua County
Wayne Bloodsworth Jr., City of High Springs
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
Tony Mazon, City of Newberry
Kevin Parnell, Columbia County
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County
Byron Poore, City of Madison
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Austin Burgess, Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission- Virtual
Amy Roberson, Florida Department of
Transportation - In-Person
William White, St. Johns River
Water Management District - Virtual
Tyler Winburn, Suwannee River
Water Management District - In-Person

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis - Virtual
Roy Bass, In-Person
Christian Doolin - In-Person
Jonathan Jenkins, In-Person
Stew Lilker - In-Person
Paul Martin - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons - In-Person
Lauren Yeatter - In-Person

Executive Committee Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members names are italic

I. INVOCATION

Chair Fletcher Hope noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Chair Hope gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hope welcomed Roy Bass, Assistant County Manager Dixie County; Jonathan Jenkins, County Manager, Dixie County; Paul Martin, Citizen, Dixie County; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer. Also in attendance at the meeting virtually was Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hope asked that the consent agenda be approved.

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

A. Minutes - January 23, 2025

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Program Grant Resolutions - Fiscal Year 2025-26

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointment

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Hope asked that the regular agenda be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Councilwoman Hawkins, to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Christian Doolin Legislative Consultant
Florida Small County Coalition

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Christian Doolin, Legislative Consultant, Florida Small County Coalition. Mr. Doolin made a presentation concerning an overview of the upcoming 2025 Legislative Session. Chair Hope thanked Mr. Doolin for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT

A. New Member

Chair Hope welcomed the following new member to the Council.

1. Wayne Bloodsworth Jr., City of High Springs

B. Resolution of Appreciation

1. Rocky Ford, Columbia County

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Councilwoman Hawkins, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for former Council member Rocky Ford, Columbia County. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

1. Travis Land

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Adams, to authorize the Chair to sign a Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation for former Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board member Travis Land, Chair, Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force Appointments

ACTION: Commissioner Potts made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to ratify the appointment by the Chair of Commissioner Rocky Ford, Columbia County; and Commissioner Desiree Mills, Levy County to the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Executive Committee -

1. Resolution No. 2025-12 Recognizing 100th Anniversary of Gilchrist County

Chair Hope stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-12 Recognizing 100th Anniversary of Gilchrist County.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Councilwoman Hawkins, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-12 Recognizing 100th Anniversary of Gilchrist County. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

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

#59 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)

#60 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR)

#61 - Northeast Florida Strategic Regional policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal

#62 - Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-1ER)

Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. She stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and regional planning council, and FloridaCommerce.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #59 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR; Item #60 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR; Item #61 - Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal; and Item #62 - Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-1ER). The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Amy Roberson, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Environmental Management Office, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that the District 2 is currently conducting a trail pavement condition assessment of the paved trails throughout the District.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed transportation disadvantaged coordinating board meeting quorums, Council website and public participation at Council meetings.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated that the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons also stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the January 2025 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the January 2025 report.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the February 2025 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2025 Legislature Session will convene on March 4, 2025 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 2, 2025. He stated that Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson will be filing a bill in the Florida House of Representatives concerning Florida joining the Southern Rail Commission. Mr. Koons also discussed House Bill 1125 concerning regional planning councils and Senate Bill 1264 concerning regional planning councils.

D. North Central Florida Legislative Priorities

Mr. Koons reported that the Council has complied the legislative priorities and appropriations project requests of local governments in the north central Florida region. He noted that the report listing the legislative priorities and appropriations project requests were included in the Council meeting packet. Mr. Koons stated that the north central Florida legislative priorities and appropriations project requests will be submitted to the north central Florida Legislative Delegation for consideration during the 2025 Legislative Session.

E. Federal Disaster Economic Recovery Support Function

Mr. Koons reported that, on February 10, 2025, the Council co-hosted a north central Florida regional listening session, along with the United States Economic Development Administration at Big Bend Technical College in Perry. Federal representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, United States Department of Interior, United States Small Business Administration, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and FloridaCommerce were present to hear first-hand from local government officials and economic development organizations about the impacts from Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

F. Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant Awards

Mr. Koons reported that awards through the Rural Infrastructure Fund were recently made for local government infrastructure projects. He noted a total of \$6,475,684 in funding was awarded to six projects in the north central Florida region, including Dixie County, Cedar Key Water and Sewer District, Cross City, Lee, Live Oak and Perry.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Hope stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on March 27, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

3/27/25
Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

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

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

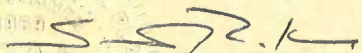
WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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

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


APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 27th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL



Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

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

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


WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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ATTEST:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

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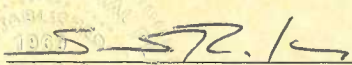
WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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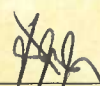
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ATTEST:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

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WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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ATTEST:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

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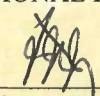
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ATTEST:


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Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

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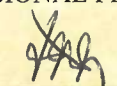
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ATTEST:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

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

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

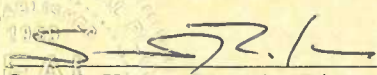
WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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

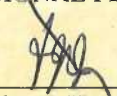
1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central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

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 27th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

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

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


WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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

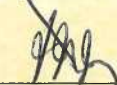
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ATTEST:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

Resolution

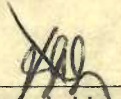
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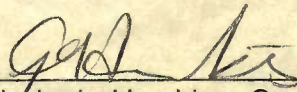
WHEREAS, Rocky Ford has been representing Columbia County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2023;

WHEREAS, Rocky Ford has ably discharged the duties of a representative on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Rocky Ford for dedicated service rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and concern for the future growth and development of the region and the State of Florida; and

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


Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair


Jhelecia Hawkins, Secretary

ATTEST:

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 27, 2025.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Commissioner Travis Land has served as the Suwannee County Local Elected Official on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2021; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Travis Land ably discharged the duties as the Suwannee County Local Elected Official Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Commissioner Travis Land for dedicated service rendered to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Columbia County, Hamilton County and Suwannee County and the State of Florida; and

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



Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

February 27, 2025
Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL
FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
GILCHRIST COUNTY

WHEREAS, Gilchrist County, Florida's newest county, was formed on December 4, 1925 and was originally part of Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, Gilchrist County, was named for Governor Albert W. Gilchrist who served as Florida's governor from 1909 to 1913; and

WHEREAS, during its development, the economic base of the County was farming and the timber industry and the economic base continues to be based on agriculture and silviculture; and

WHEREAS, in 1838, during the Second Seminole War, Fort Fanning was established on the east bank of the Suwannee River and served as an important river crossing and supply depot; and

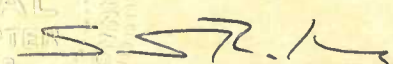
WHEREAS, today, Gilchrist County is a tourist destination that features the natural resources of the Suwannee River and Santa Fe River, and freshwater springs where the County is the "Springs Capital of the World."


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates Gilchrist County on its 100th Anniversary.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 27th day of February 2025.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director


Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair



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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to sign an amendment to the memorandum of agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for an additional year as a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc., for a fixed fee amount of \$6,452.25.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Council entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to be a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. economic impact model. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is a licensed user of the model by Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is authorized to issue user rights to other parties subject to collection of a fee to be paid to Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. At this time, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is proposing to extend the Council's existing memorandum of agreement for a one-year period for a fixed fee of \$6,452.25.

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

Council staff has used this model to evaluate the impact of several projects throughout the region. Examples of projects include a hotel and a redevelopment project in the City of Gainesville, a recreational vehicle resort in the City of Hawthorne, a food processing plant in the City of Newberry, a computer technical support call center, manufacturing facilities and sports complex in Columbia County, a refrigerated container manufacturing plant in Madison County, a manufacturing facility and a sawmill plant in Suwannee County.

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

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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign the Bradford County; Columbia Hamilton Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications.

BACKGROUND:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Union County. As the designated official planning agency, the Council is required to annually certify membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

The attached forms certify that the membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards is established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3) of the Florida Administrative Code. These forms also certify that the membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards represent, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local communities.

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

Attachments

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**BRADFORD COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

The Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Riddick		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	John Wisker	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Libby Murphy	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Christina Brown	Anna Mendoza	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Iana Patterson	Vacant	6/30/2028

**COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official Hamilton County	Vacant	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official Suwannee County	Commissioner Mobley	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official Columbia County	Commissioner Phillips	Not Applicable	No Term
Elderly	John Koch	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Louie Goodin	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Daniel Taylor	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Quana Perry	Stephanie Harden	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Pamela Hagley	Reeda Harris	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Lee Abersold	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Sandra Buck Camp	Vacant	6/30/2028

**DIXIE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Storey		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	John Wisker	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration		Latarsha Hampton	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/202
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Matthew Ferguson	Vacant	6/30/2028

**GILCHRIST COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Langford		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Pastor Ralph Williams	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Brittney Keeling	Krishna Stemple	6/30/2028

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Byrd		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Stephen Clark	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Arlene Dix	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Eva K. Bolton	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Lisa Payne	Latarsha Hampton	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Anthony Jennings	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028

**LEVY COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Mills		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Tiffany McKenzie	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Joseph Wain	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	John Wisker	Amy Burton	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Larry Trowbridge	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Olajuwon White	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028

**MADISON COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
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REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Moore		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Paula Arnold	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Ferron Perry	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Donna Hagan	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Melinda Richie	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Steve Russell	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Anthony Jennings	No Term
Veteran Services	Kaysona Jones	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Shanetha Mitchell	Vacant	6/30/2028

**UNION COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner McNeal		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Libby Murphy	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	John "Dan" Mann	Vacant	6/30/2028



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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members
FROM: Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Byron Poore

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Byron Poore.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for service on the Council since January 2024 and in recognition of commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Byron Poore has been representing the City of Madison on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2024;

WHEREAS, Byron Poore has ably discharged the duties of a representative on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Byron Poore for dedicated service rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and concern for the future growth and development of the region and the State of Florida; and

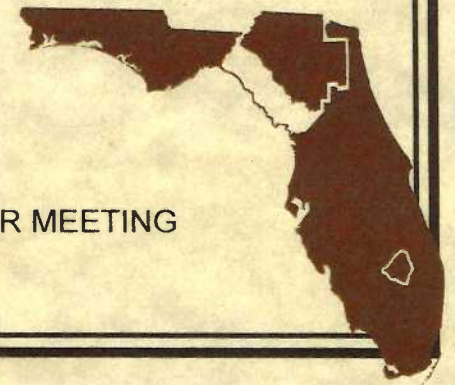
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Byron Poore.

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

ATTEST:

Jhelecia Hawkins, Secretary

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF MARCH 27, 2025.





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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the appointment by the Chair of Union County Commissioner Melissa McNeal to the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to a request by the Madison County Board of County Commissioners, the Council authorized the Executive Director to convene and facilitate a meeting with representatives from Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Suwannee Counties to develop a plan to promote our area and help restore the reputation of the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River as a result of raw sewage spills from the City of Valdosta, Georgia. On September 19, 2018, Council staff convened and facilitated a meeting of county commissioners, and county administrators, coordinators and managers at the Madison County Agricultural Extension office in Madison. Representatives from Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy and Madison Counties were in attendance at the meeting.

By consensus, the county commissioners present requested the Council to establish a task force comprised of a county commissioner from each of the following counties, Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties, in the Suwannee River Basin, including the Santa Fe River Basin, to address the issues of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia. The county commissioners present also requested that the Council authorize its Executive Director to provide administrative support to the Task Force and to develop, in conjunction with county administrators, coordinators and managers, a strategic action plan to address the issue of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia.

Pursuant to the request, at the Council meeting on September 27, 2018, the Council established the Middle Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force to be comprised of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties.

The Union County Board of County Commissioners has nominated County Commissioner Melissa McNeal replacing former County Commissioner Jimmy Tallman to serve on the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force.

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

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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming April 2025 as County Government Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 2025 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 questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby proclaims April 2025 as County Government Month throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of March 2025.

ATTEST:

SEAL

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Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair



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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming April 2025 as Springs Protection Awareness Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 2025 as Springs Protection Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND

April is Springs Protection Awareness Month in Florida. With over 450 documented springs, the north central Florida region is home to the largest concentration of freshwater springs in North America. The springs of the area have significant environmental, historical, economic and recreational value to local communities.

The north central Florida region is home to 21 of the 33 first-magnitude springs in Florida. First-magnitude springs discharge more than 65 million gallons of water per day. Springs are natural windows into the Floridan Aquifer and reflect groundwater conditions, which serves as the primary source of drinking water in the north central Florida region.

Springs Protection Awareness Month kicks off a month-long outreach initiative by water management districts to bring attention and awareness to one of Florida's most critical ecosystems and what is being done to protect them.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2025 AS SPRINGS PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the environment, economy, and citizens of, and visitors to, this state;

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in the world, which supports more than 1,000 natural springs, giving this state the world's highest concentration of springs;

WHEREAS, north central Florida region has the highest concentration of springs in the United States;

WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge more than eight billion gallons of water each day, which is essential for sustaining spring runs and associated receiving water bodies;

WHEREAS, the north central Florida region has the highest concentration of first magnitude springs in Florida;

WHEREAS, the north central Florida region has 14 Outstanding Florida Springs;

WHEREAS, groundwater in the north central Florida region is the primary source for public, agricultural, business and industrial use and vital to Florida's economy;

WHEREAS, springs are a natural resource that must be protected, as they reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife and listed species; and

WHEREAS, springs provide important recreational resources and opportunities that are enjoyed by citizens and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2025 as ***Springs Protection Awareness Month*** throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of March 2025.

Attest:

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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming April 2025 as Water Conservation Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 2025 as Water Conservation Month.

BACKGROUND

April is Water Conservation Month in Florida. Conserving water year-round is an integral part of managing and protecting the water supply of the north central Florida region today and for future generations. Water management districts proactively develops long-term water supply plans to monitor, evaluate and identify water sources and projects to meet the future water needs.

During Water Conservation Month, water management districts join with local governments to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation and the ways we can reduce our water use all year long.

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by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.



PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2025 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

WHEREAS, clean, safe and sustainable water resources are vital to north central Florida region residents, visitors, economy and environment;

WHEREAS, droughts, development and population growth serve as reminders that Florida's ground and surface water resources such as rivers, lakes and springs are finite and fragile;

WHEREAS, permanent, year-round water conservation measures are in effect throughout the north central Florida region;

WHEREAS, water conservation is a strategic priority;

WHEREAS, water conservation is encouraged and supported through public awareness efforts;

WHEREAS, water conservation will continue to play an important role in the future protection and preservation of ground and surface water resources;

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school, resident and visitor can help by conserving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community; and

WHEREAS, north central Florida local governments are essential in assisting in promoting water conservation awareness and implementing water conservation measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2025 as *Water Conservation Month* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of March 2025.

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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming April 21-25, 2025 as Community Development Week

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 21-25, 2025 as Community Development Week.

BACKGROUND

Community Development Week has been designated by the National Community Development Association to bring attention to the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Communities across the north central Florida region have made contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services and economic vitality of their communities using federal funding from these programs.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 21-25, 2025 AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 21-25, 2025 has been designated as National Community Development Week to recognize and celebrate the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided funding and flexibility to local communities to provide affordable housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, since, 1992, the HOME Investment Partnership Program has created and preserved affordable housing for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, communities across the north central Florida region have made contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services and economic vitality of their communities using federal funding from these two programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims April 21-25, 2025 as National Community Development Week in the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of March 2025.

ATTEST:

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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2025-13 Concerning Senate Bill 1264 and House Bill 1125

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt attached Resolution No. 2025-13 concerning Senate Bill 1264 and House Bill 1125 that Requests the Legislature Remove Language Concerning Regional Planning Councils from this or Similar Proposed Legislation

BACKGROUND:

Regional planning councils are authorized in Florida Statutes, Chapters 163 and 186, with powers and duties described in those chapters and other statutes. Shortly before the beginning of the 2025 Legislative Session, bills were filed in the Senate (SB 1264) and House (HB 1125) that would remove references to regional planning councils from Florida Statutes. A similar effort was undertaken in 2021, which was ultimately defeated before reaching the floor of the Senate (SB 62, 2021).

Unlike 2021 when this measure was a stand-alone bill, this time the language is part of bills that cover several disparate, unrelated topics. Thus, rather than requesting the defeat of these bills, the proposed resolution requests that the language concerning regional planning councils be removed from the bills.

Please find attached a Fact Sheet which describes what regional planning councils do across the state and the value provided to state and local governments, communities, and businesses - at no cost to the State. The work regional planning councils do in the areas of Economic Development, Intergovernmental Relations, Natural Resources, and Emergency Management is impactful across the state.

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

Attachments

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; OPPOSING
ELIMINATION OF STATUTORY REFERENCES TO
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS IN FLORIDA AS
PROPOSED IN SENATE BILL 1264 AND HOUSE BILL 1125
OR SIMILAR PROPOSED LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's 12-county geographical area is comprised of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and 40 municipalities with over 604,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity with policy responsibilities in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, natural resources and regional transportation; and

WHEREAS, for more than five decades regional planning councils have served the public as Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that coordinate intergovernmental solutions to multijurisdictional issues identified by their member local governments; and

WHEREAS, the 67 counties in the state are divided into ten regional planning councils which perform functions in Economic Development, Transportation, Emergency Preparedness and Local Government Services to the extent and as directed by their member counties, cities, and gubernatorial appointees; and

WHEREAS, regional planning councils bring to Florida federal funds for economic development that would otherwise go to other states; and

WHEREAS, regional planning councils receive no general appropriation for operation from the State and, instead, are supported by Federal grant funds, local dues, local contracts, and State contracts for specific programs implemented on behalf of the State; and

WHEREAS, regional planning councils do not have any regulatory authority concerning planning and zoning matters; and

WHEREAS, regional planning councils serve a critical role in hazardous materials response coordination and training through the local emergency planning committees operated by each Council; and

WHEREAS, regional planning councils regularly assist state agencies in implementing their statutory duties and legislative directives, along with coordinating these duties and directives with local input, at no cost to the State; and

WHEREAS, regional planning councils partner with local governments and various agencies to secure grant funding, staff specialized projects, and provide technical support expertise; and

WHEREAS, proposed Senate Bill 1264 and House Bill 1125 would remove all references to regional planning councils from Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council that:

Section 1. The Legislature is urged to remove all references to regional planning councils from Senate Bill 1264 and House Bill 1125 or any similar proposed legislation; and

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 27th day of March 2025.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair



Florida Regional Planning Councils: SB 1264 & HB 1125 Fact Sheet

Regional Planning Councils oppose the portions of SB 1264 and HB 1125 that remove all references to Florida's 10 Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) from Florida Statutes. Removing RPCs from Florida Statutes would negatively impact the state agencies, local governments and communities, small and large, who rely on RPCs to provide cost-effective services. Therefore, we respectfully ask that the language concerning RPCs be removed from both bills.

- **RPCs save state resources without duplicating services:** RPCs provide state agencies with a cost effective and efficient way to provide services and administer programs across Florida, which saves state resources.
- **RPCs help local governments meet state requirements and save money:** RPCs are recognized in Florida Statutes as the state's only non-regulatory, multipurpose regional entities that are positioned to address complex, regional and statewide challenges with innovative, effective solutions that meet the needs of the communities in each region.
- **RPCs provide critical services to small and rural communities:** RPCs ensure that small communities and rural areas can access technical assistance, grants and programs that would otherwise be out of reach due to limited resources and expertise.

Rural Communities and Small Urban Communities: Local Planning Technical Assistance; Map Modernization with GIS; Economic and Land Use Analysis; Economic Development Strategies; Rural Transportation Planning and Transportation Disadvantaged Programs; Emergency Preparedness and Long-Term Recovery Support.

- RPCs assist municipalities and counties by providing technical assistance and data/GIS expertise for policy analysis and guidance concerning issues such as, but not limited to, implementing state initiatives, conservation strategies, economic development, emergency management, transportation, ecotourism and trails, land use decisions, and other needs including day-to-day operations.
- Many fiscally constrained rural counties and small municipal governments have few planning staff and limited resources. RPCs provide **professional planning and GIS services to local governments** to assist in implementing their comprehensive plans and land development codes and to achieve community visions with data and map modernization. This includes assistance with state growth management and community planning requirements and other state regulations. RPCs provide these critical services, giving these communities the ability to meet state requirements and support development.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
 - The [Central Florida RPC](#) has completed a local mitigation strategy and continuity of operations plan for **Hardee County** and an economic development strategy for **DeSoto County**, and numerous additional projects at the request of their member counties and cities. The [Treasure Coast RPC](#) has provided on a pro-bono basis planning and zoning services for the **City of Pahokee** (population 5,666) and facilitated the first new office building and apartments in more than a decade.
 - RPCs implement the **Transportation Disadvantaged Program** which serves citizens that do not have access to transportation by providing bus transportation to medical services, work, school and other essential locations.

Economic Development Programs: U.S. Department of Commerce EDA designated Economic Development Districts; Small Business Revolving Loan Funds; Strategic Planning and Visioning; Economic Modeling; and Brownfield Assessments & Planning

- RPCs are directed in Florida Statute to assist local governments with "activities designed to promote and facilitate economic development" in their respective regions. **RPCs complement state and local government economic development efforts** in their role as EDA Economic Development Districts by developing and implementing regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies; **providing grant writing and technical assistance to local governments; and providing economic analyses** using Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. (REMI) software.
- **Assist community leaders and local governments** in developing and reaching consensus on shared regional goals and strategies with data driven analysis to address regional challenges and maximize opportunities; and implement economic development strategies linking businesses, job creation, infrastructure, land use, and transportation.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**

- The [South Florida](#) and [Apalachee RPCs](#) manage successful **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Programs** to assist small businesses that do not qualify for traditional lending programs. The RLFs serve the local community by enhancing financing opportunities for businesses who want to establish or expand in the region, leading to new jobs and a stronger local economy.
- The [East Central Florida RPC](#) launched the first regionwide **Brownfield Program in 2021** with a \$500,000 3-year grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. ECFRPC's team identified and conducted Site Assessments on over 100 properties to reduce blight, promote new developments, public health and the environment. Due to the success of this program, ECFRPC has secured an additional \$1.5 million grant to continue the successful program to advance brownfield redevelopment in the region.

Resiliency Planning: Military Installation Readiness; Vulnerability & Adaptation Planning; Flood Mitigation; Florida Wildlife Corridor Planning; and Grant Writing and Administration.

- RPCs conduct state-funded vulnerability assessments, map coastal risk scenarios, and develop strategies with critical stakeholders to determine long term plans to mitigate and adapt to changing conditions.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
 - Direct partnership and funding with the Department of Defense to ensure community Military Installation Readiness. This is implemented through the **Military Installation Readiness Review (MIRR)** process to analyze risks and future climate conditions and implement actions to foster, protect, and enhance military installation mission readiness. **Six of Florida's RPCs have conducted MIRR for their region** in partnership with DOD including [Emerald Coast RC](#), [Tampa Bay RPC](#), [South Florida RPC](#), [Central Florida RPC](#), [East Central Florida RPC](#) and [Northeast Florida RC](#). RPCs are now working with regional stakeholders, the State of Florida, and the U.S. Department of Defense to secure funding for planning and infrastructure projects that will enhance mission readiness and national security.
 - The [Apalachee RPC](#) is currently managing the **Franklin County Living Shoreline project** that will create new nearshore reefs and facilitate natural restoration of marshes along Highway 98 to protect infrastructure, evacuation routes, and reduce shoreline erosion. ARPC was awarded a \$15 million grant and works closely with county and private sector partners, who were not otherwise eligible to apply for this grant.
 - Six RPCs across the state are working together through the **Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation program** to study changes in rainfall intensity and inland flooding to identify and mitigate against risks and provide data to support **Resilient Florida** priorities. In addition, cross-jurisdictional projects will be brought forward for communities to implement in conjunction with state and federal resources.

Emergency Preparedness and Long-Term Recovery Programs: First Responder Training; Emergency Response Planning; Healthcare Emergency Preparedness; and Long-Term Recovery Support

- RPCs work closely with first responders and state emergency management staff to ensure that communities are prepared for hurricanes and other natural disasters, as well provide first responder training for large scale medical emergencies, hazardous materials emergencies, and urban search and rescue throughout the state.
- RPCs provide compliance and documentation assistance to private industry on Hazardous Materials storage, ensuring notification to FDEM and emergency responders.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
 - The [East Central Florida RPC](#) Emergency Management team coordinates training and resources for all of **Florida's Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces in partnership with the Florida Department of Emergency Management**. [All RPCs](#) collaborate to bring hundreds of firefighters and other first responders, experts, instructors, and businesses together each year at the annual **Florida HazMat Symposium training event and skills competition**, to ensure that local responders have the best information and training available.
 - The [Tampa Bay RPC](#) developed **Project Phoenix 2.0: The Recovery** exercise that examines critical issues and capabilities of Tampa Bay area small businesses and emergency management agencies during disaster recovery. This exercise simulates a Category 5 hurricane hitting Tampa Bay and incorporates lessons learned and words of advice from small businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael in 2018. The Project is being updated once again to include **new data garnered from Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton**.

Transportation Programs: Rural Transportation Planning and Transportation Disadvantaged Programs

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- RPCs collaborate with FDOT, the communities they serve, local governments, their transportation agencies, and stakeholders to plan and implement innovative transportation solutions, such as complete streets, greenways and effective transit design.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
 - The [Emerald Coast Regional Council](#) developed a multi-faceted initiative coined as the **7-Layer Cake**. The plan is comprised of seven projects that improve the Northwest Florida region safety and traffic efficiency. The projects address strategies and technologies to reduce traffic accidents, the installation of broadband fiber to support the new technology, and the creation of the Transportation Management Center to coordinate the new systems to reduce traffic accidents and save lives.
 - The [Treasure Coast](#) and [South Florida RPCs](#) worked with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (Tri-Rail), municipalities, and developers to facilitate **Transit Oriented Development (TOD)** across the system, leading to the approval of hundreds of new apartments at the **Boca Raton** Tri-Rail station and advancement of TOD at other station sites as well. The developer will pay to lease the land from Tri-Rail, reducing the need for operating subsidy, and new affordable housing will boost system ridership while accommodating growth in the area. Building on this success, more sites are in the planning process.

Who pays for the important services and programs provided by Florida's RPCs?

- RPCs are funded by member counties, cities, federal grants, and specific state contracts for services. RPCs **do not receive general appropriation dollars** and are **not staffed by state personnel**.



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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., March 27, 2025. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting conducted both in-person and via communications media technology. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level items which require Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#63 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-3ESR)

#64 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR)

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

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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Overall Program Design for Fiscal Year 2025-26

The Program Committee is scheduled to meet on March 27, 2025 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 22, 2025 Council meeting.

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

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March 20, 2025

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 February 2025 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: February 2025

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Filed Annual Report with Florida Division of Corporations
- Hosted the February EDAC Executive Committee Meeting
- Monthly meeting with FRCA's Bookkeeper and EDAC Treasurer
- Monitored potential changes to federal funding and programs
- Received Legislative Updates from FRCAs Legislative Consultants and provide weekly updates to the EDAC as needed
- Hosted Special EDAC Meeting to discuss Senate Bill 1264 and HB 1125

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Attended Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative Coordinators Forum
- Attended FRCA-RPC Communications Working Group Meeting
- Worked on planning and scheduling LEPC Coordinators meeting and other FRCA workgroup meetings
- Submitted Sponsorship for 2025 Rural Counties Days at the Capital, March 19th-20th
- Set up meetings with FRCA partners
- Continued to work with EDA/ERSF Team as RPCs hosted Federal Interagency Resource Exchange (FIRE) and Economic Recovery Workshops in areas impacted by Hurricanes Debbie, Helene and Milton
- Completed and Published new FRCA Website: FLRegionalCouncils.org



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March 20, 2025

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 of 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 March 2025 Scorecard.

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

Attachment

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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

View County Data...



TALENT SUPPLY
& EDUCATION



INNOVATION &
ECON. DEVELOP.



INFRASTRUCTURE &
GROWTH LEADERSHIP



BUSINESS CLIMATE &
COMPETITIVENESS



CIVICS &
GOVERNANCE



QUALITY
OF LIFE

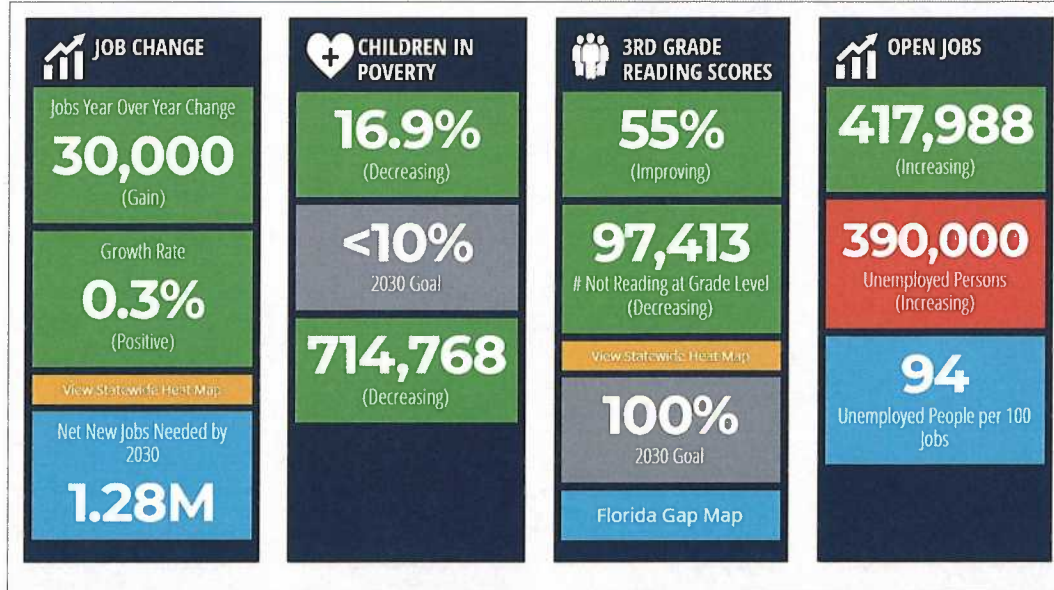
State of Florida Metrics

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

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 03/17/2025

23,495,340





State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Talent Supply & Education

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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)
Innovation & Economic Development

State of Florida FutureCards

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OF LIFE

State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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LAND IN
CONSERVATION

31%



VEHICLE MILES
TRAVELED

227.75

Billion (Improving)



STATE HOUSING
STARTS & SALES

9,747

Starts (Declining)

15,384

Sales (Improving)

\$410,000

Median Price (Decreasing)



ENERGY
RANKING

#50

Expenditures (Unchanged)

#45

Consumption (Decreasing)



POPULATION
ESTIMATE 2030

25.57M

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SEAPORTS CARGO

\$72.6

Billion (Declining)



CONTAINERS
(TEUS)

4.31

Million (Unchanged)



TRUCK
CROSSINGS

15.3

Million (Improving)



HIGH SPEED
COMMUNICATIONS

96.3%

(Unchanged)

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100%

2030 Goal



MEDIAN RENT

\$1,530

(Decreasing)

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QUALITY
OF LIFE

State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Business Climate & Competitiveness

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INFLATION RATE

2.8%

National (Decreasing)

2.3%

Southern Region (Decreasing)



CONSUMER
SENTIMENT

84.3

(Declining)



CEO RANK

2nd

(Unchanged)



STATE LEGAL
CLIMATE RANKING

46th

(Unchanged)

Top 12

2030 Goal



SALES TAX
REVENUE

\$3.490

Billion per Month (Declining)



BUSINESS TAX
CLIMATE

4th

#1

2030 Goal



OPEN JOBS

417,988

(Increasing)

390,000

Unemployed Persons
(Increasing)

94

Unemployed People per 100
Jobs



STATE RANKING
FOR AUTOMOBILE
INSURANCE
AFFORDABILITY

#49



HOMEOWNERS'
INSURANCE
AFFORDABILITY

Homeowners' Insurance
Affordability data is available
at the county level.

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ASSIGNMENT OF
BENEFITS SUITS

34,289

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Civic & Governance Systems

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VOTER
REGISTRATION

39.5%

(Republican)

31.4%

(Democrat)

29.0%

(NPA/Other)



VOTER
PARTICIPATION

79%

(Improving)



RIGHT / WRONG
DIRECTION

53%/39%



INMATE
POPULATION

100,001



DEPENDENCY
RATIO

2015

56.5%

2030 Estimate

70%



GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYMENT

252.1

Thousand (State)

740.2

Thousand (Local)



VOLUNTEERISM

22.8%

of Floridians Volunteer

50th

Florida's Rank

Top 3

2030 Goal



STATE DEBT
OUTSTANDING

\$15.4

Billion



CITIZENS
INSURANCE
EXPOSURE POLICIES

\$343.2

Billion Exposure

847,571

Policies



UNDERFUNDED
STATE PENSION

\$1120.0

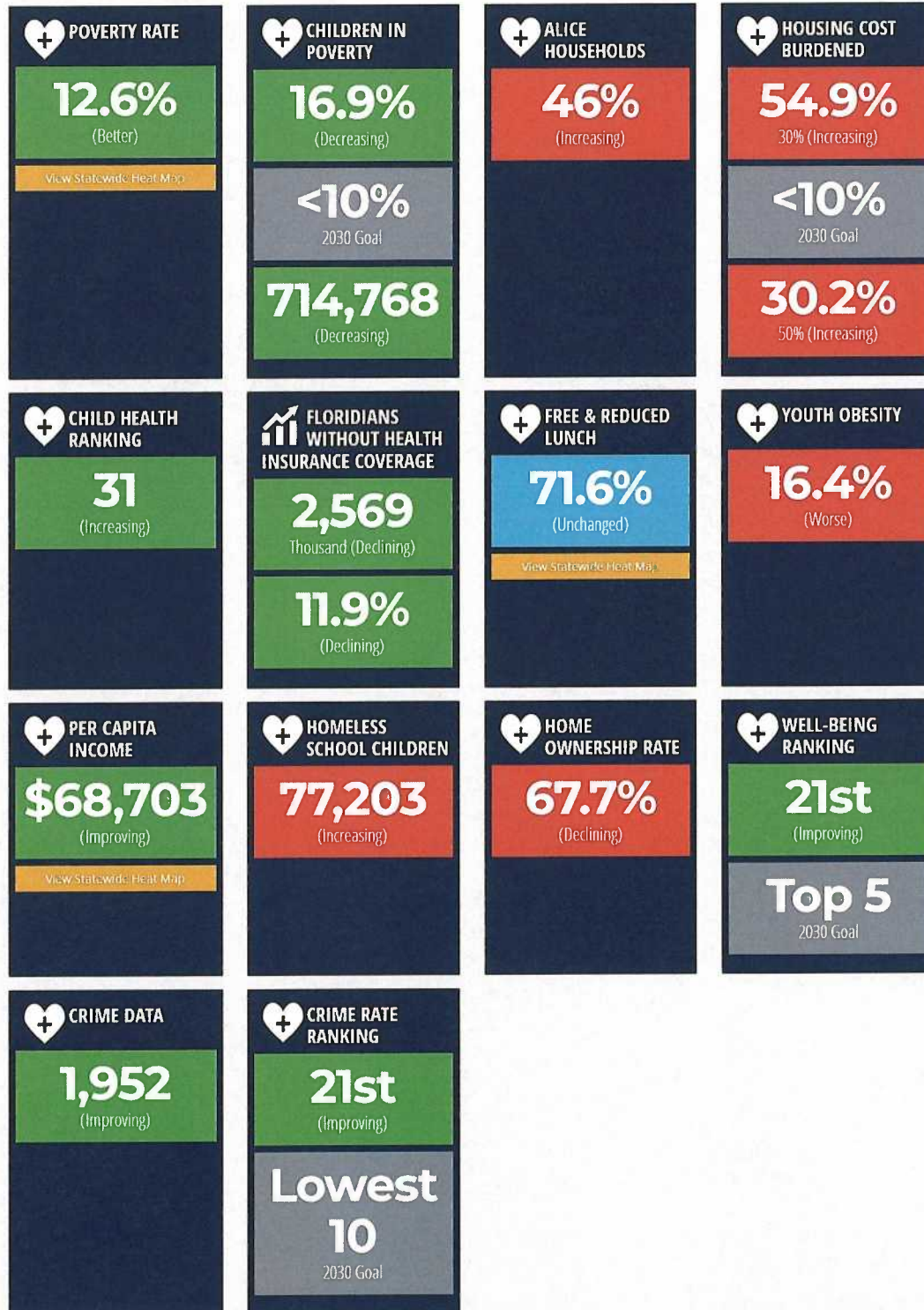
Million (Increasing)

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Quality of Life and Quality Places

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March 20, 2025

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2025 regular Legislature Session convened on March 4, 2025 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 2, 2025. The legislative interim Committee schedule was, as follows:

- Week of December 2-6, 2024 (House)
- Week of December 9-13, 2024 (Senate)
- Week of January 13-17, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of January 21-24, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of February 3-7, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of February 10-14, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of February 17-21, 2025 (House/Senate)

The Governor called a Special Legislative Session that began on January 27, 2025. The Special Session was scheduled to address illegal immigration, condominium reform, hurricane recovery and constitutional ballot petition initiative reform. The Senate President and the House of Representatives Speaker called a Special Legislative Session that also began on January 27, 2025 and addressed illegal immigration. The Senate President and the House of Representatives Speaker called another Special Legislative Session that began on February 11, 2025 that also addressed illegal immigration.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Senate Bill 1264 by Senator Collins concerning rural and urban business enterprises; revises the purpose of the Florida Department of Commerce; requires that the statewide emergency shelter plan identify the general location and square footage of special needs shelters by regional planning council regions, as such regions existed on a specified date, during the next five years; revises the purpose of the Targeted Marketing Assistance Program to include businesses in rural or urban areas; and establishes the Research, Innovation, Science, and Engineering Investment Tax Credit Program within the Florida Department of Commerce. Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Finance and Tax Committee; Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Rules Committee.

House Bill 1125 by Representative Owen concerning regional planning and economic development; revises provisions relating to creation of the Florida Department of Commerce and its powers and duties; establishes the Office of Secure Florida within the Florida Department of Commerce; revises economic policies of state comprehensive plan to promote entrepreneurship from certain business startups; revises composition of statewide advisory board of Florida Small Business Development Center Network; creates Rural Accelerator Program within the Florida Department of Commerce; requires funds to be appropriated from Rural Infrastructure Fund; revises composition requirements of Florida Sports Foundation; revises provisions relating to convention grants program established by Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation; revises provisions relating to use of statewide contracts register and who Florida Small Business Development Center is required to coordinate with regarding such use; authorizes counties and municipalities to enter into agreements to create regional planning entities pursuant to specified law; replaces regional planning councils with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for purposes of hazardous waste management assessments and facilities; revises provisions relating to local health councils; and revises composition of Affordable Housing Study Commission. Referred to Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee; Ways and Means Committee; and Budget Committee. **This bill is currently in Commerce Committee.**

SOUTHERN RAIL COMMISSION

Senate Bill 966 by Senator Davis concerning rapid rail transit compact; authorizes the Governor to execute a rapid rail transit compact with specified states, to join the Southern Rail Commission; and provides the form of the compact. Referred to Transportation Committee; Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy Committee.

House Bill 833 by Representatives Hinson and Campbell concerning Rapid Rail Transit Compact; authorizes Governor to execute rapid rail transit compact with specified states, to join Southern Rail Commission; and provides form of compact. Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. **This bill is currently in Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee.**

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