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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 **August 28, 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.**

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

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MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

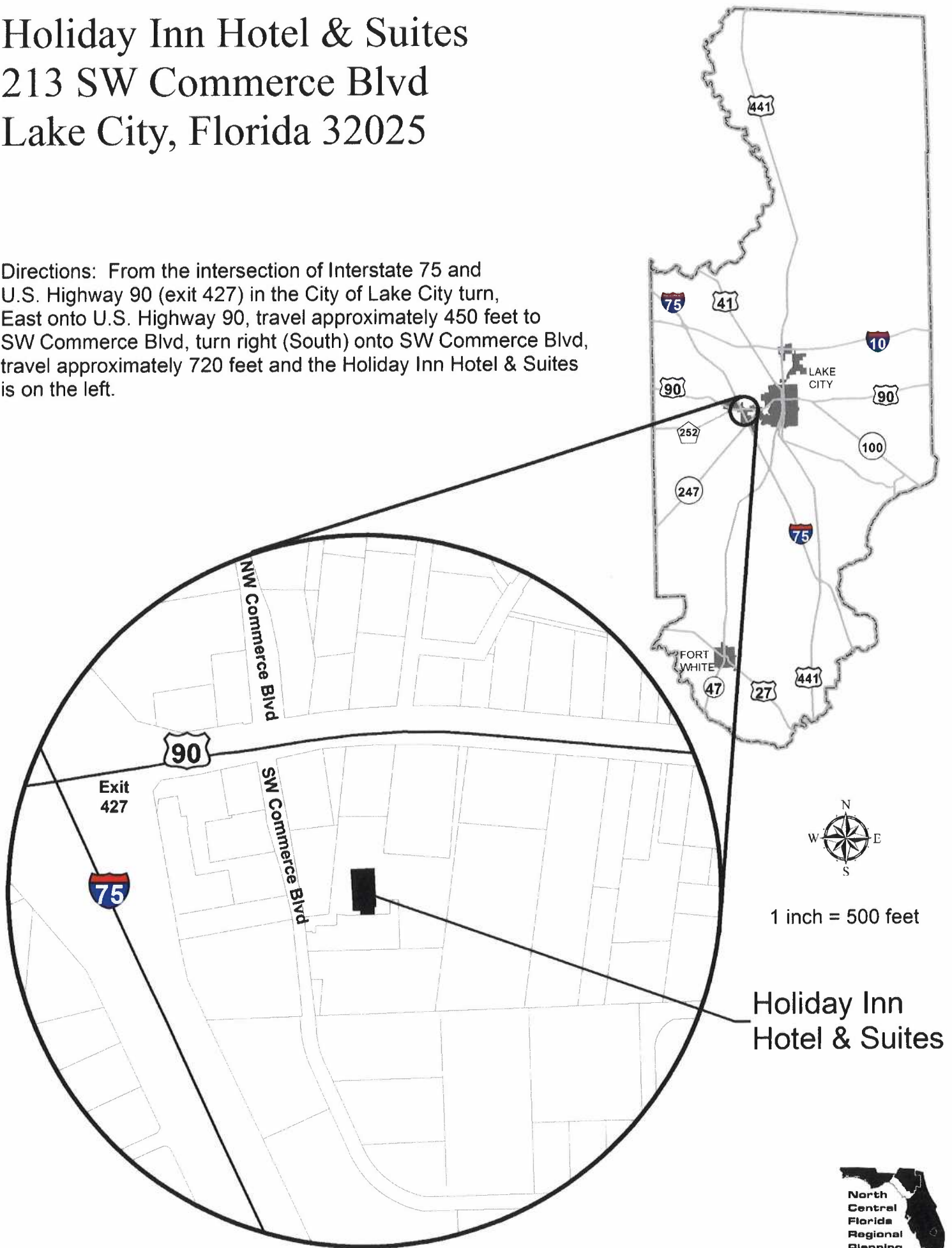
*Please email koons@ncfrpc.org by August 27, 2025 to let us know if you will be attending the meeting **in-person** or via communications media technology. **THANK YOU.***

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

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

213 SW Commerce Blvd
Lake City, Florida 32025

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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

August 28, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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

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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

Hybrid Public Meeting
Drury Inn & Suites
Gainesville, Florida and
Via Communications Media Technology

June 30, 2025
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Mary Alford, Alachua County
Wayne Bloodsworth Jr., City of High Springs
Ed Book, City of Gainesville
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Jhelecia Hawkins, City of Jasper
Melissa Hendrix, City of Lake Butler
Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer
James Howell, Hamilton County
Diane Landry, City of Perry
Melissa McNeal, Union County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Kevin Parnell, Columbia County
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
Judy Townsend, City of Madison

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)

Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Tony Mazon, City of Newberry
Desiree Mills, Levy County
Dayna Williams, City of Alachua

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

None

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
James Carter Jr., City of Lake City
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Rick Davis, Madison County
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
James Ingle, City of Gainesville
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Austin Burgess, Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission - In-Person
Kathryn Craver, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection - Virtual
William White, St. Johns River
Water Management District - Virtual
Tyler Winburn, Suwannee River
Water Management District - In-Person

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow - Virtual

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis – In-Person
John Driggers Jr. - In-Person
John Jenkins - In-Person
Stew Lilker - In-Person
Neomia Mauldin - Virtual
Kirk Marhefka - In-Person
Russell Mullins - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

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

Executive Committee Members names are bold

I. INVOCATION

Chair Mary Alford noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Chair Alford 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 Alford welcomed Kirk Marhefka, Vice-Mayor, Town of Cross City; John Driggers, Town Manager, Town of Cross City; John Jenkins, County Manager, Dixie County; Russell Mullins, General Manager, City of Starke; Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer. Also, attending the meeting virtually was Neomia Mauldin, Tourism Director, Hamilton County Tourism Development Council.

The Council observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Robert Wilford, City Commissioner, City of Alachua. He died June 17, 2025 at the age of 80 years. Commissioner Wilford served on the Council for ten years from 2012 to 2022 and also served as Council Chair in 2019-20.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Alford asked that the consent agenda be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Perkins, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes - May 22, 2025
- B. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Update Hazardous Analyses - Fiscal Year 2025-26
- C. Florida Department of Environmental Protection Regional Resiliency Entity Planning Grant Application - Fiscal Year 2025-26
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Alachua County Planning Grant Resolution - Fiscal Year 2025-26
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Reappointments
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Counties

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Alford asked that the regular agenda be approved.

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

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Tyler Winburn, Legislative and Government Affairs Coordinator
Suwannee River Water Management District

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Tyler Winburn, Legislative and Government Affairs Coordinator, Suwannee River Water Management District. Mr. Winburn made a presentation concerning recreational opportunities on District-owned lands. Chair Alford thanked Mr. Winburn for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT

A. New Members

Chair Alford welcomed the following new members to the Council.

1. Wayne Bloodsworth, City of High Springs
2. Melissa Hendrix, City of Lake Butler
3. Dayna Williams, City of Alachua

B. Resolution of Appreciation

1. Joe Stephenson, City of Lake Butler

ACTION: Mayor Louie Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for former Council Member Joe Stephenson, City of Lake Butler. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

1. Donna Hagan

ACTION: Mayor Hope made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to authorize the Chair to sign a Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation for former Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Children at Risk Voting Representative Donna Hagan. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Committee Appointments

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson to ratify the committee appointments for Program Year 2025-26 as recommended by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Executive Committee - None

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Riddick, Vice-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.

- #76 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR)
- #79 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-3ESR)
- #83 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR)
- #84 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-2ESR)

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

ACTION: Commissioner Riddick made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #76 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR); Item #79 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-3ESR); Item #83 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR); and Item #84 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-2ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Kathryn Craver, Outreach/Communications Director, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast District, reported that local governments are eligible to apply to the Department for preapproval of vegetative debris and construction demolition debris sites prior to a tropical storm event.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed local government public facilities projects 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 May 2025 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the May 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 June 2025 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated that the 2025 Legislature Session convened on March 4, 2025 and adjourned on June 16, 2025. He reported that the Legislature adopted a \$115.1 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Mr. Koons noted that the adopted budget is \$3.5 billion less than the current year budget.

D. Financial Disclosure Report Filing

Mr. Koons reported that all members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year. He stated that the financial disclosure form filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfills this requirement. Mr. Koons noted that local elected officials and all other filers are required to file the form online this year.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Commissioner Stephenson announced that there will be fireworks displays on July 4, 2025 in Horseshoe Beach, Suwannee and Jena/Steinhatchee.

Vice-Mayor Mortimer announced that there will be Independence Day festivities, including a parade at 9:00 a.m. on July 4, 2025, fireworks display on July 4, 2025, and music at the Bradford County Fairgrounds at 12:00 p.m. on July 4, 2025 and at 12:00 p.m. on July 5, 2025 in Starke.

Mayor Hendrix announced that there will be Independence Day festivities, including a car show, 5K run and fireworks display on July 5, 2025 in Lake Butler.

Commissioner Perkins announced that former educator and community volunteer Wilmonteen Smith of Dixie County recently died.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Alford stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on July 24, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mary C. Alford, Chair

8/28/25
Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

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

WHEREAS, 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

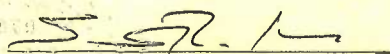
WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes,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

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

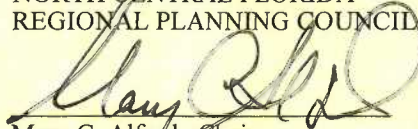
1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central 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 30th day of June 2025.

ATTEST:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


Mary C. Alford, Chair

Resolution

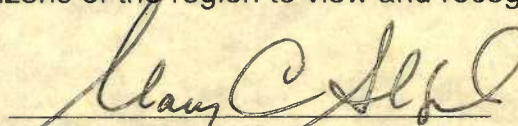
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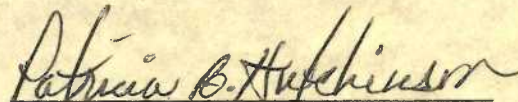
WHEREAS, Joe Stephenson has been representing the City of Lake Butler on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since July 2024;

WHEREAS, Joe Stephenson 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 Joe Stephenson 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 Joe Stephenson.


Mary C. Alford, Chair


Patricia B. Hutchinson, Secretary

ATTEST:

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF JUNE 30, 2025.



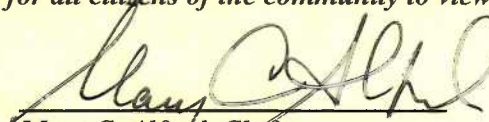
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Donna Hagan has served as the Children at Risk Representative on the Madison Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since June 2022; and

WHEREAS, Donna Hagan ably discharged the duties as the Children at Risk Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;

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

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


Mary C. Alford, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

June 30, 2025

Date




IV.B.

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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area
Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and
Public Transportation Collaborative Planning Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached updated Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Collaborative Planning 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 consistent with the Florida Department of Transportation's most recent Agreement template to replace the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement approved by the Council on May 26, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is responsible for conducting 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 updated Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Collaborative Planning Agreement that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area approved on August 19, 2025. The Florida Department of Transportation has requested that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization update its Intergovernmental Coordination Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement consistent with the Department's most recent Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Collaborative Planning Agreement template. The primary purpose of this Agreement is to have operators of public transportation systems agree to cooperatively participate in the planning and programming of transportation projects. According to Section 339.175 (10)(a) Florida Statutes, the Agreement is to be reviewed and updated as necessary every five years.

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

Attachment

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW
AND**

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AGREEMENT

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AGREEMENT is made and entered into on this [insert day of month] day of [insert month], 2025, by and between the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Department); the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area; the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council; City of Gainesville - Regional Transit System; and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority; collectively referred to as the Parties.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, under the authority of 23 United States Code (USC) § 134 and 49 USC § 5303 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 urbanized areas to develop and implement plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes (F.S.), provide for the creation of metropolitan planning organizations to develop transportation plans and programs for urbanized areas;

WHEREAS, 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 450 requires that the State, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, 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 multimodal, systems-level corridor and subarea planning studies pursuant to 23 CFR § 450) and programming;

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, 23 CFR § 450, and Section 339.175 F.S., the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, herein after referred to as the MPO, 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 Metropolitan Planning Organization;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 339.175 F.S., the MPO shall execute and maintain an agreement with the metropolitan and regional intergovernmental coordination and review agencies serving the Metropolitan Planning Area;

WHEREAS, the 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 Planning Area;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.505, F.S., the RPC 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, F.S.;

WHEREAS, the RPC, pursuant to Section 186.507, F.S., 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 RPC 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 RPC is appropriately situated to assist in the intergovernmental coordination of the transportation planning process;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.509, F.S., the RPC 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 can be useful in resolving conflicts and disputes arising in the transportation planning process;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 CFR § 450 and Section 339.175, F.S., the MPO must execute and maintain an agreement with the operators of public transportation systems, including transit systems, commuter rail systems, airports, seaports, and spaceports, describing the means by which activities will be coordinated and specifying how public transit, commuter rail, aviation, and seaport planning (including multimodal, systems-level corridor and subarea planning studies pursuant to 23 CFR § 450) and programming will be part of the comprehensively planned development of the Metropolitan Planning Area;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the MPO, 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 this Metropolitan Planning Area;

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement, dated enter date, is hereby replaced and superseded in its entirety by this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the undersigned Parties have determined that this Agreement satisfies the requirements of and is consistent with 23 CFR § 450 and Section 339.175, F.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Parties to this Agreement desire to participate cooperatively in the performance, on a continuing basis, of a cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process to assure that highway facilities, transit systems, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, rail systems, air transportation, and other facilities will be 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 AND DEFINITIONS

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.

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

- (a) **Agreement** means this instrument, as may be amended from time to time.
- (b) **Corridor or Subarea Study** means studies involving major investment decisions or as otherwise identified in 23 CFR § 450.
- (c) **Department** means the Florida Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of Florida, created pursuant to Section 20.23, F.S.
- (d) **FHWA** means the Federal Highway Administration.
- (e) **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** means the 20-year transportation planning horizon which identifies transportation facilities; 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; indicates proposed transportation activities; and, in ozone/carbon monoxide nonattainment areas is coordinated with the State Implementation Plan, all as required by 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, 23 CFR § 450, and Section 339.175, F.S.
- (f) **Metropolitan Planning Area** means the planning area as determined by agreement between the MPO and the Governor for the urbanized areas designated by the United States Bureau of the Census as described in 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, and Section 339.175, F.S., and including the existing urbanized area and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period, which shall be subject to the Metropolitan Planning Organization's planning authority.
- (g) **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** means the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area formed pursuant to Interlocal Agreement as described in 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, and Section 339.175, F.S. This may also be referred to as a Transportation Planning Organization (TPO).
- (h) **Regional Planning Council (RPC)** means the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council created pursuant to Section 186.504, F.S., and identified in Rule 29C, F.A.C.
- (i) **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** means the staged multi-year program of transportation improvement projects developed by a Metropolitan Planning Organization consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan, developed pursuant to 23 USC §§ 134 and 450, 49 USC § 5303, and Section 339.175, F.S.
- (j) **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** means a biennial program developed in cooperation with the Department and public transportation providers, that identifies the

planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area to be undertaken during a 2-year period, together with a complete description thereof and an estimated budget, as required by 23 CFR § 450.308(c), and Section 339.175, F.S.

ARTICLE 2

PURPOSE

2.01. Coordination with public transportation system operators. This Agreement is to provide for cooperation between the Parties in the development and preparation of the UPWP, the TIP, the LRTP, and any applicable Corridor or Subarea Studies.

2.02. Intergovernmental coordination; Regional Planning Council. Further, this Agreement is to provide a process through the RPC for intergovernmental coordination and review and identification of inconsistencies between proposed MPO transportation plans and local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, F.S., and reviewed by the Division of Community Development within the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

2.03. Dispute resolution. This Agreement also provides a process for conflict and dispute resolution through the RPC.

ARTICLE 3

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

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

- (a) The MPO shall cooperate with the City of Gainesville - Regional Transit System and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority to optimize the planning and programming of an integrated and balanced intermodal transportation system for the Metropolitan Planning Area.
- (b) The MPO shall implement a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that is consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with port and aviation master plans, and public transit development plans of the units of local governments whose boundaries are within the Metropolitan Planning Area.
- (c) As a means towards achievement of the goals in paragraphs (a) and (b) and in an effort to coordinate intermodal transportation planning and programming, the MPO may include, but shall include if within a transportation management area, as part of its membership officials of agencies that administer or operate major modes or systems of transportation, including but not limited to transit operators, sponsors of major local airports, maritime ports, and rail operators per Federal regulations. The representatives of the major modes or systems of transportation may be accorded voting or non-voting advisor status. In the Metropolitan Planning Area if authorities or agencies are created by law to perform transportation functions and are not under the jurisdiction of a general purpose local government represented on the MPO, the MPO may request the Governor to designate said authority or agency as a voting member of the MPO in accordance with the requirements of Section 339.175, F.S. If the new member would significantly alter local government representation in the MPO, the MPO shall propose a revised apportionment plan to the Governor to ensure voting

membership on the MPO to be an elected official representing public transit authorities which have been, or may be, created by law.

The MPO shall ensure that representatives of ports, transit authorities, rail authorities, and airports within the Metropolitan Planning Area are provided membership on the MPO Technical Advisory Committee.

3.02. Preparation of transportation related plans.

- (a) Although the adoption or approval of the UPWP, the TIP, and the LRTP is the responsibility of the MPO, development of such plans or programs shall be viewed as a cooperative effort involving the Parties to this Agreement. In developing its plans and programs, the MPO shall solicit the comments and recommendations of the other Parties to this Agreement in the preparation of such plans and programs.
- (b) When preparing the UPWP, the TIP, or the LRTP, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the MPO), the MPO shall provide notice to all other Parties to this Agreement to advise them of the scope of the work to be undertaken and inviting comment and participation in the development process. The MPO shall ensure that the chief operating officials of the other Parties receive written notice at least 15 days prior to the date of all public workshops and hearings, or within the specified number of days per MPO bylaws or public participation plan, relating to the development of such plans and programs.
- (c) Local government comprehensive plans.
 - (1) In developing the TIP, the LRTP, or Corridor or Subarea studies, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the MPO), the MPO and Transportation Authorities shall review for consistency for each local government in the Metropolitan Planning Area:
 - (i) each comprehensive plan's future land use element;
 - (ii) the goals, objectives, and policies of each comprehensive plan; and
 - (iii) the zoning, of each local government in the Metropolitan Planning Area.
 - (2) Based upon the foregoing review and in consideration of other relevant growth management plans, the MPO and Transportation Authorities shall provide written recommendations to local governments in the Metropolitan Planning Area in the development, amendment, and implementation of their comprehensive plans. A copy of the recommendations shall be sent to the RPC.
 - (3) The MPO agrees that, to the maximum extent feasible, the LRTP and the projects and project-phases within the TIP shall be consistent with the future land use element and the goals, objectives, and policies of each comprehensive plan of the local governments in the Metropolitan Planning Area. If the MPO's TIP is inconsistent with a local government's comprehensive plan, the MPO shall so indicate, and the MPO 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, the LRTP, or Corridor or Subarea studies, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the MPO), the MPO shall analyze the master plans of the Transportation Authorities. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other transportation related factors, the MPO, shall from time to time and as appropriate, provide recommendations to the other Parties to this Agreement as well as local governments within the Metropolitan Planning Area, for the development, amendment, and implementation of their master, development, or comprehensive plans.
- (2) In developing or revising their respective master, development, or comprehensive plans, the Parties to this Agreement shall analyze the draft or approved UPWP, TIP, LRTP, or Corridor or Subarea studies, or amendments thereto. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other transportation related factors, the Parties to this Agreement shall as appropriate, provide written recommendations to the MPO with regard to development, amendment, and implementation of the plans, programs, and studies.
- (3) The MPO agrees that, to the maximum extent feasible, the TIP shall be consistent with the affected growth management and other relevant plans of the other Parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW

4.01. Coordination with Regional Planning Council. The RPC shall do the following:

- (a) Within 30 days of receipt, the RPC shall review the draft TIP, LRTP, Corridor and Subarea studies, or amendments thereto, as requested by the MPO, to identify inconsistencies between these plans and programs and applicable local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, F.S., for counties and cities within the Metropolitan Planning Area and the adopted Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
 - (1) The Parties recognize that, pursuant to Florida law, the LRTP and the TIP of the MPO must be considered by cities and counties within the Metropolitan Planning Area in the preparation, amendment, and update/revision of their comprehensive plans. Further, the LRTP 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 Planning Area. Upon completion of its review of a draft TIP or LRTP, the RPC shall advise the MPO and each county or city of its findings;
 - (2) The RPC shall advise the MPO in writing of its concerns and identify those portions of the submittals which need to be reevaluated and potentially modified if the RPC review identifies inconsistencies between the draft TIP or LRTP and local comprehensive plans; and
 - (3) Upon final adoption of the proposed TIP, LRTP, Corridor and Subarea studies, or amendments thereto, the MPO may request that the RPC consider adoption of regional transportation goals, objectives, and policies in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan implementing the adopted TIP, LRTP, 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 RPC, the MPO will identify the change in the final adopted plan intended to resolve the adverse comment, or alternatively, the MPO shall identify the reason for not amending the plan as suggested by the RPC.

- (b) Provide the availability of the conflict and dispute resolution process as set forth in Article 5 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

CONFLICT AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

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 a party to this Agreement with conflicts or disputes shall engage in conflict resolution.

5.02. Initial resolution. The affected parties to this Agreement shall, at a minimum, ensure the attempted early resolution of conflicts relating to such matters. Early resolution shall be handled by direct discussion between the following officials:

Department: District Director for Planning and Programs

MPO: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

RPC: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

5.03. Resolution by senior agency official. If the conflict remains unresolved, the conflict shall be resolved by the officials listed on section 5.02 of this Agreement, with the exception of the Department's listed official, which for purposes of this section 5.03 shall be the District Secretary.

5.04. Resolution by the Office of the Governor. If the conflict is not resolved through conflict resolution pursuant to sections 5.01, 5.02, and 5.03 of this Agreement, the affected parties shall petition the Executive Office of the Governor for resolution of the conflict pursuant to its procedures. Resolution of the conflict by the Executive Office of the Governor shall be binding on the affected parties.

ARTICLE 6

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

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.

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.

6.03. Duration; withdrawal procedure.

- (a) Duration. This Agreement shall have a term of five (5) years and the Parties hereto shall examine the terms hereof and agree to amend the provisions or reaffirm the same in a timely manner. However, the failure to amend or to reaffirm the terms of this Agreement shall not invalidate or otherwise terminate this Agreement.
- (b) Withdrawal procedure. With the exception of the MPO, any party to this Agreement may withdraw after presenting in written form a notice of intent to withdraw to the other Parties to this Agreement, at least ninety (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.

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, to the officials identified for each party in section 5.02 of this agreement.

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.

6.05. Interpretation.

- (a) Drafters of Agreement. All Parties to this Agreement 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. Invalidation 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.

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 costs and attorney's fees in connection with such proceeding.

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.

6.08. Effective date. This Agreement shall become effective on the date last signed by the Parties hereto.

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 as required.

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

6.11. Rights and remedies not waived. In no event shall the making by the Department of any payment to the MPO 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 MPO, 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.

6.12 Data, records, reports and other documents. Subject to the right to claim an exemption from the Florida Public Records Law, Chapter 119, F.S., the Parties, excluding the Department, shall provide to each other such data, reports, records, contracts, and other documents in its possession relating to the MPO as is requested. Charges are to be in accordance with Chapter 119, F.S.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW
AND
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AGREEMENT

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Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

Attorney: _____

Name: _____




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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreements -
Fiscal Year 2025-26

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute technical assistance services agreements on a fixed fee basis to assist counties and cities with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Council enters into technical assistance services agreements to assist local governments with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations. The scope of services are, as follows.

- I. General Technical Assistance - conducting research, answering questions and assisting with comprehensive plan and land development regulations interpretations.
- II. Amendment Assistance - all Level I services, plus preparing public notices, draft ordinance, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments.
- III. Development Review Assistance - all Level I and II services, plus reviewing site and development plans, subdivision plats and other development proposals for comprehensive plan and land development regulations compliance.

The names of the counties and cities and the fixed fee amount of each associated agreement are as listed on the attached list.

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

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FISCAL YEAR 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ASSISTANCE SERVICES

AGREEMENTS

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council proposes to enter into technical assistance services agreements on a fixed fee basis to assist counties and cities with implementing comprehensive plans and land development regulations. The scope of services and amount of each agreement are as listed below.

- I. General Technical Assistance - conducting research, answering questions and assisting with comprehensive plan and land development regulations interpretations.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Amount</u>
N/A	N/A

- II. Amendment Assistance - all Level I services, plus preparing public notices, draft ordinances, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Lafayette County	\$ 13,000
2. Suwannee County	\$ 23,500
3. Taylor County	\$ 12,500
4. Union County	\$ 3,500
5. Archer	\$ 7,000
6. Cedar Key	\$ 7,000
7. Chiefland	\$ 7,000
8. Cross City	\$ 7,000
9. Fanning Springs	\$ 5,250
10. Inglis	\$ 7,000
11. Jasper	\$ 7,000
12. Lake Butler	\$ 7,000
13. Lake City	\$ 23,500
14. Madison, City	\$ 17,000
15. Mayo	\$ 7,000
16. Micanopy	\$ 7,000
17. Perry	\$ 9,000
18. Starke	\$ 10,000
19. Yankeetown	\$ 7,000

- III. Development Review Assistance - all Level I and II services, plus reviewing site and development plans, subdivision plats and other development proposals for comprehensive plan and land development regulations compliance.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Columbia County	\$ 35,000
2. High Springs	\$ 10,000



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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Services Agreements -
Fiscal Year 2025-26

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute agreements with Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties for hazardous waste monitoring for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

BACKGROUND:

Florida Statutes require each county to annually monitor the waste management practices of 20 percent of the government organizations and businesses that may potentially generate small quantities of hazardous waste. The majority of these operations involve motor vehicle maintenance. On-site visits are required to collect information that is entered into an on-line database.

During these site visits, Council staff will provide recommendations on correcting problems with management techniques. A one-page summary of how to avoid the most common mistakes will also be provided to the facility operators.

These services will be provided on a fixed fee basis to the counties in the amounts as listed below.

Bradford	\$7,882	Lafayette	\$ 1,409
Columbia	\$9,731	Levy	\$16,500
Dixie	\$2,717	Madison	\$ 4,880
Gilchrist	\$2,697	Suwannee	\$ 7,421
Hamilton	\$2,899	Union	\$ 2,778

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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Meagen Wakeland, Executive Secretary, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., the voting Community Action Agency Representative on the Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Madison County 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 Meagen Wakeland, Executive Secretary, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., be appointed the voting Community Action Agency Representative on the Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Angela Gregory.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Angela Gregory served as the Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Bradford County; Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards since August 2023.

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

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Angela Gregory has served as the Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Bradford County; Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards since August 2023; and

WHEREAS, Angela Gregory ably discharged the duties of the Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Bradford County; Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Angela Gregory for dedicated service rendered to the Bradford County; Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties and the State of Florida; and

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

Mary C. Alford, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

August 28, 2025

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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mary C. Alford, Chair

SUBJECT: Florida Association of Counties
Presidential Advocate Awards

At the Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting held in Orlando on June 26, 2025, Florida Association of Counties President Terry Burroughs awarded Presidential Advocate Awards to the following Council members.

- Commissioner Anthony Adams, Lafayette County;
- Commissioner Mary Alford, Alachua County;
- Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County;
- Commissioner Thomas Demps, Taylor County;
- Commissioner Melissa McNeal, Union County; and
- Commissioner Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County.

In addition, the following county commissioners in the north central Florida region were also 2025 Presidential Advocate Award recipients.

- Commissioner Chris Dougherty, Bradford County;
- Commissioner Rocky Ford, Columbia County;
- Commissioner Mark Hatch, Dixie County;
- Commissioner Donna Jackson, Union County;
- Commissioner Travis Land, Suwannee County;
- Commissioner Tommy Langford, Gilchrist County;
- Commissioner William Martin, Gilchrist County;
- Commissioner Ronnie Moore, Madison County;
- Commissioner Timothy Murphy, Columbia County;
- Commissioner Darrell Smith, Gilchrist County; and
- Commissioner Franklin White, Suwannee County.

The Presidential Advocate Award recognition is given to county commissioners who have shown exceptional leadership in serving on policy committees of the Florida Association of Counties, guiding the policy development process and advocating with the Florida Association of Counties during the 2025 Legislative Session to advance the legislative agenda of counties.

Congratulations to Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Demps, Commissioner McNeal and Commissioner Perkins.

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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Florida Association of Counties
Board of Directors Election

At the Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting held in Orlando on June 26, 2025, Alachua County Commissioner Mary Alford was elected to the Board of Directors.

The Florida Association of Counties helps counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration. For more than 85 years, the Florida Association of Counties has represented the diverse interests of Florida's counties, emphasizing the importance of protecting home rule - the concept that communities and their local leaders should make the decisions that impact their community.

The Florida Association of Counties is the only association representing Florida's counties - bringing together the collective experience and knowledge of 377 county commissioners and supported by thousands of county professional staff. The Florida Association of Counties provides the cohesive platform that enables county officials and staff to speak with a unified voice on behalf of all Floridians. Through the Florida Association of Counties, counties are better able to serve not only their communities, but the entire state of Florida.

Throughout the state, Florida's counties perform vital public services such as public safety, fire and emergency medical services, jails, parks, libraries, healthcare, growth management, economic development, and roads.

Congratulations to Commissioner Alford.

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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mary C. Alford, Chair

SUBJECT: Florida Small County Coalition
Board of Directors Election

At the Florida Small County Coalition Meeting held in Orlando on June 25, 2025, the Coalition elected officers and Board of Directors. Lafayette County Commissioner Anthony Adams was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Coalition.

The Coalition is a statewide alliance of county commissions from small and rural counties. The purpose of the Coalition is to give increased visibility and support to the issues to small counties and rural communities. The Coalition's primary mission is to help Florida's small and rural counties address legislative issues from a small county/rural perspective and work effectively with state agencies leadership.

The Coalition believes in the importance of a state rural policy that protects the character of our small and rural areas; promotes economic development; and, maintains and promotes the viability of existing small county economies such as agriculture and eco-tourism. The Coalition supports programs that improve the financial viability and fiscal capacity of Florida's local governments in small counties.

The Coalition supports programs that help provide services to Floridians who reside in small counties; Floridians who visit their communities for enjoyment; and, visitors from outside the state who travel through small counties in route to destinations in and out of Florida.

Congratulations to Commissioner Adams.

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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mary C. Alford, Chair

SUBJECT: Florida League of Cities
Home Rule Hero Awards

The Florida League of Cities recently recognized Mayor Louie Davis, City of Waldo, as a recipient of a 2025 Home Rule Hero Award. This prestigious award was presented for tireless efforts to advance the Florida League of Cities legislative agenda and help protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2025 Legislative Session.

In addition, the following municipal officials in the north central Florida region were also 2025 Home Rule Hero Award recipients.

- City Manager Susan Beaudet, City of Williston;
- Town Manager John Driggers, Jr., Town of Cross City;
- Councilwoman Darfeness Hinds, City of Williston;
- Councilwoman Delores Jones, City of Williston;
- Commissioner Danny Nugent, City of Starke;
- Councilwoman Monique Taylor, City of Waldo; and
- City Clerk Latricia Wright, City of Williston.

"The League and its legislative team appreciate the individual advocacy efforts undertaken by municipal officials throughout the state," said Florida League of Cities Chief of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook. "Home rule heroes are some of our biggest advocates for protecting local decision-making. These League members stand out for their high level of participation, knowledge, and effectiveness. This year's home rule heroes continuously advocated for their communities throughout the 2025 legislative session."

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

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

Congratulations Mayor Davis.

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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mary C. Alford, Chair

SUBJECT: Florida League of Cities
Board of Directors Election

At the Florida League of Cities Annual Meeting held in Orlando on August 16, 2025, Mayor Louie Davis, City of Waldo was elected to the Board of Directors.

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

Congratulations Mayor Davis.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melissa McNeal, 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., August 28, 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

- #85 - Town of Inglis Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-1ER)
- #86 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-4ESR)
- #87 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-2ER)
- #88 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-2ESR)
- #89 - Town of Branford Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR)
- #91 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-3ESR)

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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: Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Update

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.

UPDATE:

The River Task Force held a joint workshop with the City of Valdosta City Council on August 14, 2025 in Valdosta. City of Valdosta Mayor Scott Matheson provided opening remarks, Jason Barnes, City of Valdosta Utilities Director, made a presentation concerning the improvements made to the City of Valdosta Wastewater System during the past 15 years and River Task Force Chair Commissioner Rick Davis provided comments concerning the River Task Force's support of the City's actions to address the wastewater spills as well as requesting the City to provide early notification of spills, increase frequency of water sampling from once a week to three times a week and re-establish quarterly joint workshops.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Reports

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 June 2025 and July 2025 Monthly Activity Reports 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: June 2025

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Monthly meeting with FRCA's Bookkeeper and EDAC Treasurer
- Reviewed FRCAs FY24-25 Budget and worked on proposed FY25-26 Budget
- Coordinating FRCA Summer Policy Board meeting and agenda
- Received Legislative Updates from FRCAs Legislative Consultants and provide updates to the Executive Directors Advisory Committee as needed
- Worked on FRCAs website and communications plan
- Coordinated FRCAs Exhibit at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference
- Attended **Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference** in Orlando and managed FRCAs conference exhibit and outreach

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Coordinated RPC meeting to discuss the **FDEP FY25-26 Resilient Florida RRE Grant Program**
- Meeting with RPC staff to plan **REMI Training for FY25-26**
- Coordinated FRCA – EDA meeting with RPC Directors and staff to discuss the **EDA 2025 Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity** and other disaster recovery funding
- Met with FDEM staff and NEFRPC LEPC Coordinator to discuss **FDEM FY25-26 LEPC Contract**
- Helped coordinate and attended **Leadership Workshop with LeaderGov**
- Coordinated multiple meetings to discuss and prepare agenda for **SWFRPC June Board meeting** and to provide support during their leadership transition.
- Coordinated meeting with **FRCA Legislative Consultants** to discuss 2025 Legislative Session and SWFRPC
- Attended **Southwest Florida RPC June Board Meeting** in Fort Myers Florida



**2025 Florida Association of Counties
Annual Conference – FRCA Exhibit
June 25th, 2025**

Kristin Dozier
Executive Director, FRCA

Wren Krahl
Executive Director, Tampa Bay RPC

Isabel Cosio Carballo
Executive Director, South Florida RPC

Tara McCue
Executive Director, East Central Florida RPC



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: July 2025

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Prepared agenda and hosted July Executive Directors Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Monthly meeting with FRCA's Bookkeeper and EDAC Treasurer
- Met with EDAC Chair and Treasurer to review FRCAs FY24-25 Budget and proposed FY25-26 Budget
- Coordinating FRCA Summer Policy Board meeting events and speakers
- Prepared draft agenda for FRCA Summer Policy Board meeting at the TBRPC
- Coordinated nominations for FRCA Policy Board Nominating Committee to review in August.
- Met with staff from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee to discuss the implementation of SB108 and new procedures for RPCs and drafted an update for the EDAC.
- Worked on FRCAs website and communications plan
- Reviewed and updated information for FRCAs Policy Board, RPC Board meetings, RPC dues and staff

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Coordinated and prepared FRCAs Exhibit at the **Florida League of Cities Annual Conference**
- Meeting with RPC staff to plan **REMI Training for FY25-26**
- Assisted with coordinating **leadership training program** for RPC Directors and staff to begin August 2025
- Met with SWFRPC Board Chair, Interim Executive Director and others and attended virtually **SWFRPCs July Board meeting**.



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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 August 2025 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

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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 08/18/2025

23,199,198

JOB CHANGE

Jobs Year Over Year Change

134,100
(Gain)

Growth Rate

1.3%
(Positive)

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Net New Jobs Needed by
2030

1.30M

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

16.9%
(Decreasing)

<10%
2030 Goal

714,768
(Decreasing)

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

57%
(Improving)

94,508
Not Reading at Grade Level
(Decreasing)

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100%
2030 Goal

Florida Gap Map

OPEN JOBS

408,151
(Increasing)

417,000
Unemployed Persons
(Increasing)

103
Unemployed People per 100
Jobs

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

3.7%
(Unchanged)

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Jobs Year Over Year Change

134,100

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STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS

\$131.0
Billion Visitor Spending

142.9
Million Visitors

STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES

10,442
Starts (Declining)

23,827
Sales (Improving)

POVERTY RATE

12.6%
(Better)

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CONSUMER SENTIMENT

83.9
(Declining)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

89.7%
(Improving)

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VOTER PARTICIPATION

79%
(Improving)

RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION

53%/39%

LAND IN CONSERVATION

27.9%

STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES

\$412,000
Median Price (Decreasing)

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Talent Supply & Education

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Innovation & Economic Development

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Business Climate & Competitiveness

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CIVICS &
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QUALITY
OF LIFE

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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

104,129



DEPENDENCY
RATIO

2015

56.5%

2030 Estimate

70%



GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYMENT

252.1

Thousand (State)

740.2

Thousand (Local)



VOLUNTEERISM

20.4%

of Floridians Volunteer

47th

Florida's Rank

Top 12

2030 Goal



STATE DEBT
OUTSTANDING

\$15.4

Billion



CITIZENS
INSURANCE
EXPOSURE POLICIES

\$295.1

Billion Exposure

779,552

Policies



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POVERTY RATE

12.6%

(Better)

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CHILDREN IN POVERTY

16.9%

(Decreasing)

<10%

2030 Goal

714,768

(Decreasing)



ALICE HOUSEHOLDS

47%

(Increasing)



HOUSING COST BURDENED

54.9%

Renters (Increasing)

26.1%

Owners (Increasing)

35.7%

Overall (Increasing)

<10%

2030 Goal



CHILD HEALTH RANKING

32

(Decreasing)



FLORIDIANS WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

2,569

Thousand (Declining)

11.9%

(Declining)



FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

71.6%

(Unchanged)

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YOUTH OBESITY

16.4%

(Worse)



PER CAPITA INCOME

\$68,703

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HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN

77,203

(Increasing)



HOME OWNERSHIP RATE

65.5%

(Declining)





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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2024-25 James H. Montgomery Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

An essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings. A Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings.

The Council named the Member Attendance Recognition Program the James H. Montgomery Certificate of Outstanding Attendance in honor of Mr. Montgomery at the February 26, 2020 Council meeting. James H. Montgomery served on the Council from 1976 to 2004 as a member representing the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida. From 2010 to 2019, he served on the Council as a gubernatorial appointee. He provided 38 years of distinguished leadership and service to the Council.

James H. Montgomery served three times as Chair of the Council from 1983-84, 1994-95 and 2001-03. He also held other leadership roles during his service on the Council, including Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee, Chair of the Program Committee and Chair of the Nominating Committee.

A James H. Montgomery Certificate of Outstanding Attendance will be awarded to the following members at the August 28, 2025 Council meeting in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2024-25.

County

Commissioner Thomas Demps, Taylor County

City

Commissioner Ed Book, City of Gainesville
Vice-Mayor Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
Mayor Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Councilwoman Jhelecia Hawkins, City of Jasper
Mayor Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer
Vice-Mayor Janice Mortimer, City of Starke

Please join me in recognizing the service and commitment of these Council members as exhibited by their perfect attendance record.

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

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August 21, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Directors Cup

In furtherance of the Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, the Executive Directors Cup is awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year.

For Program Year 2024-25, the Executive Directors Cup will be awarded at the August 28, 2025 Council meeting to city members Commissioner Book, Vice-Mayor Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Mayor Frank Davis, Councilwoman Jhelecia Hawkins, Mayor Fletcher Hope Jr. and Vice-Mayor Janice Mortimer. The Executive Directors Cup is prominently displayed at the Council office.

Congratulations to Commissioner Ed Book, Vice-Mayor Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Mayor Frank Davis, Councilwoman Jhelecia Hawkins, Mayor Fletcher Hope Jr. and Vice-Mayor Janice Mortimer for winning the Program Year 2024-25 Executive Directors Cup for the city members.

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