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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

March 20, 2025

10:00am – 12:00pm

In Person and Virtual Meeting

LOCATION: FDOT SunGuide SWIFT Center 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913

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Mission Statement:

To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

(Vacant), FDEP	Keith Robbins, FDOT
Phil Flood, SFWMD	(Vacant) SWFWMD

STAFF

Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director
Rebekah Harp, Deputy Director/Business Operations Manager
Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator/VISTA Program Coordinator
Jim Burch, Disaster Recovery Coordinator/Project Manager
Catherine Peralta - Vista
Julie Bankston – Vista
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Regional Planning Council Functions and Programs

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- **Economic Development Districts:** Regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts by the U. S. Economic Development Administration. From January 2003 to August 2010, the U. S. Economic Development Administration invested \$66 million in 60 projects in the State of Florida to create/retain 13,700 jobs and leverage \$1 billion in private capital investment. Regional planning councils provide technical support to businesses and economic developers to promote regional job creation strategies.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Statewide Regional Evacuation:** Regional planning councils have special expertise in emergency planning and were the first in the nation to prepare a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study using a uniform report format and transportation evacuation modeling program. Regional planning councils have been preparing regional evacuation plans since 1981. Products in addition to evacuation studies include Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans and Business Disaster Planning Kits.
- **Local Emergency Planning:** Local Emergency Planning Committees are staffed by regional planning councils and provide a direct relationship between the State and local businesses. Regional planning councils provide thousands of hours of training to local first responders annually. Local businesses have developed a trusted working relationship with regional planning council staff.
- **Homeland Security:** Regional planning council staff is a source of low cost, high quality planning and training experts that support counties and State agencies when developing a training course or exercise. Regional planning councils provide cost effective training to first responders, both public and private, in the areas of Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste, Incident Command, Disaster Response, Pre- and Post-Disaster Planning, Continuity of Operations and Governance. Several regional planning councils house Regional Domestic Security Task Force planners.
- **Multipurpose Regional Organizations:** Regional planning councils are Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions on multi-jurisdictional issues, support regional economic development and provide assistance to local governments.
- **Problem Solving Forum:** Issues of major importance are often the subject of regional planning council-sponsored workshops. Regional planning councils have convened regional summits and workshops on issues such as workforce housing, response to hurricanes, visioning and job creation.
- **Implementation of Community Planning:** Regional planning councils develop and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans to guide growth and development focusing on economic development, emergency preparedness, transportation, affordable housing and resources of regional significance. In addition, regional planning councils provide coordination and review of various programs such as Local Government Comprehensive Plans, Developments of Regional Impact and Power Plant Ten-year Siting Plans. Regional planning council reviewers have the local knowledge to conduct reviews efficiently and provide State agencies reliable local insight.

- **Local Government Assistance:** Regional planning councils are also a significant source of cost effective, high quality planning experts for communities, providing technical assistance in areas such as: grant writing, mapping, community planning, plan review, procurement, dispute resolution, economic development, marketing, statistical analysis, and information technology. Several regional planning councils provide staff for transportation planning organizations, natural resource planning and emergency preparedness planning.
- **Return on Investment:** Every dollar invested by the State through annual appropriation in regional planning councils generates 11 dollars in local, federal and private direct investment to meet regional needs.
- **Quality Communities Generate Economic Development:** Businesses and individuals choose locations based on the quality of life they offer. Regional planning councils help regions compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled personnel.
- **Multidisciplinary Viewpoint:** Regional planning councils provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary view of issues and a forum to address regional issues cooperatively. Potential impacts on the community from development activities are vetted to achieve win-win solutions as council members represent business, government and citizen interests.
- **Coordinators and Conveners:** Regional planning councils provide a forum for regional collaboration to solve problems and reduce costly inter-jurisdictional disputes.
- **Federal Consistency Review:** Regional planning councils provide required Federal Consistency Review, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars annually.
- **Economies of Scale:** Regional planning councils provide a cost-effective source of technical assistance to local governments, small businesses and non-profits.
- **Regional Approach:** Cost savings are realized in transportation, land use and infrastructure when addressed regionally. A regional approach promotes vibrant economies while reducing unproductive competition among local communities.
- **Sustainable Communities:** Federal funding is targeted to regions that can demonstrate they have a strong framework for regional cooperation.
- **Economic Data and Analysis:** Regional planning councils are equipped with state of the art econometric software and have the ability to provide objective economic analysis on policy and investment decisions.
- **Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators:** The Small Quantity Generator program ensures the proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste generated at the county level. Often smaller counties cannot afford to maintain a program without imposing large fees on local businesses. Many counties have lowered or eliminated fees, because regional planning council programs realize economies of scale, provide businesses a local contact regarding compliance questions and assistance and provide training and information regarding management of hazardous waste.
- **Regional Visioning and Strategic Planning:** Regional planning councils are conveners of regional visions that link economic development, infrastructure, environment, land use and transportation into long term investment plans. Strategic planning for communities and organizations defines actions critical to successful change and resource investments.
- **Geographic Information Systems and Data Clearinghouse:** Regional planning councils are leaders in geographic information systems mapping and data support systems. Many local governments rely on regional planning councils for these services.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (SWFRPC) ACRONYMS

ABM - Agency for Bay Management - Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

ADA - Application for Development Approval

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

AMDA -Application for Master Development Approval

BEBR - Bureau of Economic Business and Research at the University of Florida

BLID - Binding Letter of DRI Status

BLIM - Binding Letter of Modification to a DRI with Vested Rights

BLIVR -Binding Letter of Vested Rights Status

BPCC -Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

CAC - Citizens Advisory Committee

CAO - City/County Administrator Officers

CDBG - Community Development Block Grant

CDC - Certified Development Corporation (a.k.a. RDC)

CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (a.k.a. OEDP)

CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

CTC - Community Transportation Coordinator

CTD - Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

CUTR - Center for Urban Transportation Research

DEO - Department of Economic Opportunity

DEP - Department of Environmental Protection

DO - Development Order

DOPA - Designated Official Planning Agency (i.e. MPO, RPC, County, etc.)

EDA - Economic Development Administration

EDC - Economic Development Coalition

EDD - Economic Development District

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

FAC - Florida Association of Counties

FACTS - Florida Association of CTCs

FAR - Florida Administrative Register (formerly Florida Administrative Weekly)

FCTS - Florida Coordinated Transportation System

FDC&F -Florida Department of Children and Families (a.k.a. HRS)

FDEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs

FDLES - Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

FDOT - Florida Department of Transportation

FHREDI - Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative

FIAM – Fiscal Impact Analysis Model

FLC - Florida League of Cities

FQD - Florida Quality Development

FRCA -Florida Regional Planning Councils Association

FTA - Florida Transit Association

IC&R - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

IFAS - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida

JLCB - Joint Local Coordinating Boards of Glades & Hendry Counties

JPA - Joint Participation Agreement

JSA - Joint Service Area of Glades & Hendry Counties

LCB - Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee

MOA - Memorandum of Agreement

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPOAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

MPOCAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee

MPOTAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

NADO – National Association of Development Organizations

NARC -National Association of Regional Councils

NOPC -Notice of Proposed Change

OEDP - Overall Economic Development Program

PDA - Preliminary Development Agreement

REMI – Regional Economic Modeling Incorporated

RFB - Request for Bids

RFI – Request for Invitation

RFP - Request for Proposals

RPC - Regional Planning Council

SHIP -State Housing Initiatives Partnership

SRPP – Strategic Regional Policy Plan

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee

TDC - Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (a.k.a. CTD)

TDPN - Transportation Disadvantaged Planners Network

TDSP - Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

USDA - US Department of Agriculture

WMD - Water Management District (SFWMD and SWFWMD)

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Minutes of the December 19, 2024
Council/Executive Committee
Meeting

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**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
December 19, 2024, MEETING**

The virtual zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's Executive Board was held on December 19, 2024. Collier County Commissioner and Council Chair, Mr. Bill McDaniel called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. There was a quorum of the Executive Committee present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Mr. Don McCormick (zoom)

Collier County: Commissioner Bill McDaniel
Councilman Bill Kramer - City of Naples (zoom)

Glades County: None

Hendry County: Commissioner Michael Atkinson

Lee County: None

Sarasota County: Councilman Ron Smith – City of Venice

Ex-Officio Members: None

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Margaret Wuerstle - Executive Director, SWFRPC
Ms. Catherine Peralta – SWFRPC Vista

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to allow online members to participate and vote. Councilman Ron Smith seconded the motion to allow online members to participate and vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM #6(a)(b)

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2024, COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2024, COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE MEETING

Councilman Ron Smith offered a motion to accept the September 19, 2024, meeting minutes and the October 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Bill McDaniel seconded the motion to accept the September 19, 2024, meeting minutes and the October 17, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7(a)(b)

FINANCIALS: October Financials

Draft Comparison of Assessments (Current vs. Proposed)

Ms. Wuerstle explained that this is the first month of the fiscal year, and as of now, the organization is operating with a net income of slightly over \$10,000. She shared good news that they have secured an additional grant of \$282,000 for resiliency efforts. All the RPCs are participating in this project through FRCA, with each receiving \$7,000 to assist FRCA in compiling the necessary information. However, SWFRPC will also receive an additional \$175,000 on top of the \$7,000. This funding will significantly improve the organization's financial position for the year. Although the contract has not yet been finalized, it is expected to be in place by next week.

Commissioner McDaniel asked what the resiliency was for.

Ms. Wuerstle responded that what they want us to do for this Regional Resiliency Project is to collect all the resiliency plans from our region and compare them to see if and where there are any gaps. Then collaborate with surrounding municipalities and counties to ensure that we are going to be stronger in future storms. That is what the state is asking us to do.

Commissioner McDaniel asked if it is a collection of studies that have already been conducted or is it to help those that don't have them.

Ms. Wuerstle responded that it is for those that do not have them also. First, we collect and find out who has them and who doesn't have them, see if there's gaps, then help our communities prepare a plan if they don't have one.

Ms. Wuerstle responded by explaining that only one issue popped out on the financials, which was the advertising budget that shows almost \$15,000 and we only had budgeted \$1,600. However, those were the TV ads that were run through a grant for marketing the SWFL Fresh brand. In your next financial packet that will be addressed because the grant will have paid for the advertising and we will be reimbursed for that money.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the new MOU, once it is adopted by everyone, reduces the assessments from \$.30 to \$.15.

Commissioner McDaniel requested that the revenues be segregated as only the six member counties of the RPC are obligated to pay. The updated MOU and bylaws aim to reduce the fee from \$0.30 per diem to \$0.15 and limit the number of seats per county, with the goal of reengaging the counties in the first quarter. Once the two commissioners and municipalities from each county participate, additional municipalities can be invited.

Commissioner McDaniel continued to explain that once the municipalities are invited back as a paying member, then the county's amount per diem will be reduced based on the city's contributions.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that this is already being done. The county's quarterly assessment is reduced by the city's contribution.

Commissioner Atkinson requested a copy of the new MOU and Bylaws.

Commissioner McDaniel continued to reiterate that he would like to be on each of the county agendas in the first quarter.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that it is her understanding that before we can go to the new rate of \$.15 or any changes in the new MOU and Bylaws, we need all of the counties to sign off on it. Ms. Wuerstle stated that we could use the council's help with a legal opinion in determining if this is accurate. Ms. Wuerstle continued asking for clarification and stated, since Collier County adopted the MOU, but for example, Hendry County does not, do we operate under two different MOUs and are we billing two different amounts?

Commissioner McDaniel responded that whoever pays gets to vote and who doesn't pay doesn't get to vote. Commissioner McDaniel explains to Commissioner Atkinson counties yet to adopt will remain under the existing fee structure (\$0.30) and MOU and that we do not need a legal opinion for what is already in place. Commissioner McDaniels' goal is to achieve full adoption of the new MOU and revitalize membership by the first quarter of 2025. He plans to meet with counties the counties, especially Sarasota, Lee and Charlotte first to present the new bylaws, explain benefits, and encourage participation.

Ms. Wuerstle asked if Collier County should be billed for the \$.15 now that they have adopted the new MOU and Bylaws?

Commissioner McDaniel stated that the SWFRPC should proceed with billing the \$.30 rate. However, Collier County has adopted a new fee structure of \$.15 and will only pay that amount, potentially resulting in a deficit. The current MOU specifies a rate of \$.30 per diem, while the new MOU, once adopted, will establish a rate of \$.15 per diem. Include this as a note on the billing, and if any questions arise, provide the updated Bylaws and MOU reflecting the \$.15 rate.

Councilman Ron Smith offered a motion to accept the October financials. Commissioner Bill McDaniel seconded the motion to accept the October financials. The motion was accepted unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #8
CONSENT AGENDA: None**

**AGENDA ITEM #9
DIRECTORS REPORT**

Ms. Wuerstle reported that only four of the directors' evaluations have been received so far. She mentioned that several notices have been sent out and assured that reminders will continue to be sent. Ms. Wuerstle added that she believes the council intended to review this item at the next meeting in January, to which Commissioner McDaniel concurred.

Ms. Wuerstle reported that the packet includes a resolution regarding the US 27 rail. Both the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the South Florida Regional Planning Council have adopted this resolution, urging the Department of Transportation to conduct the necessary engineering studies to advance the interior rail project. She emphasized the importance of this initiative, noting that it aligns with years of work on the inland port, particularly in Hendry County, and would significantly benefit that project. Ms. Wuerstle added that they have requested our consideration in adopting this resolution.

Commissioner McDaniel inquired whether the resolution needs to be adopted today. Ms. Wuerstle responded that it could be addressed at the January meeting. Commissioner McDaniel requested that it be brought forward at that time.

Councilman Ron Smith asked if someone could provide a presentation to us at that time. Ms. Wuerstle replied that she would request the Executive Director of the Treasure Coast RPC to present and asked if it would be acceptable to present via Zoom? The council members agreed.

Ms. Wuerstle noted that a few significant developments occurred after the agenda was finalized and are not included. She shared that representatives from the Netherlands have expressed interest in collaborating with us. They have allocated funding in their budget to send engineers or other specialists to work with us. However, they have requested that we hold a virtual meeting after the first of the year to discuss the impacts of recent hurricanes, our recovery efforts, and the remaining needs. This will help them better understand our situation and determine who to send.

Ms. Wuerstle also mentioned that the Tampa Bay RPC has expressed interest in hosting the Netherlands team in their region as well. She has reached out to them, and both RPCs will coordinate a virtual meeting to present to the representatives from the Netherlands. Ms. Wuerstle emphasized the importance of including individuals from this region, particularly members of the board, in the meeting. She inquired if there is a preferred time for the meeting, suggesting it take place around the end of January or the beginning of February. Ms. Wuerstle also asked whether the members would prefer to schedule it during one of the regular meetings or hold it as a separate meeting.

Councilman Smith replied that he would prefer the meeting to be held during a regularly scheduled meeting, as the members would already be available since they have that date reserved on their calendars.

Commissioner McDaniel suggested postponing this initiative until March, noting that the legislative session is starting early this year. He explained that he, along with many others, will be traveling to Tallahassee during this time. Commissioner McDaniel also notes that he is ok with a virtual meeting anytime, not just during a regularly scheduled meeting. At that time, we will invite all of our members, those that are voting, paying, and non-paying—to participate and proceed from there.

Ms. Wuerstle asked Commissioner Atkinson if he had a preference for a date of the virtual meeting, during a regular meeting or anytime? Commissioner Atkinson stated that anytime would work. Ms. Wuerstle asked Mr. McCormick, and he stated he is good with whatever is decided.

Ms. Wuerstle shared additional news, stating that EDA, FEMA, USDA, and HUD will be holding listening sessions again to assess the impacts, recovery efforts, and outstanding needs related to Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Similar sessions were previously held for Hurricane Ian. During a meeting with EDA, it was mentioned that \$1.5 billion in funding is expected to be allocated for hurricane recovery efforts. However, it's unclear whether this funding is intended for the entire East Coast, only for Florida, or something else. Ms. Wuerstle noted uncertainty about whether the funding will even be approved, given recent news developments. The agencies plan to hold these sessions at all RPCs impacted by the hurricanes, and the tentative timeline for our region is the last two weeks of February.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that during the previous sessions, attendees were provided with forms to detail specific projects requesting funding, such as infrastructure or other recovery needs. These completed forms were submitted at the end of the workshop, and while not all projects were funded after Hurricane Ian, several were.

To maximize this opportunity, Ms. Wuerstle emphasized the importance of reaching out to communities to identify their specific hurricane-related impacts and projects. These projects need to be documented on the forms and submitted during the sessions to increase the likelihood of receiving funding, if the supplemental is approved.

Commissioner McDaniel stated that the SWFRPC is taking the lead and asked whether, aside from the availability of funding, there is a list outlining the types of projects that will be eligible for funding.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that until the NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) is released, the specific regulations and guidelines will remain unclear. However, she noted that each federal agency typically focuses on different priorities. For example, EDA tends to fund economic development projects and small business initiatives, while FEMA has a completely different focus. After Hurricane Ian, HUD funded a food insecurity project to the SWFRPC. She added that the listening sessions would be an excellent opportunity to ask the agencies about their priorities and the types of projects they are targeting, as they often have preferred project categories, even if not explicitly stated.

Commissioner McDaniel responded that there's no point in reaching out to everyone until it's confirmed whether the funding will be made available. Once that determination is made, outreach can be conducted with members and the relevant agencies to seek specific allowances for expenditures. This would help ensure, for example, that Hendry County isn't submitting a request for a road that wasn't impacted or something similar.

Ms. Wuerstle responded affirmatively, explaining that they need to find a facility with Zoom capabilities and the ability to accommodate refreshments, such as coffee, donuts in the morning, and lunch in the afternoon. Not all venues allow this. She mentioned that they are currently considering the Charlotte Harbor Event Center and the regional library in Fort Myers, both of which have excellent facilities.

Commissioner McDaniel asked how many attendees are expected. Ms. Wuerstle estimated 60 to 80, noting that this location would be a bit too small for that number.

Commissioner McDaniel mentioned the FDOT facility, which had been suggested as a potential venue for relocating future RPC meetings near I-75. However, he noted that its security requirements and capacity of around 40 would make it unsuitable for this particular event. While he didn't receive a definitive "no" when discussing the facility, he is still working on the possibility of relocating RPC meetings there in the future.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that they will keep everyone updated on the progress, including the date to be set. She noted that they have already started compiling a list of individuals who need to be contacted and involved in these meetings, and that it would be ideal to have elected officials in attendance.

Commissioner McDaniel asked if there was any idea of when the meetings would take place. Ms. Wuerstle responded that they are looking at the last two weeks of February. She added that dates were offered in both January and February, but more time is needed to secure a venue—preferably one that can be donated—reach out to the necessary participants, ensure forms are completed, and coordinate attendance. Therefore, the last two weeks of February seem most likely.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the meeting will be held in person with a Zoom option available. She also noted that the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program has requested two separate meetings—one for their Policy Board and another for their management meeting—and EDA has already agreed to those. However, she emphasized that there are distinct issues in this region that necessitate a separate meeting specifically for addressing local concerns.

Ms. Wuerstle stated that she believes Charlotte Harbor’s meeting is scheduled for January 23rd. She added that once she has more details, she will send out notices. She noted that it’s a positive step to have their attention and, hopefully, the supplemental funding will be approved.

AGENDA ITEM #9(a)(b)
Executive Director’s Evaluation
Executive Directors Compensation Matrix (Informational)

Will be discussed during January’s meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9(c)
Resolution #24-01 US 27 Rail

Tabled until next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9(d)
Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Wuerstle reported that the only other item in the packet is the meeting schedule for next year. All meetings are set for the 3rd Thursday of each month, however if there are any conflicts, please let her know.

AGENDA ITEM #9(e)
FRCA Monthly Activity Report – October 2024 (Informational)

AGENDA ITEM #9(f)
Government Fund History (Informational)

Commissioner McDaniel asked about the government fund history item and Ms. Wuerstle responded that it was requested to include as an agenda item each month.

AGENDA ITEM #10
COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was no update given.

AGENDA ITEM #11
NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Smith inquired about a member who had recently passed away. It was confirmed that Mr. Mel Karau was the council member who had recently passed. The board discussed whether it would be appropriate to send flowers or another form of acknowledgment.

Commissioner McDaniel suggested that the SWFRPC send a signed letter honoring Mr. Karau's service, along with condolences, and make a \$50 donation to the charity specified in his announcement.

Commissioner Atkinson confirmed that Mr. Karau's service will take place in LaBelle on December 28th.

Councilman Ron Smith offered a motion to send a \$50 donation, letter and acknowledgment in memory of Council member Mr. Mel Karau. Commissioner Bill McDaniel seconded the motion to send a \$50 donation, letter and acknowledgment in memory of Council member Mr. Mel Karau. The motion was accepted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #12
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM #13
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Don McCormick reminded the board that he has been serving as the RPC representative for the CHNEP Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership for approximately 12 years. He expressed that it is time to appoint a new representative and requested that it be added to the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting. Ms. Wuerstle confirmed that it has been noted for next month.

Councilman Smith shared that Venice has hired a coastal engineering firm to study potential improvements to mitigate flooding from stormwater. He noted that flooding in the Venice area was severe after the last two storms. During their initial presentation to the public, the firm mentioned they would be consulting with experts from the Netherlands, which he found interesting. The firm is now working on the project, which is expected to take six months, and Councilman Smith expressed his eagerness to review the data once it becomes available. He also assured that he would keep them informed.

Ms. Wuerstle asked if he would like her to reach out to them to involve them in the webinar. Councilman Smith agreed and would greatly appreciate it.

AGENDA ITEM #14
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Councilwoman Debi Lux, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the December 6, 2024, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 50, Number 237.

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Minutes of the January 16, 2025
Council/Executive Committee
Meeting

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**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
JANUARY 16, 2025, MEETING**

The virtual zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's Executive Board was held on January 16, 2025. Collier County Commissioner and Council Chair, Mr. Bill McDaniel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There was a quorum of the Executive Committee present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Mr. Don McCormick (zoom)

Collier County: Commissioner Bill McDaniel

Glades County: Commissioner Tim Stanley

Hendry County: None

Lee County: Councilman Fred Burson – City of Fort Myers

Sarasota County: Councilman Ron Smith – City of Venice

Ex-Officio Members: None

OTHERS PRESENT

Derek Felder – President of the Unite Lehigh, Inc.

Tom Lanahan – Executive Director, TCRPC

Ms. Margaret Wuerstle - Executive Director, SWFRPC

Ms. Rebekah Harp – Deputy Director/Business Operations Manager, SWFRPC

Ms. Catherine Peralta – SWFRPC Vista

Ms. Asmaa Odeh – Project Director, SWFRPC (zoom)

Mr. Jim Burch - Disaster Recovery Coordinator/Project Manager, SWFRPC

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to allow online members to participate and vote. Councilman Ron Smith seconded the motion to allow online members to participate and vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Derek Felder introduced himself as the President of Unite Lehigh, Inc. He explained that they are working toward incorporating Lehigh Acres, which requires the completion of a feasibility study. He inquired if this is something the RPC could assist with. Additionally, the Southwest Florida Business Alliance is working on an Urban 3 study that analyzes revenue streams for various areas within Lee County, as well as land zoning information for Lee County.

Commissioner McDaniel stated that he would like to ensure Mr. Felder has his contact information. He mentioned that Collier County has gathered some relevant data and offered to share whatever information they have. Collier County has engaged a company called Metro Forecasting Models to develop a tool known as the Collier Interactive Growth Model (CIGN).

Commissioner McDaniel described CIGN as an impressive planning tool that uses data-driven population estimates to assist staff in making zoning and growth decisions. He emphasized the importance of accurate population estimates, explaining that plans based on incorrect data—whether for wildlife populations or human populations—are bound to fail. He noted that the growth model evaluates factors such as infrastructure, services, employment, entertainment, and traffic impacts to ensure sustainable planning across the county. He recommended reaching out to David Farmer for more information about the growth model and promised to share his contact details. Commissioner McDaniel thanked Mr. Felder for attending the meeting and encouraged him to submit a formal request outlining how the council could assist with his efforts. He assured Mr. Felder that the council would place the request on the agenda for further discussion to determine how they might support his initiative.

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AGENDA ITEM #6(a)

MINUTES: None

Commissioner McDaniel asked, "Why don't we have any minutes?"

Ms. Wuerstle explained, "Because they were quite lengthy, we want to ensure they are done correctly. With the holidays and everything else happening, we weren't able to complete them in time. However, they will be included in the next agenda."

AGENDA ITEM #7(a)
FINANCIALS: November Financials

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the financials were typical for this time of year. Currently, there is an unaudited negative net income of approximately \$32,000, but as reimbursements from grants are collected, those numbers will fluctuate throughout the year. Since November is only the second month of the first quarter, everything is on track. She added, "This is very typical for this time of year. She asked Rebekah if there was anything she missed or need to address. Rebekah confirmed there was nothing further to note. Ms. Wuerstle emphasized that nothing alarming stood out, and while there is a deficit, it is normal for this point in the fiscal year. She also mentioned there is still some additional income expected to come in.

Commissioner McDaniel asked if the organization is still on track for the projected 16 to 18-month lifespan, considering the burn rate of current expenditures compared to revenues. He noted that there were fluctuations last year and inquired if the timeline remains accurate.

Ms. Wuerstle confirmed that we are still on track to make it through this fiscal year.

Commissioner McDaniel then asked when the fiscal year begins and ends.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the fiscal year begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th. We're on track to get through this year. However, the city of Fort Myers has notified us that they will no longer pay their dues, which is a setback. Fortunately, we received an unexpected grant from DEP that will not only offset this loss but also provide a bit of additional funding.

Commissioner McDaniel explained, "So we're still on track financially to make it through to the end of the fiscal year in September, which aligns with what we've discussed previously. I've also been making progress in my communications with our colleagues. I've scheduled meetings for next week, February, and beyond, as we continue to work on the reorganizational aspects of our efforts."

Ms. Wuerstle asked if there was anything she could provide, such as the PowerPoint presentation used for Venice and other communities, and whether that would be helpful.

Commissioner McDaniel responded, "When I'm ready, yes. I'll review what you have and tailor it to fit what I'm looking to present. I'll reach out when the time comes. For now, I've been distributing the draft MOU, draft bylaws, and other documents that have already been accepted by Collier County and the City of Naples. I'm sharing those with the commissioners to keep things moving forward."

Councilman Smith requested clarification regarding page 24 of the Government Fund Activity, noting that it lists all years except for 2024. He asked if the information had been cut off.

Ms. Harp explained that the report comes from the accountant who conducts the annual audit. She clarified that 2024 is not included yet, but once the current audit is completed, it will be added.

Ms. Wuerstle inquired about the audit's timeline, asking when it was scheduled.

Ms. Harp replied that the process has already started, with the auditor requesting preliminary information.

Councilman Smith recalled that at the last meeting, they had discussed some unofficial numbers for 2024 but noted that final figures should not be included until they are audited and approved. Ms. Harp confirmed that only figures that are audited are included.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to accept the November Financials. Councilman Ron Smith seconded the motion to accept the November Financials. The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7(b)

FINANCIALS:

Draft Comparison of Assessments (Current vs. Proposed) (*Informational*)

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the draft comparison of assessments item is informational. It was requested to be included on the agenda each month.

Commissioner McDaniel clarified that the designation of assets outlined is essentially the per capita fee and the proposed assessments, which represent the revenue streams we'll be relying on if the counties participate. The only adjustment he suggested would be to reflect how this new organization will operate. It will include only the six counties: Sarasota, Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier, and Charlotte. These counties will be the primary responsible entities. Then it could be refined further to focus solely on those six counties, then designate the individual cities within them. Eventually, municipalities within these counties can opt to participate and pay their fees if they choose. But our primary revenue sources will strictly be the counties."

Ms. Wuerstle responded that we will structure the chart by counties first and then list the cities or municipalities that choose to participate underneath.

Councilman Fred Burson arrived, and Commissioner McDaniel mentioned that the issue was brought up that the City of Fort Myers had decided to discontinue their contribution. Councilman Burson explained that after the city conducted an investigation, they discovered they were one of the only cities making payments. As a result, the council voted to suspend their contributions. He noted that, despite informing his council of his role as Vice Chair, they still chose to suspend the payments.

Commissioner McDaniel reiterated his main objective, emphasizing that the organization must include membership from the six counties. He noted that the draft bylaws were structured to allow a municipality from each county to join the new organization. As regular meetings resume and the organization demonstrates its value, municipalities will have the option to join. If a municipality opts in, their contribution would offset the county's proportional share. For example, under the new MOU, if Lee County's contribution is \$105,000 and Fort Myers contributes \$15,000, Lee County's share would be reduced by that amount. Additionally, payments have been divided into quarterly installments to streamline accounting.

Commissioner McDaniel stated that the goal is to persevere until a governing board is established and all counties are committed to supporting the RPC. "We'll continue to do our best in the meantime," he added. He noted that before Councilman Burson arrived, Ms. Wuerstle confirmed that, based on current revenue and expense estimates, the organization is financially able to operate through September of this year, potentially longer depending on circumstances. Commissioner McDaniel emphasized his plan to wrap up meetings with all the counties in the first quarter. He is actively working to schedule these discussions with county boards to encourage their return to the organization. "If I'm successful, that's great. If not, we'll move to Plan B," he concluded.

AGENDA ITEM #7(c)
FINANCIALS:
Government Fund History (*Informational*)

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the government fund history item is informational and that this is the one that was requested to be included on the agenda each month.

AGENDA ITEM #8(a)
CONSENT AGENDA: Appointment to the
Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP)

Commissioner McDaniel asked what is the CHNEP?

Ms. Wuerstle explained that it stands for the Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership. She noted that the organization had previously been called the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program but underwent a name change.

Ms. Wuerstle continued to explain that Don McCormick has represented the board on our behalf for many years but has requested that someone else be appointed to take his place.

Councilman Burson stated that he currently serves on the board as a representative of the City of Fort Myers. Ms. Wuerstle then asked if it would be possible for him to represent both the city and the RPC.

Councilman Burson responded that he doesn't mind, but it may be best to appoint a different representative. He continued to explain that the CHNEP expanded its boundaries, now extending all the way from Kissimmee to the Caloosahatchee Estuary and down south.

Commissioner McDaniel accepted Don McCormick's resignation from the CHNEP and mentioned that the search for a new appointee would continue in the meantime. He asked if Councilman Burson would be willing to represent the RPC until a replacement is found. Councilman Burson responded that he would be happy to represent both.

Don McCormick mentioned that there is a meeting this Thursday at the North County Regional Center in Charlotte County, just off of 41 and he will send the details and thanked Fred for stepping up.

Councilman Ron Smith offered a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bill McDaniel seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #9 DIRECTORS REPORT

Margaret requested that item 9c is moved up for a presentation.

AGENDA ITEM #9(c) Resolution #24-01 US 27 Rail

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's Executive Director, Tom Lanahan explained that This resolution urges FDOT to advance the planning of an alternative freight rail corridor through the central part of the state, connecting the Port of Miami or western Miami area to the Orlando region. Currently, port traffic from Port Miami, Port Everglades, and the Port of Palm Beach moves along a constrained corridor on the East Coast. This proposed route would provide an alternative by redirecting long freight trains away from downtown areas along the coast and instead routing them through the central state.

The corridor would extend from the west side of Miami along US 27 to the southern part of Lake Okeechobee, linking with the South Central Florida Express, also known as the Sugar Railroad. From there, it could follow two potential paths—one along the east side of the lake, reconnecting with the Florida East Coast Railway, and the other along the west side, linking with the CSX line in Sebring.

Of particular relevance to this area, the route would pass through the Airglades Intermodal Logistics Center in the southwest corner of Lake Okeechobee, opening opportunities for new rail customers and enhancing freight handling capabilities at Airglades. This project would also strengthen the state's transportation resiliency, as all major freight routes in the southeast—

including I-95, the Turnpike, FEC Railway, and CSX Railway—currently operate within a narrow coastal corridor.

This resolution calls on FDOT to continue advancing this long-studied concept toward implementation, recognizing that the time is right to move forward.

Councilman Burson asked if the land for this proposed rail system had been acquired?

Mr. Lanahan responded that the proposed route is designed to primarily follow existing right-of-way, minimizing the need for land acquisition. It would run along U.S. 27 within FDOT-owned right-of-way and then transition into the South Central Florida Express corridor, utilizing its existing infrastructure.

The only areas requiring land acquisition would likely be on the western edge of Miami and in the Belle Glade area, south of town, where the route would connect to the Sugar Railroad. To avoid running directly through the center of Belle Glade, the plan is to route the rail around the outskirts. While some additional land may need to be acquired in certain areas, the majority of the corridor is already under public or railroad ownership.

The second question from Councilman Burson was about estimates for the condemnation requisites for those lands that aren't part of it yet?

Mr. Lanahan requested clarification regarding whether the question pertained to time or dollar, to which the chair clarified it was in terms of dollar.

Mr. Lanahan explained that from a cost perspective, the specifics would be determined by FDOT during the engineering phase, when they assess the exact amount of land that would need to be acquired. Therefore, at this stage, there are no definitive figures. Mr. Lanahan further explained that he believed the initial planning study included an estimated dollar figure for right-of-way acquisition, but he is unsure of the specific breakdown of that amount.

Commissioner McDaniel requested a map of the designed route and what needs to be acquired.

Mr. Lanahan explained that the plan involves following US-27 from the west side of Miami to Belle Glade on the southern side of the lake, which is the only section that aligns with US-27. From there, the route shifts to an existing railroad right-of-way, circling the west side of the lake before heading inland. He acknowledged the concern, recognizing the portion of US-27 in the region and the presence of driveways and businesses. However, he clarified that the segment in question primarily runs through remote areas in the far western parts of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, making its impact on local properties less significant than it may seem.

Councilman Smith asked if this is the route that was once envisioned for the bullet train that was put into the Constitution and taken out of the Constitution?

Mr. Lanahan replied that he didn't believe so, thinking it was an East-West route, and asked whether it was also going to Miami.

Mr. Smith responded, recalling that it was from Orlando to Tampa.

Mr. Lanahan confirmed that it would follow the I-4 right-of-way, noting that as Brightline extends to Tampa, discussions have centered around utilizing that same corridor.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to approve the Resolution #24-01 US 27 Rail. Councilman Fred Burson seconded the motion to approve the Resolution #24-01 US 27 Rail. The motion was approved unanimously.

Don McCormick mentioned that Jim Burch from Cape Coral had briefly posted a question regarding hazardous materials and related concerns. He noted that addressing this topic at this stage of the discussion might be premature but wanted to acknowledge that the question was raised.

Commissioner McDaniel agreed with Don, stating that the question was premature. He emphasized that the priority should be determining whether the rail will be built or even considered before discussing what might be transported on it.

AGENDA ITEM #9(a)(b)
Executive Director's Evaluation
Executive Directors Compensation Matrix (Informational)

Ms. Wuerstle stated that the request to complete the director's evaluation form was sent out three times, but only five responses were received.

Commissioner McDaniel responded that Margaret's contract expired in February 2018. If she is comfortable continuing under the existing contract terms until the council is restructured, then they will proceed accordingly. He emphasized that major executive decisions should be postponed until a fully functioning council is in place, since there is a continuing struggle to gather enough members for an executive board quorum.

He also addressed Fred directly, expressing that he does not want him to leave the council simply because the city has decided to stop funding its participation.

Councilman Burson stated that he has all intent to continue attending.

Commissioner McDaniel responded that he was glad to hear that, emphasizing that as a member of the executive committee, his participation is essential for conducting formal business and meeting requirements. He added that the city's decision to stop paying does not change the importance of his involvement.

Councilman Burson stated that if the council's viability is restored and other members resume their paid participation, the city would reconsider its financial contribution.

Commissioner McDaniel responded that as it stands right now Collier County is in, and the City of Naples is in. There are a few that he is getting positive indications from Sarasota, Lee, and Hendry right now. So he is moving quickly, and he plans to meet with officials in Glades next week as well.

Commissioner McDaniel responded that if Margaret is fine with it, they will leave the matter as is until the group reconvenes. Ms. Wuerstle agreed, stating that she was okay with that.

AGENDA ITEM #9(d) **Hurricane Economic Recovery & Resiliency Project Work Sheet**

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the federal agencies, specifically the EDA, has requested all RPCs affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton to schedule a listening session or workshop, similar to the one held for Hurricane Ian. Several federal agencies, including FEMA, EDA, USDA, and HUD, will be present to discuss available resources, the recently approved supplemental funding, and to engage in roundtable discussions about regional needs and potential projects for funding. They are particularly seeking large, transformative projects.

The meeting is scheduled for February 19th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center. The agenda has not yet been sent out, as it was just approved yesterday. The event is being co-sponsored with CHNEP, which helped secure the venue free of charge, providing significant cost savings.

Ms. Wuerstle continued to explain that Project Summary sheets are available in the meeting packet and on the table. Attendees are encouraged to fill out a sheet for each project they wish to propose. These will be reviewed and discussed, and while no final funding decisions will be made at the meeting, agencies will take note of priority projects. Areas of particular interest include flooding, infrastructure, resiliency, housing, and cultural and natural resources.

Commissioner McDaniel inquired whether this information had already been sent to the municipalities or RPC members. Ms. Wuerstle clarified that it had not yet been distributed, as the agenda was only approved the day before, but assured that it would be sent out to all of them. She emphasized the importance of having elected officials in attendance and encouraged everyone to urge their staff and officials to participate and advocate for their projects.

Ms. Wuerstle continued explaining that while the supplemental funding amounts to billions of dollars, not all of it will be allocated to Florida. Other states, including South Carolina, North Carolina, and areas affected by wildfires in California, will also receive portions of the funds. However, she stressed the importance of submitting local projects to ensure the region secures its fair share of the funding.

Commissioner McDaniel asked who was organizing the event.

Ms. Wuerstle replied that it was being coordinated by federal agencies in partnership with the Regional Planning Councils.

Commissioner McDaniel asked which federal agencies? Ms. Wuerstle responded FEMA, EDA, HUD, USDA.

Councilman Burson asked if the information should be sent to city management for them to complete. He added that while he didn't mind submitting it himself, it would be more beneficial for city management, who are already working with FEMA, to handle it as well.

Ms. Wuerstle responded that we will send it to all the elected officials in the counties and all the cities as they specifically stated they wanted it sent to all the elected officials.

Ms. Wuerstle reminded all members of the meeting details: February 19th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center.

Ms. Wuerstle continued, stating that the information will be sent to city and county managers, economic development directors, and planning directors.

Commissioner McDaniel stressed the need to send the information out to county and city managers as soon as possible for further distribution. He acknowledged that many counties are already heavily involved with those organizations in submitting grant fund requests, so it might seem redundant. However, he assured that they would make sure the information reaches the managers.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the meeting is scheduled and approved, with the agencies set to attend. She emphasized the importance of ensuring everyone is aware of the event and has copies of the project summary forms to take back with them so that they are not surprised or it gets lost in emails.

AGENDA ITEM #10 COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #10(a) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was no update given.

AGENDA ITEM #11 NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McDaniel said, "Speaking of reconvening as a group, I believe I saw my friend Wayne Gaither on the phone. I spoke with him yesterday, and I'm not sure if it was you, Margaret, or my assistant, Christina, who sent Wayne our 2025 meeting schedule. We've decided to move our meeting location to the DOT building. Wayne is fine with all the dates on the 2025 schedule except for one. He didn't specify which one, but he has a conflict with that date. Margaret, if you could please reach out to Wayne and coordinate the relocation of our meetings to the DOT building, and get that information sent out to all of our members as soon as possible. The building is located near I-75, so we'll make sure to get all the details together. We had discussed this before, and when I initially contacted the department, they hesitated because of the building's enhanced security. However, once they realized who I was working with, they agreed to cooperate. Wayne actually called me yesterday, thinking our meeting was today, but I had to correct him. We don't need to make a formal motion on this, but I would like our February 20th meeting to be held at the DOT building. Margaret, please quickly coordinate with Wayne to find out which meeting date in 2025 conflicts with the room availability. We also need to inform the South Florida Water Management District that we won't be using their facility anymore and that we'll be moving our meetings to the department building."

AGENDA ITEM #12
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

No State Agency's reports given.

AGENDA ITEM #13
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

No comments given.

AGENDA ITEM #14
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Councilwoman Debi Lux, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the January 3, 2025, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 51, Number 02.

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Council/Executive Committee
Meeting

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**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 20, 2025, MEETING**

The in-person and virtual zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's Executive Board was held on February 20, 2025. The meeting started at approximately 10:12 am. There was no quorum of the Executive Committee present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: None Mr. Don McCormick (zoom)

Collier County: None

Glades County: Commissioner Tim Stanley (zoom)

Hendry County: None

Lee County: None

Sarasota County: Councilman Ron Smith – City of Venice

Ex-Officio Members: Mr. Phil Flood, SFWMD

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Derek Felder – President of the Unite Lehigh, Inc.
Ms. Margaret Wuerstle – SWFRPC, Executive Director
Ms. Catherine Peralta – SWFRPC Vista

Zoom Attendance

Ms. Jennifer Hecker, CHNEP
Ms. Asmaa Odeh – SWFRPC, Project Director
Mr. Jim Burch – SWFRPC, Disaster Recovery Coordinator/Project Manager
Ms. Alysia Cancel – SWFRPC Vista
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Since there was no quorum present, Ms. Wuerstle started the meeting by explaining the items that did not need approval. She explained the tight security at this facility and that each member needs to be escorted up to the conference room.

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AGENDA ITEM #6(a)(b)

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2024 COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2025 COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE MEETING

Ms. Wuerstle stated that we will hold the minutes for approval until the next meeting in March.

AGENDA ITEM #7(a)

FINANCIALS: December Financials

Ms. Wuerstle discussed the December financials, noting that we closed the month with a surplus of \$984, a significant improvement from their previous deficit.

Ms. Wuerstle mentioned the need to approve the December and January financials at the next meeting in March.

AGENDA ITEM #7(b)

FINANCIALS:

Draft Comparison of Assessments (Current vs. Proposed) (*Informational*)

Mr. Felder noted that the last column where it is showing \$.15/per capita, is incorrect.

Ms. Wuerstle made note and ensured the correction would be made.

AGENDA ITEM #7(c)

FINANCIALS:

Government Fund History (*Informational*)

Ms. Wuerstle explained that the government fund history item is informational and that this is the one that was requested to be included on the agenda each month.

AGENDA ITEM #8(a)

CONSENT AGENDA

None

**AGENDA ITEM #9
DIRECTORS REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEM #9(a)
Update on February 19 Listening Session**

Ms. Wuerstle went over the meeting held on February 19th and explained it was a listening session that was requested by EDA. In attendance on site there was the EDA, the Park Service, US Army Corps, and the State Department of Commerce. Online there was the US Department of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, HUD, and others. Ms. Wuerstle believed it was a good showing of the Federal Agencies, and a lot of information was covered. Ms. Wuerstle continued that there was also good attendance, stating that in the room there were approximately 25-30 people and online there were approximately 40 people that attended. Thirty-one projects were presented, and the agencies discussed the projects that they could possibly fund and what specifically they were looking for. The money for these projects has been approved by Congress, but the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has not yet been released but is expected to be released next month. There will be a deadline and quick turnaround once it is released. Ms. Wuerstle emphasized that applications should be in the process of being completed now, because once the NOFA is released, applications should be submitted within a day or two. The EDA reviews applications as they are received and as the deadline approaches funds may be exhausted even before the deadline. Ms. Wuerstle urged the importance of completing the applications now and if anyone needs assistance, she is there to help with any of the processes.

Councilman Smith thanked Ms. Wuerstle for the update and stated that he is excited and is going to make sure to get his cities and counties ready.

Ms. Wuerstle continued to explain that there were many really good projects that were presented and some that were very interesting. One particular issue that was highlighted was the importance of addressing issues like debris removal and mental health support for disaster victims. Ms. Wuerstle also mentioned that the Dutch Embassy was also present online to understand the region's needs better and will continue to work with the SWFRPC.

Ms. Wuerstle noted the time and stated that there was still no quorum.

Councilman Smith suggested waiting until 10:30 to give people more time.

**AGENDA ITEM #9(b)
US 27 Rail Corridor Map and Presentation**

Ms. Wuerstle explained the US 27 Rail Corridor resolution was passed at the last meeting to support this project and that the project map is included as requested previously. The maps

showed the existing and new sections of the rail corridor, with the new section running from Lake Okeechobee towards Miami.

Councilman Smith asked which of our counties does the project go through. Mr. Felder stated it is just Glades. After reviewing the maps, it appears that the line goes through Hendry County as well.

AGENDA ITEM #9(d)
Hurricane Economic Recovery & Resiliency Project Work Sheet

AGENDA ITEM #10
COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was no update given.

AGENDA ITEM #11
NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

AGENDA ITEM #12
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

No State Agency's reports given.

AGENDA ITEM #13
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilman Smith inquired about Venice utilizing the services of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council to apply for grants under the new supplemental program. He expressed his intention to promote this idea to Venice, as they lack the capacity to handle grant applications independently. He acknowledged that there is a charge for these services but noted that the administrative fees are incorporated into the grant. He then asked about the specific fee structure, questioning whether there is a standard rate, such as 10%, or if it varies.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that some grants have limitations on the percentage allocated for grant management, which can range from 10% to 15%. This includes reporting, required filings, grant

closeout, and overall tracking. However, there is no fixed percentage, as the fee structure depends on the specific services provided. Some costs may fall under administrative fees, while others may cover project management tasks such as coordinating with contractors, municipal staff, organizing, and facilitating meetings—services that are billed separately if required.

Ms. Wuerstle explained one example that we charge a flat rate is FHERO (Florida Heartland), that we have managed rural development grants for years, receiving a flat fee of approximately \$7,000 for reporting and administration. In other cases, such as a master plan project, their role extended beyond administration to include project management, such as organizing and facilitating meetings, even though a consultant drafted the master plan. She emphasized that these costs are incorporated into the grant itself, and they do not charge upfront for these services.

Councilman Smith noted that he would be going back to sell this to his board, and asked how many millions of dollars in grants have been handled by the Southwest Florida RPC?

Ms. Wuerstle responded that all that information is typically included in the agenda packet each month under the grant tracker and shows how many were applied, approved, pending and denied. The spreadsheet goes back for many years documenting the project funded.

Mr. Phil Flood noted that the grant information is usually highlighted in the Directors Report and asked for a reminder on what the \$282,000 Resiliency grant was for.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that it is for coordinating meetings in our region and assisting in filling gaps in vulnerability assessments and resiliency plans for the coast counties.

AGENDA ITEM #14 ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 10:40 a.m.

Councilwoman Debi Lux, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the February 5, 2025, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 51, Number 24.

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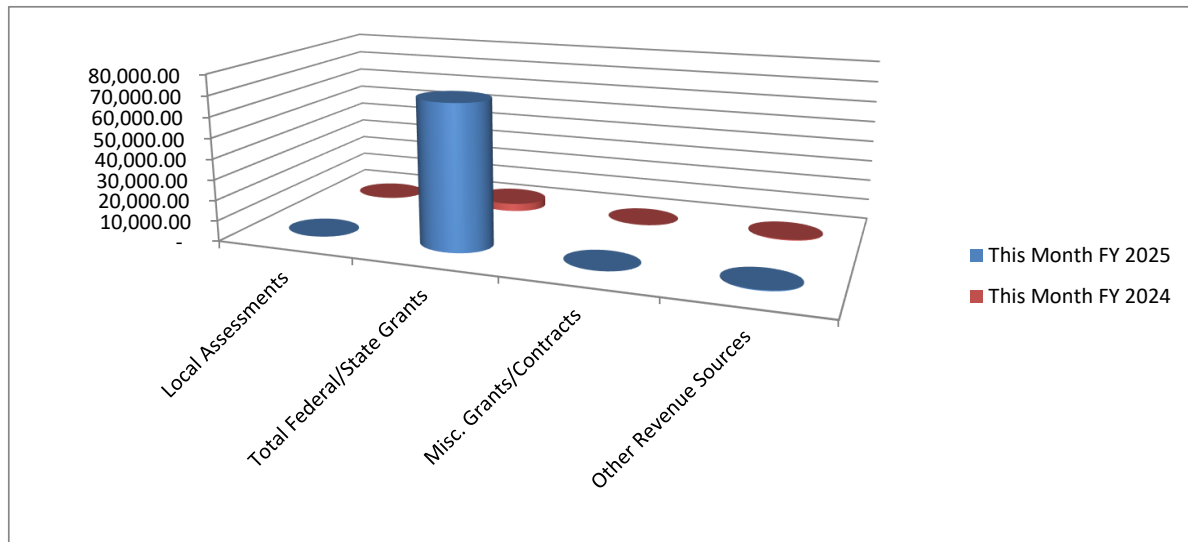
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2024 - 2025 Workplan & Budget Financial Snapshot Dec-24

Revenues

Local Assessments
Total Federal/State Grants
Misc. Grants/Contracts
Other Revenue Sources

Monthly Revenues



Notes: Local Assessments billed at the beginning of each quarter: October, January, April and July

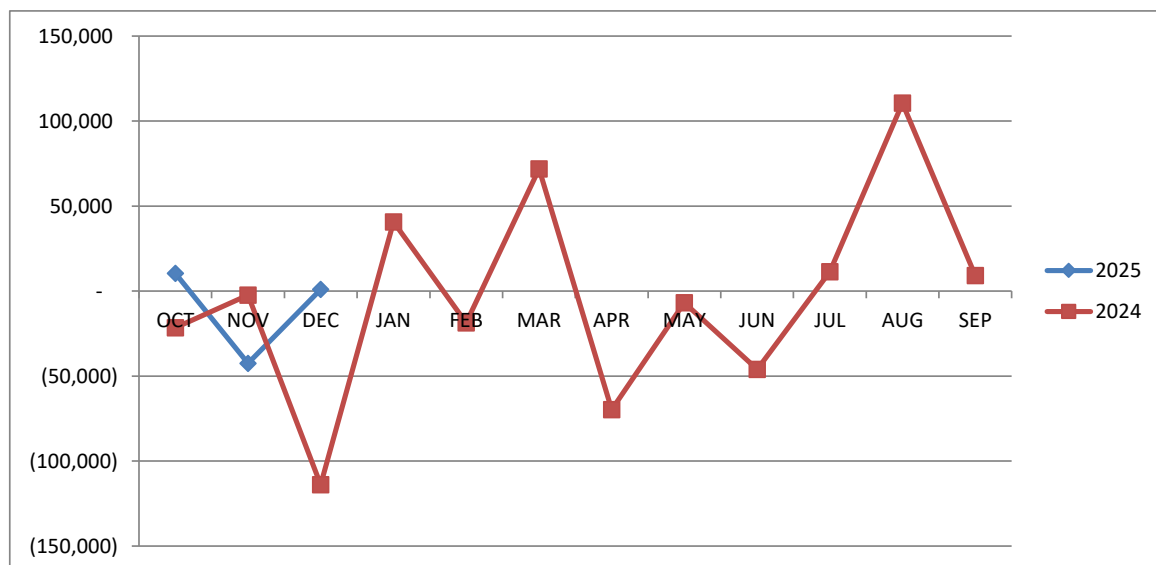
State/Federal Grants billed quarterly: LEPC, HMEP

Federal Grants billed Semi Annually: Economic Development

Misc. Grants/Contracts billed by deliverable: Interagency PO'S

Other(DRI) billed /recorded monthly as cost reimbursement

Monthly Net Income (Loss)



YTD: Net Income \$984 Unaudited

SWFRPC

Detail of Reserve

As of December 31, 2024

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Petty Cash	\$ 200
FineMark Operating Funds	42,858
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<i>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	\$ 43,058

Investments:

FineMark Money Market	\$ 51,298
Local government Surplus Trust Fund Investment Pool (Fund A)	94,666
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<i>Total Investments</i>	\$ 145,964

Total Reserves	<hr/>
	\$ 189,022
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**SWFRPC INCOME STATEMENT
COMPARED WITH BUDGET
FOR THE ONE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 24-25 Approved Budget B	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
REVENUES					
LOCAL ASSESSMENTS					
COLLIER COUNTY	-	28,513	0	0%	\$ -
GLADES COUNTY	-	944	3,777	25%	\$ 2,833
CITY OF NAPLES	-	1,448	5,792	0%	\$ 1,446
CITY OF FORT MYERS	-	7,328	29,313	25%	\$ 21,985
TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH INC	-	244	977	25%	\$ 733
CITY VENICE (*10/17/24 Not Participating)	-	-	8,338	0%	\$ -
TOTAL LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ -	\$ 38,478	\$ 48,197	80%	\$ 26,996
FEDERAL / STATE GRANTS					
DEM - LEPC 23/24	-	-	-	0%	\$ -
DEM - LEPC 24/25	-	-	90,000	N/A	\$ 90,000
DEM - HMEP 22/25	-	-	30,724	0%	\$ 30,724
DEM - Lee/Collier Hazard Analysis 24/25	-	-	9,462	0%	\$ 9,462
EDA - CEDS Planning 23-25	9,689	9,689	100,000	10%	\$ 90,311
EDA - Disaster Recovery Coordinator Ian	52,406	52,406	71,084	100%	\$ -
FDEP - Marco Island Vulnerability	-	-	9,000	0%	\$ 9,000
EPA - Brownfields	-	-	191,410	0%	\$ 191,410
USDA - Regional Food Systems - USDA	-	82,112	209,448	39%	\$ 127,336
Vista Supervisor	8,017	8,017	19,637	41%	\$ 11,620
Promise Zone	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
TOTAL FEDERAL / STATE GRANTS	\$ 70,112	\$ 152,224	\$ 730,765	21%	\$ 559,864
MISC. GRANTS / CONTRACTS/CONTRACTUAL					
CHNEP Calendar 2025	-	-	5,000	N/A	\$ -
FHERO	-	-	8,000	0%	\$ 8,000
TOTAL MISC. GRANTS/CONTRACTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	0%	\$ 8,000
DRIS/NOPCS/MONITORING					
DRI MONITORING FEES	- \$	- \$	-	N/A	\$ -
DRIS/NOPCS INCOME	- \$	1,875 \$	21,000	N/A	\$ 19,125
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 1,875	\$ 21,000		\$ 19,125
Program Development (Unsecured Grants/Contract)					
*Program Development (Unsecured)	-	-	-	100%	\$ -
TOTAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
OTHER REVENUE SOURCES					
Misc. Income	-	-	400	0%	\$ 400
INTEREST INCOME - Money Market	9	26	800	3%	\$ 774

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 24-25 Approved Budget B	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
Fund A Investment Income	376	1,152	800	144%	\$ (352)
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	\$ 385	\$ 1,178	\$ 2,000	59%	\$ 822
<i>Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 70,497	\$ 193,755	\$ 809,962	24%	\$ 614,807

EXPENSES

PERSONNEL EXPENSES					
SALARIES EXPENSE	\$ 36,796	\$ 75,670	\$ 280,758	27%	\$ 205,088
FICA EXPENSE	2,798	5,745	23,339	25%	\$ 17,594
RETIREMENT EXPENSE	6,035	13,209	84,346	16%	\$ 71,137
HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSE	3,875	10,312	38,520	27%	\$ 28,208
WORKERS COMP. EXPENSE	104	104	1,011	10%	\$ 907
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. EXPENSE	-	-	-	N/A	-
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	\$ 49,608	\$ 105,040	\$ 427,974	25%	\$ 322,934
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
CONSULTANTS	\$ -	\$ 2,425	\$ 12,625	19%	\$ 10,201
GRANT/CONSULTING EXPENSE	9,160	59,360	376,824	16%	\$ 317,464
AUDIT SERVICES EXPENSE	-	1,000	30,000	3%	\$ 29,000
TRAVEL EXPENSE	75	75	23,000	0%	\$ 22,925
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	2	3	-	#DIV/0!	\$ (3)
POSTAGE / SHIPPING EXPENSE	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
INSURANCE EXPENSE	5,765	6,006	7,044	85%	\$ 1,038
PRINTING/REPRODUCTION EXPENSE	580	580	1,000	58%	\$ 421
ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES EXP	-	14,984	1,600	937%	\$ (13,384)
OTHER MISC. EXPENSE	-	-	500	0%	\$ 500
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	184	383	800	N/A	\$ 417
OFFICE SUPPLIES EXPENSE	367	550	1,000	55%	\$ 450
COMPUTER RELATED EXPENSE	809	2,258	21,947	10%	\$ 19,689
DUES AND MEMBERSHIP	-	-	2,699	0%	\$ 2,699
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
MEETINGS/EVENTS EXPENSE	-	108	2,000	5%	\$ 1,892
CAPITAL OUTLAY - OPERATIONS	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
UNCOLLECTABLE RECEIVABLES	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
FUND BALANCE			\$ 453,577		
OPERATIONAL EXP.	\$ 16,941	\$ 87,730	\$ 934,616	9%	\$ 393,309

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 24-25 Approved Budget B	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXP.			\$ 934,616		
TOTAL CASH OUTLAY	\$ 66,549	\$ 192,771	\$ 1,362,590		\$ 716,242
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ 3,948</u>	<u>\$ 984</u>			

SWFRPC
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash - Florida Prime	\$	94,666.46
Cash - FineMark Oper.		42,858.27
Cash - FineMark MM		51,297.59
Petty Cash		200.00
Accounts Receivable		109,957.30
Transfer of Funds		30.00
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Total Current Assets		299,009.62
Property and Equipment		
Property, Furniture & Equip		43,026.31
Accumulated Depreciation		(43,025.31)
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Total Property and Equipment		1.00
Other Assets		
Amount t.b.p. for L.T.L.-Leave		41,305.44
FSA Deposit		0.29
Amt t.b.p. for L.T.Debt-OPEB		1,681.00
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Total Other Assets		42,986.73
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Total Assets	\$	<u><u>341,997.35</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	4,159.66
Deferred_Palmer_Ranch_5362		13,125.00
FICA Taxes Payable		1,216.41
Federal W/H Tax Payable		(2,576.20)
United way Payable		322.00
Deferred Compensation Payable		(25.00)
FSA Payable		(376.48)
LEPC Contingency Fund		305.25
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Total Current Liabilities		16,150.64
Long-Term Liabilities		
Accrued Annual Leave		41,305.44
Long Term Debt - OPEB		1,681.00
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Total Long-Term Liabilities		42,986.44
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Total Liabilities		59,137.08
Capital		
Fund Balance-Unassigned		(231,544.02)
Fund Balance-Assigned		514,000.00
Net Income		404.29
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Total Capital		282,860.27
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Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u><u>341,997.35</u></u>

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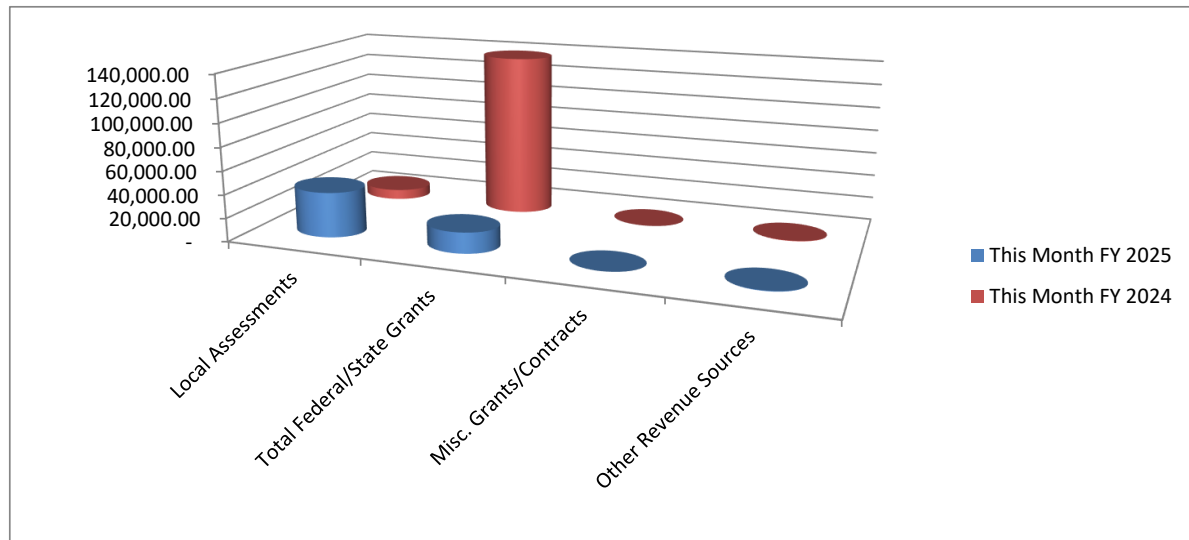
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2024 - 2025 Workplan & Budget Financial Snapshot Jan-25

Revenues

Local Assessments
Total Federal/State Grants
Misc. Grants/Contracts
Other Revenue Sources

Monthly Revenues



Notes: Local Assessments billed at the beginning of each quarter: October, January, April and July

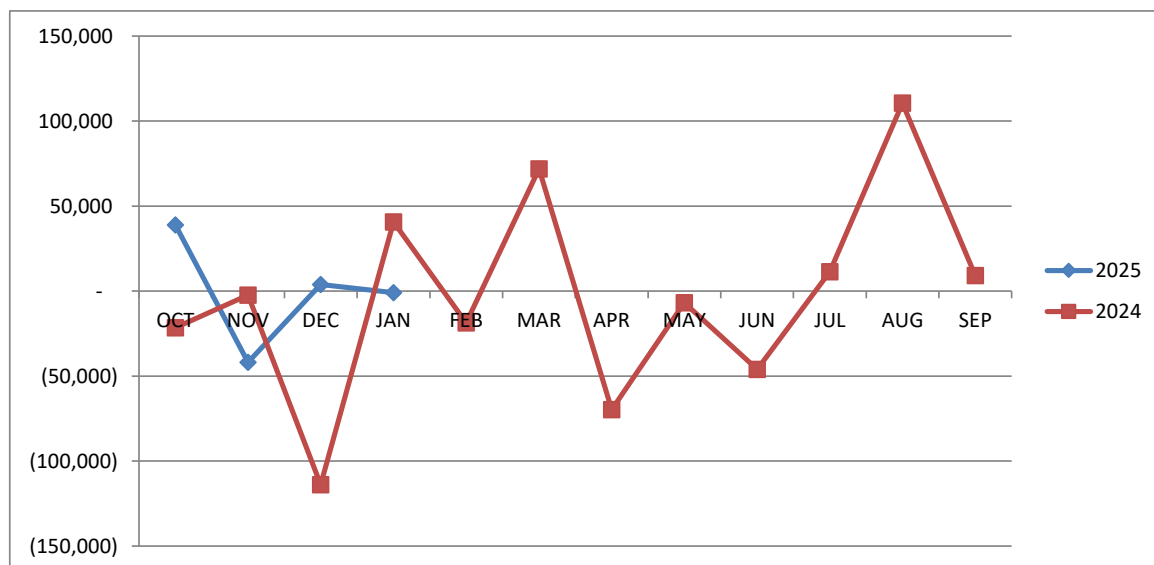
State/Federal Grants billed quarterly: LEPC, HMEP

Federal Grants billed Semi Annually: Economic Development

Misc. Grants/Contracts billed by deliverable: Interagency PO'S

Other(DRI) billed /recorded monthly as cost reimbursement

Monthly Net Income (Loss)



YTD: Net Income \$81 Unaudited

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Detail of Reserve

As of January 31, 2025

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Petty Cash	\$ 200
FineMark Operating Funds	48,734
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<i>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	\$ 48,934

Investments:

FineMark Money Market	\$ 51,306
Local government Surplus Trust Fund Investment Pool (Fund A)	95,034
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<i>Total Investments</i>	\$ 146,340

Total Reserves	<hr/>
	\$ 195,275
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**SWFRPC INCOME STATEMENT
COMPARED WITH BUDGET
FOR THE ONE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2025**

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 24-25 Approved Budget B	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
REVENUES					
LOCAL ASSESSMENTS					
COLLIER COUNTY	28,513	57,026	0	0%	\$ -
GLADES COUNTY	944	1,889	3,777	50%	\$ 1,889
CITY OF NAPLES	1,448	2,896	5,792	0%	\$ 1,446
CITY OF FORT MYERS	7,328	14,657	29,313	50%	\$ 14,657
TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH INC	244	489	977	50%	\$ 489
CITY VENICE (*10/17/24 Not Participating)	-	-	8,338	0%	\$ -
TOTAL LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ 38,478	\$ 76,956	\$ 48,197	160%	\$ 18,480
FEDERAL / STATE GRANTS					
DEM - LEPC 23/24	-	-	-	0%	\$ -
DEM - LEPC 24/25	13,050	13,050	90,000	N/A	\$ 76,950
DEM - HMEP 22/25	-	-	30,724	0%	\$ 30,724
DEM - Lee/Collier Hazard Analysis 24/25	-	-	9,462	0%	\$ 9,462
EDA - CEDS Planning 23-25	-	9,689	100,000	10%	\$ 90,311
EDA - Disaster Recovery Coordinator Ian	-	52,406	71,084	100%	\$ -
FDEP - Marco Island Vulnerability	-	-	9,000	0%	\$ 9,000
EPA - Brownfields	4,679	4,679	191,410	2%	\$ 186,731
USDA - Regional Food Systems - USDA	-	82,112	209,448	39%	\$ 127,336
Vista Supervisor	-	8,017	19,637	41%	\$ 11,620
Promise Zone	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
TOTAL FEDERAL / STATE GRANTS	\$ 17,729	\$ 169,953	\$ 730,765	23%	\$ 542,134
MISC. GRANTS / CONTRACTS/CONTRACTUAL					
CHNEP Calendar 2025	-	-	5,000	N/A	\$ -
HERO	-	-	8,000	0%	\$ 8,000
TOTAL MISC. GRANTS/CONTRACTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	0%	\$ 8,000
DRIS/NOPCS/MONITORING					
DRI MONITORING FEES	- \$	- \$	-	N/A	\$ -
DRIS/NOPCS INCOME	- \$	1,875 \$	21,000	N/A	\$ 19,125
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 1,875	\$ 21,000		\$ 19,125
Program Development (Unsecured Grants/Contract)					
*Program Development (Unsecured)	-	-	-	100%	\$ -
TOTAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
OTHER REVENUE SOURCES					
Misc. Income	-		400	0%	\$ 400
INTEREST INCOME - Money Market	9	35	800	4%	\$ 765

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 24-25 Approved Budget B	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
Fund A Investment Income	367	1,520	800	190%	\$ (720)
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	\$ 376	\$ 1,554	\$ 2,000	78%	\$ 446
<i>Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 56,583	\$ 250,338	\$ 809,962	31%	\$ 588,185

EXPENSES

PERSONNEL EXPENSES					
SALARIES EXPENSE	\$ 21,597	\$ 97,267	\$ 280,758	35%	\$ 183,491
FICA EXPENSE	1,638	7,383	23,339	32%	\$ 15,956
RETIREMENT EXPENSE	11,953	25,162	84,346	30%	\$ 59,184
HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSE	3,901	14,213	38,520	37%	\$ 24,307
WORKERS COMP. EXPENSE	104	208	1,011	21%	\$ 803
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. EXPENSE	-	-	-	N/A	-
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	\$ 39,193	\$ 144,234	\$ 427,974	34%	283,740
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
CONSULTANTS	\$ -	\$ 2,425	\$ 12,625	19%	\$ 10,201
GRANT/CONSULTING EXPENSE	9,001	68,360	376,824	18%	\$ 308,464
AUDIT SERVICES EXPENSE	-	1,000	30,000	3%	\$ 29,000
TRAVEL EXPENSE	382	457	23,000	2%	\$ 22,543
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1	4	-	#DIV/0!	\$ (4)
POSTAGE / SHIPPING EXPENSE	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
INSURANCE EXPENSE	28	6,034	7,044	86%	\$ 1,010
PRINTING/REPRODUCTION EXPENSE	-	580	1,000	58%	\$ 421
ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES EXP	91	15,075	1,600	942%	\$ (13,475)
OTHER MISC. EXPENSE	50	50	500	10%	\$ 450
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	113	496	800	N/A	\$ 304
OFFICE SUPPLIES EXPENSE	396	946	1,000	95%	\$ 54
COMPUTER RELATED EXPENSE	2,963	5,220	21,947	24%	\$ 16,727
DUES AND MEMBERSHIP	-	-	2,699	0%	\$ 2,699
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
MEETINGS/EVENTS EXPENSE	5,269	5,377	2,000	269%	\$ (3,377)
CAPITAL OUTLAY - OPERATIONS	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
UNCOLLECTABLE RECEIVABLES	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
FUND BALANCE			\$ 453,577		
OPERATIONAL EXP.	\$ 18,293	\$ 106,023	\$ 934,616	11%	375,016

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 24-25 Approved Budget B	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXP.			\$ 934,616		
TOTAL CASH OUTLAY	\$ 57,486	\$ 250,257	\$ 1,362,590		\$ 658,756
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ (903)</u>	<u>\$ 81</u>			

SWFRPC
Balance Sheet
January 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash - Florida Prime	\$	95,033.82
Cash - FineMark Oper.		48,734.37
Cash - FineMark MM		51,306.31
Petty Cash		200.00
Accounts Receivable		99,390.20
Transfer of Funds		30.00
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Total Current Assets		294,694.70
Property and Equipment		
Property, Furniture & Equip		43,026.31
Accumulated Depreciation		(43,025.31)
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Total Property and Equipment		1.00
Other Assets		
Amount t.b.p. for L.T.L.-Leave		41,305.44
FSA Deposit		0.29
Amt t.b.p. for L.T.Debt-OPEB		1,681.00
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Total Other Assets		42,986.73
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Total Assets	\$	<u><u>337,682.43</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Deferred_Palmer_Ranch_5362	\$	13,125.00
FICA Taxes Payable		1,216.41
Federal W/H Tax Payable		(2,584.95)
United way Payable		322.00
Deferred Compensation Payable		75.00
FSA Payable		(299.56)
LEPC Contingency Fund		305.25
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Total Current Liabilities		12,159.15
Long-Term Liabilities		
Accrued Annual Leave		41,305.44
Long Term Debt - OPEB		1,681.00
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Total Long-Term Liabilities		42,986.44
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Total Liabilities		55,145.59
Capital		
Fund Balance-Unassigned		(231,544.02)
Fund Balance-Assigned		514,000.00
Net Income		80.86
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Total Capital		282,536.84
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Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u><u>337,682.43</u></u>

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Draft Comparison of Assessments
(Current vs Proposed)
(Informational)

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Assessment Comparison

Per Capita: Current (\$.30) Proposed (\$.15)

County

MEMBER	POPULATION 2023 (BEER Estimates)	CURRENT ASSESSMENT .30/Capita	Quarterly Assessment	PROPOSED ASSESSMENT .15/Capita	Quarterly Assessment
Charlotte County	204,126	\$ 61,237.80	\$ 15,309.45	\$ 30,618.90	\$ 7,654.73
Collier County	399,480	\$ 119,844.00	\$ 29,961.00	\$ 59,922.00	\$ 14,980.50
Glades County	12,591	\$ 3,777.30	\$ 944.33	\$ 1,888.65	\$ 472.16
Hendry County	40,895	\$ 12,268.50	\$ 3,067.13	\$ 6,134.25	\$ 1,533.56
Lee County	800,989	\$ 240,296.70	\$ 60,074.18	\$ 120,148.35	\$ 30,037.09
Sarasota County	464,223	\$ 139,266.90	\$ 34,816.73	\$ 69,633.45	\$ 17,408.36
Total Assessments	1,922,304	\$ 576,691	\$ 144,172.80	\$ 288,346	\$ 72,086.40

Municipalities

MEMBER	POPULATION 2023 (BEER Estimates)	CURRENT ASSESSMENT .30/Capita	Quarterly Assessment	PROPOSED ASSESSMENT .15/Capita	Quarterly Assessment
Punta Gorda	20,410	\$ 6,123.00	\$ 1,530.75	\$ 3,061.50	\$ 765.38
Everglades	376	\$ 112.80	\$ 28.20	\$ 56.40	\$ 14.10
Marco Island	16,198	\$ 4,859.40	\$ 1,214.85	\$ 2,429.70	\$ 607.43
Naples	19,306	\$ 5,791.80	\$ 1,447.95	\$ 2,895.90	\$ 723.98
Moore Haven	1,529	\$ 458.70	\$ 114.68	\$ 229.35	\$ 57.34
Clewiston	7,278	\$ 2,183.40	\$ 545.85	\$ 1,091.70	\$ 272.93
Labelle	5,083	\$ 1,524.90	\$ 381.23	\$ 762.45	\$ 190.61
Bonita Springs	54,868	\$ 16,460.40	\$ 4,115.10	\$ 8,230.20	\$ 2,057.55
Cape Coral	213,301	\$ 63,990.30	\$ 15,997.58	\$ 31,995.15	\$ 7,998.79
Estero	37,507	\$ 11,252.10	\$ 2,813.03	\$ 5,626.05	\$ 1,406.51
Fort Myers	97,711	\$ 29,313.30	\$ 7,328.33	\$ 14,656.65	\$ 3,664.16
Fort Myers Beach	3,255	\$ 976.50	\$ 244.13	\$ 488.25	\$ 122.06
Sanibel	5,946	\$ 1,783.80	\$ 445.95	\$ 891.90	\$ 222.98
Longboat Key	4,776	\$ 1,432.80	\$ 358.20	\$ 716.40	\$ 179.10
North Port	86,552	\$ 25,965.60	\$ 6,491.40	\$ 12,982.80	\$ 3,245.70
Sarasota	57,005	\$ 17,101.50	\$ 4,275.38	\$ 8,550.75	\$ 2,137.69
Venice	27,793	\$ 8,337.90	\$ 2,084.48	\$ 4,168.95	\$ 1,042.24
Total Assessments	658,894	\$ 197,668	\$ 36,207.60	\$ 98,834	\$ 18,103.80

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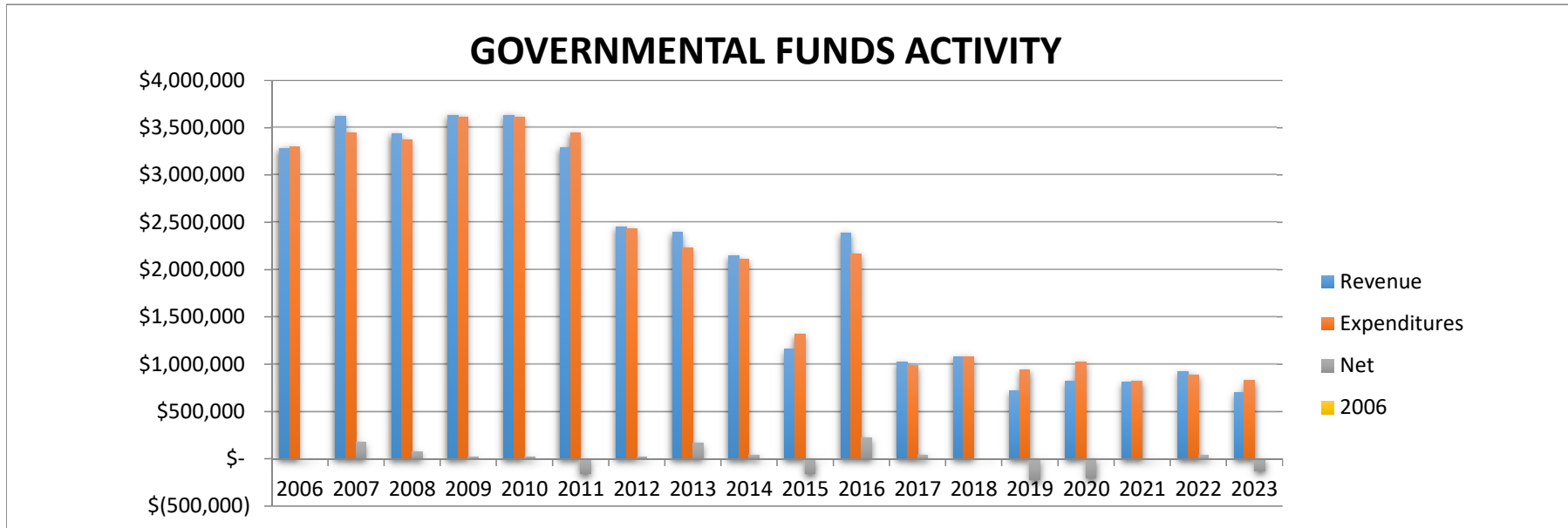
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Government Fund Activity
(Informational)

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (FUND BASIS STATEMENTS) - ALL FUNDS
Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2006 - September 30, 2023



Fiscal Yr	Revenue	Expenditures	Net
2006	\$ 3,282,874	\$ 3,293,955	\$ (11,081)
2007	3,620,972	3,448,094	172,878
2008	3,439,973	3,367,828	72,145
2009	3,631,561	3,613,833	17,728
2010	3,633,853	3,609,479	24,374
2011	3,288,138	3,448,360	(160,222)
2012	2,453,411	2,430,302	23,109 ***
2013	2,397,441	2,231,934	165,507
2014	2,145,900	2,105,488	40,412
2015	1,157,034	1,317,493	(160,459) *
2016	2,388,620	2,165,278	223,342 ****
2017	1,025,345	984,746	40,599
2018	1,080,206	1,078,114	2,092
2019	719,149	942,205	(223,056)
2020	821,515	1,024,052	(202,537)
2021	812,304	821,590	(9,286)
2022	923,912	889,926	33,986
2023	701,645	827,221	(125,576)

* NEP departed 10/1/14

**** includes sale of building

*** MPO departed

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: March 20, 2025

Mission Statement:

To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

1. Management / Operations

a. **UPDATE: ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY LISTENING SESSION - PROJECT EXPLORATION WORKSHOP**

- February 19, 2025 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.
- **Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street**
- **Punta Gorda, FL 33950**
- Project Summary Forms

b. **Legislative Updates**

- SB1264 and HB1125 See Attached Summary and Fact Sheets

2. Resource Development and Capacity Building

- Promise Zone Grants (as of December 11, 2024)

Awarded: \$5,306,160.25

Pending: \$1,262,667

Denied: \$26,540,098.50

Underdevelopment: NA

3. Second Quarter : January – March 2025

a. Recovery and Resiliency Projects

- Awarded \$239,700 RRDG Grant submitted to FHERO for Economic Development
- Pending NOAA grant for \$500,000 to reinforce the docks for the Shrimp Industry
- **Awarded \$282,000 FDEP Resiliency Florida Grant for SWFL Resilience Collaborative Project** Kick off meeting March 14, 2025
- Next RPC Meeting April 17, 2025

Grants in Promise Zone

February 20, 2025

1. **Awarded** (8/17/17): \$30,000- DEO 2018 Agriculture Sustainability for small to mid-sized growers in Promise Zone. Awarded to the SWFRPC
2. **Awarded** (2019) \$24,000 to Lee County Housing Development Corp. for Comprehensive Housing Counseling to residents including Immokalee residents from HUD.
3. **Awarded** (5/7/2018): \$30,000 DEO for food safety plans for small to mid-sized growers. Awarded to the SWFRPC
4. **Awarded** (8/08/18): \$206,545 - EDA Disaster Supplemental - for Development of new markets for small to mid-sized growers, branding and marketing campaign. Awarded to the SWFRPC
5. **Awarded** (4/25/18): \$600,000 - EPA Brownfield assessment grant in Promise Zone. Awarded to the SWFRPC
6. **Awarded** \$24,921 - HUD Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant to the Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County
7. **Awarded** \$1.4 Million to the National association of Latino Community Asset Builders from HUD Rural Capacity Building Community Development and Affordable Housing Program. Nonprofits and local governments can apply for technical assistance and loan funding for community and economic development projects as well as assistance with affordable housing development projects
8. **Awarded** \$100,000 over 2 years for a Food Policy Council Coordinator from NACo
9. **Awarded** (submitted 2/3/2020; awarded 7/2/2020) \$125,000 - Legal Aid Society The **Education & Outreach Initiative (EOI) Project – General Component** will explain to the general public and local housing providers what “equal opportunity in housing” means and what housing providers need to do to comply with the Fair Housing Act. All services will be provided and available to residents of the FHIP service area which includes Hendry, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties. Grant period June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.
10. **Awarded**: (7/21/2020) \$400,000 EDA CARES ACT Invited for Regional Disaster Economic Recovery Coordinator to evaluate the Impacts of COVID 19 on the region and develop a recovery and resilience plan for the region.

11. **Awarded:** (4/7/2020) \$175,000 requested but \$160,432 was awarded Clewiston Water from Master Plan from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Boating Improvement Program.
12. **Awarded:** \$350,000 An application was submitted in partnership with the University of Florida IFAS to the Department of Economic Opportunity CDBG-Mitigation Planning program requesting \$390,000 to develop a Resiliency Strategy for Local Food Systems in Southwest Florida. (Deadline 7/30/2020)
13. **Awarded:** \$3000 grant from CHNEP for Rebekah Harp to do the design work for their calendar
14. **Awarded:** SWFRPC, IFAS, Blue Zones, TREC submitted a \$752,426.25 USDA – Regional Food System Partnerships Program grant to implement the trademarked SWFL Fresh Choose Local Choose Fresh regional brand to showcase SWFL food producers and their products through multiple marketing platforms. The brand will support the development of new markets for farmers, increase public knowledge of healthy, local food sources, and connect food producers to consumers. The Collier County Blue Zones provided a 16.9% match of \$108,926.25.
15. **Awarded:** \$500,000 EPA Grants for Brownfield Assessment in Glades County from July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2026
16. **Awarded:** (10/20/2021) EDA grant for \$321,836 for Disaster Recovery Coordinator to help Small to mid-sized growers and small and minority owned businesses access disaster recovery funds following Hurricane Ian
17. **Awarded:** (2/14/23) FDEP grant for \$78, 000 for a Vulnerability Assessment for Marco Island
18. **Awarded** (6/4/2020) \$125,000 request by Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc for Hendry County from the Fair Housing Initiatives Program Education and Outreach initiative through HUD. (“The Fair Housing Project at Legal Aid is applying for an Education & Outreach Grant from HUD for the fiscal year 2022-23 in the amount of \$125,000.”)
19. **Awarded** (6/1/2023) DEO Planning Grant for a master plan for the properties owned by the Shrimp Industry, (\$75,000)
20. **Awarded** (3/29/24) Florida Dept of Commerce RRDG grant submitted for FHERO for \$188,625 grant with a \$62,875 match. Total Project: \$251,500

21. Denied: (3/11/23) FDEO Rural Infrastructure Program for \$300,000 for a stand-by generator at the WWTP.
22. Denied (10/14/2021) Lee County Housing Development Corp. submitted a grant to HUD for Comprehensive Housing Counseling to residents including Immokalee residents.
23. Denied: DRI-RR, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to providing rural communities with the skills and knowledge needed to revitalize submitted a grand to USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program in cooperation with Florida Main Street to offer services to four Florida communities, one of which is LaBelle, in order to provide each community with a Development Readiness Initiative (DRI) training and a Revitalization Roadmap at no cost to them.
24. Denied: (3/2021) \$11,000 The DRI training is a day-long on-site training created to help communities understand how COVID-19 has impacted their community and identify the available resources that each community can leverage. Through this training, the community will be able to identify a strategy for the creation of a locally-based economy that will support the quality of life necessary to retain families and professionals. Our end goal is to provide each community with the training and tools necessary to become proactive with private development, encouraging the right types of development and attracting necessary services. Additionally, the training will help identify what is necessary to master the Duration, Intensity, Rate, and Timing (DIRT) of development, utilizing private development to fulfill necessary and desired community amenities or services. Furthermore, the Revitalization Roadmap is a hybrid downtown and strategic plan, offering a set of implementable recommendations that will catalyze downtown revitalization. The final product is graphically rich and broken down into similar groups like the National Main Street Center's four-step approach to revitalization. The overall roadmap process will encourage the unification of residents' voices and rally support for improvements by all residents.
25. Denied: 9/25/2020 to the National association of Latino Community Asset Builders from HUD Rural Capacity Building Community Development and Affordable Housing Program. Nonprofits and local governments can apply for technical assistance and loan funding for community and economic development projects as well as assistance with affordable housing development projects.
26. Denied (6/17/19) \$1,000,000: Perkins Innovation and Modernization Grant program for Collier County Schools. The project title is Professional Careers in the New Economy (PCNE). PCNE will focus on two of CCPS's highest-need schools: Immokalee Middle and Immokalee High schools. The goal of the project is to better prepare students for success in the workforce.

27. Denied (6/25/2019) Housing Authority of the City of Ft. Myers. The grant will provide funds for housing counseling advise to tenants and homeowners with respect to property maintenance, financial management and literacy.
28. Denied (6/4/2019) Goodwill Industries for The SWFL MicroEnterprise Institute will (if funding is secured through the SBA Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs grant) counsel and provide training for approximately 150 – 180 participants in ten – twelve courses delivered to residents of Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades and Collier counties.
29. Denied (5/30/2019) Seminole Tribe of Florida - If awarded this grant through the HUD IHGB program, the Native Learning Center will be providing technical assistance and training to all Native American Housing Authorities including the Mikasuki and any other resident Tribes within your region.
30. Denied: (10/14/2021) The Affordable Homeownership Foundation, Inc. submitted a grant for housing counseling to HUD
31. Denied: (9/13/2021) \$13,874,000 Prepared and submitted an application for the City of Clewiston for the DEO CDBG- MIT- GIP Round II to make upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment facility and expand the WWTP capacity. Facility upgrades will include the installation of a new 300kw generator, the installation of bypass pumps, and the planning and installation of a new pump station. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
32. Denied: Submitted:(9/14/2021) \$2,067,935 Prepared and submitted and an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida CDBG-Mit- GIP Round II for the City of Clewiston to replace transmission line insulators and overhead ground wires to increase the City's energy resiliency in the event of a major storm. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
33. Denied (6/26/2019) HUD Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant to the Affordable Homeownership Foundation Inc.
34. Denied (6/26.2020) \$176,000; FL Dept of Ag & Consumer Services Southwest Florida Fresh-Specialty Crop grant program for funding to market the "SWFL Fresh" brand.
35. Denied (3/2/2020) \$1,455,815 Building Resilient Kid: SAMHSA for Media campaign to address underaged alcohol, marijuana and substance/opioid use.
36. Denied: (6/5/20) \$45,921.46 DEO Community Planning Technical assistance Grant for a septic to sewer conversion study

37. Denied (4/24/2020) \$425,000 request by Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc for Hendry County from the Fair Housing Initiatives Program Education and Outreach initiative (\$125,000) and Private Enforcement Initiative - Multi-Year Funding Component(\$300,000) to teach and disseminate information on Fair Housing
38. Denied: 4/1/2021 CDC Addiction and Recovery Grant for Media Campaign to prevent kids from first time use. In partnership with Drug Free Lee and Drug Free Collier: \$50,000
39. Denied: \$45,000 submitted to DEO for Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant (CPTA) for a strategic Plan for upgrades to Ortona Indian Mound Park in Glades County.
40. Denied: Submitted:(6/30/2020) \$143,306 Prepared and submitted and an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida CDBG-Mitigation Critical Facility Hardening Program for the City of Clewiston to replace transmission line insulators and overhead ground wires to increase the City's energy resiliency in the event of a major storm. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
41. Denied: CDBG-MIT GIP Program The SWFRPC prepared an application for the City of Clewiston to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program to storm harden portions of its transmission and distribution lines, therefore increasing energy resiliency in the community. The City will be requesting \$682,000 in funding from the program.
42. Denied: Submitted (6/30/2020) \$3,141,031, Prepared and submitted an application for the City of Clewiston for the DEO CDBG-DR Infrastructure Repair Program Cycle 2 to make upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment facility. Facility upgrades will include the installation of a new 300kw generator, the installation of bypass pumps, and the planning and installation of a new pump station. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will provide administrative services that will include reporting, grant management, closeout, contract and deliverable monitoring, and distribution of funds.
43. Denied: 2/2021 FL Dept. Of Agriculture- Specialty Crop, SWFL Fresh Choose Local Choose Fresh Marketing Project requesting \$207,000.
44. Denied: 01/2022 \$460,000 EDA ARPA BBBRC for Phase I: Developing an Inland Port system in Rural Southern Florida.

45. Denied (7/17/2023) EDA Disaster Supplemental grant for Food Resiliency Planning and Virtual Food HUB. Co Applicants with FGCU (\$600,000)

Awarded: \$5,557,660.25

Pending: \$1,262,667

Denied: \$26,840,098.50

Underdevelopment: NA

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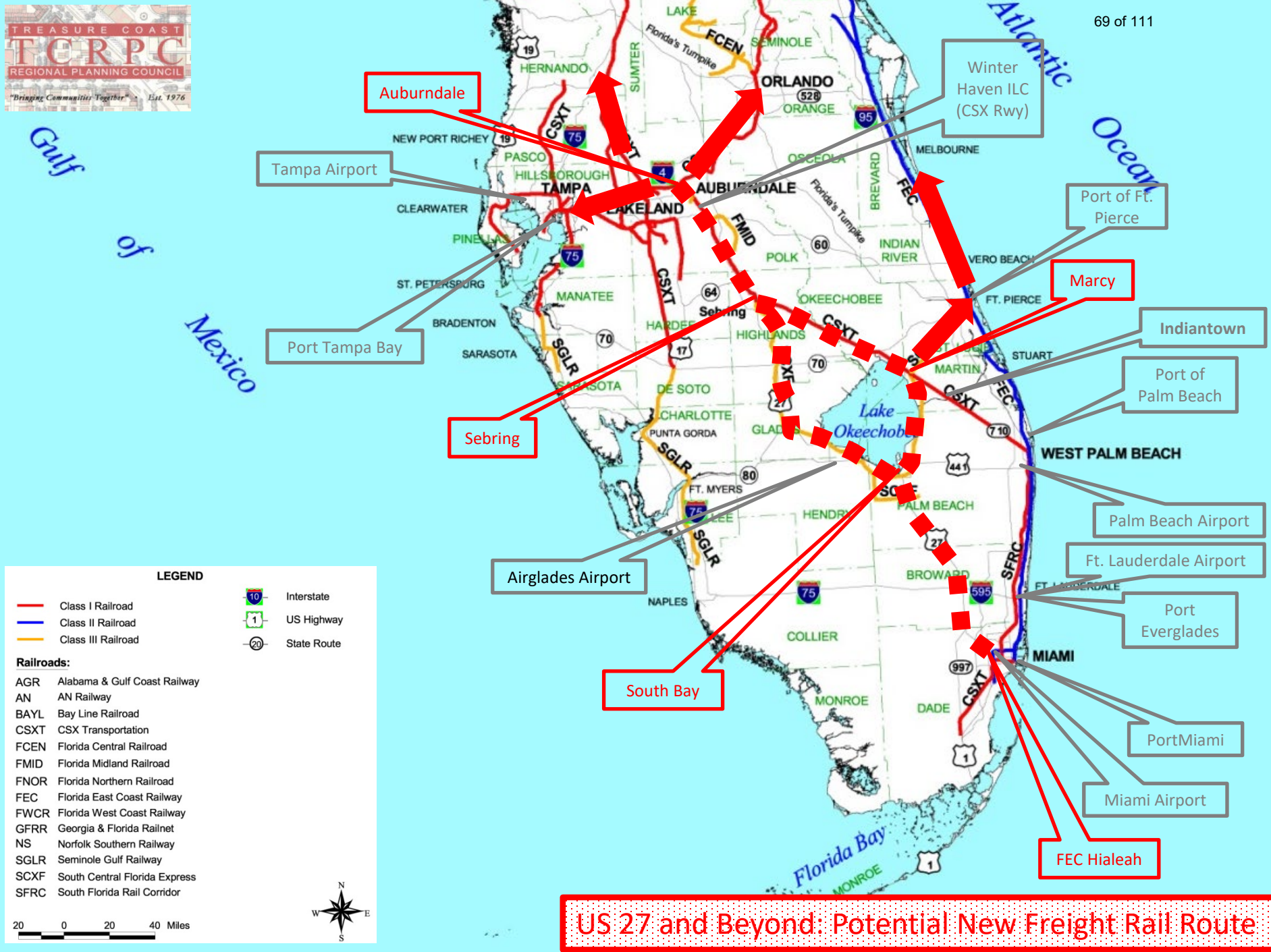
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US 27 Rail Corridor Map &
Presentation

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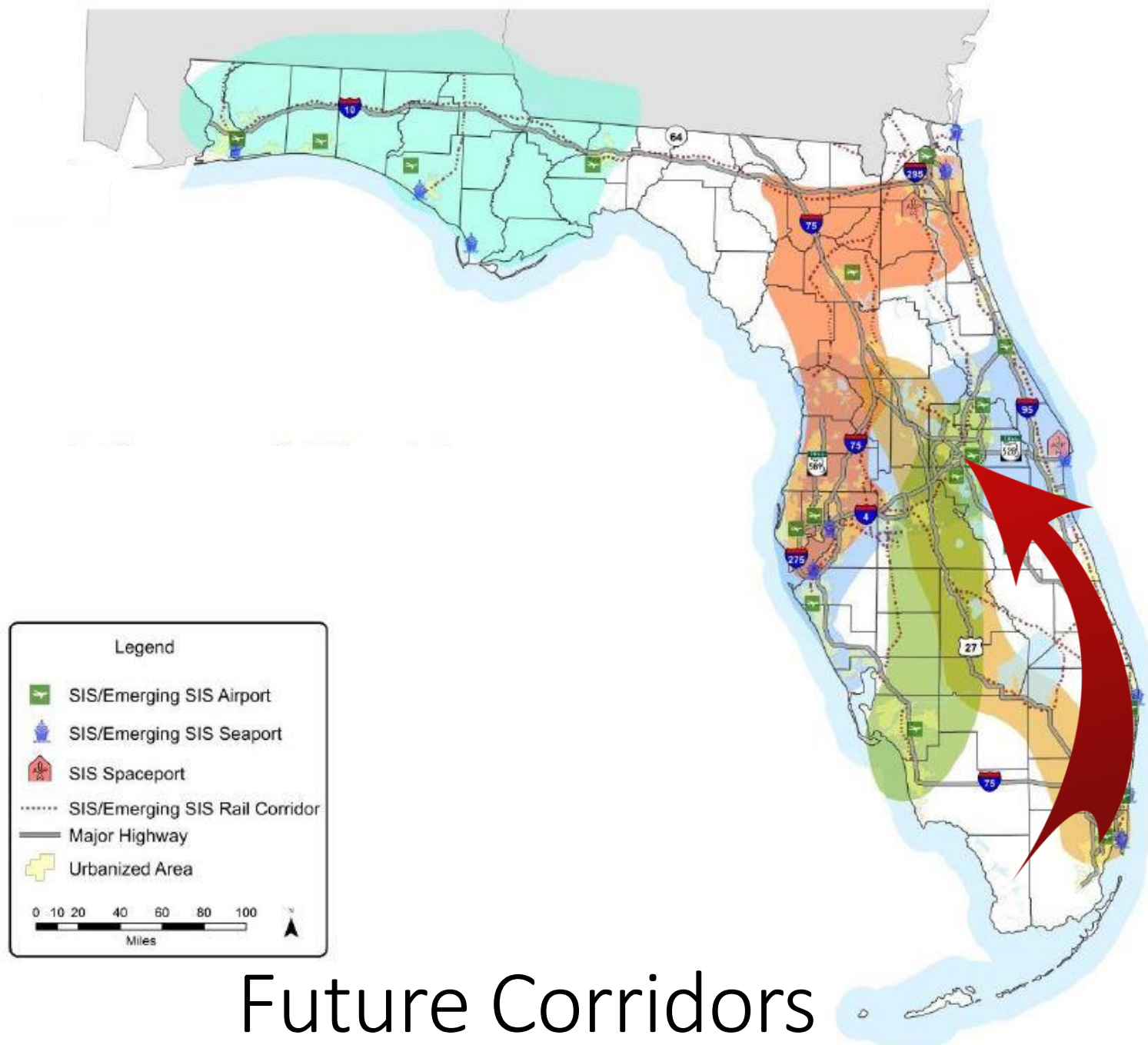


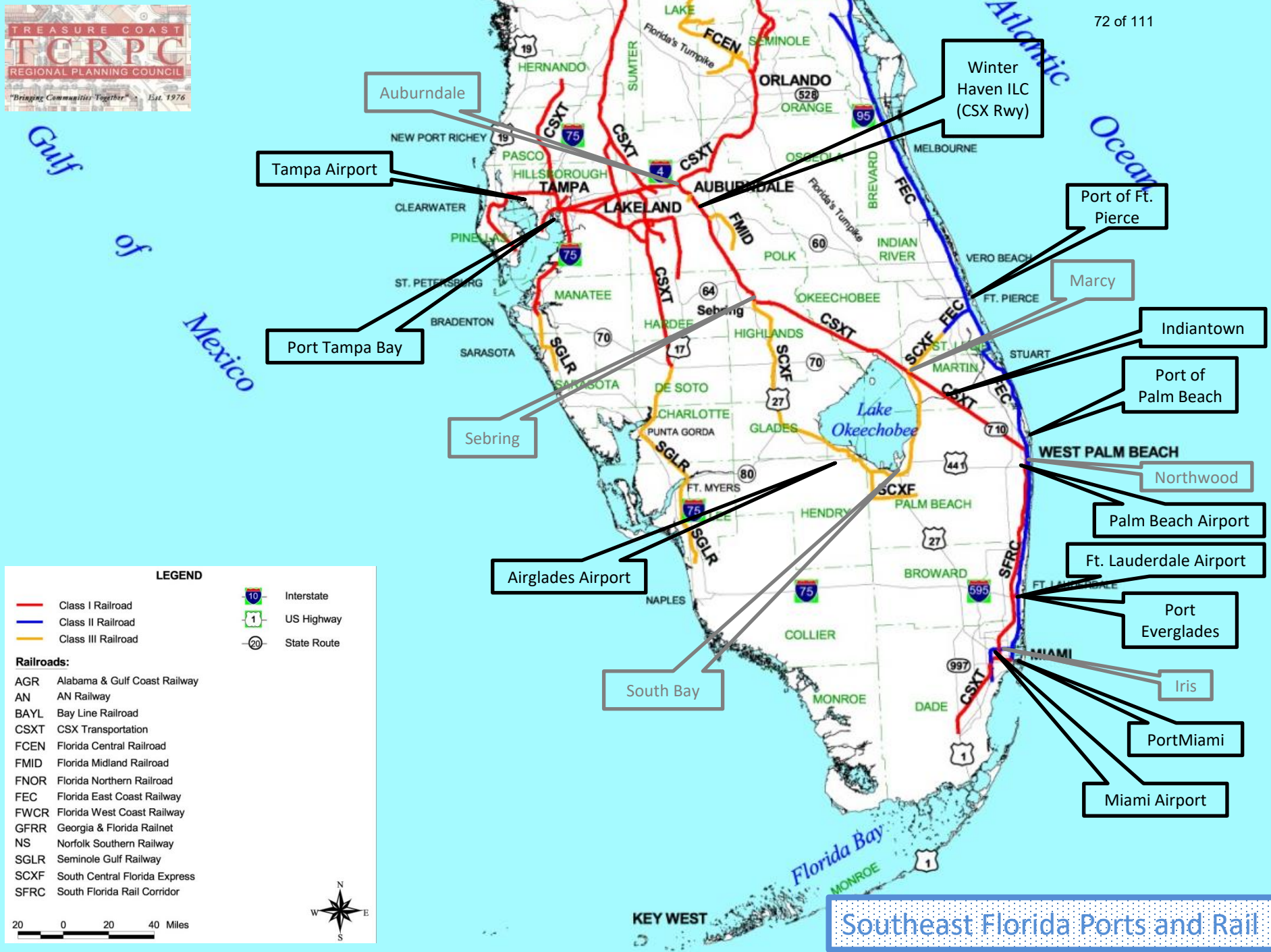
US 27 and Beyond: Potential New Freight Rail Route

US 27 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR



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Southeast Florida Ports and Rail



FDOT Studies to Date

- 2004 US 27 Action Plan
- 2008 US 27 Multimodal Corridor Needs Assessment
- 2010 US 27 Rail Corridor Study Feasibility Assessment
- 2012 Interregional Transportation Infrastructure Needs Study
- 2012-2013 US 27 Multimodal Planning And Conceptual Engineering (PACE) Study
- 2013 US 27 Transportation Alternatives Study
- 2018 US 27 Existing Conditions Study (underway)



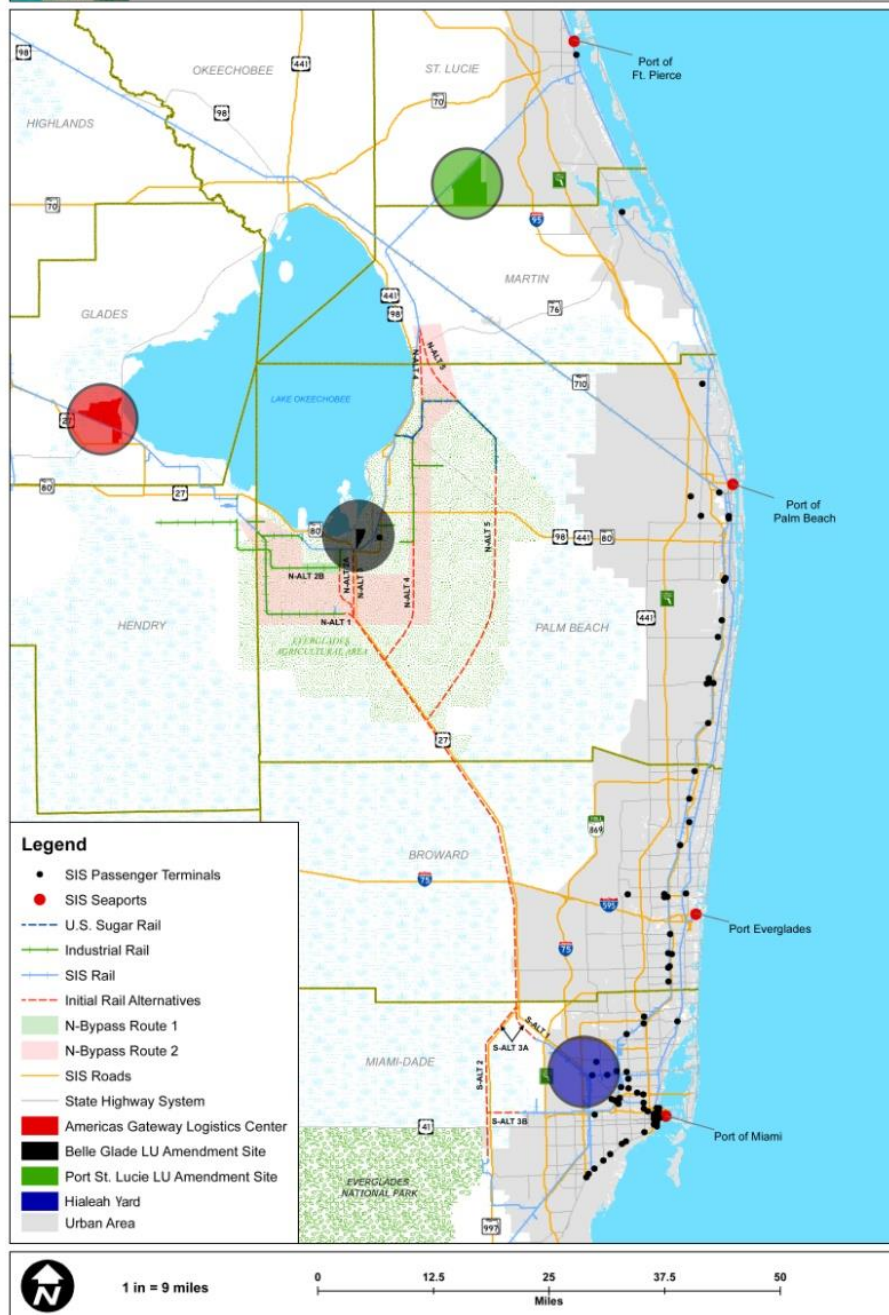
US 27 Multimodal PACE Study Goal

- Investigate Feasibility of Developing a Multimodal US 27 Corridor

Primary Study Objectives

- Feasibility of Potential Rail By-Pass
- Identify Conceptual Engineering Alternatives for US 27 Highway Corridor with and without Rail
- Preliminary Environmental Evaluation
- Plan for US 27 based on Travel Demand and SIS Standards



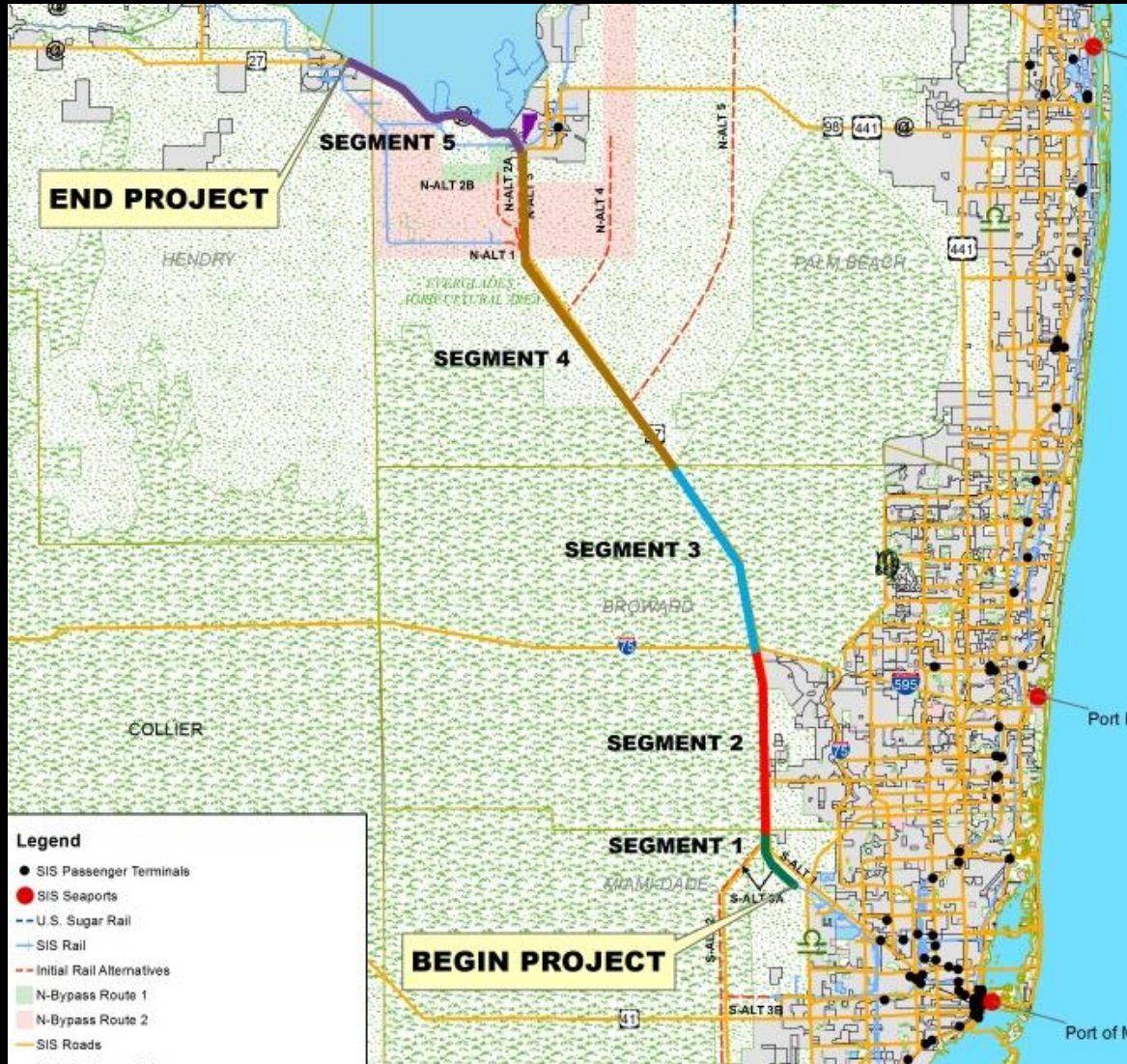


US 27 Corridor

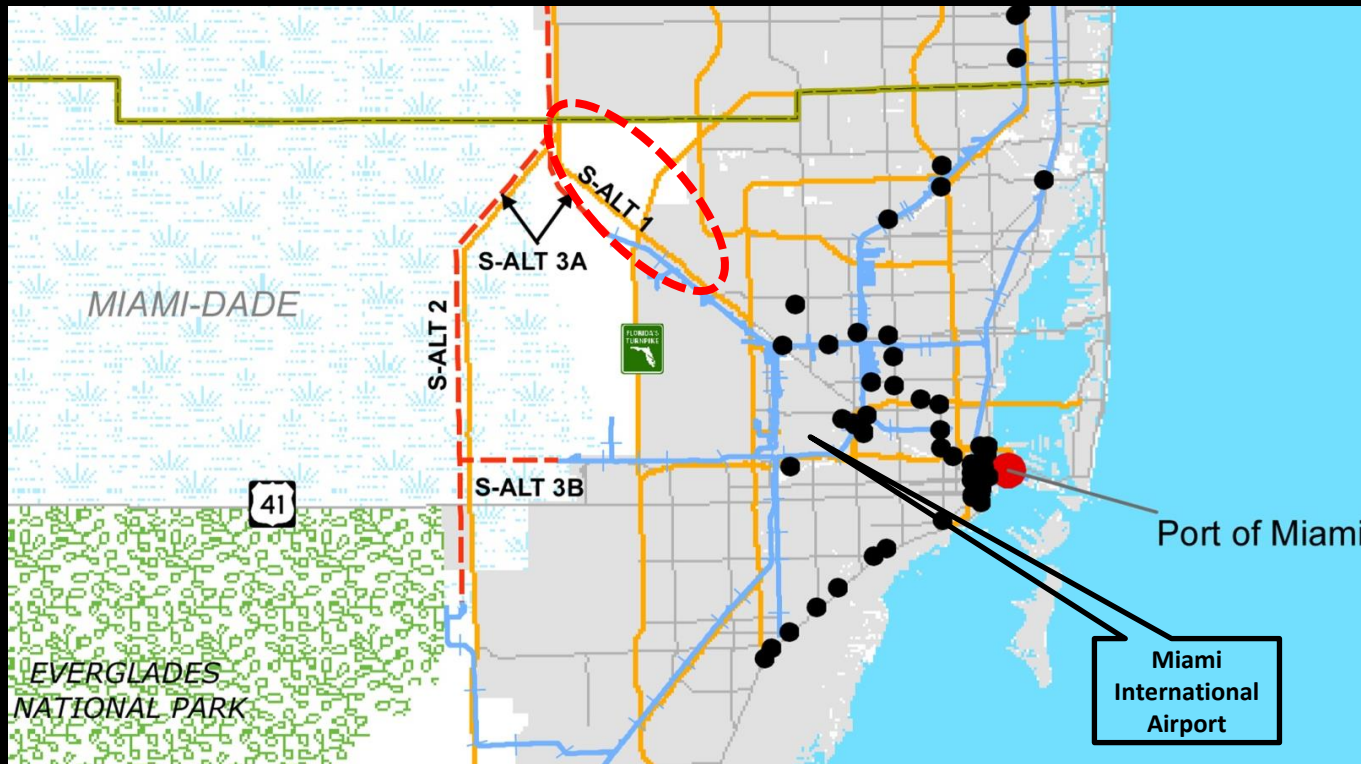
- 72-Mile Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Corridor
- Everglades Agricultural Area
- Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC)
- Four Lane Divided Highway
- 100' to 481' Right of Way
- Speed Limit: 30 mph – 65 mph
- Connects to Turnpike, I-75, SR 80
- 1 Interchange, 8 Signalized Intersections, 26 Unsignalized Intersections, Multiple Driveways
- 2010 Level of Service was B
- 7,100 AADT - 33,000 AADT; 20% - 42% Trucks

Multimodal Alternative

- Add lanes same as “Highway Only” Alternative
- Reconstruct and shift highway within ROW
- Construct single mainline track with five 2-mile siding tracks within ROW



Southern Connection Options To Ft. Lauderdale



- 1 FEC Connection on South Side of US 27
- 2 CSX Connections Along Krome Avenue
- S-ALT 1 FEC Connection, Most Direct Route, Least Cost, Least Environmental Impact, Least Cost, Right-of-Way Is Needed

Northern Connection Options

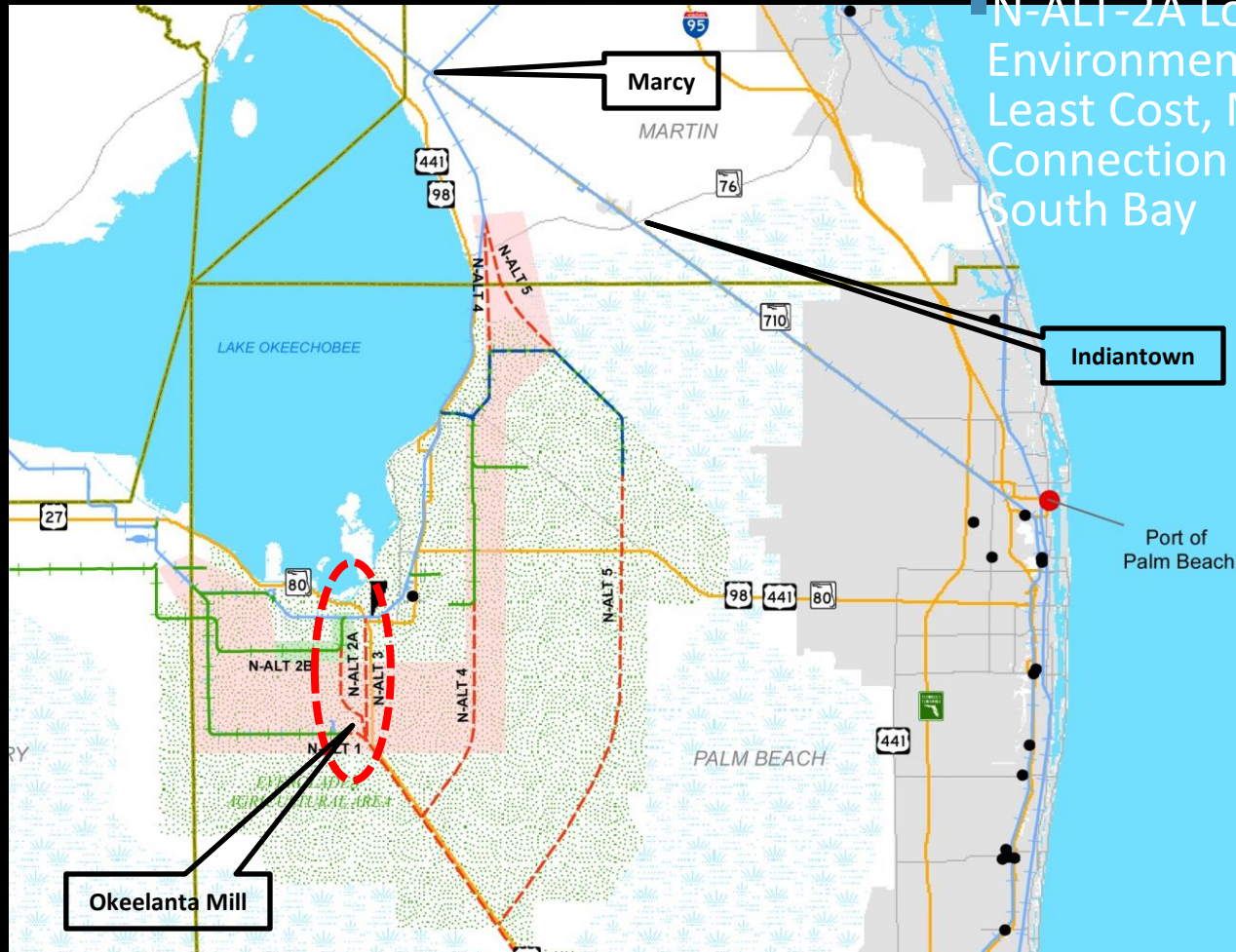
To Sebring &
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To Fort Pierce

- 5 Potential Connections to existing tracks for South Central Florida Express or Florida East Coast Railway

- N-ALT-2A Lowest Environmental Impacts, Least Cost, Most Direct Connection Avoiding South Bay

To Sebring &
Orlando



Conclusions

- US 27 must be widened to accommodate future ILC traffic;
- Potential rail demand estimated at 15 to 22 trains per day;
- **No engineering or environmental fatal flaws** identified for widening US 27 & adding rail;
- Adding a railroad determined to be **physically feasible**.

Project Conclusions and Costs


Highway Only Alternative

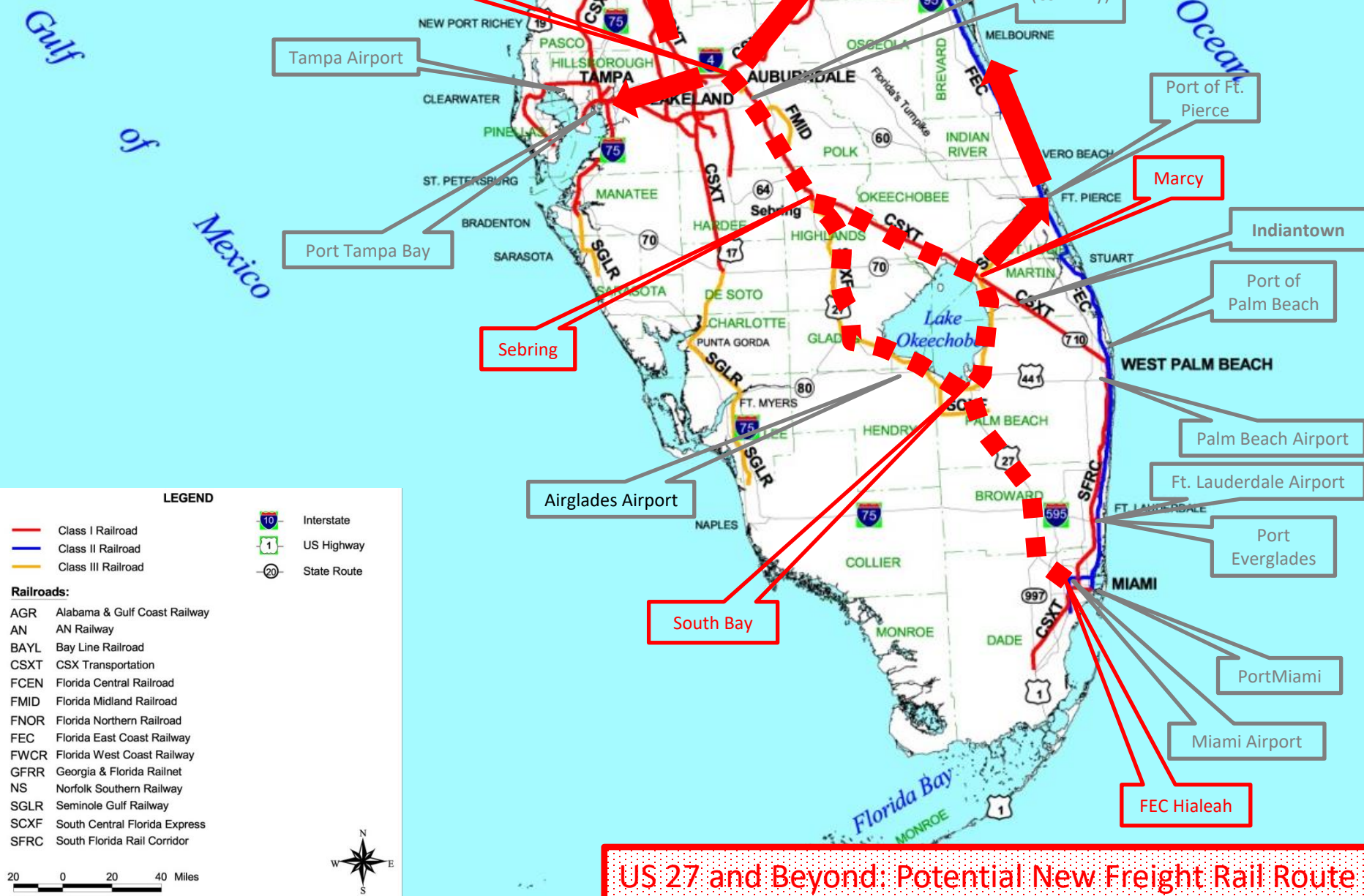
- 321 Mainline lane miles of highway widening & resurfacing
- 11 new or widened bridges
- 15 intersection improvements
- 2 interchanges & 3 u-turn improvements
- Construction Cost: \$600.1M
- ROW Cost: \$42.5M
- Design & CEI Cost: \$120.0M
- **Total Cost: \$762.7M**

Multimodal Alternative

- 386 Mainline lane miles of highway widening & reconstruction
- 23 new or widened bridges
- 20 intersection improvements
- 2 interchanges & 3 u-turn improvements
- 75 track-miles of rail
- 10 rail bridges
- Construction Cost: \$965.6M
- ROW Cost: \$87.4M
- Design & CEI Cost: \$193.1M
- **Total Cost: \$1.25B (\$487M more)**
- **\$17 M per Mile (\$6.7M per mile more)**

Benefits of Moving Forward

- 
- Reducing freight traffic through the population centers of the coast between Ft. Pierce and Miami (80% freight diversion from FEC)
 - Eliminating need for new grade separations along coastal FEC
 - Freeing up capacity on the FEC for commuter passenger trains
 - Diverting truck traffic from I-95, Turnpike, and U.S. 27
 - Providing new transportation without triggering new sprawl
 - Supporting economic development and job creation for the distressed communities along the south and east and west sides of Lake Okeechobee
 - Providing transportation capacity to support further port growth



Recent Activities

- February 28, 2017 meeting at Port of Palm Beach with:
FEC Railway, Port of Palm Beach, Staff of Congressman Brian Mast,
Palm Beach MPO, Martin County, TCRPC Staff
- April 21, 2017 Presentation to Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
- June 12, 2017 meeting at SFRPC with:
FEC Railway, Port Everglades, FDOT, Broward MPO, Miami-Dade TPO,
TCRPC, SFRPC and CFRPC Staff, Congressional Staff for Deutch, Mast, and Wilson
Senatorial Staff for Rubio, County Commissioners from Broward and Palm Beach
- Treasure Coast Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Cmtee.
- MPOAC Freight Committee and Governing Board (July 19, 2017)
- Palm Beach County BDB Logistics Task Force (September 6, 2017)
- Miami-Dade TPO Freight Technical Advisory Committee (Oct. 11, 2017)
- Participation in District 1 US 27 Working Group
- Participation in Discussions with FDOT Central Office
- Joint Meeting of the SFRPC and TCRPC (Oct. 20, 2017)
- Martin County Board of County Commissioners (Oct. 24, 2017)
- SEFTC Regional Trans. Technical Advisory Committee (Dec. 13, 2017)
- Seeking prioritization of the project and initiation of PD&E Study

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: Staff
Date: March 17, 2025

Subject: House Bill 1125, Senate Bill 1264, and Resolution #25-01 concerning continuation of Regional Planning Councils in the Florida Statutes

Background

Regional Planning Councils are authorized and established in the Florida Statutes in Chapters 163 and 186, with powers and duties described in those chapters and numerous other places in the Statutes. Shortly before the beginning of this year's session of the Florida Legislature, bills were filed in the House (HB 1125) and Senate (SB 1264) which would eliminate Regional Planning Councils entirely from the Florida Statutes. A similar effort was undertaken in 2021, which was ultimately defeated before reaching the floor of the Senate (SB 62, 2021).

Analysis

Like in 2021, the proposed legislation would eliminate the statutory language authorizing and establishing Regional Planning Councils, as well as all the other references and duties, from the Statutes. Unlike 2021 when this measure was a stand-alone bill, this time the language is part of bills that cover a half-dozen disparate, unrelated topics. Thus, rather than call for denial of the bills, the proposed resolution asks that the language concerning Regional Planning Councils be removed from the bills.

Attached is a Fact Sheet which describes what Councils do across the state and the value provided to state and local governments, communities, and businesses – at no cost to the state and with no state employees. The work Regional Planning Councils do in the areas of Economic Development, Intergovernmental Relations, Urban Planning, Policy Development, Natural Resource Protection, and Emergency Management is impactful across the state and it is our intention, coordinated through the Florida Regional Councils Association, to share this work with the Legislature.

Recommendation

Authorize the execution of Resolution #25-02 opposing elimination of Regional Planning Councils as proposed in House Bill 1125 and Senate Bill 1264 and any similar legislation.

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Attachments

1. Resolution #25-01
2. RPC Fact Sheet

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, land use decisions, and other needs including day-to-day operations.
- Many fiscally constrained rural counties and small municipalities 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**, an economic development strategy for **DeSoto County**, and other 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** and facilitated the first new office building and apartments in over a decade.
 - The [Southwest Florida RPC](#) assisted small to mid-sized growers to increase access to new markets and to become more resilient. With support from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), SWFRPC developed the **Southwest Florida Fresh- Chose Local Chose Fresh** brand and promoted it throughout 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](#) manages the **Franklin County Living Shoreline project** that will create new nearshore reefs along Highway 98 to protect infrastructure, evacuation routes, and reduce shoreline erosion. ARPC was awarded a \$15 million grant and works with county and private sector partners, 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.

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.**
 - 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. The Project is being updated once again to include **new data garnered from Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton.**

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; 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.

Transportation Programs: Rural Transportation Planning and Transportation Disadvantaged Programs

- RPCs collaborate with FDOT, the communities they serve, local governments, their transportation agencies, and stakeholders to plan and implement transportation solutions, such as complete streets, and effective transit design.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
 - 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. 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.



RESOLUTION #25-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF SARASOTA, CHARLOTTE, LEE, COLLIER, HENDRY AND GLADES COUNTIES, FLORIDA; OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION FOR REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS IN FLORIDA AS PROPOSED IN SENATE BILL 1264 AND HOUSE BILL 1125 OR SIMILAR PROPOSED LEGISLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's six county geographical area is comprised of Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hendry and Glades and 17 municipalities contained therein, and

WHEREAS, the Council is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity with policy responsibilities in the areas of economic development, emergency preparedness, energy, natural resources, urban planning, agriculture, 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 10 Regional Planning Councils which perform functions in Economic Development, Transportation, Emergency Preparedness, Regional Convening, and Resilience to the extent and as directed by their member counties, cities, and gubernatorial appointees; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Councils compete for and bring to Florida millions of dollars in federal funds for Economic Development, Transportation, and Environmental and Brownfields Cleanup that would otherwise go to other states; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Councils receive no regular 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 no longer have any regulatory authority and are no longer involved in Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs); and

WHEREAS, Regional Planning Councils serve a critical role in hazardous material response coordination and training through the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) 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 charge 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 and facilitation expertise; and

WHEREAS, proposed Senate Bill 1264 and House Bill 1125 will remove authorization and all references to Regional Planning Councils from the Florida Statutes, depriving the people of the State of the important work the Councils do and the Federal funds they bring into Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHWEST 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 to leave Regional Planning Councils in the Florida Statutes; and

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

DULY ADOPTED by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council this 20th day of March 2025.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel
Chair

Margaret Wuerstle
Executive Director

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Not included in HB 1125	Repeal	68.082	Section 55: False claims against the state; definitions; liability. "State" means the government of the state or any department, division, bureau, commission, regional planning agency, board, district, authority, agency, or other instrumentality of the state." - remove the word 'planning	Page 70 (pdf)	Not included in HB 1125			RPC
	Amend	120.52	Section 56: Definitions. (1) (a) remove " Regional Planning Agency; "	Page 70 (pdf)				RPC
	Amend	120.525	Section 57: Meetings, hearings, and workshops. "(4) For purposes of establishing a quorum at meetings of regional planning councils that cover three or more counties, a voting member who appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication that is broadcast publicly at the meeting location may be counted toward the quorum requirement if at least one third of the voting members of the regional planning council are physically present at the meeting location. A member must provide oral, written, or electronic notice of his or her intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication to the regional planning council at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting."	Page 71 (pdf)	120.525	Section 37: Meetings, hearings, and workshops. ** same as SB1264	Page 56 (pdf)	RPC
	Amend	120.65	Section 58: Administrative law judges. (9) remove " regional planning councils "	Page 72 (pdf)	120.65	Section 52: Administrative law judges. (9) remove " regional planning councils " ** same as SB1264	Page 86 (pdf)	RPC
	Amend	163.3164	Section 59: Community Planning Act; definitions. (43) " Regional planning agency " means the council created pursuant to chapter 186."	Page 72 (pdf)	163.3164	Section 38: Community Planning Act; definitions. ** same as SB1264	Page 57 (pdf)	
	Amend	163.3177	Section 60: Required and optional elements of comprehensive plan; studies and surveys.	Page 72 (pdf)	163.3177	Required and optional elements of comprehensive plan; studies and surveys.	Page 87 (pdf)	RPC
Discussed at 3/4 meeting: No reference to RPC	Amend	163.3178	Section 61: Coastal management. ** no reference to RPCs	Page 75 (pdf)	163.3178	Section 64: Coastal management. ** no reference to RPCs	Page 89 (pdf)	DoC
	Amend	163.3184	Section 62: Process for adoption of comprehensive plan or plan amendment. (1) Definitions (1)(c) remove RPC ; (3) "Comments to the local government from a regional planning council , county, or municipality are shall be limited as follows:" (3)(a) " The regional planning council review and comments shall be limited to adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A regional planning council may not review and comment on a proposed comprehensive plan amendment prepared by such council unless the plan amendment has been changed by the local government subsequent to the preparation of the plan amendment by the regional planning council. "	Page 76 (pdf)	163.3184	Section 39: Process for adoption of comprehensive plan or plan amendment. ** Same as SB1264	Page 57 (pdf)	RPC

	Amend	163.3245	Section 63: Sector plans. (2)" The Upon the request of a local government having jurisdiction, the applicable regional planning council shall conduct a scoping meeting with affected local governments and those agencies identified in s.163.3184(1) (c) remove: If a scoping meeting is conducted, the regional planning council shall make written recommendations to the state land planning agency and affected local governments on the issues requested by the local government."	Page 80 (pdf)	163.3245	Section 40: Sector plans. ** Same as SB1264	Page 62 (pdf)	92 of 111	
	Amend	163.568	Section 64: Purposes and powers. (2)(i) "All transportation plans are subject to review and approval by the Department of Transportation and by the regional planning agency , if any, for consistency with programs or planning for the area and region."	Page 80 (pdf)	163.568	Section 65: Purposes and powers. ** Same as SB1264	Page 90 (pdf)		RPC
	Amend	164.1031	Section 65: Definitions. (Conflict resolution act) "Regional governmental entities" includes regional planning councils , etc.	Page 81 (pdf)	164.1031	Section 66: Definitions. ** Same as SB1264	Page 91 (pdf)		
	Amend	186.003	Section 66: Definitions; (5) "Regional planning agency" means the regional planning council created pursuant to ss. 186.501-186.515 to exercise responsibilities under ss. 186.001-186.031 and 186.801-186.901 in a particular region of the state.	Page 81 (pdf)	186.003	Section 41: Definitions; ss. 186.001-186.031, 186.801-186.90; ** Same as SB1264	Page 63 (pdf)		
	Amend	186.006	Section 67: Powers and responsibilities of Executive Office of the Governor. (7) Act as the state clearinghouse and designate the regional planning councils as the regional data clearinghouses .	Page 81 (pdf)	186.006	Section 42: Powers and responsibilities of Executive Office of the Governor. ** Same as SB1264	Page 63 (pdf)		
	Amend	186.007	Section 68: State comprehensive plan; preparation; revision. (7) in reference to preparing and revising the state comprehensive plan - remove reference to regional planning agency (8) in reference to the process for revising - remove reference to regional planning agency	Page 82 (pdf)	186.007	Section 43: State comprehensive plan; preparation; revision. ** Same as SB1264	Page 64 (pdf)		
	Amend	186.008	Section 69: State comprehensive plan; revision; implementation. (1) copies of the plan distributed to - remove reference to regional planning agency	Page 83 (pdf)	186.008	Section 67: State comprehensive plan; revision; implementation. ** Same as SB1264	Page 91 (pdf)		
	Repeal	186.501	Short title.	Page 10 (pdf)	186.501	Short title.	Page 56 (pdf)		RPC
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	Repeal	186.508	Strategic regional policy plan adoption; consistency with state comprehensive plan.	Page 11 (pdf)	186.508	Strategic regional policy plan adoption; consistency with state comprehensive plan.	Page 56 (pdf)		RPC
	Repeal	186.509	Dispute resolution process.	Page 11 (pdf)	186.509	Dispute resolution process.	Page 56 (pdf)		RPC
	Repeal	186.511	Evaluation of strategic regional policy plan; changes in plan.	Page 11 (pdf)	186.511	Evaluation of strategic regional policy plan; changes in plan.	Page 56 (pdf)		RPC
	Repeal	186.512	Designation of regional planning councils.	Page 11 (pdf)	186.512	Designation of regional planning councils.	Page 56 (pdf)		RPC
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	Repeal	186.515	Creation of regional planning councils under chapter 163.	Page 11 (pdf)	186.515	Creation of regional planning councils under chapter 163.	Page 56 (pdf)	93 of 111	RPC
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	Amend	187.201	Section 71: State Comprehensive Plan adopted. "(6) Ensure, wherever possible, that the geographic boundaries of water management districts, regional planning councils , and substate districts of the executive departments"	Page 84 (pdf)	187.201	Section 2: State Comprehensive Plan adopted. ** Same as SB1264	Page 14 (pdf) , Page 18 (pdf)		RPC
		215.559	Section 23. A Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program is established in the Division of Emergency Management. (2)(b) \$3m for hurricane shelters, one ADD: "The division must give funding priority to projects in regional planning council regions, as such regions existed on January 1, 2025 , that have shelter deficits and to projects that maximize the use of state funds."	Page 20 (pdf)	215.559	Section 44: Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program. ** Same as SB1264	Page 65 (pdf)		RPC
		218.32	Section 72: Annual financial reports; local governmental entities. (1) (c) "Each regional planning council created under s.186.504, each local government finance commission, board, or council," etc. (2) remove reference to regional planning council	Page 88 (pdf)	218.32	Section 69: Annual financial reports; local governmental entities. ** Same as SB1264	Page 93 (pdf)		
		252.385	Section 24: Public shelter space; public records exemption. ADD (3) "State funds must should be maximized and targeted to regional planning council regions, as such regions existed on January 1, 2025 "	Page 21 (pdf)	252.385	Section 45: Public shelter space; public records exemption. ** Same as SB1264	Page 66 (pdf)		
		258.501	Section 75: Myakka River; wild and scenic segment. (7) Management Coordinating Council (a) remove reference to TBRPC and SWFRPC	Page 93 (pdf)	258.501	Section 73: Myakka River; wild and scenic segment. ** Same as SB1264	Page 107 (pdf)		
		260.0142	Section 76: Florida Greenways and Trails Council; composition; powers and duties. (1)(a) 8. A representative of the regional planning councils to be appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Protection. Membership on the council must rotate among the seven regional planning councils. The regional planning councils shall determine the order of rotation. (3) regarding term of appointees, removing reference to regional planning councils	Page 94 (pdf)	260.0142	Section 74: Florida Greenways and Trails Council; composition; powers and duties. ** Same as SB1264	Page 108 (pdf)		
	RPC	288.0656	Section 33: Rural Economic Development Initiative. (6)(a) remove "The Florida Regional Planning Council Association"	Page 46 (pdf)	288.0656	Section 11: Rural Economic Development Initiative. ** Same as SB1264	Page 31 (pdf)		Amend
		288.975	Section 81: Military base reuse plans. (2)(f) "Regional policy plan" means a strategic regional policy plan that has been adopted by rule by a regional planning council pursuant to s. 186.508." (c) "Military base reuse plans shall identify projected impacts to significant regional resources and natural resources of regional significance as identified by applicable regional planning councils in their regional policy plans" (7) remove refernece to "applicable regional policy plans" (8) remove reference to "regional planning councils" (9) (a) remove reference to "regional planning councils"	Page 109 (pdf)	288.975	Section 89: Military base reuse plans. ** Same as SB1264	Page 167 (pdf)		

		320.08058	Section 83: Specialty license plates. Tampa Bay Estuary License Plates. (2) Twenty percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee, not to exceed \$50,000, shall be provided to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for activities of the Agency on Bay Management implementing the Council/Agency Action Plan for the restoration of the Tampa Bay estuary, as approved by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program Policy Board.	Page 112 (pdf)		320.08058	Section 46: Specialty license plates. ** Same as SB1264	Page 67 (pdf)	94 of 111	
		335.188	Section 85: Access management standards; access control classification system; criteria. (b) remove reference to "regional planning councils"	Page 114 (pdf)		335.188	Section 94: Access management standards; access control classification system; criteria. ** Same as SB1264	Page 173 (pdf)		
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		339.155	Section 86: Transportation planning.(4) (b) remove paragraph referencing adding transportation goals to RPCs strategic regional policy plan.	Page 114 (pdf)		339.155	Section 96: Transportation planning. ** Same as SB1264	Page 174 (pdf)		
		339.175	Section 87: Metropolitan planning organization. "(g) Each M.P.O. shall have an executive or staff director who reports directly to the M.P.O. governing board for all matters regarding the administration and operation of the M.P.O. and any additional personnel as deemed necessary. The executive director and any additional personnel may be employed either by an M.P.O. or by another governmental entity, such as a county or , city, or regional planning council," etc.	Page 115 (pdf)		339.175	Section 97: Metropolitan planning organization. ** Same as SB1264	Page 174 (pdf)		
		339.63	Section 89: System facilities designated; additions and deletions. (3) remove reference to "regional planning councils" (4) remove reference to "regional planning councils"	Page 116 (pdf)		339.63	Section 99: System facilities designated; additions and deletions. ** Same as SB1264	Page 177 (pdf)		
		339.64	Section 90: Strategic Intermodal System Plan. (1) remove reference to "regional planning councils" (3)(a) remove reference to "regional planning councils"	Page 117 (pdf)		339.64	Section 100: Strategic Intermodal System Plan. ** Same as SB1264	Page 178 (pdf)		
		341.041	Section 91: Transit responsibilities of the department. (1) remove reference to "regional planning councils"	Page 118 (pdf)		341.041	Section 101: Transit responsibilities of the department. ** Same as SB1264	Page 178 (pdf)		
		343.54	Section 92: Powers and duties. (3)(m) remove reference to "regional planning councils"	Page 118 (pdf)		343.54	Section 102: Powers and duties. ** Same as SB1264	Page 179 (pdf)		
		369.303	Section 94: Definitions. (Wekiva River) (1) "Council" means the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.	Page 119 (pdf)		369.303	Section 48: Definitions. ** Same as SB1264	Page 71 (pdf)		
		369.307	Section 95: Developments of regional impact in the Wekiva River Protection Area; land acquisition. "(3) The St. Johns River Water Management District East Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall adopt policies that as part of its strategic regional policy plan and regional issues list which will protect the water quantity" etc.	Page 119 (pdf)		369.307	Section 49: Developments of regional impact in the Wekiva River Protection Area; land acquisition. ** Same as SB1264	Page 72 (pdf)		
Included in HB1125 / Not in SB 1264	Included in HB1125 / Not in SB 1264					369.324	Section 50: Wekiva River Basin Commission. Repealed	Page 72 (pdf)		
		373.309	Section 96: Authority to adopt rules and procedures. Regarding DEP groundwater notification (1.) remove reference to "regional planning councils"	Page 120 (pdf)		373.309	Section 103: Authority to adopt rules and procedures. ** Same as SB1264	Page 180 (pdf)		

Not discussed at 3/4 meeting		373.415	Section 97: Protection zones; duties of the St. Johns River Water Management District. ; also reference Wekiva River PA, no reference to ECFRPC or RPC	Page 123 (pdf)	373.415	Section 140: Protection zones; duties of the St. Johns River Water Management District. ** Same as SB1264	Page 221 (pdf)	95 of 111	
		377.703	Section 98: Additional functions of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (2)(k)1. remove reference to regional planning agencies	Page 124 (pdf)	377.703	Section 142: Additional functions of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. ** Same as SB1264	Page 228 (pdf)		
		378.411	Section 99: Certification to receive notices of intent to mine, to review, and to inspect for compliance. (3) remove reference to "appropriate regional planning councils"	Page 125 (pdf)	378.411	Section 143: Certification to receive notices of intent to mine, to review, and to inspect for compliance. ** Same as SB1264	Page 229 (pdf)		
		380.031	Section 100: Definitions."(15) "Regional planning agency" means the agency designated by the state land planning agency to exercise responsibilities under this chapter in a particular region of the state."	Page 126 (pdf)	380.031	Section 143: Definitions. ** Same as SB1264	Page 229 (pdf)		
		380.045	Section 101: Resource planning and management committees; objectives; procedures. (2) "if appropriate, and regional planning council all or part of whose jurisdiction lies within the area under study."	Page 126 (pdf)	380.045	Section 52: Resource planning and management committees; objectives; procedures. ** Same as SB1264	Page 76 (pdf)		
		380.05	Section 102: Areas of critical state concern. (3) "Each local government regional planning agency may recommend to the state land planning agency from time to time areas wholly or partially within its jurisdiction that meet the criteria for areas of critical state concern as defined in this section. Each regional planning agency shall solicit from the local governments within its jurisdiction suggestions as to areas to be recommended. A local government in an area where there is no regional planning agency may recommend to the state land planning agency" etc.; (4) remove reference to "regional planning agencies" ; (7) remove "any applicable regional planning agency" (8) remove "regional planning agencies" ; (12) remove "regional planning agencies"	Page 127 (pdf)	380.05	Section 51: Areas of critical state concern. ** Same as SB1264	Page 72 (pdf)		
		380.055	Section 103: Big Cypress Area. (3) remove "regional planning agencies"	Page 130 (pdf)	380.055	Section 106: Big Cypress Area. Same as SB1264	Page 184 (pdf)		
No reference to RPCs		380.0552	Section 159: Florida Keys Area; protection and designation as area of critical state concern. ** no reference to RPCs	Page 179 (pdf)	380.0552	Section 53: Florida Keys Area; protection and designation as area of critical state concern. ** Same as SB1264	Page 77 (pdf)		
		380.06	Section 104: Developments of regional impact.(6) remove "regional planning agency" (2) remove "regional planning council"	Page 131 (pdf)	380.06	Section 107: Developments of regional impact.** Same as SB1264	Page 186 (pdf)		
		380.061	Section 105: The Florida Quality Developments program. (2) remove "the appropriate regional planning agency"	Page 132 (pdf)	380.061	Section 108: The Florida Quality Developments program.** Same as SB1264	Page 187 (pdf)		
		380.07	Section 106: Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission.(2) remove "regional planning agency"	Page 132 (pdf)	380.07	Section 110: Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission. ** Same as SB1264	Page 189 (pdf)		
		380.507	Section 108: Powers of the trust. (3) remove "regional planning councils"	Page 135 (pdf)	380.507	Section 111: Powers of the trust.** Same as SB1264	Page 189 (pdf)		
		403.0752	Section 111: Ecosystem management agreements. (6) remove "regional planning councils"	Page 139 (pdf)	403.0752	Section 113: Ecosystem management agreements. ** Same as SB1264	Page 194 (pdf)		

		403.503	Section 112: Definitions relating to Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act. (27) "Regional planning council" means a regional planning council as defined in s. 186.503(4) in the jurisdiction of which the electrical power plant is proposed to be located."	Page 140 (pdf)		403.503	Section 56: Definitions relating to Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act. ** Same as SB1264	Page 79 (pdf)	96 of 111	
		403.50663	Section 113: Informational public meetings. (1) "Such informational public meetings shall be held by the local government or by the regional planning council if the local government does not hold such meeting within 70 days after the filing of the application."	Page 140 (pdf)		403.50663	Section 114: Informational public meetings. ** Same as SB1264	Page 194 (pdf)		
		403.507	Section 114: Preliminary statements of issues, reports, project analyses, and studies. (1.) "The Department of Commerce may also comment on the consistency of the proposed electrical power plant with applicable strategic regional policy plans or local comprehensive plans and land development regulations."	Page 140 (pdf)		403.507	Section 115: Preliminary statements of issues, reports, project analyses, and studies. ** Same as SB1264	Page 195 (pdf)		
		403.518	Section 118: Fees; disposition. In reference to Florida Permit Fee Trust Fund. (c) remove "regional planning councils"	Page 144 (pdf)		403.518	Section 116: Fees; disposition.** Same as SB1264	Page 196 (pdf)		
		403.522	Section 119: Definitions relating to the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act. (21) "Regional planning council" means a regional planning council as defined in s. 186.503(4) in the jurisdiction of which the project is proposed to be located."	Page 145 (pdf)		403.522	Section 57: Definitions relating to the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act. ** Same as SB1264	Page 80 (pdf)		
		403.526	Section 121: Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and project analyses; studies. (3) remove "strategic regional policy plans"	Page 146 (pdf)		403.526	Section 117: Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and project analyses; studies.** Same as SB1264	Page 198 (pdf)		
		403.5272	Section 123: Informational public meetings. Regarding transmission lines (1) remove "The informational public meeting may be conducted by the local government or the regional planning council" and reference to "regional planning councils"	Page 149 (pdf)		403.5272	Section 118: Informational public meetings.** Same as SB1264	Page 200 (pdf)		
Not discussed at 3/4 meeting		403.5363	Section 124: Public notices; requirements. (4) "A local government or regional planning council that proposes to conduct an informational public meeting pursuant to s. 403.5272 must publish notice of the meeting"	Page 149 (pdf)		403.5363	Section 119: Public notices; requirements.** Same as SB1264	Page 201 (pdf)		
		403.5365	Section 125: Fees; disposition. (d)1. remove "regional planning council"	Page 151 (pdf)		403.5365	Section 120: Fees; disposition. ** Same as SB1264	Page 202 (pdf)		
		403.537	Section 126: Determination of need for transmission line; powers and duties. (1)(a) remove "regional planning council"	Page 152 (pdf)		403.537	Section 121: Determination of need for transmission line; powers and duties.** Same as SB1264	Page 203 (pdf)		
		403.704	Section 127: Powers and duties of the department. (17) "Provide technical assistance to local governments and regional agencies to ensure consistency between county hazardous waste management assessments; coordinate the development of such assessments with the assistance of the appropriate regional planning councils;"	Page 153 (pdf)		403.704	Section 122: Powers and duties of the department. ** Same as SB1264	Page 205 (pdf)		

		403.7225	Section 128: Local hazardous waste management assessments.(3) "Each county or regional planning council shall coordinate the local hazardous waste management assessments within its jurisdiction according to guidelines established under s. 403.7226. If a county declines to perform the local hazardous waste management assessment, the county must shall make arrangements with the department its regional planning council to perform the assessment. (6) Unless performed by the county pursuant to subsection (3), the department regional planning councils shall upon" successful arrangements with a county"	Page 153 (pdf)		403.7225	Section 54: Local hazardous waste management assessments.** Same as SB1264	Page 78 (pdf)	97 of 111	
		403.7226	Section 129: Technical assistance by the department. (1) remove three references to " regional planning councils "	Page 154 (pdf)		403.7226	Section 123: Technical assistance by the department. ** Same as SB1264	Page 205 (pdf)		
		403.723	Section 130 Siting of hazardous waste facilities. (2) remove " regional planning council "	Page 154 (pdf)		403.723	Section 55: Siting of hazardous waste facilities. ** Same as SB1264	Page 79 (pdf)		
		403.9403	Section 131: Definitions. (22) " Regional planning council " means a regional planning council created pursuant to chapter 186 in the jurisdiction of which the project is proposed to be located."	Page 155 (pdf)		403.9403	Section 124: Definitions. ** Same as SB1264	Page 206 (pdf)		
		403.941	Section 132: Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and studies. (3.) remove reference to " strategic regional policy plans "	Page 155 (pdf)		403.941	Section 125: Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and studies. ** Same as SB1264	Page 206 (pdf)		
		403.9422	Section 133: Determination of need for natural gas transmission pipeline; powers and duties. (1)(a) remove " regional planning councils "	Page 157 (pdf)		403.9422	Section 126: Determination of need for natural gas transmission pipeline; powers and duties. ** Same as SB1264	Page 209 (pdf)		
		403.973	Section 134: Expedited permitting; amendments to comprehensive plans. (4) remove " regional planning councils "	Page 158 (pdf)		403.973	Section 127: Expedited permitting; amendments to comprehensive plans. ** Same as SB1264	Page 210 (pdf)		
		408.033	Section 135: Local and state health planning. (6.) " Advise and assist any regional planning councils within each district that have elected to address health issues in their strategic regional policy plans with the development of the health element of the plans to address the health goals and policies in the State Comprehensive Plan. " ; (10)(d) "Each local health council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with each regional planning council in its district that elects to address health issues in its strategic regional policy plan. In addition, each local health council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with each local government that includes an optional health element in its comprehensive plan. Each memorandum of agreement must specify the manner in which each local government, regional planning council , and local health council will coordinate its activities to ensure a unified approach to health planning and implementation efforts."	Page 159 (pdf)		408.033	Section 58: Local and state health planning.** Same as SB1264	Page 80 (pdf)		
		420.609	Section 137: Affordable Housing Study Commission. (1)(j) remove " one representative of regional planning councils. "	Page 161 (pdf)		420.609	Section 59: Affordable Housing Study Commission. ** Same as SB1264	Page 83 (pdf)		
		501.171	Section 140: Security of confidential personal information. (1)(f) remove " regional planning agency "	Page 166 (pdf) Page 7		501.171	Section 128: Security of confidential personal information ** Same as SB1264.	Page 210 (pdf)		

		1013.3	Section 149: University campus master plans and campus development agreements. (6) remove "regional planning council"	Page 171 (pdf)		1013.3	Section 135: University campus master plans and campus development agreements. ** Same as SB1264	Page 213 (pdf)	98 of 111	
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The following Section do not include RPCs, but may be of interest.	Add?		Section 53. Local governments may enter into agreements to create regional planning entities pursuant to chapter 163, Florida Statutes.				Section 34: ADD, no other reference: <u>"A county and municipality may enter into an agreement to create a regional planning entity pursuant to chapter 163, Florida Statutes."</u>			
Included in SB 1264 / not in HB 1125	Amend	288.0655	Section 152: Rural Infrastructure Fund. ** No refernece to RPC;	Page 173 (pdf)		Not included in HB 1125				
	Created	288.06562	Section 34: Rural Accelerator Program (1) "The Rural Accelerator Program is created within the department to facilitate grant funding for rural communities as defined in s. 288.0656 to identify, prepare, and promote sites for economic development.; new grant program, local economic developmet groups can apply on behalf of the community;" etc.	Page 47 (pdf)		288.06562	Section 12: Rural Accelerator Program ** SB 1264 Similar; have not compaired details"	Page 33 (pdf)		
	Created	288.9628	Section 44: Research, Innovation, Science, and Engineering (RISE) Investment Tax Credit Program: create new Tax Credit Program ; The purpose of the program is to increase venture capital investment in this state.	Page 56 (pdf)		288.9628	Section 26: Research, Innovation, Science, and Engineering (RISE) Investment Tax Credit Program:** SB 1264 Similar; have not compaired details"	Page 42 (pdf)		
	Amend	253.025	Section 25: Acquisition of state lands. ADD (d) " <u>Federal Government agencies, including the Department of Defense and its subordinate Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the Department of Homeland Security's United States Coast Guard, are exempt from this paragraph if the primary purpose of remaining as a military installation buffer continues, even though the specific military purpose, mission, and function on the conveyed land is modified or changes from that which was present or proposed at the time of the conveyance.</u> "	Page 22 (pdf)		253.025	Section 8: Acquisition of state lands. ** Similar to SB1264	Page 28 (pdf)		MIRR?

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Pending		NOAA-	Alysia Cancel	Marketing for Shrimp Industry	11/23/2024	11/23/2024			\$500,000	\$20,000				
Pending		NOAA	Catherine Peralta	Reinforce Docks for Shrimp Industry	11/23/2024	11/23/2024			\$500,000	\$20,000				
YES		FDEM 23-24 HA Grant	Charity Franks	Hazard Analysis			5/10/2023			\$9,505.65				
YES		Florida RRDG Grant for FHRO	Margaret Wuerstle	FY 24-25 FHRO RRDG grant					\$188,625 grant & \$62,875 Match	\$8,000				
YES		FDEP Resiliency Florida Grant	M Wuerstle	SWF Resilience Collaborative Project		6/8/2024	11/12/2024		\$282,000	\$282,000.00				NA
YES		DEO Planning Grant	M.Wuerstle			6/1/2023	8/15/2023		\$75,000	\$15,000				
YES		EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Margaret Wuerstle	Hurricane Ian Recovery Coordinator		10/20/2022			\$321,826	\$321,826				64,367
YES		Florida DEP	Charity Franks/M Wuerstle	City of Marco Island Vulnerability Assessment	6/21/2022	6/21/2022	2/14/2-23		\$78,000	\$9,000				NA
YES		EPA Brownfields assessment	Tracy Whirls	Gades County Brownfield Assessment	12/1/2021	1/30/2021	May-22		\$500,000	\$20,000				NA
YES		USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Asmaa Odeh	SWFL Fresh Chosse Local Choose Fresh	7/6/2021	7/6/2021	Nov-21		\$752,426	\$58,500				
YES		CHMEP	Rebekah Harp	Calendar Design			6/25/2021		\$3,000	\$3,000				
YES		DEO RRDG	M Wuerstle	FHERO 2021 Regional Rural Development Grant		1/21/2021			\$126,160	\$7,000				NA
YES		DEO CDBG-MIT Planning	Margaret Wuerstle	A Resiliency Strategy for Local Food Systems in SW Florida	7/30/2020	7/27/2020			\$390,000	\$115,000				NA
YES		FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Boating Improvement Program (FBIP)	M. Moorhouse & M. Wuerstle	Clewiston Waterfront Master Plan	4/7/2020	4/3/2020			\$175,000	\$25,000				NA
YES		CHNEP	M. Moorhouse & M. Wuerstle	EBABM Website expansion	7/24/2020	7/24/2020			\$5,049	\$3,000				\$2,049
YES		EDA - US Economic Development Administration	M. Wuerstle	SWFL Recovery & Resiliency Plan	7/21/2020	7/21/2020			\$400,000	\$360,000				NA
Yes	3421	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	C.J. Kammerer	FY20-22 EDA CEDS Planning Grant	11/14/2019	11/13/2019			\$300,000.00	\$210,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Submitted	\$90,000.00
Yes		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	C.J. Kammerer	FHERO 2019-20 RDG Grant		11/13/2019			\$97,500.00	\$6,000.00			Submitted	\$0.00
Yes	3724	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY19-20 Collier_Lee Hazard Analysis			8/1/2019	8/1/2019	\$19,251.00	\$19,251.00	7/1/2019	6/30/2020	In Progress	\$0.00
Yes	3181	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY19-20 LEPC Agreement			7/29/2019		\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	7/1/2019	6/30/2020	In Progress	\$0.00
Yes		USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Margaret Wueratle	Promise Zone Economic Development Plan Technical Assistance	4/5/2019	4/4/2019			\$0.00	\$0.00			In Progress	\$0.00
Yes	3305	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Food Safety Plans for SWFL Small-Mid-sized Growers	5/7/2018	5/4/2018	9/7/2018		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00			In Progress	
Yes	3424	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Margaret Wuerstle	Regional Sustainability Implementation Study for SWFL Small to Mid-Sized		5/8/2018	8/9/2018	8/13/2018	\$258,182.00	\$61,545.00			In Progress	\$51,637.00
Yes	3680	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	C.J. Kammerer	Brownfields Assesment	11/16/2017	11/16/2017	4/25/2018		\$600,000.00	\$40,000.00	10/1/2018	9/30/2021	In Progress	
Yes	4101	Glades County	Margaret Wuerstle	Glades County SQG 2017- 2022				6/6/2017	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	6/6/2017	6/6/2022	In Progress	

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Yes	3900	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Margaret Wuerstle	Rural Promise Zone Designation			5/1/2016		\$0.00	\$0.00			In Progress	
Yes	3420	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	C.J. Kammerer	FY17-19 EDA Planning Grant			1/1/2017		\$300,000.00	\$210,000.00	1/1/2017	12/31/2019	Completed	\$90,000.00
Yes	3422	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Jim Beever	SWFL Disaster Recovery Coordinator		10/31/2017			\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	1/1/2018	12/31/2019	Completed	\$50,000.00
Yes	3205	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY18-19 HMEP Agreement					\$62,164.00	\$2,889.20	10/1/2018	9/30/2019	Completed	
Yes	4007	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	C.J. Kammerer	FHERO 2018 RDG Grant		9/11/2018	9/17/2018		\$82,300.00	\$6,000.00	9/17/2018	9/17/2019	Completed	
Yes	3180	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY18-19 LEPC Agreement			8/14/2018		\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	7/1/2018	6/30/2019	Completed	
Yes	3723	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Margaret Wuerstle	FY18-19 Collier_Lee Hazard Analysis			7/31/2018	8/27/2018	\$19,615.00	\$19,615.00	9/1/2018	5/15/2019	Completed	
Yes	3676	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jim Beever	Master Wetland Mitigation Strategy			11/3/2016	11/3/2016	\$220,000.00	\$220,000.00	10/1/2016	12/31/2018	Completed	\$10,000.00
Yes	3204	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	C.J. Kammerer	FY17-18 HMEP Agreement			10/1/2017		\$65,161.00	\$65,161.00	10/1/2017	9/30/2018	Completed	
Yes	3178	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Sean McCabe	FY17-18 LEPC Agreement	7/1/2017	7/18/2017			\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	7/1/2017	6/30/2018	Completed	
Yes	3722	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Tim Walker	FY17-18 Collier_Lee Hazard Analysis			7/19/2017	9/13/2017	\$20,844.00	\$20,844.00	7/1/2017	6/30/2018	Completed	
Yes	4005	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	C.J. Kammerer	2017 FHERO RDG Grant		2/16/2017			\$79,744.00	\$6,000.00		4/30/2018	Completed	
Yes		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Regional Strategy for Agriculture Sustainability	6/30/2017		8/17/2017		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00			Completed	
Yes	4212	City of Bonita Springs	Jim Beever	City of Bonita Springs Flood Reduction Project			10/4/2017		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	10/4/2017	12/31/2017	Completed	
Yes	3730	SFRPC	C.J. Kammerer	Train the Trainers					\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	1/1/2016	3/31/2017	Completed	
Yes	4211	Sarasota County	Jim Beever	Sarasota Climate Change Adaptation Plan					\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	10/1/2016	5/30/2017	Completed	
Yes	4210	City of Cape Coral	Jim Beever	Cape Coral Climate Change Resiliency Stragegy					\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		6/30/2017	Completed	
Yes	3304	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	DEO - Labelle Tourism Marketing					\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	1/1/2017	5/30/2017	Completed	
Yes	3203	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 HMEP Grant	10/1/2016	10/1/2016	10/1/2016	10/1/2016	\$60,349.00	\$60,349.00	10/1/2016	12/31/2017	Completed	
Yes	4004	Hendry County	Margaret Wuerstle	Clewiston RGBD Grant TA					\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			Completed	
Yes	4006	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Margaret Wuerstle	City of Clewiston - Utilities Relocation -- Grant Writing Services	9/8/2017	9/13/2017	8/10/2017	8/10/2017	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	8/10/2017	9/13/2017	Completed	
Yes	3525- 12	Glades County	Tim Walker	Glades County Small Quantity Generators (SQG)				5/17/2012	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	5/17/2012	5/16/2017	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3414	EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Margaret Wuerstle	EDA Planning Grant	1/22/2013	12/18/2013	4/18/2014	4/21/14	\$270,000.00	\$189,000.00	1/1/2014	12/31/2016	Completed	\$81,000.00
Yes	3177	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 LEPC Agreement	6/30/2016	4/6/2016	7/1/2016		\$59,000.00	\$59,000.00	7/1/2016	6/30/2017	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3399	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged	Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 TD Planning Agreement		5/19/2016	7/1/2016		\$38,575.00	\$38,575.00	7/1/2016	6/30/2017	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3721	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Tim Walker	Collier County Hazard Analysis - FY16-17					\$8,054.00	\$8,054.00	7/1/2016	6/30/2017	Completed	\$0.00

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Yes	3302	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	DEO - City of Fort Myers - MLK Corridor	5/31/2015	5/1/2015		11/17/2015	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	1/1/2016	7/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3534	City of Bonita Springs	Jim Beever	City of Bonita Springs - Spring Creek Restoration Plan	7/1/2014	7/1/2014	8/11/2014	8/11/2014	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	8/11/2014		Completed	
Yes	3201	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 HMEP Planning	9/28/2015	9/28/2015	9/28/2015	9/28/2015	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3419	Charlotte County	Margaret Wuerstle	DEO - Charlotte County			3/30/2016	3/30/2016	\$500.00	\$500.00			Completed	
Yes	3170	DOE - US Dept. of Energy	Rebekah Harp	Solar Ready II		3/22/2013	7/18/2013		\$140,000.00	\$90,000.00	7/1/2013	1/1/2016	Completed	\$50,000.00
Yes	3673	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jim Beever	A Unified Conservation Easement Mapping and Database for the State of Florida	4/15/2013	4/8/2013	6/3/2013		\$294,496.00	\$148,996.00	10/1/2013	9/30/2015	Completed	\$145,500.00
Yes	3674	EPA/CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary	Jim Beever	Mangrove Loss Project	4/4/2014	4/4/2014	12/19/2014		\$243,324.00	\$60,000.00	12/1/2014	9/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3397	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation	Nichole Gwinnett	Glades-Hendry TD Planning Agreement FY2014-15			5/16/2014		\$38,573.00	\$38,573.00	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3725	Visit Florida	Tim Walker	OUR CREATIVE ECONOMY Marketing	2/9/2015	2/9/2015	6/25/2015	6/26/2015	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	7/1/2015	6/15/2016	Completed	\$2,500.00
Yes	3164	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY14-15 HMEP Planning				2/4/2015	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	10/1/2014	9/30/2015	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3675	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jim Beever	Developing a Method to Use Ecosystem Services to	5/15/2015	5/5/2015	9/29/2015	9/29/2015	\$234,071.00	\$174,071.00	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	Completed	\$60,000.00
Yes	3171	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 LEPC Agreement	6/30/2015	5/15/2015	6/11/2015	6/11/2015	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	7/1/2015	6/30/2016	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3398	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation	Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 Glades-Hendry TD Agreement	6/30/2015	6/1/2015	7/1/2015	7/1/2015	\$38,573.00	\$38,753.00	7/1/2015	6/30/2016	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3202	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY14-15 HMEP Planning Grant Modification			9/11/2015		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	10/1/2015	12/15/2015	Completed	\$0.00

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Yes	3173	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 HMEP Training Contract	10/1/2015	9/30/2015	9/28/2015	9/28/2015	\$58,422.00	\$58,422.00	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	Completed	\$0.00
Yes	3418	Collier County	Rebekah Harp	Marketing & Data Research					\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	12/4/2015	1/29/2016	Completed	
Yes	3176	DOE - US Dept. of Energy	Rebekah Harp	NARC - SM3 - 2016 Data Surveys			2/11/2016		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	2/1/2016	3/31/2016	Completed	
Yes	3005	Collier County	Margaret Wuerstle	Collier County EDC - USDA Grant Application			3/15/2016	3/22/2016	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	3/23/2016	3/31/2016	Completed	
Yes	3301	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Clewiston Mainstreet Revitalization			12/8/2015		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	12/14/2015	6/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3303	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	DEO - MPO Rail Study						\$39,000.00	10/7/2015	5/31/2016	Completed	
Yes	4002	NEFRC - Northeast Florida Regional Council	Tim Walker	2016 SRESP Update					\$14,200.00	\$14,200.00	4/28/2016	7/19/2016	Completed	
Yes	4003	Rural Neighborhoods	Tim Walker	Rural Neighborhoods Mapping					\$750.00	\$750.00	6/1/2016	6/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3720	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management	Tim Walker	Collier Hazard Analysis FY15-16					\$9,693.00	\$9,693.00	7/1/2015	6/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3520	TBRPC - Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council	Rebekah Harp	2016 Disaster Planning Guide					\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	2/1/2016	4/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3006	SWFEC - Southwest Florida Enterprise Center	Margaret Wuerstle	SWFEC PRIME - Grant Application/Technical Assistance					\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	5/1/2016	5/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	3004	NARC - National Association of Regional Councils	Rebekah Harp	MARC Travel SRII					\$379.58	\$379.58	10/1/2015	5/31/2016	Completed	
Yes	4001	Collier County	Margaret Wuerstle	Collier County EDA TA					\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	4/18/2016	5/30/2016	Completed	
Yes	6200	FDEP - FL Dept. of Environmental Protection	Margaret Wuerstle	2016 Brownfields Event					\$6,887.61	\$6,887.61	4/1/2016	10/30/2016	Completed	
NO		EDA Disaster Supplemental	Margaret Wuerstle	Upgrades to Clewiston WWTP		10/23/2023			16,161,602	\$45,000				
NO		EDA Disaster Supplemental	Margaret Wuerstle	Virtual Food Hub		7/17/2023			\$600,000					
NO		DEO CDBG-MIT-GIP Round II Infrastructure	Margaret Wuerstle	City of Clewiston Harden transmission and distribution line	9/17/2020	9/14/2021			\$2,067,935	\$98,000				NA
NO		NOAA- Track 2 Letter of Intent	Margaret Wuerstle	Ensuring Regional Resilience for the Gulf of Mexico Pink Shrimp Industry	8/21/2023	8/21/2023			\$37,205,000	\$1,000,000				
NO		Florida DEP	Charity Franks/M Wuerstle	Clewiston WWTP Improvement, upgrades and expansion	8/15/2022	8/11/2022			\$14,380,190	\$20,000(?)				
NO		DEO CPTA	Margaret Wuerstle	SWFLEnterprise Center Incubator Program Marketing	4/11/2022	4/1/2022	6/14/22 Denied		\$70,000	\$10,000				NA
No		EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Margaret Wuerstle/Tra cy Whirls	ARPA- BBB Regional Challenge- Developing an Inland Port System in rural southern Florida	10/19/2021	10/19/2021			\$460,000	\$133,000				NA
NO		FL Dept. Of Agriculture-Specialty Crops	M Wuerstle	SWFL Fresh Coose Local Choose Fresh	2/5/2021	2/2/2021	Denied 10/7/2021		\$207,000	\$99,000				NA
No		DEO CDBG-MIT Critical Facility Harding	McKensie Moorehouse	City of Clewiston transmission lines insulators replacement	6/30/2020	6/29/2020			\$143,306	\$15,000				NA
no		SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Margaret Wuerstle	Building Resilient Kids	3/6/2020	3/2/2020			\$1,455,815	\$200,000				NA
No		Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Katelyn Kubasik	Opioid Epidemic Think Tank Summit		11/12/2019			\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00			Submitted	\$0.00

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No		Norman Foundation	Margaret Wuerstle	Food Policy Council		11/22/2019			\$100,000	\$60,000				NA
No		Bureau of Justice Assistance	Katelyn Kubasik	Data-Driven Responses to Emerging Drug Threats			10/1/2019		\$543,772.00	\$293,772.00			Denied	\$0.00
NO		Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation	Katelyn Kubasik	SWFL Harm Reduction: Take- Home Naloxone Project		4/30/2019	9/1/2019		\$38,000.00	\$10,000.00			Denied	\$0.00
No		City of Naples	Jim Beever	City of Naples Climate Resiliency Project			9/26/2019		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00			Denied	\$0.00
No		SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Katelyn Kubasik	Building Resilient Kids	3/29/2019	3/27/2019	8/29/2019		\$1,453,315.00	\$197,815.00	9/30/2019	9/29/2024	Denied	\$0.00
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Jim Beever	Updating the 2009 Comprehensive SWFL / Charlotte Harbor Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment		5/7/2019			\$40,075.00	\$40,075.00	1/1/2020	5/29/2020	Denied	\$0.00
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Katelyn Kubasik	SWFL Opioid Resource Guide		5/7/2019			\$40,007.00	\$40,007.00	12/1/2019	5/31/2020	Denied	\$0.00
No		FDEP - FL Dept. of Environmental Protection	Jim Beever	Ecosystem Services- Aquatic Preserves Valuation		5/1/2018			\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00			Denied	
No		EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jim Beever	WPDG- CHNEP Wetland Connectivity		5/8/2018			\$204,120.00	\$145,246.00			Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Tim Walker	Storm Surge Evac Routes & Shelters Interactive GIS Web Map	5/7/2018	5/4/2018	9/7/2018		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00			Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Affordable Housing Directory of Resources	5/7/2018	5/1/2018	9/7/2018		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00			Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	SWFL Opioid Resource Guide	5/7/2018	5/1/2018	9/7/2018		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00			Denied	
No		Bloomberg Philanthropies	Margaret Wuerstle	Bloomberg - City of Bonita Springs Mitigation	10/20/2017	10/19/2017			\$1,000,000.00	\$60,000.00			Denied	
No		SWFL Community Foundation	Margaret Wuerstle	Community Impact Grants - MLK Corridor	11/3/2017	11/2/2017			\$50,000.00				Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Jennifer Pellechio	Economic Opportunity Map		4/27/2016	6/28/2016		\$40,000.00				Denied	
		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Florida Ocean Alliance		5/2/2016	6/28/2016		\$28,000.00				Denied	
No		DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	Margaret Wuerstle	Clewiston Downtown District Facade Program		5/2/2016	6/28/2016		\$30,000.00				Denied	
No		AETNA	Jason Stoltzfus	Cultivating Healthy Communities	4/15/2016	4/13/2016			\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00			Denied	
No		EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency	Jason Stoltzfus	2016 Brownfield Assessment		12/18/2015			\$280,000.00	\$46,900.00			Denied	
No		USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Margaret Wuerstle	Mobile Market: A Nutritional Oasis for Food Markets of SWFL	3/31/2014	3/31/2014	10/1/2014		\$599,549.00	\$298,605.00	10/1/2014	9/30/2017	Denied	
No		EDA - US Economic Development Administration	Rebekah Harp	Mote Marine Programming	8/31/2012	8/31/2012	8/31/2012		\$270,000.00	\$189,000.00	1/1/2014	12/31/2016	Denied	\$81,000.00
No		USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Nichole Gwinnett	Opportunity Buy Program Coordinator	4/23/2013	4/23/2013	11/20/2013		\$99,667.00	\$15,000.00	11/1/2013	10/31/2015	Denied	\$53,621.00

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