



# Council Minutes

April 11, 2011  
10:00 a.m.

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## REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Chair, Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, City of Plant City  
Vice Chair, Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County  
Secretary/Treasurer, Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island  
Past Chair, Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County  
Commissioner Nina Bandoni, City of Safety Harbor  
Vice Mayor Ron Barnette, City of Dunedin  
Mayor Scott Black, City of Dade City  
Commissioner Neil Brickfield, Pinellas County  
Commissioner Woody Brown, City of Largo  
Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County  
Commissioner Robin DiSabatino, Alt., Manatee County  
Commissioner Al Halpern, City of St. Pete Beach  
Councilman Sam Henderson, City of Gulfport  
Council Member Bill Jonson, City of Clearwater  
Mr. Robert Kersteen, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Mr. Harry Kinnan, Manatee County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Councilor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole  
Council Member Janice Miller, City of Oldsmar  
Council Member Wengay Newton, City of St. Petersburg  
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Mr. Charles Waller, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Ms. Pamela Vazquez, Ex-Officio, Department of Environmental Protection  
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alt., Ex-Officio, Florida Department of Transportation  
Ms. Michelle Miller, Ex-Officio, Enterprise Florida

## REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Mayor David Archie, City of Tarpon Springs  
Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant, City of Palmetto  
Commissioner Larry Bustle, Vice Chair, Manatee County  
Councilman Bob Langford, City of New Port Richey  
Councilwoman Mary Mulhern, City of Tampa  
Mr. Andy Núñez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Mayor Kathleen Peters, City of South Pasadena  
Council Member David Pogorilich, City of Temple Terrace  
Vice Mayor Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton  
Vice Mayor Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park  
Ms. Kim Vance, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Mr. Earl Young, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Mr. Todd Pressman, Ex-Officio, Southwest Florida Water Management District

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Trisha Neasman, Planner, SWFWMD  
John Healey, Planner, Hillsborough County  
Jennifer Salmon, Alt., Council Member, City of Gulfport  
Lisa Barrett, Manatee County  
Bob Agouse, Manatee County  
Cori Cuttler, Community Affairs Manager, SWFWMD  
Todd Pokrywa, V.P. Planning, SMR  
Scott Sheridan, VP Planning, King Engineering  
Will Augustine, Planner, Hillsborough County Planning Commission

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. Manny Pumariega, Executive Director  
Mr. Donald Conn, Legal Counsel  
Ms. Suzanne Cooper, Principal Planner  
Ms. Lori Denman, Recording Secretary  
Mr. John Jacobsen, Accounting Manager  
Ms. Betti Johnson, Principal Planner  
Ms. Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information  
Ms. Jessica Lunsford, Senior Planner  
Mr. John Meyer, Principal Planner  
Mr. Greg Miller, Senior Planner  
Mr. Patrick O'Neil, Senior Planner  
Ms. Amanda Shaw, Senior Planner  
Mr. Brady Smith, Senior Planner  
Mr. Avera Wynne, Planning Director

**Call to Order** – Chair Dodson

The April 11, 2011 regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

The Invocation was given by Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call** -- Recording Secretary

A quorum was present.

**Voting Conflict Report** -- Recording Secretary - None

**Announcements:** - Chair Dodson

- Councilor Bob Matthews was thanked for providing refreshments.
- Council Member Sam Henderson was introduced and welcomed to the Council. He is representing the City of Gulfport.
- Commissioner Robin DiSabatino, Manatee County, was introduced. She served as Vice Chair Bustle's alternate since the Vice Chair was out of town for a reunion with a Fighter Wing he served with in England.
- Mayor David Archie has been appointed to replace Robin Saenger for the City of Tarpon Springs. His appointment to the Council was made a few days ago and he had a prior commitment on his calendar so was unable to attend this Council meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Minning called for congratulations to be provided to Vice Mayor Bill Dodson. He will be serving his fourth term serving the City of Plant City.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Secretary/Treasurer Minning  
The minutes from the March 14, 2011 regular meeting were approved. (Jonson/Kersteen)
2. **Budget Committee** – Secretary/Treasurer Minning  
The Financial Report for the period ending 02/28/11 was approved. (Kersteen/J. Miller)
3. **Consent Agenda** – Chair Dodson  
Chair Dodson called attention to Addendum Item 3.A.2. that was emailed to Council Members on April 5<sup>th</sup>. A hard copy was provided in Council folders. TBRPC would like to contract with RCC Consultants to design and develop an Interoperable Communications Exercise for the Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF).

Mr. Pumariega provided information on 3.A.2. Bids came in late Friday, after the Agenda was finalized. From the bids received, staff selected RCC Consultants to do the exercises that will take place in June 14, 15, 16, 2011. This is a pass-through grant and some of the funding will include staff hours. Detailed information will be forwarded to Council Members who would like to participate. Mr. Wynne stated the RDSTF works by committees. One of those committees is a Communications Committee. This contractor is one that everyone was familiar with. The exercise is coming up in June, originally it was scheduled for August. When we put the bids out there were very few contractors available so I think that's why we only got one bid. This is a well established contractor and we are comfortable they can do the job. Mr. Pumariega said they came in within the budget.

Agenda Item 3.F.14. (Riviera Dunes Annual Report) has been revised to reflect that three-year extensions of the build-out and Development Order expiration dates were previously granted in accordance with revisions to Subsection 380.06(19)(c), F.S., each to February 12, 2013.

**A. Budget and Contractual**

1. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has received the new maintenance and technical support contract for statewide version of REMI Policy Insight® from Regional Economic Models, Inc. The contract will begin on March 25, 2010 and run through March 24, 2012 at a cost of not to exceed \$34,513. TBRPC owns this version of the model separately from the Council's version to allow all RPCs in the state to have REMI. \$18,513 is for the annual data and licensing while the balance is for the other RPCs to receive secondary user licences and unlimited technical support from REMI staff. All costs are paid by the six RPC secondary users, not TBRPC. TBRPC has been a REMI user since 1999 and continues to provide technical support and assistance to the Council's members, economic development organizations, Tampa Bay Partnership and others. The REMI model can be used to forecast the economic and demographic effects of policy initiatives. Policy Insight® answers the "What if...?" questions concerning regional and local economies. Any type of policy that influences economic activity can be evaluated including economic development, transportation, energy, environmental, and taxation.

Action Recommended: Authorize the Executive Director to sign the Annual User Agreement for Software Licensing and Services.

Staff contact: Patrick O'Neil, ext. 31

2. Interoperable Communications Exercise  
The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council desires to contract with RCC Consultants, Inc. to design and develop an interoperable communications exercise for the Regional Domestic Security Task Force (Region IV). The exercise will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. TBRPC staffs the RDSTF and contracts services when needed. Funding for this exercise is provided by FEMA through the Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program. The fees for this engagement will be \$34,800.00.

- Action Recommended: 1. Authorize the Chair to sign a Consultant Master Contract with RCC Consultants, Inc.  
2. Authorize the Chair to execute a Scope of Work Agreement with RCC Consultants, Inc.

Staff contact: Amanda Shaw, ext. 21

**B. Intergovernmental Coordination & Review (IC&R) Program**

1. IC&R Reviews by Jurisdiction - March 2011
2. IC&R Database - March 2011

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

**C. DRI Development Order Reports (DOR) - None**

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

**D. DRI Development Order Amendment Reports (DOAR)**

DRI # 103 – Cooper Creek, Manatee County

Action Recommended: Approve staff reports

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

**E. Notice of Proposed Change (NOPC) Reports**

1. DRI # 119 – Northwood, Pasco County
2. DRI # 151 – Crosstown Center, Hillsborough County

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

**F. Annual Report Summaries (ARS)/Biennial Report Summaries (BRS)**

1. DRI # 66 - Tara, RY 2009-10 ARS, Manatee County
2. DRI # 92 - Park Place, RY 2009-10 ARS, City of Clearwater
3. DRI #104 - International Plaza, RY 2009-10 ARS, City of Tampa
4. DRI #110 - Rocky Point Harbor, RY 2009-10 ARS, City of Tampa
5. DRI #115 - Woodland Corporate Center, RY 2009-10 ARS, Hillsborough County
6. DRI #119 - Northwood, **RYs 2008-10 BRS**, Pasco County
7. DRI #129 - Seven Oaks, RY 2009-10 ARS, Pasco County
8. DRI # 140 - Tampa Triangle, RY 2009-10 ARS, Hillsborough County
9. DRI #148 - Pavilion, RY 2009-10 ARS, Hillsborough County
10. DRI # 202 - Unnamed Exclusive Golf and Country Club, RY 2009-10 ARS, Manatee County
11. DRI #203 - Beacon Wood East, RY 2009-10 ARS, Pasco County
12. DRI #218 - Gateway North, RY 2009-10 ARS, Manatee County
13. DRI #233 - Connerton, **RYs 2008-10 ARS**, Pasco County
14. DRI # 236 - Riviera Dunes, Rys 2008-10 BRS, City of Palmetto

15. DRI #256 - Northwest Sector, **RYs 2008-10 BRS**, Manatee County
16. DRI #259 - Lake Hutto, **RY 2008-09 ARS**, Hillsborough County  
Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

**G. DRI Status Report**

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.  
Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

**H. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)**

*Due to statutory and contractual requirements, the following reports have been transmitted to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA) and the appropriate local government in accordance with Rule 29H-1.003(3), F.A.C.*

1. DCA # 11-1CIE, City of Indian Rocks Beach (adopted)
2. DCA # 11-1AR, City of Kenneth City (proposed)
3. DCA # 11-1CIE/AR, City of Belleair Beach (adopted)
4. DCA # 11-1CIE/AR, City of Tarpon Springs (adopted)
5. DCA # 11-1AR, Hillsborough County (proposed)

Action Recommended: For Information  
Staff contact: Jessica Lunsford, ext. 38

The consent agenda was approved. (J. Miller/Newton)

**4. Item(s) Removed from Consent Agenda and Addendum Item(s) - None**

**5. Review Item(s) or Any Other Item(s) for Discussion**

DRI # 269 - Parrish Lakes, *Final Report*, Manatee County

Mr. John Meyer, DRI Coordinator, Principal Planner, provided the *Final Report*. The project is located in northern Manatee County, approximately one mile to the east of I-75, and about three miles south of the Hillsborough County line. The project is proposed to be built over two phases over the next 19 years. The mixed uses consist of 3,300 residential units, 400,000 sq. ft. of Retail and 50,000 sq. ft. of Office with a buildout date of 2030. The Residential units are intended to be scattered across the entire project with a large concentration of Retail uses located at one of the proposed project drives at Moccasin Wallow Road. A proposed Town Center is also centrally located.

Very few Natural Resources of Regional Significance are located on the project site. Note that the proposed Preservation Area essentially coincides with the NRRS designation. The project will require evacuation from only the most severe hurricane events, a Category 5. The vulnerable portion of the site is projected to be the central section.

The applicant is seeking specific approval of both phases of the 2-phase project and has made several commitments during the course of the DRI review including: up to 26 acres of parkland, ROW for along southern end of project for continuance of the Ellenton-Willow Trail, and the Preservation area as proposed in the Master Development Plan. The applicant will prepare a Habitat Management Plan, Stormwater Management Plan and a Parks Master Plan to coincide with the project development.

Pages 19-21 of the Council's Final Report identify the impacted roadway links and intersections significantly impacted by the project. Please recall that Subsection 163.3180, F.S. acknowledges that DRI Developers are no longer responsible to mitigating transportation impacts for roadway links and intersections that are reduced below an acceptable level of service in the current or

current plus background traffic conditions. The ones highlighted in yellow are the ones which would require mitigation. A biennial traffic monitoring requirement would ensure the validity of the traffic projections.

The applicant has additionally proposed a Voluntary Affordable Housing/Workforce Housing program which should be recognized in the Development Order.

Mr. Meyer introduced Scott Sheridan, King Engineering, representing the developer FLM, Inc. Parrish Lakes is specifically bound by Moccasin Wallow Road on the north, and Erie Road on the south. The property was mainly agricultural and citrus, a little bit of cattle. Mr. Sheridan showed aerial views of the property and stated that in the center the Town Center will be located. In the northeast corner of the property there is an upland preserve which is the limit of the natural resources of regional significance. We have committed to incorporate that into a Master Parkland Plan and preserve that upland area, along with Buffalo Canal which bisects the property going east and west. Up to 26 acres of Parks and Open space will be provided to the county via a Master Parks Plan. There is also a provision for land along Erie Road for the Willow Ellenton Trail, running southbound through this property, buffers to all wetlands consistent with Manatee County Code and SWFWMD regulations, as well as adherence to State and Federal regulations for listed species.

The property is located adjacent to a wastewater treatment plant and we are optimistic that we can use reclaimed water throughout the property to reduce ground withdrawal. We worked closely with Mr. Meyer and the county on the ground and surface water monitoring plan. There will be minimal impacts to Buffalo Creek/Canal. The school board owns the property on the southwest corner, just outside the limits of the DRI. My client is committed to assist them in providing access to the infrastructure of this project so they can access that property a little more directly than their current frontage allows. There are two roads that run north/south through the property which provide important connections.

We would appreciate the Council adopting staff's Final Report. We will work with the county over the next 60 days to finalize the Development Order with Manatee County. Then we will move through the public hearing process with Manatee County to hopefully conclude this by the end of the summer.

Questions & Comments:

Council Member Newton:

What is voluntary workforce/affordable housing?

Mr. Sheridan:

We worked with staff and in lieu of doing an affordable housing study when this project was originally contemplated we knew there was probably some workforce housing available in the immediate area. So rather than going through this study and doing the evaluation, my client was opened to providing some form of affordable/workforce housing in the county. The county has a workforce housing ordinance that is already in place which establishes parameters and thresholds for income levels, etc. for both rental and home buyer assistance. We proposed following the county ordinance that is in place. It is a commitment for the project that they will either provide the housing on site or make a contribution to the county's existing programs to provide it as well.

Commissioner Mariano:

The school site, was that one of the conditions of the DRI?

Mr. Sheridan:

The school board actually acquired that property. They own that property outright. It has frontage along Erie Road on the south side of the property.

Mr. Kinnan: I'm with the school board and yes, we have owned that for some time. The 20 acres is suitable for an elementary school. I think it is time for you to get in touch with the school board as you move forward with this initiative.

Mr. Sheridan: We've made that commitment for when this goes to development. The infrastructure of corridor roads, the alignment that will run along the eastern boundary, the west side of this property, and access.

Commissioner Mariano: The reclaimed water, is that already set up or is it in the process?

Mr. Sheridan: The reclaimed line is existing in the ground through the property already so the infrastructure is already there. At the appropriate time that it needs to come on line we will coordinate with the utility.

Ms. Todd: Has the county reviewed?

Mr. Sheridan: Yes, the county has been very much involved in the DRI review process. The process requires that we come to the RPC first for your recommendation, as well as the county's own recommendation and then we move to the county process for the Development Order. The county has been involved since the inception of this project. Relative to both Corridor Road and Sawgrass Road, the roads on site, it is contemplated that the developer will construct those roads. They are not in place right now. They will be built incrementally as the project develops.

Commissioner Halpern: What is the target for your residential? What are you visualizing the price range?

Mr. Sheridan: That's tough to answer today. There is both multi-family and rental as well as single family. The way the product has been contemplated is there could be a diverse amount of housing supply to both address the affordable workforce element as well as higher end single family. It's probably entry level through the middle of the market.

Council Member Jonson: I'm interested in the transportation impact fees and how we accommodate some of the resolutions of some of the roads that aren't highlighted. In general, how do you eventually resolve some of these issues?

Mr. Conn,  
TBRPC Legal Counsel: The legal issue that I think is underlying the question has to do with backlog. This is a question that has been coming up before local government for at least the last few years when SB 360 was passed. There has been legislation over the past couple of years trying to address this issue. SB 360, as you may recall, was passed in the 2009 session and was ruled by trial court to be unconstitutional. An appeal was taken, and that appeal is still pending. There is no anticipated action in that appeal. In the meantime, the legislature this session has gone back and basically reenacted SB 360 - in three separate bills. They did that in order to address one of the legal challenges which was the single subject rule violation and they passed it. The other legal challenge had to do with unfunded mandates. That is that the legislation created an unfunded mandate burden on local governments. They have overcome that legal argument by passing the bills by super majority. The bills have passed both the House and the Senate and they are on their way to the Governor for his action. On the issue of backlog, backlog under that legislation, as well as other bills that are pending before the legislature,

is specifically declared not to be something that new development must address. But rather new development must be responsible for new development's impacts. So that leaves the question about impacted roads that are already at "F" or highly impacted - what is to happen with those roads? Unfortunately I can't give you an answer to that other than to observe that there are only two ways of dealing with that. One is through FDOT on State Roads, assistance from FDOT which in their current budget is unlikely, and the second way is through local government. But on the point of backlog, the current state of the law would relieve new development of the responsibility to deal with current conditions. That is current backlog conditions. New development would be expected to address and to fund improvements to address impacts caused by the new development. That's probably the underlying issue you raised. As to the specific roads and whether they are "F" or what level they are, I will have to defer to Mr. Meyer.

Council Member Jonson: Mr. Chair, Mr. Conn's comments were right on. Based on my experiences working with TBARTA and some of the problems we have in Pinellas County I'm more or less floating a question for the body, not so much for the developer because it sounds like they are complying with all of the requirements that are in state law, but more a question of how do we get out of this box as a region for the future in trying to develop some of our transportation alternatives. I'm sure that Hillsborough County has the same kind of situation that Pinellas County has with some of the challenges with roads that are already in the "F" category. I'm just putting the question out for any strategic response. Has the RPC thought about how to address this perhaps on a regional basis?

Chair Dodson: It appears that Council Member Jonson is wanting feedback from the RPC. Anyone who wishes to provide a comment, please do so.

Commissioner Mariano: Pasco County has a plan for all the new development that takes the burden off the people.

Council Member Jonson: Is that transportation impact fee something that could be adopted by the county commissioners, or does that require a referendum?

Commissioner Mariano: No it doesn't. It requires about a three month process.

Chair Dodson: Plant City adopted mobility fees in lieu of transportation impact fees about six months ago. I believe we were the first in our regional planning council area to do that. We are finding it to be a very acceptable manner in which we can recover against the cost or impacts when it comes to transportation. We did it by breaking up our city into five quadrants. The measure against the cost for impacts created by a specific development we recognized is greater in some parts than others because in some parts we have a lot of infrastructure already in place and in other parts it is weaker. In the weaker areas the fees would be greater. If you would like any information from our city for your reference and your staff, we would be happy to supply it.

Commissioner DiSabatino: According to the study there's anticipated 1481 jobs that will be created by this development, \$64 million in impact fees at full build-out, and an annual revenue before full build-out in over \$8 million and after full build-out of \$14 million. That's very significant for our county.

Councilman Newton: They reenacted SB 360 and got rid of the unfunded mandate. I wonder how they did that.

Mr. Conn: Unfortunately the impacts are still there. They overcame the legal challenge by passing the bills by a super majority. The constitution allows the legislature, by super majority, to pass legislation that does impose impacts on local government.

Council Member Henderson: Is this going to be a gated community? Or a walled community?

Mr. Sheridan: I don't know the answer to that today. That has not been contemplated to date.

Council Member Henderson: The reason I asked is because Buffalo Creek is acting as a wildlife corridor and I wondered if that is included in the 17.2 acres out of the 1,155. Would Buffalo Creek be a part of that?

Mr. Sheridan: Yes. But I don't believe Buffalo Creek is 17.2 acres. What you are looking at is a table that identifies all of the ditches on the property.

Council Member Henderson: So the 17.2 acres is planned to be kept as preservation or park land?

Mr. Sheridan: Buffalo Creek will be maintained in its existing configuration and at least two roadways will have to cross it. But it will be retained as it sits today on the property. That will be incorporated into the Master Park Plan.

Mr. Kinnan: Buffalo Creek isn't really much of a creek. I think it's going to be incumbent to have the open space and to try to incorporate what they can. There isn't a real natural environment that you might think by the names.

Motion to adopt the Parrish Lakes Final Report and transmit to Manatee County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs. (Black/Matthews)

**6. Guest Speaker - None**

**7. Council Member Comments**

**8. Program Reports**

**A. Agency on Bay Management (ABM) – Chair, Mr. Robert Kersteen**  
 The Agency's Habitat Restoration Committee will met this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. On the agenda are:

- Two erosion control projects affecting the islands of the Richard T. Paul Alafia Bank Bird Sanctuary at the mouth of the Alafia River. Staff of the Florida Coastal Islands Sanctuaries will present the two projects.
- Staff of the Southwest Florida Water Management District's SWIM Team will give a progress report on the Clam Bayou water quality and habitat restoration project underway in Gulfport, on Boca Ciega Bay.

The full Agency will meet on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

On another note, the Spring 2011 issue of Bay Soundings Environmental Journal will be distributed later this month. Ms. Suzanne Cooper announced that a Council Member requested that copies of Bay Soundings be sent to his constituents with a note on the label "compliments of." We researched that and found out that this can be done and we would like to offer that to all of our Council Members. If you are interested in doing the same, please send a list of the names and addresses. We already send to about 9,000 individuals who have asked for free subscriptions as well as elected officials and people

that we want to get Bay Soundings. We also have a list of several hundred contacts that we send a notice by email that Bay Soundings is now available on-line. We have a wide distribution of individual copies and notices by email.

Chair Dodson asked if these would be sent out hard copy of electronic and Ms. Cooper said either way. We print 30,000 copies and we hope to print 31,000 next year because we will be adding a number of classrooms in Pinellas and Manatee Counties. I have requested funds from FDOT through their stormwater education extra funds to print more copies so we can reach more people. We mail about 9,000 and distribute the rest to specific locations throughout the region such as the Museum of Science and Industry, the Florida Aquarium, the Pier Aquarium as well as smaller places such as tackle shops, restaurants, etc. throughout the four counties. Chair Dodson asked how they use this? Do they make them available to the public at their locations? Ms. Cooper said they are located in a rack for people who visit these places. Chair Dodson asked if this has been monitored to see how they are consumed. Ms. Cooper explained a survey was recently done to see if they were all getting taken because we don't want to provide more than they need or distribute.

Councilor Matthews said he was curious of the need for hard copy mailings versus electronic mailing. Electronic is much cheaper. Ms. Cooper said they have surveyed their readership and a lot of people do want hard copies. Another good thing about hard copy in these locations is that it reaches more people. If you distribute it through email the people who get it are already on board. By having hard copies at other venues where people might be fishermen or people looking for volunteer opportunities might not be informed.

Commissioner Mariano suggested selling advertizing. Chair Dodson referred this matter for further discussion to the Agency on Bay Management to see about distributing more via electronic instead of hard copy.

**B. Clearinghouse Review Committee (CRC)**

Mr. Greg Miller, Senior Planner, provided an overview on the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) update process and the preparation of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).

Chapter 186 F.S. requires an EAR of the SRPP once every five years. Rule 27E-5 governs SRPP development and amendments. The purposes of the SRPP is to implement and further the State Comprehensive Plan as well as provide long-range policy guidance for the physical, economic, and social development of the region. The SRPP serves as a plan for the region, not just TBRPC. It establishes public policy for resolution of disputes over regional issues. The SRPP establishes goals and policies that provide a basis for regional reviews, serves as a basis for decisions by the RPC, identifies significant regional resources and facilities, and at least five additional stated purposes from that rule which are in the plan.

The key to the EAR are the identification of issues from the past five to six years, since the previous update. To determine these issues we are updating our indicators report, which is an appendix to the SRPP; we are also doing assessments of each subject areas policies and goals, we are looking at the One Bay Regional Vision and integrating that into the plan,

looking at the outputs of the Resilient Tampa Bay, Transit Corridors & TOD, and Intergovernmental Coordination. The indicators report has over 100 measures and indicators. We are updating that with the new census data once that is available, and the USF BEBR figures that are provided to update since 2005. We are also looking where possible to eliminate similar indicators which are unnecessary to be updated.

Subject area assessments include affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, natural resources, and transportation. We are reviewing each to see how well these goals and policies have worked over the last five or six years. One thing we have been looking at is how often these policies are referenced in our comprehensive plan/amendment reviews, which is one component of it. Some are referenced a lot, some not as often. If not often, what is the reasoning for that? It may be a good policy that doesn't come up that often, other times it might be a policy that is no longer needed.

For the full update there are additional objectives beyond what we are doing for the EAR. We will identify the issues to address in the EAR with the full update and what to incorporate with One Bay and Resilient Tampa Bay, we will be looking at new potential extra-jurisdictional conflicts or impacts. These were discussed at CRC in February and will be discussed in April. We will also analyze issues of importance to the state and address changes to the State Comprehensive Plan.

For One Bay we are looking at how the goals and policies support the One Bay recommendations and how they can better implement it as far as the SRPP. We are also going to update the Vision Section to incorporate the One Bay effort, the process that's been underway and where that goes going forward. We will incorporate the maps from One Bay and look at the possibility of identifying transit corridors.

In addressing regional transportation, the council may recommend minimum density guidelines for development along designated public transportation corridors and identify investment strategies for providing this infrastructure where growth is desired, rather than focusing primarily on relieving congestion in areas where growth is discouraged. This is something that we could do to help implement One Bay. Ideas that have been discussed where we can develop or adopt criteria that would identify areas appropriate for transit density minimums which would look at the work done by TBARTA with their Land Use Working Group as well as many of our local governments (counties and cities). Also adopt or develop a map of potential corridors utilizing TBARTA and MPO CCC identified regional transit corridors that are already identified and identify strategies to support transit corridors.

The EAR should be completed by June and we will bring that before Council at the June meeting. The update will continue throughout the rest of the year. To provide input we will be posting information for the EAR. We are currently working with the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) and we will use that staff website as the place we will post these documents for comment. These will be posted this week. Over the next six to twelve months there will be plenty of opportunities for input from the Council as well as citizens and the committees that we have been working with.

**C. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – No Report**

**D. Emergency Management - No Report**

**E. Legislative Committee – Mayor Scott Black, Chair**

There have been positive developments in Tallahassee since our last meeting. This is due not only to the hard work of our team in Tallahassee but also to contacts that council members have made with members of our local delegations. So let's keep up that good work.

First, the latest funding for the eleven regional planning councils is at \$2.5 million recurring in the house and \$2.0 million non-recurring in the senate. By the end of the week they will likely go into conference to decide the final appropriations amount for the RPCs. Undoubtedly this is in recognition of the important role played by the councils, a role which may become even more important under some of the bills being considered by the legislature this year.

Second, Senate Bill 1910 that would have abolished all regional planning councils has been withdrawn from further consideration. This bill was never heard in any committee but our team in Tallahassee took it very seriously, met with the sponsor, and he ultimately decided not to pursue this bill.

Turning to other bills that are moving through the process in Tallahassee, language has been included in committee substitute for Senate Bill 1122 that will affect the qualifications of the governor's appointees to the councils by requiring those appointees to include two or more representatives of the commercial development community, the banking and financial community, and the agricultural community. The requirement that one of the governor's appointees be a school board member remains unchanged. We have looked at this language and do not feel that the current make-up of our council will be affected.

On the issue of growth management, House Bill 7001 has been passed and is on its way to the governor. It will reinstate the major parts of Senate Bill 360, which was passed during the 2009 session and was then found to be unconstitutional. Senator Bennett had introduced senate bill 174 as the companion to House Bill 7001. The governor is expected to sign this legislation which will implement major changes in the law that we have previously discussed concerning transportation concurrency, mobility fees, local government comprehensive planning, DRIs, permit extensions and the role of regional planning councils in dispute resolution.

Additional growth management legislation that is making its way through committee is found in Senate Bills 1122 and 1512, and House Bills 1427 and 7129. These bills will give local governments more discretion in review of development and in comprehensive planning, while limiting the state's role to projects that are of overall state-wide importance. These bills would:

- Repeal rule chapter 9j-5 of the department of community affairs dealing with state review of local comp plans, evaluation and appraisal reports ("ear"), land development regulations and determinations of compliance,
- Exempt transit oriented development from transportation impact review in the DRI process,
- Prohibit new or increased impact fees for residential developments for two years,
- Remove the twice a year limit on local government adoption of plan amendments,

- Redefine transportation “backlog” to make it clear that new development is only responsible for impacts resulting from the new development and not for making improvements to deal with existing “backlog” conditions; thus the responsibility for improvements to rectify existing transportation deficiencies will fall solely on local government and not on new development,
- Revise the future land use element of comp plans to require population projections to include resident and seasonal population;
- Require local governments to designate long term transportation management systems if transportation deficiencies are projected to occur within 10 years, rather than the current requirement only where such deficiencies currently exist, and
- Exempt from DRI review transportation impacts within any transit oriented development that has been adopted into a comp plan.

Both Houses should start the set up for conference by late this week. As of this morning, no conferees have been appointed yet, but we will keep you posted as soon as they are appointed.

In your folder we provided Ron Book’s Week 5 Session Update.

We need to stay tuned. This legislation is still a work in progress and our team will be closely monitoring developments over the closing weeks of the session.

Chair Dodson: Do you know how long it will take for the conference committee to resolve the funding issue in the House and Senate?

Mr. Pumariega: It will probably be the week after next. Once the appointments are made for the conference committee hopefully we will have some Senators and House members from this area. Ron Book’s office will let us know.

Commissioner Crist: There will be five chairs from the Senate five committees and five vice chairs that will serve with them. A lot of what happens with the budget is after the session is over because the legislature gives the staff a lot of flexibility in explaining what happened during conference during the final days of session and they write what they believe happened during the week after the session is over. It’s important for our lobbyist to be there during that week. If it doesn’t move up to the Ways and Means Committees and that would primarily be two people, the Ways and Means Chair in the House and the Ways and Means Chair in the Senate and they will have it for exactly three days. Then it will bump up to the Speaker and the Senate President and their decisions will be made within 24 hours.

Mayor Black: We are happy to have former Senator Victor Crist on the local government side of things now. He is a great resource for not only our Legislative Committee, but for our Regional Planning Council.

Chair Dodson: I would like to ask a question about the House Bill being recurring and the Senate Bill being non-recurring. What are your thoughts on getting the Senate side of the bill to be recurring?

Commissioner Crist: The hardest money to get during conference is recurring. It’s easier to move to non-recurring. That’s going to be tricky. I’m sure that the focus is on J. D. Alexander and he’ll be the pivoting decision-maker on that. What he’ll do, is the Senate holds back money that they don’t appropriate and during conference they pull it out and they begin to dole it out to help the individual subject committees. The one thing the Senate does is they retain quite a bit of general revenue which is recurring. That plays in our favor, but it’s all going to be contingent on J. D. Alexander.

**F. Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) – No Report**

**G. Economic Development - No Report**

**H. Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF)**

Ms. Amanda Shaw, RSDTF Planner provided a brief description of the Interoperable Communications Functional exercise. The focus of the RDSTF over the last few years has been to improve the communications capabilities for each county within the eight county region. A lot of purchases have been made of local communications equipment and this committee is now having an opportunity to exercise together, in one area, to see not only their capabilities to communicate and to deploy their equipment but also to see how they can each function individually as well as a group. The scenario will be that the hurricane has struck and the communications have been compromised in a 50 mile radius. They will all have the opportunity to bring their mobile command post and their mobile communication equipment to the site and be able to complete a list of tasks. Each county will be able to assess their ability to deploy their equipment, as well as to communicate with each other county. This is hopefully going to lead to a lot of improved planning on how they are going to communicate in shared events. On recent deployments when there have been different agencies deployed together they have had trouble communicating with each other. There will be a follow up exercise next year and we should, at that point, be confident that all counties will be able to communicate with each other.

Council Member Jonson: There's something called a P25 standard. Is that related to what's going on here?

Ms. Shaw: I'm not a communications person but my understanding is that the different counties in the region are in different stages of reaching P25 compliance so part of this is going to assess their status as far as P25 compliance goes. That was the reason for us wanting to hire an outside contractor to have a look rather than us assessing our own status and deciding how well we are doing. This is going to be someone who can look at us impartially and assess each county as to what they need to do to bring them closer towards the P25 compliance goal. My understanding is that they are all at the minimum benchmark that they need to be at right now. Some of them are already P25 compliant. That's what we are working toward. The P25 compliance is simply to ensure that you are able to plug into whatever system that you have from another area into the local system and communicate with the other responders in the area. The eight counties in the RDSTF region are: Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk and Hardy.

**9. Other Council Reports - None**

**10. Executive/Budget Committee Report – Chair Dodson - None**

**11. Chair's Report - None**

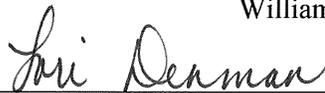
**12. Executive Director's Report - None**

Adjournment: 11:19 a.m.



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William D. Dodson, Chair



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