



Recap of the TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

Annual Meeting Date: December 13, 2011

❖ **Renewable and Clean Energy Financing**

As a follow up to last month's discussion on solar power opportunities, Mr. Doug Coward addressed the Council on some innovative financing techniques underway in St. Lucie County. Mr. Coward is a former three term county commissioner who left public service to pursue opportunities in the clean energy industry and green job creation. Mr. Coward is the executive director of the Clean Energy Loan Program.

❖ **2011 TBRPC Annual Report**

Mr. Avera Wynne, Planning Director, provided a presentation summarizing the Council's activities for the year 2011. The 2011 Annual Report is available on the web site: www.tbrpc.org

❖ **Electric Vehicle Charging Station Commissioning**

Get Ready Tampa Bay is a regional collaboration between the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, local governments, Rocky Mountain Institute, Progress Energy Florida, Tampa Electric, Florida Power & Light, Lakeland Electric, the University of South Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research, business partners, and other groups interested in preparing Tampa Bay for the roll-out of electric vehicles (EV) in the next few years. In keeping with the spirit of this initiative, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council along with its partners in Get Ready Tampa Bay installed an Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the Council office facility. A commissioning was held following the Annual Meeting.

❖ **TBRPC 20th Future of the Region Awards and 50th Anniversary Celebration**

February 16, 2012 marks the beginning of 50 years in regional planning for the TBRPC. A committee has been formed to honor this milestone for the Council. The celebration will be held in conjunction with the 20th Annual Future of the Region Awards luncheon. The two events will take place on Friday, March 23rd, 2012 at the historic Renaissance Vinoy Hotel.

❖ **46th Annual National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference**

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is hosting the 46th Annual National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference at the Renaissance Vinoy, June 10th through June 13th. This national conference will bring in over 400 elected officials and regional planning professionals from across the nation. Registration for the conference will begin in February or March of 2012.

All presentations, pertinent links and detailed minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org. 727.570.5151