



Recap of the TBRPC Council Meeting

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

Council Meeting Date: November 12, 2012

- ❖ **High Priority Transportation Initiatives for West Central Florida**
The West Central Florida MPO/TPO Staff Directors, in cooperation with the Regional Priorities Working Group, have developed a draft unified list of ranked high priority transportation initiatives covering all of West Central Florida. Council heard a presentation and was presented with a map describing the list development process.
- ❖ **Integrating Nitrogen Management with Planning**
Federal and State regulators now require that all nitrogen sources to Tampa Bay not exceed the existing loading rate. For municipalities, counties and the private sector, any new development or redevelopment activity must either retain substantially more storm water runoff (the principal source) on-site or greatly improve the treatment standards, and that no increase in municipal wastewater discharge can occur without a corresponding reduction in nitrogen loading elsewhere. Council heard a presentation on the project underway to inform local governments of this requirement and of ways to revise policies and land development codes to accomplish this while allowing for continued development and redevelopment.
- ❖ **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**
The Draft 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was presented during the council meeting. The draft document has been approved for public comment and board approval by the CEDS Steering Committee. The committee has been actively engaged in developing the CEDS over the past few months. Three meetings and several surveys have been conducted to guide the development with the committee. The document was approved and will be submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA).
- ❖ **Future of the Region Awards Call for Entry Now Available!**
Deadline for entry is Friday, January 11, 2012. The luncheon will take place Friday, March 15th at the Carillon Hilton in St. Petersburg.
- ❖ **TBRPC Seeks New Office Tenants**
Up to 13,940 square feet of premium office space will be available for lease on Feb. 1, 2012. Favorable rates for Not for Profits/Centrally located in Pinellas County/Bus Route/Easy access to I-275/Ample parking. Contact Wren Krahl for more information.

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