



Recap of the TBRPC 50th Annual Meeting

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

Council Meeting Date: December 10, 2012

- ❖ **2013 Slate of Officers are sworn in at the 50th Annual Meeting**

The new Slate of Officers took the oath of office at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. This year's officers are Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island, Chair; Mr. Andy Nunez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee, Vice-Chair; and Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County, Secretary/Treasurer.
- ❖ **2012 Annual Report: Visions Magazine is Now Available in Print and Online.**

Celebrating 50 years in regional planning was the theme of this year's annual report. A special edition was printed to archive this milestone in the Council's history. Mr. Avera Wynne, Director of Planning provided an overview of the Council's activities during its 50th year.
- ❖ **Transportation Funding Alternatives**

Sarasota Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization presented the findings of a revenue study commissioned by the statewide Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC). Current methods of funding are projected to be inadequate in the future and significant changes to the state and national funding strategies need to be made. The MPOAC report identified 14 revenue enhancement options. Six options were discussed in detail. One of the options, a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) user fee, needs further study but is being promoted as a way to offset declining fuel tax revenues that appear inevitable as CAFÉ standards and electric/hybrid vehicles reduce traditional fuel usage. Current Federal policy seeks to double vehicle fuel efficiency by 2025 which could reduce fuel tax revenues since most of the taxes flat rate and are not indexed.
- ❖ **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