



Recap of the TBRPC Council Meeting

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

Meeting Date: August 11, 2014

❖ **Future Corridors**

Mr. Bob Romig, Executive Director with the Florida Transportation Commission provided an update on the Future Corridors initiative, a statewide effort led by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to plan for the future of the major transportation corridors critical to the state's economic competitiveness and quality of life over the next 50 years. This initiative builds upon the 2060 Florida Transportation Plan and Secretary Prasad's "Florida's 21st Century Transportation Vision. Mr. Romig's focus was mainly on the Tampa-Northeast and the Tampa-Central Florida corridors.

❖ **Council Receives NOAA Grant for ONE BAY: Resilient Communities**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) awarded the TBRPC \$100,000.00 through the Coastal Resilience Networks (CRest) grant program to leverage the existing ONE BAY: Livable Communities Working Group for the purpose of improving the Tampa Bay area's regional capacity to withstand adverse impacts associated with sea level rise, storm surge and extreme weather. The Resilient Communities Working Group will encourage knowledge sharing and facilitate discourse between local planners, developers, emergency managers, business leaders, floodplain managers, decision makers and researchers, and generate consensus around a common approach to understanding, communicating and planning for coastal hazards.

❖ **The Difference Between Evacuation Zones and Flood Zones**

Evacuation zones are based on SLOSH Storm Surge Model, developed by NOAA / National Hurricane Center. The SLOSH model predicts the amount of storm surge – an abnormal rise in sea level from tropical storms and hurricanes – on a basin (like Tampa Bay). Flood zones are mapped by FEMA as part of the National Flood Insurance Program to determine areas most vulnerable to flooding. This is a very different model incorporating not only coastal flooding but inland and riverine flooding. Staff provided a presentation explaining the purpose of each model as well as the differences between the two models. For more information on flood zones, visit the National Flood Insurance Program at www.floodsmart.gov (888) CAL-FLOOD (225-5356). For more information on evacuation levels visit www.tampabayprepares.org or your county emergency management website.

❖ **Council Establishes Gubernatorial Ad Hoc Committee**

The first meeting of the TBRPC Gubernatorial Appointee Ad Hoc Committee was held prior to the Council meeting. The committee was established at the request of the Council in an effort to garner the Governor's support for statewide RPC funding. Committee members provided ideas and input on ways to improve communication with the Governor and his staff as well as assisted in identifying the next steps moving forward.

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