



Recap of TBRPC Council Meeting

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

Meeting Date: May 9, 2016

❖ 2016 Hurricane Season Begins June 1

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council works with the region's local governments to increase public awareness about the potential threats to lives and property that hurricanes pose. The Council adopted Resolution #2016-01 declaring the month of June as Hurricane Awareness Month in the Tampa Bay Region.

❖ The 24th Annual Future of the Region Awards Luncheon Honored 12 Outstanding Projects-Holly Greening, Executive Director for the Tampa Bay Estuary Program Received The Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership

A record 47 submissions were received for the 24th Annual Future of the Region Awards. New categories were introduced this year which include Built Environment, Community Preparedness, Natural Environment, Economy and Energy, and Transportation and Mobility. The winners were announced before a crowd of 250 attendees at the successful awards luncheon on April 22, 2016 at the USF St. Petersburg University Student Center.

❖ I-75 Relief Task Force

The I-75 relief Task Force was established with two overarching goals: To improve regional connectivity and to provide relief to Interstate 75. The purpose of the task force is to provide consensus recommendations on transportation improvements for the Tampa Bay/Northeast Florida connection. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is the lead agency and this type of task force is only the second time that FDOT has utilized this type of broad range Task Force to determine alternatives for transportation improvements and TBRPC is happy to serve as a member of the Task Force to represent the interests of the Tampa Bay Region. Alison Stettner, Planning Manager for the Florida Turnpike provided a status update to Council members.

❖ Rutgers University Urban Entrepreneurship Program

Lyneir Richardson, Executive Director for the Center for Urban Entrepreneurship at Rutgers Business School provided an overview of the program which fosters economic development in urban areas.

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