



Recap of TBRPC Council Meeting

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

Meeting Date: August 8, 2016

❖ Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Designated as Florida's provider of small business assistance, the SBDC Network has more than 250 employees and 40 offices from Pensacola to Key West to serve the needs of Florida's business community. Ms. Eileen Rodriguez provided an overview of the University of South Florida's SBDC which assists small business development in the Tampa Bay region. Since 1976, their network of partners has helped construct a statewide ecosystem to foster the spirit, support and success of entrepreneurs.

❖ Tampa Bay Express

The Tampa Bay Express (TBX) is a series of projects comprising nearly 50 miles of roadway improvements connecting the region's major activity centers. It includes the replacement of the northbound Howard Frankland Bridge and reconstruction of I-275 and I-4 and transit opportunities throughout the system.

❖ TBRPC's 2016 Disaster Planning Guide Now Available

TBRPC's 2016 Disaster Planning Guide, the Official Guide for the Tampa Bay Area, is now available online at:

<http://www.tbrpc.org/tampabaydisaster/DisasterPlanningGuide2016.shtml>. Printed copies of the Disaster Planning Guide are distributed through our county emergency management agency partners, and are available at post offices, libraries, and other local government facilities. Additional copies may be available through your county's emergency management office. The TBRPC produced the first Official Hurricane Survival Guide, now referred to as the Disaster Planning Guide in 1981. The TBRPC was the lead agency in producing the first ever Statewide Regional Evacuation Plan in which the entire state of Florida and its county/city emergency management teams can now respond in a planned and coordinated fashion whenever natural disasters impact Florida.

❖ National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. A number of local governments in the Tampa Bay region participate in the CRS Program which discounts flood insurance premium rates for NFIP policyholders in participating jurisdictions. Five local governments have improved their CRS Rating in 2016 resulting in increased flood insurance discounts for NFIP policyholders in those communities. TBRPC staff participates in the Tampa Bay Regional CRS Working Group.

All presentations, pertinent links and minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org. Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information, wren@tbrpc.org.