MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: February 20, 2009 Council Meeting

Subject: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log

The attached Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICR) Log presents 21 applications for federal funding of projects or programs. The Review Log contains the applicant’s name, project location, project description, federal funding source, and the amount of funds requested, as well as designation of Notification of Intent if it is a preliminary application. Staff recommendations are provided on the consistency of funding applications with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

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**Recommendation**

Council should approve staff comments and authorize their distribution.

**Attachments**
The Business Loan Fund (BLF) of the Palm Beaches is seeking funds from the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant program to provide financial and technical assistance to rural businesses. The BLF loans monies and provides technical assistance to small and emerging businesses and community development entities in order to stimulate creation of wealth, jobs and economic growth in the region’s investment-starved communities.

The BLF’s primary target market is the low income populations of Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Hendry Counties. The organization’s principal service is lending to micro-entrepreneurs and small business owners and providing direct and indirect technical assistance to its clients prior to, during and after loan closing. The target populations are economically disadvantaged residents of government-designated Development Regions and Enterprise Zones.

The BLF offers two loan products distinguished by size, term and collateral to small and micro-business owners and non-profit organizations. Eligible uses include business start-up capital, working capital, community development projects, redevelopment in distressed areas, inventory, lease hold improvements and other efforts designed to create jobs and services in low income communities.

Direct technical assistance is provided in preparing loan applications and business plans, post-closing financial reporting and other aspects of financial and business management. Indirect technical assistance includes referrals, training and workshops that BLF coordinates and implements with its local network of non-profit small business development organizations and incubators.

FUNDING AGENCY: U.S. Department of Agriculture
PROJECT COSTS:

- $513,671 Federal
- 20,000 Applicant
- 86,000 Local
- 80,000 Other
- 53,687 Program Income
- $753,358 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The proposal is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It supports Regional Goal 3.1 – An improved economy for the Region’s distressed communities.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach County
City of West Palm Beach
The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (Corps) Jacksonville District is gathering information for the evaluation of issuing a federal lease to the City of Fort Pierce for the proposed Inlet Linear Park Project. The scope of the lease would include Corps property within both the existing South Jetty Park as well as the proposed park location. The project site consists of approximately 1.39 acres of land located on SR A1A on Hutchinson Island on the Fort Pierce Inlet.

The proposed park would include a 10 foot wide walking lane and a 4 foot wide bicycle lane along approximately 1000 feet of the southern shore of Fort Pierce Inlet and connect to the existing South Jetty Park. Also proposed are guard rails, low level path lighting, security call boxes, bench seating areas, trash receptacles, water fountains and landscaping.

The Environmental Assessment report provides the methodologies and findings of a scientific environmental assessment of the project site. This report addresses the following environmental issues: protected species, wildlife, vegetative communities, soils and topography. The report found neither federal nor state listed species of plants, animals or any existing habitats.

The proposed project is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It supports Regional Goal 8.1 – Public facilities which provide a high quality of life.
AGENCIES CONTACTED:  St. Lucie County
City of Port St. Lucie
Town of St. Lucie Village
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
TCRPC NUMBER: 09-SL-01-01

APPLICANT: Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Operating Expenses Assistance

The Council on Aging of St. Lucie Community Transit program is requesting funding to maintain its operations as the contracted transportation provider for St Lucie County. Community Transit employs 57 persons including administrative staff, dispatchers, schedulers and drivers. A Transit Director administers the day-to-day operations of the program. Community Transit’s service area includes all of St. Lucie County and areas of adjoining Indian River and Martin Counties. Annual trips for FY 2007/2008 were 252,857.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $27,000 Federal
27,000 Local
$54,000 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: All St. Lucie County Municipalities
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
January 23, 2009

Marlene Brunot-Phillips
ICR Coordinator
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

Dear Ms. Brunot-Phillips:

RE: Operating Expenses Assistance
TCRPC Reference #09-SL-01-01

We have received the above-referenced application for review. Since the application is for funding for operations to support transit services outlined in the adopted St. Lucie Transit Development Plan, we do not have any comments.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marcela Lathou
Senior Planner

cc: Peter Buchwald, TPO Executive Director
Corine Williams, St. Lucie County Transit Manager
Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Inc. is a private non-profit agency whose mission is to provide cost-effective, efficient transportation to the residents of St. Lucie County. Community Transit, the Council’s transportation program has evolved into the largest of the programs provided by the agency. Community Transit is St. Lucie County’s contracted public transit provider and transportation disadvantaged provider.

Community Transit operates a varied fleet of 49 vehicles from its central dispatch and administrative facility located in Fort Pierce. Due to the increase demand in the Port St. Lucie area, Community Transit will implement two new fixed routes; one running along the Port St. Lucie Boulevard/Gatlin Boulevard corridor and another running along Prima Vista Boulevard/St Lucie West Boulevard. Community Transit is requesting funding to purchase two (2) 18-passenger buses which will replace an 8-passenger van and a 16-passenger bus.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $136,000 Federal
17,000 State
17,000 Local
$170,000 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: All St. Lucie County Municipalities
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
January 23, 2009

Marlene Brunot-Phillips
ICR Coordinator
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

Dear Ms. Brunot-Phillips:

RE: Purchase of Vehicles
TCRPC Reference #09-SL-01-02

We have received the above-referenced application for review. Since the application is for the purchase of replacement vehicles to support transit services outlined in the adopted St. Lucie Transit Development Plan, we do not have any comments.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marcelia Lathou
Senior Planner

cc: Peter Buchwald, TPO Executive Director
    Corine Williams, St. Lucie County Transit Director
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG

TCRPC NUMBER: 09-PB-01-03

APPLICANT: South County Mental Health Center, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Purchase of Vehicles

South County Mental Health Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization serving south Palm Beach County. The center provides a vast array of psychiatric services to severely and persistently mentally disabled clients. These services are provided in a variety of settings, both on and off their central campus. The center provides transportation services to ensure service accessibility for their clients. Their transportation vehicles circulate 7 fixed routes within the service area bordered by Southern Boulevard to the north, Broward County line to the south, SR 441 to the west and the coastline to the east. The Center is requesting funds to purchase one (1) 12-passenger van and three (3) 5-passenger sedans. These vehicles will replace four (4) vehicles in their existing fleet.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $56,000 Federal
7,000 Applicant
7,000 State
70,000 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Palm Beach County - Palm Tran
TCRPC NUMBER: 09-PB-01-04

APPLICANT: Renaissance Learning Center

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Purchase of Vehicle

Renaissance Learning Center (RLC) is a nonprofit Palm Beach County charter school serving children ages 3-14 with autism spectrum disorders. RLC’s transportation program serves 60 students from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, 5 days per week, 44 weeks per year. RLC currently uses one (1) 15-passenger vehicle which was purchased several years ago when the student population was 15 students. The Center is seeking funding assistance to purchase one (1) 24-passenger vehicle in order to expand their present service.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $46,178 Federal
5,772 Applicant
5,772 State
$57,722 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Palm Beach County - Palm Tran
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG

TCRPC NUMBER: 09-SL-01-05

APPLICANT: The Arc of St. Lucie County, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Purchase of Vehicles

The Arc of St. Lucie County, Inc. (Arc) provides a comprehensive array of services to developmentally disabled citizens in their community. The Arc serves in excess of two hundred consumers in its various settings. The greatest need of their population is transportation to and from the consumer’s residence and from the Arc’s location to various sites in the community.

The Arc’s transportation fleet for the day and residential program consists of 12 vehicles which are a combination of mini buses and passenger vans. Limited vehicle capacity has resulted in having to institute second daily routes. The purchase of larger vehicles would allow trips to be consolidated and, therefore, create shorter headways, less dead miles and less transportation related expenses. The Arc is seeking funding to purchase one (1) 31 foot transit bus and two (2) 12-passenger mini vans. These vehicles will replace three smaller, existing vehicles.

The Arc’s adult programs operate 10 hours a day and evening transportation is needed. St Lucie County’s contracted mass transit provider, Community Transit, does not pick-up after 5:30 pm.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $106,400 Federal
13,300 State
13,300 Local
$133,000 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.
AGENCIES CONTACTED: St. Lucie County
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
Children’s Services Council of St. Lucie County
January 27, 2009

Marlene Brunot-Phillips  
ICR Coordinator  
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council  
421 SW Camden Avenue  
Stuart, FL 34994

Dear Ms. Brunot-Phillips:

RE: Purchase of Vehicles  
TCRPC Reference #09-FL-01-05

We have received the above-referenced application for review. Since the purchase of replacement vehicles for transport of the Arc of St. Lucie County, Inc.'s targeted population is considered a public transportation service which is consistent with the adopted St. Lucie Transit Development Plan, we do not have any comments.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marcelia Lathou  
Senior Planner

cc: Peter Buchwald, TPO Executive Director  
    Corine Williams, St. Lucie County Transit Manager
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG

TCRPC NUMBER: 09-FL-01-06

APPLICANT: Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Purchase of Vehicles

Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Inc. (GGI) headquartered in West Palm Beach, is a community based non-profit organization which provides vocational and training programs for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment to become self-sufficient, working members of their community. The Adult Day Transitions Program serves individuals with developmental disabilities caused by mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism or spina bifida. Their current combined enrollment is 163 participants.

CGI Transportation Services provides transportation primarily to participants in their Adult Day Transitions Program in Port St. Lucie and Vero Beach. Routes extend from Jensen Beach to the Indian River County line and from St. Lucie West to Indian River Drive. CGI is seeking funding to purchase two (2) 20’ transit buses to replace two existing vehicles.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $112,000 Federal
              14,000 State
              14,000 Local
              $140,000 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: All County Planning Departments
                      All County Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations
January 27, 2009

Marlene Brunot-Phillips
ICR Coordinator
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

Dear Ms. Brunot-Phillips:

RE: Purchase of Vehicles
TCRPC Reference #09-FL-01-06

We have received the above-referenced application for review. Since the purchase of replacement vehicles for transport of Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Inc.'s targeted population is considered a public transportation service which is consistent with the adopted St. Lucie Transit Development Plan, we do not have any comments.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marcelia Lathou
Senior Planner

cc: Peter Buchwald, TPO Executive Director
    Corine Williams, St. Lucie County Transit Manager
The Mae Volen Senior Center, Inc. in Boca Raton is a private non-profit provider of transportation services to the elderly and disabled elderly in south Palm Beach County needing rides to destinations from Boca Raton to Lake Worth. The routes are door-to-door, addressing the need of seniors who are unable to walk to a bus stop or cannot afford taxi service. Vehicles are on the road Monday through Friday, from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm. Requested funds will be used to purchase three (3) 27 foot transit buses that will replace three existing vehicles.

The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

Palm Beach County Planning
Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Palm Beach County - Palm Tran
City of Boca Raton
City of Boynton Beach
City of Delray Beach
Town of Highland Beach
Town of Hypoluxo
City of Lake Worth
Town of Lantana
Acceler8 is a group of eight projects with multiple components designed to expedite attainment of water quality, quantity and timing goals of Everglades restoration efforts ahead of the federal implementation schedule for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. The US Army Corp of Engineers is submitting a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed construction of stormwater treatment areas in the Everglades Agricultural Area by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). The SFWMD is requesting authorization from the Corp in the form of a permit to construct stormwater treatment area in Compartments B and C of the Everglades Agricultural Area. Compartments B is located in southern Palm Beach County, east of US Highway 27 and south of Everglades Agricultural Area lands. Compartment C is located in Hendry County just west of Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area and east of C-139 Basin agricultural lands.

Excessive amounts of phosphorus exceeding state water quality standards are in the waters flowing through the Everglades Agricultural Area into the Everglades Protection Area. Increased phosphorus levels in the Everglades Protection Area have altered ecological habitat, reduced its functional quality and increased colonization of nuisance plant species. The project will provide an interim step in the overall process to reach water quality standards.

The project purpose as described by the SFWMD is to utilize Compartments B and C to increase the treatment capacity of the existing stormwater treatment areas in order to further reduce phosphorous levels in stormwater
runoff entering the Everglades Protection Area from the Everglades Agricultural Area and other water basins by building stormwater treatment areas on SFWMD owned lands.

**FUNDING AGENCY:** None

**PROJECT COSTS:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The proposed project is consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan*. It furthers *Policy 6.9.1.4*: Support programs that prevent pollution of the Everglades ecosystem.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:** Palm Beach County
The Arc of Palm Beach County, Inc. (Arc) is a private, non-profit organization. The Arc’s mission is to improve the lives of children and adults who have developmental and mental disabilities as well as their families, through services, advocacy, and education. The Arc provides a wide array of programs including early intervention, child care for “high risk” infants of teenage parents, two specialized school campuses for children with severe disabilities, recreation programs and parent support. For adults, the Arc provides vocational training, job placement, supported employment coaching, respite care, inclusion programs and residential facilities.

The Arc has been providing transportation services to its clients for more than 35 years. Currently, to meet the transportation needs of its clients, the Arc operates an 8 vehicle fleet. Four vans are designated for recreation programming to provide transportation to field trips, adult day programs and day camps. The remaining four vans are available 24 hours a day seven days a week to four residential facilities housing 32 adults.

In response to the Department of Transportation’s memorandum recommending that the passenger limit for vehicles be capped at 12 passengers, the Arc is in the process of eliminating the last 15 passenger van in its fleet. The Arc is requesting funding for the acquisition of one (1) 20 foot cutaway bus to replace this vehicle.

**FUNDING AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration

**PROJECT COSTS:**

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RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach County
Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Palm Beach County – Palm Tran
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG

TCRPC NUMBER: 09-PB-01-10

APPLICANT: Jewish Residential and Family Service, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Purchase of Vehicle

Jewish Residential Family Service, Inc. (JRFS) serves an adult population with many different disabilities ranging from chronic mental illness and developmental disability to severe learning disability in Palm Beach County. Residents are transported in combined routes throughout the day as well as individualized routes. Transportation is available from 6:30 am until 9:00 pm. JRFS is seeking funding to purchase two (2) mid-size sedans to ensure continuous transportation service for their disabled clients involved with a variety of activities ranging from competitive employment to volunteer activities.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $27,360 Federal
3,420 Applicant
3,420 State
$34,200 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach County
Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Palm Beach County – Palm Tran
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG

TCRPC NUMBER: 09-PB-01-11

APPLICANT: Palm Beach Habilitation Center, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Purchase of Vehicles

The Palm Beach Habilitation Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency founded in 1959 that provides a wide variety of services annually to over 650 men and women who have developmental, physical and/or emotional disabilities. The mission of the Center is to provide programs and services which will prepare men and women with disabilities to live and work to their greatest level of independence within their own community.

The center provides daily fixed route transportation services to 19 individuals with disabilities. Service is provided for all medical appointments, meetings, recreational activities and social events. Services are provided seven days a week as needed by clients served. The Center’s Seniors in Transition and Retirement Services program transports 26 senior citizens with disabilities. There is an increased demand to transport 30 individuals.

The Center has also developed community work sites to employ work crews composed of their clients. Transportation is provided to and from job sites. The Community Integration program enables the participants to engage in the community under the supervision and direction of staff members. Transportation to community businesses and events allow program participants to enhance their lives in the areas of socialization and employment. In order to continue providing efficient transportation services to their clients, the Center is requesting funds to purchase two (2) 23 foot transit buses to replace one existing vehicle.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS:

- Federal 102,400
- Applicant 12,800
- State 12,800

$128,000 Total
RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach County
Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Palm Beach County Palm Tran
Seagull Industries for the Disabled, Inc. has been serving mentally retarded and developmentally challenged adults in Palm Beach County since 1979. Their mission is to provide vocational training and residential programs that enable each adult to achieve that level of independence that his/her desire and capability permit. Seagull’s transportation system is dedicated to transporting its most severely disabled clients to and from its vocational training programs, residential programs and appointments to medical, dental, social and vocational facilities. Seagull is requesting funding to purchase two (2) 12-passenger vans to replace three existing vehicles.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $38,400 Federal
                 4,800 Applicant
                 4,800 State
                 $44,000 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers **Regional Goal 7.2** that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach County
                     Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
                     Palm Beach County – Palm Tran
TCRPC NUMBER: 09-PB-01-13

APPLICANT: United Cerebral Palsy of Palm Beach and Mid-Coast Counties, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Purchase of Vehicles

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) is committed to providing the best quality support and services available for persons with cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities and their families. The UCP provides a variety of educational, vocational and therapeutic services.

UCP has provided transportation services to children and adults with developmental disabilities for over 12 years. They currently operate a fleet of 10 vehicles which are utilized daily for a variety of transportation needs. Transportation is provided to 48 individuals from residential programs and another 30 from the community at large. The service is provided 5 days a week, 8 hours per day for daily programs; as scheduled for recreation; and 7 days a week 24 hours a day as needed in residential homes.

The UCP is requesting funds to purchase three (3) 12-passenger vans, vehicle tracking equipment and communications equipment to better serve their clients.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $61,800 Federal  
7,725 Applicant  
7,725 State  
$77,250 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach County  
Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Palm Beach County – Palm Tran
The Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc (Arc) is a private nonprofit developmental services provider agency serving residents of western Palm Beach County with developmental disabilities.

The Arc provides adult education, pre-vocational, sheltered activities, vocational, supported living, supported employment and community integration services for adults with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. Support services also provided by the Arc include transportation, food, nutrition and administrative services.

The Arc transports clients with disabilities exclusively to the adult programs located between Belle Glade and Pahokee during weekday program hours. 100% of the Arc’s ridership is disabled and nearly 90% of those are minorities. The Arc is requesting funds to purchase one (1) 5-passenger mini-van and two (2) 7-passenger mini-vans to replace three vehicles.

The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

The Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.
APPLICANT: Mineral Management Service

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Draft Proposed 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2010 – 2015 and Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is requesting comments on the Draft Proposed Program for the 2010-2015 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program. It is also submitting a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) based on the recommendations of the Draft Proposed Program. The draft proposal is for a new OCS Oil and Gas program to succeed the current 2007-2012 program set to expire June 30, 2012. The Draft Proposed Program presents the location and timing of OCS oil and gas lease sales proposed for 2010-2015 and describes the framework for developing the new 5-year program. The results of the EIS will help determine the schedule of lease sales as well as the areas available for leasing in the 5-year program. Planning areas not included in the 5-year program will not be offered for leasing.

The MMS is a bureau of the US Department of the Interior. It manages the nation’s natural gas, oil and other mineral resources on the outer continental shelf through its Offshore Energy and Minerals Management program. The Offshore program is divided into four regions: Alaska, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic. Florida is surrounded by the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico regions. These regions are further subdivided into planning areas. The Atlantic region is divided into four planning areas: North Atlantic, Mid Atlantic, South Atlantic and the Straits of Florida. The Gulf of Mexico region is subdivided into the Eastern, Central and Western planning areas. The planning areas immediately adjacent to the Florida coast are the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic and the Straits of Florida.

Under the OCS Land Act, MMS implements an OCS oil and gas exploration and development program that provides the nation with 27 percent of its domestic oil production and 15 percent of its domestic natural gas
production. Given the expected significant growth in deepwater development, OCS production could account for more than 40 percent of U.S. oil production and 23 percent of U.S. natural gas production by 2010.

Since its original enactment in 1953, the OCS Lands Act has been amended several times, most recently as a result of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Under this legislation, the MMS has jurisdiction over alternative energy projects on the OCS including, but not limited to: offshore wind energy, wave energy, ocean current energy, offshore solar energy, and hydrogen generation. MMS will also have jurisdiction over other projects that make alternate use of existing oil and natural gas platforms in Federal waters on the OCS.

According to the Draft Proposed Program submitted January 2009, there is one sale proposed in the South Atlantic and three sales proposed in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas exploration. In the Straits of Florida there are no proposed lease sales. In addition to the proposed oil and gas leases, in the South Atlantic, an area off the Georgia coast was chosen for limited leasing for wind energy under the interim Alternative Energy policy. In the Straits of Florida, the MMS chose four locations to issue leases for ocean current energy. Experts believe these locations are within one of the prime areas for potential ocean current energy development due to the large volume and steady flow of the Gulf Stream current. Florida Atlantic University Center for Ocean Energy Technology is pursuing partnerships to establish a South Florida testing facility range for research and development of current power generation. The Alternative Energy projects are in the research stage. Planning and development for commercial energy production is tentative and uncertain.

FUNDING AGENCY: None

PROJECT COSTS: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: The proposed wind energy and ocean current energy projects in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico are consistent with Strategic Regional Policy Plan Strategy 9.1.1: Reduce the Region’s reliance on fossil fuels. The wind energy and ocean current energy projects are needed to increase the proportion of electricity produced from
renewable resources. The use of these renewable resources is preferred over the traditional burning of fossil fuels, because they do not result in emissions that degrade air and water resources. Furthermore, the wind energy and ocean current energy projects will not add more carbon dioxide to the atmosphere, which contributes to global warming. Global warming is a great concern to the State of Florida for many reasons, including increasing the potential for sea level rise. The prospect of sea level rise is of particular concern to the State of Florida because of its expansive coastline, low elevations and flat topography, economic dependence of the tourism industry on beaches and coastal resources, and significant public and private investment in coastal areas. Council supports the research and development of renewable energy programs in the OCS lands surrounding the State of Florida. A continued effort to develop and commercially produce renewable energy in the State is a more sustainable strategy for the future welfare of the region.

The proposed OCS Oil and Gas lease sales in the South Atlantic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico planning areas is inconsistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan Strategy 9.1.1: Reduce the Region’s reliance on fossil fuels. Council is concerned with the effects of offshore oil and gas exploration on the State’s ocean and estuarine water quality. Specifically, Florida’s major economic engine, the tourism industry, relies on clean waters and healthy beaches. The potential risk of oil spills, fires and air pollution off Florida’s coasts creates uncertainty in the future viability of this industry. The proposed project is in conflict with Strategy 3.3.1: Maintain and improve existing features which are attributes to the attraction of tourists.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Indian River County
Martin County
Palm Beach County
St. Lucie County
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Draft Proposed Program for 2010-2015  Lease Sale Schedule

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*Program area for lease sales would be expanded if Congress passes new legislation to lift any or all of the moratorium mandated by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA).
APPLICANT: Senior Resource Association, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Purchase of Vehicles

Senior Resource Association, Inc. is seeking a capital and operating grant to assist in the purchase of four (4) vehicles to provide transportation services for the elderly, handicapped and transportation disadvantaged of all ages. Three of their existing vehicles have over 100,000 miles and are used to provide mandatory Medicaid transport. Due to the fact Indian River County has no pediatric specialist doctors that accept Medicaid, all children must be transported out-of-county to the closest specialist. In 2008, out-of-county Medicaid transport increased by 20% warranting the need for the additional vehicle.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: 

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RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: All Indian River Municipalities
Indian River Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPLICANT: Senior Resource Association, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Operating Expenses Assistance

The applicant is a private, not-for-profit agency that provides transportation services to citizens, public agencies, medical offices, hospitals, shopping centers, local businesses, government offices, adult day care centers, and nutrition sites providing congregate meals in Indian River County. The applicant is requesting $70,000.00 in operational funding to help make up for a seven percent decrease in Indian River County funding for the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year. This is in anticipation of an additional eight/ten percent loss of general funding in the 2008/2009 fiscal year. In addition, the increased cost of maintenance, parts, supplies and labor as well as fuel prices have also prompted the need for this operating capital.

FUNDING AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT COSTS: $ 70,000 Federal
20,000 State
50,000 Local
$140,000 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers **Regional Goal 7.2** that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: All Indian River County Municipalities
Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization
The Council on Aging of Martin County’s transportation department, Community Coach, is the public transit provider for the various modes of transportation services provided to the general public riders in Martin County. The transit services provided by Community Coach include the Indiantown Shuttle, the Historic Downtown Stuart Shuttle and the Treasure Coast Connector. Community Coach is also implementing an Express Service route between Martin and Palm Beach Counties. The express bus service will be utilizing the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes that have been added to Interstate 95 in northern Palm Beach County. The Council is seeking funding to purchase two (2) 20 foot buses to replace two existing vehicles.

The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 that calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Geological and Geophysical Exploration on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is announcing its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to evaluate potential environmental effects of multiple geological and geophysical (G&G) activities in the Outer Continental Shelf waters of the Atlantic. G&G surveys provide information used by industry and government to evaluate the potential for offshore oil, gas and methane hydrate resources and geologic hazards.

MMS requires that G&G permit applications be submitted for all exploration activities that occur on non-leased acreage or acreage leased by someone other than the company initiating the activity. The PEIS is proposed for the Atlantic in light of multiple applications for permits received by the MMS and industry’s expressed interest in expanding activities into the Atlantic offshore waters.

Through the scoping process, MMS seeks input on the scope of the PEIS and assistance in determining the significant issues and alternatives for analysis. If a PEIS is funded and started in early 2009, MMS estimates completion by late 2010. Without funding, completion of the PEIS would be uncertain.

Funding of the proposed Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is inconsistent and in conflict with Strategic Regional Policy Plan Strategies 9.1.1 and 3.1.1 which are to reduce the Region’s reliance on fossil fuels and to maintain and improve existing features which are attributes to the attraction of tourists. Council does not
support efforts that encourage the exploration of Atlantic waters off Florida’s coastline for the purposes of oil and gas development, production and transport.

Use of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) around Florida for offshore energy production via renewable resources (i.e. wind, wave, tide, current, geothermal, solar, and hydrogen) are preferred over the traditional development of fossil fuel resources because they do not result in emissions that degrade air and water resources. Furthermore, wind energy and ocean current energy projects will not add more carbon dioxide to the atmosphere, which contributes to global warming. Global warming is a great concern to the State of Florida for many reasons, including increasing the potential for sea level rise. The prospect of sea level rise is of particular concern to the State of Florida because of its expansive coastline, low elevations and flat topography, economic dependence of the tourism industry on beaches and coastal resources, and significant public and private investment in coastal areas. In addition, Council is concerned with the effects of offshore oil and gas exploration on the State’s ocean and estuarine water quality. Specifically, Florida’s major economic engine, the tourism industry, relies on clean waters and healthy beaches. The potential risk of oil spills, fires and air pollution off Florida’s coasts creates uncertainty in the future viability of this industry.

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