TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: May 20, 2011 Council Meeting

Subject: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log

The Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process serves, in part, as an early warning system for the Federal government to determine if a federally funded project is consistent with plans and ongoing community initiatives of local governments and the Regional Planning Council. By coordinating with and requesting comments from affected local governments on applications, a duplication of efforts, funding and services can be avoided. This enables the tax dollars to be more effectively used to carry out local/regional initiatives in the region.

The attached Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log presents three 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is gathering information to help define issues and concerns that will be addressed in an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD) Alternative Rehabilitation Plan pilot test project. The test is being performed to identify risk reduction measures that will address the seepage and piping concerns associated with the HHD.

The two proposed test sections are located within Levee Designation 2. The first test section is 4,500 linear feet of embankment in the southern portion of Lake Okeechobee. The second test section is 1,500 linear feet of embankment northeast of Belle Glade on the south side of the eastern shore line of Lake Okeechobee (see Figure 1).

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Reach 1A Landside Rehabilitation was circulated for review in June 2010. The recommended plan included a landside berm, landside relief wells, and a new drainage swale in addition to the cutoff wall currently being constructed in the area (see Figure 2). The recommended solution described in the DEIS required the purchase of additional real estate. The Alternative Rehabilitation Plan pilot test to be analyzed in the upcoming EA will include seepage control features such as a sand trench and/or chimney drain. In addition, the current toe ditch will be lined and a shallower cutoff wall extending to the top of the rock layer will be installed (see Figure 3). It is anticipated that the test results will lead to lower cost solutions that will support the overall risk reduction strategy for the HHD.

Funding Agency: None

Project Costs: N/A

Recommendations: The project is neither inconsistent nor in conflict with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Agencies Contacted: Palm Beach County
Martin County
Figure 1. General vicinity and location of test cells.
Figure 2. Reach 1A Landside Rehabilitation (2010) draft supplemental EIS recommended plan features.

Figure 3. Alternative Rehabilitation Plan pilot test features.
TCRPC Number: 11-PB-04-02

Applicant: Palm Beach County

Project Description: Palm Beach County Amendments to the Annual Action Plans

Palm Beach County Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department is submitting amendments to Palm Beach County’s Annual Action Plans for FY 2002-2003, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011 including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Community Development Block Grant Recovery Program (CDBG-R); HOME Investment Partnership (HOME); Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 (NSP1); and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3) made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Following is a summary of those amendments by grant program.

Amendments to the CDBG program include additional activities to: replace failing and/or damaged equipment in waste water treatment plants in the Cities of South Bay, Belle Glade, Pahokee and Canal Point; acquire property for a County Homeless Resource Center; acquire and install playground equipment in the Town of Jupiter; create a Pilot Housing Program in the City of Lake Worth that will provide housing rehabilitation, demolition and homebuyer assistance for qualified individuals within the City’s Target Area. A change in scope will set aside ten percent of the total CDBG entitlement to fund eligible economic development activities. Activities to be deleted include: construction of a public sanitary sewer system in the Canal Point area; a passive park project in the City of Pahokee; new sidewalks, curbing and public rights-of-way in the City of Lake Worth; a Pilot Energy Audit Program for Lake Worth; a shuffleboard court facility in Lake Worth; construction of a new Boys and Girls Club in Wellington; and the Juvenile Transitions Center ESTEEM Ambassador Program in Wellington. Funding is being increased to construct a building and parking area for a community center as well as demolition of buildings and improvements in the City of South Bay. Reductions in funding have been made to the following activities: drainage infrastructure in the Town of Glen Ridge; rights-of-way improvements in the City of Belle Glade; extension and replacement of a water distribution main in Canal Point; and a streetscape/traffic calming project in the City of Lake Worth.
Amendments to the CDBG-R funding include: the addition of a project to purchase and install street name and stop signs in the City of Greenacres; a decrease in funding for clearing, grading and sodding two alleyways in the City of Greenacres; and a change in scope for the Urban League of Palm Beach County Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program.

An amendment to the HOME program allows HCD to reserve funding for Community Housing Development Organizations in support of the construction of new single family homes; the acquisition of existing single family homes; and down payment assistance toward the purchase of single family homes by first time homebuyers.

The NSP-1 program funds are used to acquire and rehabilitate vacant, abandoned and foreclosed residential properties for re-sale or rent to eligible households. Amendments to the scope for this program include changes in the funding to the sub recipient agencies and expansion of the areas of greatest need to two zip codes in the West Palm Beach area.

Through an NSP-3 appropriation, Palm Beach County has been allocated funds to conduct the following: provide direct financial assistance to home buying households with incomes no greater than 120% AMI to purchase foreclosed or abandoned residential properties for owner occupancy; acquire and/or rehabilitate foreclosed properties as affordable rental housing units; fund the Pahokee Housing Authority to redevelop vacant properties as affordable rental housing; and fund general administrative program planning costs for three years.

**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Project Costs:** N/A

**Recommendations:** The proposal is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 2.1 – an adequate and affordable supply of safe housing to meet the needs of the very low, low and moderate income residents of the region and Regional Goal 8.1 which calls for public facilities which provide a high quality of life.

**Agencies Contacted:** All Palm Beach County Municipalities
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG

TCRPC Number: 11-IR-04-03

Applicant: City of Sebastian

Project Description: Construction of an Aviation Hangar/Maintenance Facility

Sebastian Municipal Airport, located entirely within the City limits, is owned by the City of Sebastian. The property was granted to the City via the Government Surplus Act, which intends donated airports to be utilized for economic development.

The airport is a non-towered facility with two intersecting asphalt runways; a 10,000 square foot administrative/general aviation terminal building with 50 paved automobile parking spaces; and a self-serve fuel dispensing system. Through a staff initiative, the Airport became the first in the United States to have an operational ADS-B Tower, which is unmanned and part of the Federal Aviation Administrations’ NextGen navigation system. Airport tenants include: Skydive Sebastian, a privately-owned skydive school; Sebastian Aero Services, a privately-owned Fixed Base Operation; Velocity Aviation, a privately-owned kit-built aircraft producer; SheltAir Aviation, a Fort Lauderdale company operating private hangars; NationAir Insurance, Remos Aircraft USA, a light sport aircraft sales team; and LoPresti Aviation, a private aviation supplier.

It has been the objective of the City to attempt to incrementally grow the airport in an effort to create jobs. To that end, the City is requesting federal funding to cover twenty percent of the cost of constructing a new hangar at the airport that will serve as a manufacturing facility. Airport staff has negotiated an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to fund the other eighty percent of the cost of the hangar construction. V-Raptor Aircraft, a local aircraft manufacturing company, has entered into a lease-purchase agreement with the City to begin manufacturing of component parts of their aircraft design in the proposed hangar. Once the hangar is complete, V-Raptor Aircraft will use the facility for final assembly, flight test and customer training/acceptance. With this project expansion, it is projected that employment at V-Raptor Aircraft will increase from 10 to 40 employees.

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture
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**Recommendations:** The application is consistent with the **Strategic Regional Policy Plan**. It furthers **Policy 3.1.1.1** – Attract investors to help broaden the economic base and strengthen the job market.

**Agencies Contacted:** All Indian River County Municipalities  
Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
St. Lucie County  
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization