To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: October 21, 2011 Council Meeting

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendments to the Town of Jupiter Comprehensive Plan
Amendment No. 11-1ESR

Introduction

The Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, requires that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. TCRPC comments are limited to adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any local government within the Region. TCRPC must provide any comments to the local government within 30 days of the receipt of the proposed amendments and must also send a copy of any comments to the State Land Planning Agency.

Background

The Town of Jupiter has proposed two amendments to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. Amendment A is a Transportation Element text amendment, and Amendment B is a Coastal Management Element text amendment.

Evaluation

Comprehensive Plan Amendment A to the Transportation Element is to modify Figure 2 (Existing Bus Service Map), Figure 3 (Sidewalk/Pedestrian Facilities Map), and Figure 9 (2030 Intermodal Map). Proposed modifications to the Existing Bus Service Map (Exhibit 2) include: the addition of bus stops along University Drive in Abacoa on Palm Tran Bus Route 10; inclusion of Palm Tran Express Route 11; and inclusion of the Palm Tran I-95 Express Bus Route. Both Route 11 and the I-95 Express Bus Route are funded through a Florida Department of Transportation State High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) grant to help promote the use of the I-95 HOV lanes in northern Palm Beach County.
Proposed modifications to the Sidewalk/Pedestrian Facilities Map (Exhibit 3) include: the addition of existing sidewalks along Island Way; the deletion and change to the depiction of several sections of sidewalks along U.S. 1 and Indiantown Road that are scrivener’s errors on the existing figure; and the deletion of several multi-use paths that are already depicted on the Bicycle Transportation Master Plan, where they are more appropriate.

Proposed modifications to the 2030 Intermodal Map (Exhibit 4) include: revisions to transit stations; revisions to bus routes; addition of water taxi stops; and update to the planning time frame to extend through 2035. The revisions to transit stations are consistent with the Town’s 2008 Transit-Oriented Development charrette and Phase Two recommendations of the South Florida East Coast Corridor Study. The revisions to bus routes are consistent with the proposed modifications to the Existing Bus Service Map. The additional water taxi stops are consistent with the Intracoastal Waterway Plan for Palm Beach County, which was prepared by Council for the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization in 2009.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment B to the Coastal Management Element is to modify Policy 1.9.10 to include the Jupiter Presbyterian Church as a historically significant site meriting protection. The church is associated with the Town’s early 20th century heritage and is historically associated with early Jupiter pioneer Henry Pennock. As an example of the Frame Vernacular style, the church is also representative of the Town’s historic architecture.

**Extrajurisdictional Impacts**

The Town provided notification of these amendments to the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee on September 13, 2011. No extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

**Effects on Significant Regional Resources and Facilities**

No adverse effects on significant regional resources and facilities have been identified.

**Conclusion**

The proposed amendments are not in conflict or inconsistent with the SRPP.

**Recommendation**

Council should approve this report and authorize its transmittal to the Town of Jupiter and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**Attachments**
List of Exhibits

Exhibit

1  General Location Map
2  Existing Bus Service Map
3  Sidewalk/Pedestrian Facilities Map
4  2035 Intermodal Map
Exhibit 1
General Location Map
Town of Jupiter
Figure 2
EXISTING BUS SERVICE
Jupiter, Florida