MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: March 15, 2013 Council Meeting

Subject: Seven50 Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan Update

Introduction

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, in association with the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership and the South Florida Regional Planning Council, continues work towards the creation of the Seven50 Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan (Seven50). The geographic area addressed by the Seven50 project is the “Southeast Florida Region,” made up of Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties. Seven50 is an acronym given to the effort referring to the seven counties and a 50-year timeframe for the plan.

Seven50 proposes to create an investment or business plan to identify critical projects, programs, and infrastructure to improve economic and environmental sustainability. The Seven50 plan will also provide a roadmap for future local, state, and federal investment in Southeast Florida over the next 50 years and beyond. Other Seven50 objectives are to: 1) improve communication, information sharing, and decision-making in the Southeast Florida Region; 2) strengthen linkages between regional and local government plans; and 3) expand community involvement in the vision for the future. The overarching purpose of the resulting Seven50 plan is to help communities become more economically strong and independent, and environmentally sustainable.

The second of four Regional Summits was held on January 24, 2013 in Downtown Miami. Over 500 participants registered for the event. The main focus of the summit was the unveiling of the Southeast Florida Region “Future Trends Model.” This model analyzes the Region’s current conditions and portrays the possible outcome over the next five decades if all existing policies and regulations are applied as they exist today and current trends continue. The results of this model will be presented by Victor Dover, Principal of Dover Kohl and Partners, the lead consultant firm for Seven50. Mr. Dover will also discuss the concept of “Subsidiarity” upon which alternative scenarios and the ultimate vision for the Region will be based.

In addition, Marcela Camblor-Cutsaimanis, Seven50 Project Director, will present an update of next steps and key events where the Partnership, Council members, and members of the public will be encouraged to participate.

Recommendation

For informational purposes only.