TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: Staff
Date: September 20, 2013 Council Meeting

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendment to the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan
Amendment No. 13-3ESR

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 and 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.

The amendment package from Palm Beach County includes one change to the Future Land Use (FLU) Atlas; text changes to the Coastal Resources Map in the Map Series; text changes to the Health and Human Services Element; changes to the Thoroughfare Right of Way Identification Map (TIM); and revisions to the Transportation and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements of the comprehensive plan. This report includes a summary of the proposed amendment and TCRPC comments.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

A. Proposed Future Land Use Atlas Amendments

1. Cypress Creek Natural Area

   The proposed amendment is to revise the FLU designation on four parcels totaling 230.54 acres from Rural Residential, 1 unit per 20 acres, to Conservation. The subject property is located on the southeast corner of Indiantown Road and Jupiter Farms Road. The amendment is proposed to reflect the County’s acquisition of this property for the
protection of natural resources, expansion of Riverbend Park, and creation of a water resource project to benefit the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River.

B. Proposed Text Amendments

1. Map Series – Coastal Resources Map Update

The proposed amendment is to update the county’s Coastal Resources Map CM 1.1 to reflect the most recent digital data. The amendment includes updating the offshore reef areas and depicting the beach boundary. The updated Coastal Resources Map is based on the most current data, which recently became available.

2. Health & Human Services Element Updates

The proposed amendment is to update the Health and Human Services Element to make revisions for consistency with recent legislation; reflect agency name changes; incorporate the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Palm Beach County; and update other references describing roles and responsibilities in the delivery of health services. These minor modifications were recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of County Commissioners.

C. Proposed Transportation Amendments

1. Sansbury’s Way Right-of-Way Reduction Amendment

The County is proposing to amend the Thoroughfare Right of Way Identification Map (TIM), TE 14.1, to reduce the right-of-way (ROW) for the segment of Sansbury’s Way from Southern Boulevard to Okeechobee Boulevard from 120 feet to 100 feet. The reduction in ROW is proposed to be consistent with the projected future need for the number of lanes in this corridor.

Sansbury’s Way currently exists as a 2-lane roadway between Southern Boulevard and Okeechobee Boulevard. The ultimate ROW currently shown on the County’s TIM is 120 feet, which is sufficient to accommodate a 6-lane road. However, the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) 2035 Long Range Cost Feasible Transportation Plan, and 2035 MPO Needs Plan do not call for widening this 2-lane roadway. The proposed ROW of 100 feet is adequate to accommodate a 4-lane roadway if additional capacity is needed in the future.

2. State Road 7 Multimodal Standards

The County is proposing to revise policies in the Transportation Element and Intergovernmental Coordination Element relating to the State Road 7 Transit Oriented Corridor located between Glades Road and the Broward County line. These policies were established in 2009 as part of a settlement agreement with the state and other parties following the county’s removal of University Drive from the TIM. The revisions have
been proposed in order to reflect the completion of the State Road 7 Transit Supportive Land Use Planning and Urban Design Study by TCRPC and commencement of the Florida Department of Transportation State Road 7 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.

The proposed amendment deletes language in Transportation Element Policy 1.1-p, which calls for multimodal standards for the corridor to be established after considering the outcome of the State Road 7 Transit Supportive Land Use Planning and Urban Design Study by TCRPC. The reference to the TCRPC study, which did not include multimodal level-of-service standards, is no longer necessary because the TCRPC study was completed in 2011. Recommendations for multimodal standards were provided in a separate study, the Multimodal Mobility Strategy Assessment by Renaissance Planning. Specific transportation improvements for achieving cost feasible multimodal standards are planned to be addressed in the State Road 7 PD&E Study.

The proposed amendment also deletes Intergovernmental Coordination Element Policy 1.1-t, which supports the commencement and funding of the Florida Department of Transportation State Road 7 PD&E Study. This study is currently underway. Therefore, this policy is no longer necessary because the County has fulfilled its commitment in the policy.

The State Road 7 PD&E Study will be vetted through several public hearings, and is expected to recommend implementation of the necessary transit, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements to the Corridor that will achieve the standards required to enhance transit ridership. The County staff report indicates that the upgraded multimodal level-of-service to be developed as part of the ongoing State Road 7 PD&E Study would be more appropriate for the county to implement through future amendments to the comprehensive plan, rather than to rely on existing standards.

**Extrajurisdictional Impacts**

The proposed amendment was circulated by the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee Clearinghouse Coordinator on April 30, 2013. No extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

**Regional Impacts**

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

**Conclusion**

The proposed amendment is consistent with the SRPP.
Recommendation

Council should approve this report and authorize its transmittal to Palm Beach County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Attachments
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General Location Map

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A. Future Land Use Atlas page 7 is amended as follows:

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Coastal Resources Map Update – Revised Map CM 1.1

A. Map Series, Coastal Resources in Palm Beach County (Map CM 1.1)

REVISIONS: To update the Coastal Resources map to reflect the revised coastal resources boundaries.
Exhibit 5
Health and Human Resources Element – Proposed Text Revisions

A. **Health and Human Services Element**, Introduction, Goals, Objectives & Policies Updates.

**REVISIONS:** To revise and update. The revisions are shown below with the added text underlined, and the deleted text struck out.

1. **REVISED** Introduction Section, some Goals, Objectives and Policies

I. **INTRODUCTION**

The Health and Human Services Element is an optional Element under 163.3177, F.S., Rule 9J-5, F.A.C. Palm Beach County decided in 1989 to create this optional Element in recognition of the importance of managing the County’s responsibilities of providing health and human services. This Element complies with the requirements of 163.3177, F.S., Rule 9J-5, F.A.C. for optional Elements.

A. **Purpose**

The purpose of the Health and Human Services Element is to assist in the development of an infrastructure to ensure availability of health and human services sufficient to protect the health, safety and welfare of Palm Beach County residents. The Element identifies the County’s role in funding, providing and/or supporting the delivery of health and human services; it also defines the County’s relationship with other funders and providers of services for the purpose of maximizing the resources and benefits available to Palm Beach County residents.

**System of Care**
The Health and Human Services Element has been organized around a System of Care. A System of Care is defined as a comprehensive spectrum of behavioral health, social services, medical services and other necessary services organized into a coordinated network to meet the multiple, complex and changing needs of children, adults and seniors.

The System of Care encompasses the scope and delivery of services. The core values of the System of Care are: (1) the service delivery system is driven by the needs of the clients; (2) the services are community based, and delivered in the least restrictive environment; and (3) the services are culturally competent.

The System of Care includes the provision of a full array of services provided to meet the needs of the individual client. The client and other interested parties are included in the development of the service delivery system and collaborative systems. Finally, the System of Care provides early identification and intervention programs and services, and, advocacy for programs and services to meet the needs of children, adults and seniors. [no change]

B. **Assessment and Conclusions**

**History**
The Health and Human Services Element was adopted in 1989 and substantially revised in 1997 as a result of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and Comprehensive Plan.
mandates. Additional modifications to the Element were made in 1998, 1999, and 2000 based on the findings and issues contained within the EAR. [no change]

REVISED Goals, Objectives & Policies

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services (CAC), Plan Development Implementation Committee and Department of Community Services Staff organized Goals within the Element to reflect the following core values: 1) prevention, 2) self-sufficiency and economic stability, 3) sustainable systems of care, 4) integration and coordination of services and funding, 5) quality and cost-effectiveness, 6) demonstration of quality through measurable outcomes; and, 7) responsiveness to diversity in Palm Beach County.

Goals within the Element express the “vision” for health and human services while the Objectives express the “tactics” of how the vision will be accomplished. Evaluation measures that provide the means to assess progress toward the Goal, as well as provide input into planning cycles were developed. The evaluation measures addressed: data sources, data collection methods, frequency of reporting, and analysis (output vs. outcome).

Policies were drafted to ensure that Goals were attainable. Policies are the actions that specify what steps Palm Beach County Departments/Divisions will take to implement the Objectives - other agencies and organizations outside the jurisdiction of the County were only cited if there was a commitment by the agency or statutory mandate to be held accountable for that action.

The CAC recognizes that Policies (actions) are time limited. They (Policies) comprise the Implementation Plan.

II. GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL 1: SYSTEMS OF CARE

Palm Beach County shall assure the integrity of public health, behavioral health and human service systems of care, within the scope of its authority and responsibility. Such assurance requires collaboration with other organizations who plan, provide and/or fund these services.

Palm Beach County will focus on sustaining core services within the systems of care by: defining basic needs; surveying emergent/urgent needs; prioritizing resources to address the needs; and, directing benefits to the affected public. [no change]

OBJECTIVE 1.1 Collaboration for System Development

Palm Beach County will collaborate with other bodies who oversee health and human services for system development. [no change]

Policy 1.1-a: The County, through its CAC/HHS and in collaboration with other entities, will identify the system(s) of care for a local public health system, behavioral health and human services. [no change]

Policy 1.1-b: The County, through its CAC/HHS and in collaboration with other entities, will delineate the core services within the identified systems of care. [no change]

Policy 1.1-c: The County, through its CAC/HHS and in collaboration with other entities will assess the gaps in the systems relative to the core services. [no change]
OBJECTIVE 1.2  Localize Service Delivery

Palm Beach County will localize health and human services, and take action to affect service delivery. [no change]

Policy 1.2-a: The County will develop an action plan that specifies resources, capability and capacity to fill the core service gaps and/or emergent needs, appropriate to the County’s responsibilities and authority. [no change]

Policy 1.2-b: Allocation of County funds will take into consideration core services gaps. [no change]

OBJECTIVE 1.3  Sustain Systems of Care

Palm Beach County will advocate for services and funding that sustain the systems of care. [no change]

Policy 1.3-a: The CAC/HHS will advise the BCC on an annual basis regarding system of care issues based on the assessment of gaps in core services. [no change]

Policy 1.3-b: The County will identify federal, state and other funds to address gaps in core services and seek to maximize the utilization of such funds. [no change]

REVISED GOAL 2: HUMAN SERVICES

Palm Beach County will provide for, and contribute to, a continuum of human services that enhances the quality of life for all residents. Palm Beach County will also coordinate with other health and social service organizations in order to foster a seamless delivery system, including other County Departments listed in the Comprehensive Plan.

OBJECTIVE 2.1  Protection of Vulnerable Populations

Palm Beach County will promote, fund and provide services that protect vulnerable populations, with specific focus on reducing the incidence of abuse, neglect and exploitation, institutionalization, and at risk status. [no change]

REVISED Policy 2.1-a: The County will coordinate partner with other governmental and community organizations to identify the issues affecting abuse and neglect, institutionalization and at risk status of vulnerable populations.

Policy 2.1-b: The County will advocate for services and funding to address the self-sufficiency and economic stability of vulnerable populations. Such efforts may include the provision of local match dollars and allocation of resources. [no change]

Policy 2.1-c: The Department of Community Services will coordinate and complement services with other governmental and nonprofit organizations to minimize duplication of human and fiscal resources. This will be accomplished by maintaining policies regarding eligibility determination and services. [no change]

REVISED Policy 2.1-d: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will assist eligible individuals and families attain economic stability and self-sufficiency through
case management services and the provision of support services (emergency, economic stability and self-sufficiency services).

**Policy 2.1-e:** On an annual basis, the Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will establish and monitor performance standards with regard to client outcomes. These outcomes will be based on Individual Service Plans, and measured by staff caseload, service utilization and other indicators. [no change]

**Policy 2.1-f:** The Community Action Program will operate service centers which provide family self-sufficiency, emergency food and shelter, clothing and household items, utility assistance, and other support services to low income individuals and families. [no change]

**Policy 2.1-g:** The Division of Senior Services will report incidents of abuse, neglect and exploitation to the Dept. of Children and Families, Adult Protective Services. If a referral is made by Adult Protective Services to the Division of Senior Services, the Division shall respond within 72 hours for individuals designated as high risk. [no change]

**REVISED Policy 2.1-h:** As one of two lead agencies for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the Division of Senior Services will provide community and in-home services that enable adults age 60 and older to remain in the least restrictive setting. These services may include home delivered and congregate meals, respite care, personal care, homemaker services, caregiver stipends, adult day care, and case management for residents of northern and western Palm Beach County. (Services in southern Palm Beach County are provided by the Mac Volo Senior Center)

**Policy 2.1-i:** The Division of Senior Services will coordinate with Jewish Family and Children Services and the Alzheimer’s Community Care Association to avoid duplication of administrative processes and services by utilizing the CIRTS database for documentation. [no change]

**Policy 2.1-j:** The Department of Public Safety, Division of Youth Affairs, will provide prevention and intervention services to divert at risk youth from the juvenile justice system. [no change]

**OBJECTIVE 2.2 Access to Care**

Palm Beach County will promote and provide services that improve access to affordable health care. [no change]

**Policy 2.2-a:** The Department of Community Services will coordinate with the Health Care District as a collaborative agency to issue temporary eligibility for pharmaceutical and physician services (as defined in the benefits option) for its clients. [no change]

**REVISED Policy 2.2-b:** The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will provide technical assistance to veterans with regard to enrollment and adjudication of applying for medical benefits.

**Policy 2.2-c:** The Head Start and Children Services Program will provide health services to enrolled children, including medical, dental, mental health, vision, hearing, and developmental assessment and therapies. [no change]
REVISED Policy 2.2-d: The County will administer and monitor grant compliance with the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS program (Title I) [Part A]. Contracted health services include medical, dental, mental health, substance abuse, home health care and rehabilitation care case management.

OBJECTIVE 2.3 Transportation

Palm Beach County will support initiatives that expand and improve service to persons who need public transportation. Such efforts will be consistent with the goals and objectives delineated in the Transportation Element. [no change]

Policy 2.3-a: The Department of Community Services will collect and analyze data from departmental information systems and other qualitative means with regard to transportation needs of clients. [no change]

Policy 2.3-b: The Department of Community Services will share data with Palm Tran regarding the needs of clients who are transportation disadvantaged. [no change]

REVISED OBJECTIVE 2.4 Housing

Palm Beach County will support initiatives that expand the supply of affordable housing and reduce the incidence of substandard housing. Such efforts will be consistent with the goals and objectives delineated in the Housing Element and the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Palm Beach County as amended.

Policy 2.4-a: The Department of Community Services will collect and analyze data from departmental information systems and other qualitative means with regard to housing needs of clients. [no change]

REVISED Policy 2.4-b: The Department of Community Services will share data and coordinate with applicable County Departments/Divisions such as the Department of Housing and Community Development Economic Sustainability and Division of Code Enforcement in their efforts to plan and fund affordable housing and enforce housing standards.

REVISED OBJECTIVE 2.5 Reducing Poverty

Palm Beach County will promote, fund and provide initiatives that reduce the incidence of poverty. Such efforts will be consistent with the goals and objectives delineated in the Economic Sustainability.

Policy 2.5-a: The County will advocate services and funding to address self-sufficiency and economic stability. Such efforts may include the provision of local match dollars and allocation of resources. [no change]

Policy 2.5-b: The Department of Community Services will collect and analyze data from departmental information systems and other qualitative means with regard to economic needs of clients. [no change]
Policy 2.5-c: The Adult Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program will assist eligible individuals to learn new employment skills. This will be accomplished by providing basic/job skills training, job readiness, high school equivalency preparation, counseling and support. [no change]

DELETED Policy 2.5-d: Deleted in Amendment Round 04-1.

REVISED Policy 2.5-e: The Department of Community Services will share data with the Office of Economic Development Sustainability and other organizations who plan and develop economic growth and job training.

Policy 2.5-f: The County will provide local match funds for Title 20 subsidized child care. The purpose of this match to provide economic support to low-income, working parents. [no change]

REVISED OBJECTIVE 2.6 Reducing Homelessness

Palm Beach County will fund and provide prevention and intervention services that reduce the incidence of homeless individuals and families. Such efforts will be consistent with the goals and objectives delineated in the Housing Element and the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Palm Beach County as amended.

Policy 2.6-a: On an annual basis, the Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will participate in the assessment of utilization levels, need, and service gaps, and the delineation of roles and responsibilities among providers who serve homeless individuals and families in Palm Beach County. This assessment will be used to apply for HUD and other funds to serve the homeless, as well as avoid duplication of effort and resources among providers. [no change]

Policy 2.6-b: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will assist homeless individuals (emancipated minors and adults over age 18) by providing eviction prevention services, outreach and assessment services, emergency shelter and transitional housing. Eligible individuals may be referred for self-sufficiency services within the Division. [no change]

REVISED Policy 2.6-c: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will administer the Homeless Hotline, which is the entry point in the continuum of care for all individuals and families served by the Palm Beach County Homeless Continuum of Care Collaborative.

REVISED Policy 2.6-d: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will utilize the Client Services Network service provider Management Information System database for client documentation to avoid duplication of administrative processes and transmit pertinent information across the continuum of care.

NEW Policy 2.6-e: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will serve as the contract monitor for the County’s Homeless Resource Center which is the point of access for homeless services.
OBJECTIVE 2.7 Advocacy

Palm Beach County will evaluate and advocate programs and services that enable those affected by reform initiatives to maintain or improve family and economic stability and self-sufficiency. [no change]

REVISED Policy 2.7-a: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will collect data from Financially Assisted Agency service providers regarding clients who may be WAGES eligible. The purpose of this project is to retain surplus TANF funds for vocational training and services in Palm Beach County staff will assist clients in applying for benefits (State and local service systems) and will advocate for receipt of benefits.

GOAL 3: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Palm Beach County will support a behavioral health integrated system of care, which provides a continuum of services from prevention through treatment, thereby promoting the health, safety and quality of life for children, adults, and seniors. [no change]

OBJECTIVE 3.1 Core Services

Palm Beach County will participate in funding core behavioral health treatment services to assure the health, safety and quality of life of its residents. [no change]

REVISED Policy 3.1-a: In collaboration with community partners, Palm Beach County will identify its role and responsibility with respect to funding core behavioral health provisions and treatment services.

Policy 3.1-b: The Department of Community Services will make recommendations about funding for behavioral health services on an annual basis to the Board of County Commissioners. [no change]

OBJECTIVE 3.2 Availability of Core Services

Palm Beach County will collaborate with other behavioral health treatment funders to periodically assess the availability of core behavioral health treatment services for all residents. [no change]

REVISED Policy 3.2-a: The assessment of core behavioral health treatment services as defined by SAMSHA will be reviewed by the Palm Beach County Department of Community Services and Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services on a periodic basis.

OBJECTIVE 3.3 Managing the System

Palm Beach County will promote attributes of a system of care for behavioral health. [no change]

Policy 3.3-a: The Palm Beach County Department of Community Services will coordinate the County’s participation in a comprehensive integrated system of care. [no change]
Policy 3.3-b: The Palm Beach County Department of Community Services will collaborate with other behavioral health funders to achieve uniformity and standardization of administrative contracting and community-based outcomes. [no change]

Policy 3.3-c: Palm Beach County will support the integration of behavioral and physical health services by focusing on care coordination across treatment stages and modalities in the system of care. [no change]

Policy 3.3-d: The Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services and the Department of Community Services will provide a forum for collaboration on behavioral health system of care issues. [no change]

OBJECTIVE 3.4 Prevention/Early Intervention

Palm Beach County will support prevention/early intervention efforts in collaboration with other community partners. [no change]

Policy 3.4-a: The Palm Beach County Department of Community Services (Head Start and Children’s Services Division, Human Service and Veteran Services Division, Senior Services Division) and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services in collaboration with other community partners will define prevention/early intervention activities. [no change]

Policy 3.4-b: The Department of Public Safety, Division of Youth Affairs will outreach to the School Board, law enforcement, community agencies, and mental health providers, in order to identify youth in need of the Division's services and to make referrals to other providers/agencies as appropriate. [no change]

REvised Policy 3.4-c: The Department of Public Safety, Division of Youth Affairs will provide parent skills building and other services as needed to prevent development of issues, which would lead to behavioral health problems.

Policy 3.4-d: The Department of Public Safety, Division of Youth Affairs will provide a program of family therapy for “at-risk” adolescents both in residential treatment and in community treatment. [no change]

OBJECTIVE 3.5 Diversion Programs-Youth

Palm Beach County will provide or fund programs to enable youth to avoid institutionalization and/or incarceration. [no change]

Policy 3.5-a: The Department of Public Safety, Division of Youth Affairs will provide services to divert “at-risk” youth to prevent entry into the Juvenile Justice system or hospitalization. [no change]

REvised Policy 3.5-b: The Department of Public Safety, Division of Youth Affairs will assess the need for a treatment center in south county for at risk adolescents (ages 11 through 15 years) Criminal Justice Commission will support Diversion programs including youth violence, alternatives to incarceration and diversion programs offered at the Juvenile Assessment Center.
GOAL 4: LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

Palm Beach County shall promote, protect, maintain and improve the health and safety of its residents and visitors. This will be accomplished by being a key participant in a local public health system.

The responsibilities of the participants in a local public health system include: monitoring population health status; investigating and diagnosing community health problems and hazards; implementing prevention strategies; linking people with needed personal health services; assuring a competent health care and safety workforce; promoting mechanisms to evaluate effectiveness and quality of health services; mobilizing partnerships to identify and solve health and safety problems; policy development; and, enforcement of laws and regulations that protect health and safety. [no change]

OBJECTIVE 4.1 Public Safety

Palm Beach County will be a lead organization for the preservation of public safety and the enforcement of laws and regulations that protect health and safety. As a lead organization, Palm Beach County will establish cooperative and contractual linkages with federal, state and local organizations to fulfill its role and assure the integrity of the local public health system. [no change]

Policy 4.1-a: Palm Beach County will maintain a safe work environment for its employees and visitors to County facilities. [no change]

Policy 4.1-b: Palm Beach County will protect residents and visitors from environmental hazards in public, private and recreational areas. [no change]

Policy 4.1-c: Palm Beach County will collaborate with agencies who survey health status, plan and provide services, and monitor systems of care, in order to improve service delivery and health outcomes for recipients of County services. [no change]

Policy 4.1-d: Palm Beach County will support programs, provide services and collaborate with other organizations with respect to the prevention and intervention of identified population-based health and safety issues. [no change]

Policy 4.1-e: Palm Beach County will enforce regulations and laws that protect the health and safety of its residents and visitors. [no change]

Policy 4.1-f: Palm Beach County will support and fund initiatives that train and retain health workers and safety officers. [no change]

Policy 4.1-g: Palm Beach County will protect the safety of its residents and visitors by developing disaster and emergency management plans and maintaining and implementing programs and services supportive of those plans. [no change]

Policy 4.1-h: Palm Beach County will evaluate and advocate program and services that enable those affected by reform initiatives to maintain or improve their health status and reduce safety risks. [no change]
OBJECTIVE 4.2  Public Health & Community Design

Palm Beach County will recognize and encourage community design principles that provide opportunities for physical activity, thereby, promoting public health. [no change]

Policy 4.2-a: Palm Beach County, in collaboration with the County Health Department, will seek, during the development review process, to advance the incorporation of community design principles that encourage physical activity through promotion of strategies, when appropriate, including, but not limited to:

1. Utilization of non-motorized transportation modes;
2. Location of public facilities accessible by multiple transportation modes;
3. Availability and maintenance of quality pedestrian paths or sidewalks;
4. Provision of street furniture and lighting enhancements;
5. Provision of civic and recreational facilities;
6. Establishment of interconnectivity between like development projects through vehicular and/or pedestrian cross access; and
7. Provision of pedestrian and bicycle linkages between existing residential and non-residential land uses. [no change]

III. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of the Health and Human Services Element is the responsibility of the Palm Beach County Department of Community Services. Implementation will be consistent with the directives from the Board of County Commissioners and County Administration, which will include consideration of recommendations from the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services.

Evaluate Health and Human Service Progress (Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services)

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services shall report progress and implementation of the Health and Human Services Element to the Board of County Commissioners on an annual basis.

Evaluate Health and Human Service Progress (Department of Community Services)

The Department of Community Services shall report progress and implementation of the Health and Human Services element to the Department of Planning, Zoning and Building or other applicable parties as required by the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan.

IV. REFERENCES . [no change]

A. Plan Cross-References:

Cross-references have been indicated after several Goals, Objectives and Policies in the form of footnotes.
Exhibit 6
Sansbury’s Way Right-of-Way Reduction – Aerial Map
Exhibit 7
Sansbury’s Way Right-of-Way Reduction – Location Map

A. Map Series, Thoroughfare Right of Way Identification Map (Map TE 14.1), Sansbury’s Way Right-of-Way Reduction TIM Amendment

REVISIONS: To reduce the right of way for the segment of Sansbury’s Way, from Southern Boulevard to Okeechobee Boulevard, from 120 feet to 100 feet on Map TE 14.1.
Exhibit 8
State Road 7 Multimodal Standards – Proposed Text Revisions to Transportation and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements

A. Transportation Element, SR7 Multimodal Standards

REVISIONS: To delete references to the SR 7 Transit Supportive Land Use Planning and Urban Design Study. The revisions are shown below with deleted text struck-out.

Policy 1.1-p: SR 7 Transit-Oriented Corridor

Applicability. The requirements of this Policy shall apply to all Projects located in any Palm Beach County municipality or the unincorporated area of Palm Beach County with significant Project Traffic on SR 7 between the Broward County line and Glades Road (“SR 7 Transit Oriented Corridor”) or Project Traffic on a SR 7 Transit Oriented Corridor roadway segment not eligible for de minimis within the Project’s Radius of Development Influence. Projects subject to this Policy shall be required to meet Test One as set forth in Policy 1-1.1b for Project Traffic impacting the SR 7 Corridor. The requirements of this Policy 1.1-p are supplemental and shall be required in addition to Traffic Performance Standards set forth in Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan, Policy 1-1.1b.

NOTE: “significant Project traffic” and “Radius of Development Influence” are defined terms in Palm Beach County’s land development regulations.

Standard. No Development Order shall be issued by any Palm Beach County municipality or unincorporated Palm Beach County that adds significant Project Traffic or Project Traffic on a SR 7 Transit Oriented Corridor roadway segment not eligible for de minimis within the Project’s Radius of Development Influence unless it can be shown to meet the requirements of this Policy.

The applicable vehicular LOS standard for the segment of SR 7 from Broward County line to Glades Road shall continue to be LOS D. Appropriate phases leading to construction shall be supported by Palm Beach County for inclusion in FDOT’s 5-Year Work Program for widening to an 8-lane section (2 dedicated transit/ special use lanes and 6 general use lanes). However, when it is projected that the vehicular LOS standard shall be exceeded within 5 years, no further traffic concurrency approvals (per Test 2 of the County’s Traffic Performance Standards) impacting the SR 7 Transit Oriented Corridor with significant project traffic shall be granted until the construction phase of the 8-lane cross section is included in the applicable FDOT’s 5 Year Work Program.

After construction of the 8-lane cross section for SR 7 has commenced, the vehicular LOS standard shall be the CRALLS volume as specified in Policy 1.2-f (43) of the Transportation Element.

Upon completion of the SR 7 Transit Supportive Land Use Planning and Urban Design Study, the multi-modal standards for the SR 7 Transit Oriented Corridor shall be established considering the outcome of the study no later than the first amendment cycle after completion of the Study.

The applicable vehicular LOS standards for the segment of Lyons Road from Broward County line to Palmetto Park Road and the segment of Palmetto Park Road from Lyons Road to Florida’s Turnpike shall continue to be LOS D.
B. Intergovernmental Coordination Element

REVISIONS: To delete a policy stating that the County will support the commencement of the SR7 PD&E Study. The revisions are shown below with deleted text struck out.

**Policy 1.1-t:** Palm Beach County will coordinate with other parties, support, and strongly encourage the commencement and funding of the SR 7 PD&E Study to occur in FDOT FY 2011. The County’s efforts at coordination shall include, but not be limited to, the initiation of a meeting within 60 days after the effective date of the University Drive Deletion Comprehensive Plan Amendment with all involved parties (including FDOT, Broward County, City of Parkland, and development community) to discuss the assemblage of funding for the Study.
Exhibit 9
Correspondence from Florida Department of Transportation

August 28, 2013

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Dear Mr. Aghemo:

SUBJECT: Palm Beach County Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments, DEO #13-3ESR

The Department has reviewed the proposed Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan amendments. In accordance with subsection 163.3184(3)(b), Florida Statutes, the focus of our review was on major transportation issues.

We have concerns regarding the proposed amendment to remove the portion of Transportation Element Policy 1.1-p requiring establishment of multimodal level of service (MMLOS) standards for the segment of State Road (SR) 7 from the Broward/Palm Beach county line to Glades Road. That segment is designated as a Transit Oriented Corridor in Future Land Use Element Policy 4.4.9-a. The reasons for our concerns follow:

* The Transit Oriented Corridor designation and associated MMLOS standards requirement stem from the stipulated settlement agreement addressing removal of the cross-county University Drive connection from the County’s Thoroughfare Right of Way Identification Map. Removal of the connection led to annexation of a “wedge” of property south of the Hillsboro Canal by the City of Parkland and Broward County. The City and Broward County subsequently adopted future land use map amendments allowing substantial increases in allowable densities and intensities of development in the “wedge” and adjacent property.

The University Drive connection was the last remaining option for a cross-county roadway west of SR 7. Traffic analysis done by FDOT, in cooperation with the County and other partners, documented the brunt of the cross-county impacts to the transportation system from removal of the connection would fall on SR 7. The partners focused, in particular, on the importance of making transit a viable mobility alternative on SR 7. The Palm Beach and Broward metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) jointly approved a mobility action plan with development of a common cross-county vision for SR 7 as one of its elements.

SR 7, which begins in Miami-Dade County and extends into Palm Beach County, plays an important regional mobility role. It is part of the Regional Roadway Network identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the Regional Transportation Network designated by the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC). SEFTC includes the Palm Beach MPO. Current transit service on the SR 7 Transit Oriented Corridor is local bus service provided by Palm Tran and Broward County Transit. The Palm Beach

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MPO’s 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) includes Proposed Bus Rapid Transit on SR 7 from the Broward/Palm Beach county line to Glades Road and on Glades Road from SR 7 to US 1 as a cost feasible transit project. SR 7 is identified as a corridor for Premium High Capacity transit service on the Cost Feasible Transit Projects & Mobility Hubs Map in the Broward MPO’s 2035 LRTP.

- Subsections 163.3177(3)(a) and (6)(b), Florida Statutes, require that local governments, such as the County, within the metropolitan planning area for an MPO set level of service standards for all modes of transportation, including the transit mode and pedestrian and bicycle modes essential for providing safe and convenient access to transit.

The County gives several reasons for proposing deletion of the MMLOS standards requirement for the SR 7 Transit Oriented Corridor. It indicates upgraded MMLOS to be developed as part of the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for SR 7 from Sample Road (in Broward County) to Glades Road would be more appropriate for the County to implement through future amendments to its comprehensive plan. The PD&E Study will not develop MMLOS standards. It, however, is expected to result in recommendations for TSM (Transportation System Management) and short-term multimodal improvements for the corridor. The Department, the County, the Palm Beach MPO, and potentially other partners will be involved in identifying and pursing strategies for implementing these improvements.

It remains important to add level of service standards for the transit, pedestrian, and bicycle modes for the SR 7 Transit Oriented Corridor. These standards can be used to help assess the effectiveness of short-term improvements and guide identification of the next sets of improvements that will be needed to allow the corridor to reach its full potential for multimodal mobility over time. The Department recommends that the County amend rather than delete the portion of Transportation Element Policy 1.1-p on MMLOS standards. An amended policy could provide for the County to develop and adopt MMLOS standards for the corridor, using a professionally acceptable methodology.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to participate in the review process. We remain committed to working with the County and other partners in pursuing mobility solutions. If you have any comments or questions about this letter, please contact Lois Bush at (954) 777-4654.

Sincerely,

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