### Florida Regional Councils Association – *Monthly Activity Report: November 2014*

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Letter from Stormie Knight, Sr. Management Analyst I, Office of Policy and Budget, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services dated December 1, 2014 to Roger Baltz, Martin County Community Development regarding Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 14-6 Sanitary Sewer Element

Email dated December 1, 2014 from Gene Stratton, Seventh Coast Guard District regarding Council comments on the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Navigational Survey Comments

Letter to Mr. John Winkle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, dated December 3, 2014 requesting a face-to-face meeting to discuss Council comments and concerns regarding the All Aboard Florida Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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*Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region – November 21, 2014*

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- Attended the annual Rural Economic Development Summit and participated in a rural issues working group meeting focused on connecting regional partners, including the Regional Education Consortia, Rural Areas of Opportunity, and regional planning councils, as well as seeking support for continuation of the Florida Learns STEM Scholars program.
- Prepared an informational summary and distributed it along with a sample letter of support for the Florida Learns STEM Scholars program to the appropriate regional planning councils for execution at their discretion.
- Worked with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Florida Department of Environmental Protection to position the regional planning councils to receive a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Special Merit Grant to increase community resiliency capacity at the regional level.
- Spoke multiple times with Julie Dennis in the Division of Community Development at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to continue exploring opportunities for the regional planning councils in the Department’s application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the National Disaster Resiliency Competition.
- Explored the costs versus benefits of joining VISIT FLORIDA’s Partnership Program, which are still being analyzed.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Participated in a U.S. Economic Development Administration grant training session for Florida’s Economic Development Districts and spent time networking with agency staff.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in meetings of the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, Florida Transportation Commission, and Rural Economic Development Initiative; and, participated in Enterprise Florida’s monthly teleconference for its economic development partners; a Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission teleconference to finalize the agency’s Wildlife Best Management Practices report; and, a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on-line meeting for its community resiliency work group.
- Participated in the Florida Chamber Foundation’s first 2015 Future of Florida Forum Partners Meeting to begin planning for next year’s Forum.
- Participated in a planning meeting for the Florida Civic Advance inaugural annual conference, which is an initiative of the Florida Consensus Center.
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**LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT**

- Finalized the Executive Directors Advisory Committee’s Position Statement regarding the Developments of Regional Impact and Sector Planning programs and provided it to staff at the Senate Committee on Community Affairs as well as others as appropriate.
- Drafted FRCA’s 2015 Legislative platform, which will first be reviewed by the Executive Directors Advisory Committee in December for further consideration by the Policy Board at its January 9, 2015 meeting.
- Updated the Lobbytools account and settings in preparation for the upcoming Legislative Session and began reviewing newly filed bills.

**ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT**

- Developed a Draft Strategic Operating Plan for FRCA based on the Policy Board’s Strategic Assessment Retreat Final Report and additional recommendations generated at their August 2014 Policy Board meeting, which will be presented to the Policy Board at their January 9, 2015 meeting for further consideration.
- Began soliciting speakers for the January 9, 2015 Policy Board meeting and February, March, and April Executive Directors Advisory Committee Partners meetings.
- Finalized preparations for the December 2-3, 2014 FRCA Business and Partners meetings, which will be held at the Tampa Bay RPC; secured speakers and developed the meeting agendas for these meetings; and, prepared the October 1, 2014 business and partners meeting summaries.
December 1, 2014

VIA EMAIL (rbaltz@martin.fl.us)

Martin County Community Development
Attn: Roger Baltz
2401 S.E. Monterey Road
Stuart, Florida 34996

Re: DACS Docket # -- 20141103-480
Martin County CPA 14-6 Sanitary Sewer Element
Submission dated October 27, 2014

Dear Mr. Baltz:

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (the “Department”) received the above-referenced proposed comprehensive plan amendment on November 3, 2014 and has reviewed it pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes to address any potential adverse impacts to important state resources or facilities related to agricultural, aquacultural, or forestry resources in Florida if the proposed amendment is adopted. Based on our review of the amendment submitted by your county, the Department respectfully submits the following comments for consideration, pursuant to s. 163.3184(3)(b), F.S., on the Martin County, Florida proposed amendment, CPA 14-6:

The Florida Legislature, in ss. 163.3162 and 823.14, F.S., has recognized that agricultural operations are an important state resource that preserves the landscape and environmental resources of the state and is a major contributor to the economy and to the health, safety, and welfare of its people. The Department believes that proposed Policies 10.2A.8 and 10.1C.9, in combination, will arbitrarily restrict agricultural land uses under the Right to Farm Act.

By limiting Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS) to a flow rate of no more than 2000 gallons per day (gpd), as proposed in amendment 10.2A.8, many essential agricultural activities such as providing farm worker housing, restroom and food preparation facilities and agricultural product processing facilities will be impossible to sustain. In addition, by prohibiting the extension of regional wastewater collection facilities associated with central sewer infrastructure within the Secondary Urban Service Area, as proposed in amendment 10.1C.9, Martin County is unreasonably adversely affecting and limiting agricultural operations.
The Department believes that the regulation of OSTDS as proposed in the Martin County amendment is in conflict with state law. In Chapter 381, F.S., the Legislature has clearly delegated authority over the regulation of OSTDS to the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection. Proposed amendment 10.2A.8 is in conflict with several provisions of state law including ss. 381.0065(4)(b), 381.0065(4)(g), and 381.0065(4)(h)(1), F.S.

Finally, as a Cabinet agency deeply involved in the restoration and protection of Florida’s vital fresh and estuarine water resources, we are perplexed to see a coastal county embrace a set of policies that will work in opposition to those goals. The tandem of policies that limit the size of OSTDS to less than 2000 gpd while at the same time prohibiting the extension of central sewer services to rural areas will have the effect of increasing the number of septic systems in a vulnerable region of the state where the Department of Environmental Protection and the state legislature are pursuing programs to decrease the number of OSTDS and expand central sewer systems.

For the reasons stated above, the Department recommends that the Department of Economic Opportunity reject Martin County Proposed Policy Amendments 10.2A.8 and 10.1C.9.

If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 850-410-2289.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Stormie Knight
Sr. Management Analyst I
Office of Policy and Budget

cc: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
(SLPA #: Martin County 14-2 ESR)
Mike Busha

From: Allen.E.Stratton@uscg.mil on behalf of Stratton, Allen E CIV <Allen.E.Stratton@uscg.mil>
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 2:54 PM
To: mbusha@tcrpc.org
Cc: 'Kim DeLaney'; pmerritt@tcrpc.org; Lieberum, Michael B CIV; Haley, Andrew S
Subject: RE: U.S. Coast Guard Marine Navigational Survey Comments

Mr. Busha,

Thank you for getting these comments to us. They appear to be thorough and thoughtfully considered. They will become part of the record and will help to inform our own analysis. I am forwarding them to the new project manager Mr. Michael Lieberum (copied on this email) since I have been promoted to a new job in a different branch within our department and will no longer be focusing on drawbridges. Mr. Lieberum has over 40 years experience with bridge administration and waterways management and will handle your concerns fairly.

Very Respectfully,

Gene Stratton, AICP
Marine Planning Section
Seventh Coast Guard District (dpw)
Miami, FL 33131
305-415-6750
allen.e.stratton@uscg.mil

-----Original Message-----
From: mbusha@tcrpc.org [mailto:mbusha@tcrpc.org]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 2:34 PM
To: USCG D7DPB Public Comment; Stratton, Allen E CIV
Cc: 'Kim DeLaney'; pmerritt@tcrpc.org
Subject: U.S. Coast Guard Marine Navigational Survey Comments

Please find attached Council's comments on the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Navigational Surveys. These comments were approved by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council at its October 17, 2014 meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Michael J. Busha, AICP
Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994
(772) 221-4060
December 3, 2014

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Attn: John Winkle
RM W38-311
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement For the All Aboard Florida Project

Dear Mr. Winkle:

At its November 21, 2014 meeting, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council unanimously voted to request a face-to-face meeting with Federal Railroad Administration personnel to discuss the Region’s issues and concerns regarding the proposed All Aboard Florida project.

This region has the potential to be the most highly impacted by the proposed project and extensive concerns have been expressed by local governments, agencies, and the public. Council would like the opportunity, either here in the region or in Washington D.C. to meet with the appropriate individuals to discuss these concerns.

Council thanks you for the opportunity to comment on this project through the Draft Environmental Impact Statement process and looks forward to hearing from you on this request to meet in person.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Busha, AICP
Executive Director:

cc: Commissioner Peter O’Bryan, Chairman TCRPC
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Unemployment Summary - Treasure Coast Region
November 21, 2014

Highlights

- Unemployment falls to 5.9 in October, down from 7.4 in previous year
- 17,9000 new nonagricultural jobs year over year from October 2013 to October 2014
- Job gains primarily in education and health services, professional and business services, trade, transportation and utilities and construction.

- This unemployment summary is derived from statistical reports - Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties) and Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region (Palm Beach County) prepared by the two workforce development boards in the Treasure Coast Region. Their respective reports follow this regional summary.

- The unemployment rate for the Treasure Coast Region was 5.9 percent in October 2014, down 1.5 percentage points from the October 2013 rate of 7.4 percent. The Region's unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage points higher than the state’s unemployment rate of 5.8 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate of 5.5 percent. Out of a labor force of 925,611 there were 54,705 unemployed residents in the Treasure Coast Region.

- The Treasure Coast Region contains three metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties), the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County) and the West Palm Beach – Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MSA (Palm Beach County). In October 2014, nonagricultural employment in the combined metropolitan areas of the Region was 733,400, an increase of 17,900 jobs over the previous year.
In the combined metropolitan areas, job gains were primarily in the education and health services (+5,500) industry, professional and business services (+3,800), trade, transportation and utilities (+3,100) and construction (+2,300).

The industry that lost jobs over the year was financial activities (-200 jobs).

**Port St. Lucie Metro Area**: Employment growth in information (+7.7 percent); professional and business services (+5.8 percent); manufacturing (+3.8 percent); education and health services and government (+3.6 percent); and financial activities (+1.9 percent) were faster in the metro area than in the state.

**Sebastian-Vero Beach Metro Area**: Employment in leisure and hospitality (+4.6 percent) and other services (+3.9 percent) grew faster in the metro area than in the state.

**West Palm Beach-Boca Raton –Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division**: Employment growth in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division was strongest in the construction industry, which increased 7.6 percent over the year.
Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
November 21, 2014

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) was 6.8 percent in October 2014. The October 2014 rate was 1.9 percentage points below the region’s year ago rate of 8.7 percent, but 1.0 percentage point above the October 2014 state rate of 5.8 percent. Out of a labor force of 277,092, there were 18,830 unemployed residents in the region.

- Unemployment rates in the counties that make up the CareerSource Research Coast region were: 7.2 percent in Okeechobee County, 7.1 percent in St. Lucie County, 7.0 percent in Indian River County, and 5.0 percent in Martin County.

- The CareerSource Research Coast region contains two metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs): the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties) and the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County). Okeechobee County is not included in an MSA. In October 2014, nonagricultural employment in the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas was 175,800, an increase of 3,100 jobs over the previous year.

- In the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas, nine of ten industries gained jobs over the year. Education and health services (+1,000 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by government (+600 jobs); professional and business services (+500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction and manufacturing (+200 jobs each); and information, leisure and hospitality, and other services (+100 jobs each). Financial activities was unchanged over the year.

Port St. Lucie metro area

- The majority of the nonagricultural employment in the CareerSource Research Coast region was in the Port St. Lucie metro area. This metro area accounted for 130,200 jobs in October 2014, an increase of 3,100 jobs from October 2013 (+2.4 percent). Statewide employment increased by 2.7 percent over the same period.

- Eight industries gained jobs in the Port St. Lucie metro area over the year. Professional and business services (+900 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by education and health services (+800 jobs); government (+700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs); manufacturing (+200 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction; financial activities; and information (+100 jobs each). The only industry losing jobs was leisure and hospitality (-200 jobs). Other services was unchanged over the year.

- Employment growth in information (+7.7 percent); professional and business services (+5.8 percent); manufacturing (+3.8 percent); education and health services and government (+3.6 percent each); and financial activities (+1.9 percent) was faster in the metro area than in the state. The port St. Lucie metro area had the highest annual job growth rate in government of all metro areas in Florida.

Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area

- Nonagricultural employment was 45,400 in the Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area in October 2014, unchanged from the previous year. The state had a 2.7 percent increase in the number of jobs over the same period.

- Four industries gained jobs over the year including leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs); education and health services (+200 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction and other services (+100 jobs each). Professional and business services lost the most jobs (-400 jobs), followed by financial activities; trade, transportation, and utilities; and government (-100 jobs each). Manufacturing and information were unchanged over the year.

- Employment in leisure and hospitality (+4.6 percent) and other services (+3.9 percent) grew faster in the metro area than in the state.

Note: All data are subject to revision.
## Unemployment Rates (%)

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## Nonagricultural Employment by Industry

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## Nonagricultural Employment by Industry

### CareerSource Research Coast

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### Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas

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## Population

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## Average Annual Wage

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Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
November 21, 2014

- The unemployment rate in Palm Beach County was 5.6 percent in October 2014, down 1.3 percentage points from the October 2013 rate of 6.9 percent. In October 2014, Palm Beach County’s unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the Florida statewide unemployment rate of 5.8 percent and 0.1 percentage point higher than the national unemployment rate of 5.5 percent. Out of a labor force of 666,483, there were 37,171 unemployed residents in the county.

- In October 2014, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division was 557,600, up 2.7 percent over the year. Florida statewide employment also increased 2.7 percent over the same time period.

- The West Palm Beach-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division gained 14,800 nonagricultural jobs over the year. Job gains were primarily in the education and health services industry (+4,500 jobs) and the professional and business services industry (+3,300 jobs). Other industries gaining jobs were trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,800 jobs); construction (+2,100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,600 jobs); and government (+500 jobs).

- The only industry that lost jobs over the year was financial activities (-200 jobs). Employment in information, manufacturing, and other services was unchanged.

- Employment growth in the West Palm Beach-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division was strongest in the construction industry, which increased 7.6 percent over the year.

- In October 2014, the West Palm Beach metro area was among the top two metro areas in Florida for gains over the year education and health services (+4,500 jobs).

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