TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: Staff
Date: April 17, 2015 Council Meeting

Subject: Amendment to Florida Department of Transportation Agreement for Professional Services Relating to Land Use and Planning Assistance

Introduction

The purpose of this item is to request Council approval to amend an existing agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) relating land use and planning assistance.

Background

Council has been engaged in a long-term planning assistance agreement with the Palm Beach MPO since 2008. A portion of Council’s assistance has focused on general land use, transportation, and outreach assistance with local governments and agencies. Additionally, Council has provided project-specific assistance, including corridor plans along state roadways, station-area planning around existing and anticipated Tri-Rail commuter rail stations, and identification of livable communities project to inform FDOT project development and implementation. Council staff has assisted FDOT with facilitation of and participation in various committees, task forces, public hearings, and workshops.

Council staff has been requested by FDOT to continue to provide planning assistance to the agency and public, including general planning services as well as project-specific assistance to be determined by the MPO. Council’s current agreement expires in June 2015. The proposed amendment to the agreement would extend Council’s professional services relationship with FDOT through December 2015.

Conclusion

Improving the relationship between land use patterns and transportation planning will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the transportation network, create better opportunities for multi-modal success, and enhance quality of life throughout the region. Additional funding will allow Council to assist in the advancement of these goals, enhance the transit-supportive land use and policy framework in the region, provide direct assistance to local governments, and help implement the SRPP.
Recommendation

Council should authorize the Executive Director, in consultation with Council’s attorney, to execute a contract amendment on behalf of Council.