

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 7C4

From: Staff

Date: December 9, 2016 Council Meeting

Subject: Selection Committee for Southeast Florida Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program

Introduction

The purpose of this item is to request Council approval to establish a technical selection committee to assist in the selection of applicants for station area planning assistance to be funded through the Southeast Florida Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program. Funding for this effort has been secured through a transit-oriented development (TOD) planning grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and is included in Council's work program through an agreement between Council and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA).

Overview and Analysis

For more than a decade, Council has been assisting the SFRTA, Florida Department of Transportation, agencies, and local governments with planning and technical assistance in support of the expansion of Tri-Rail service onto the FEC rail corridor. The Tri-Rail Coastal Link (TRCL) project is currently anticipated to include up to twenty-five stations between the City of Miami and the Town of Jupiter. Land use patterns around these stations and along the corridor, particularly TOD, are critical to the success of passenger rail service, and the SFRTA was recently awarded a \$1.25 million FTA grant to increase transit-oriented planning along the corridor.

Within the grant scope, Council will provide station area planning as requested by local governments, including the development of station area master plans; TOD comprehensive plan policies and land development regulations; and the development of form-based codes. Local governments along the FEC corridor identified for future coastal link stations would be the only eligible applicants for the grant. Selected communities would be required to provide matching funds as required by FTA. The grant requires a competitive selection process be established, with the publication of a Request for Applications in January 2017; a review and ranking of applications in February 2017; and selection of applicants in March 2017. Interlocal agreements would be developed between Council and applicants for Council's consideration beginning in April 2017 (see attached). Other corridor-length planning analyses would be conducted by the South Florida Regional Planning Council for the balance of work funded through the FTA grant.

To assist with the selection review process, a five-member technical selection committee is recommended, which would consist of two representatives from SFRTA and one each from the Florida Department of Transportation and the two regional planning councils. Representatives would be selected by appointment of the executive directors of the respective agencies.

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. Council's participation in the administration of the Southeast Florida Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program, with a technical selection committee to augment Council's staff capacity, will assist in the advancement of these goals, enhance the transit-supportive land use and policy framework, provide direct assistance to local governments, and help implement Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Recommendation

Council should authorize the establishment of a Southeast Florida Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program Selection Committee.

Attachment

ATTACHMENT 1

Southeast Florida Transit Oriented Development (SFTOD) Pilot Planning Grant

Project Timeframe

ACTION	TIMEFRAME
Establish Technical Review Committee Staff Representatives: 2 SFRTA, 1 FDOT, 1 TCRPC, 1 SFRPC	December 2016
Publish Request for Applications	January 2017
Information Sessions (one per county)	January 2017
Application Submittal Deadline	February 2017
Application Review & Ranking	February 2017
Applicant Selection & Completion of Interlocal Agreements	March 2017
Execute Grant-Funded Work	April 2017 – June 2018
Complete all Grant Work	June 2018
Grant Close Out	October 2018