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Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Partners Meeting Summary

**January 13, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**DoubleTree Hotel, Ballroom
101 South Adams Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301**

Call the Meeting to Order, Welcome and Policy Board Member Introductions

Barbara Sheen Todd, TBRPC, FRCA President

Policy Board members and Alternates in Attendance:

- Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Gubernatorial Appointee, Tampa Bay RPC, FRCA President
- Honorable Mario Bailey, Gubernatorial Appointee, South Florida RPC
- Honorable Forrest Banks, Councilman, City of Ft. Myers, Southwest Florida RPC
- Honorable Scott Black, Commissioner, City of Dade City, Tampa Bay RPC
- Honorable Jim Burch, Councilman, City of Cape Coral, Southwest Florida RPC
- Honorable Frank Caplan, Vice-Mayor, City of Key Biscayne, South Florida RPC
- Honorable Lee Constantine, Commissioner, Seminole County, East Central Florida RPC
- Honorable Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman, City of Freeport, West Florida RPC
- Honorable Rick Davis, Commissioner, Madison County, North Central Florida RPC
- Honorable Robin DiSabatino, Commissioner, Manatee County, Tampa Bay RPC
- Honorable Kristin Dozier, Commissioner, Leon County, Apalachee RPC
- Honorable Roxanne Horvath, Councilwoman, City of St. Augustine, Northeast Florida RC
- Honorable Pat Huff, Commissioner, City of Bartow, Central Florida RPC
- Honorable Buddy Mansfield, Commissioner, Desoto County, Central Florida RPC
- Honorable Peter O'Bryan, Commissioner, Indian River County, Treasure Coast RPC
- Mr. Reece Parrish, Gubernatorial Appointee, Treasure Coast RPC
- Mr. Thomas Perry, Gubernatorial Appointee, Southwest Florida RPC
- Honorable Kurvin Qualls, Mayor, Town of Jay, West Florida RPC
- Mr. Darryl Register, Gubernatorial Appointee, Northeast Florida RC
- Ms. Jackie Tucker, Gubernatorial Appointee, Central Florida RPC
- Ms. Sandy Walters, Gubernatorial Appointee, South Florida RPC
- Honorable Robert Wilford, Vice Mayor, City of Alachua, North Central Florida RPC
- Honorable Gene Wright, Mayor of Malone, Apalachee RPC

Regional Planning Council Executive Directors in Attendance:

- Michael Busha, Treasure Coast RPC
- Isabel Cosio Carballo, South Florida RPC
- Hugh Harling, Jr., East Central Florida RPC
- Scott Koons, North Central Florida RPC
- Austin Mount, West Florida RPC
- Chris Rietow, Apalachee RPC
- Patricia Steed, Central Florida RPC
- Sean Sullivan, Tampa Bay RPC
- Brian Teeple, Northeast Florida RC
- Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida RPC

Staff in Attendance:

- Rana Brown, Legislative Consultant, Ronald L. Book, P.A.
- Denise Imbler, Statewide Coordinator, FRCA

Guests in Attendance:

- Amy Baker, Coordinator, Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research
- David Cruz, Esquire, Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities
- Tony Carvajal, Executive Vice President, Florida Chamber of Commerce
- Noel Munson, Strategic Business Planner, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- Eric Poole, Deputy Director of Public Policy, Florida Association of Counties
- Greg Vaday, Economic Development Representative – Florida, USDOC, EDA
- Leslie Wollack, Executive Director, National Association of Regional Councils, (NARC)

National Association of Regional Councils

Leslie Wollack, Executive Director, provided an update on NARC and the administration transition taking place in Washington D.C. She discussed the policy process and coordination with the National Association of Counties (NACo). She reviewed the programs NARC coordinates on including solar, alternative fuel vehicles, clean city coalitions and green infrastructure. Ms. Wollack highlighted the Fleets for the Future (F4F) coordination program which focuses on alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure. More information on the F4F program can be found at: <http://www.fleetsforthefuture.org/>. She also discussed the work NARC is doing with U.S. Department of Transportation on regional workshops.

Florida's Economic Outlook

Amy Baker, Coordinator, Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research, provided an overview of the economic outlook stating that job growth is the primary economic driver for Florida. Her presentation is available on the FRCA website at: <http://www.flregionalcouncils.org/resources/meeting-materials/>

Legislative Agenda and Update, Florida League of Cities

David Cruz, Esquire, Legislative Advocate, provided an update on the League's legislative priorities for 2017. The League has five legislative committees and nine legislative priorities which include bills on impact fees, community redevelopment agencies and public records requests. The League's

Legislative Agenda was made available to the FRCA Policy Board members.

Legislative Agenda and Update, Florida Association of Counties

Eric Poole, Deputy Director of Public Policy, discussed FAC's Legislative Agenda in particular those items of interest to counties and RPCs which includes flood insurance rates and the reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program which expires in 2017. FAC's Legislative Agenda was made available to the FRCA Policy Board members.

U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Greg Vaday, Economic Development Representative – Florida, U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA, provided a presentation on EDA's Investment Program which is available online at: <http://www.flregionalcouncils.org/resources/meeting-materials/>. Mr. Vaday discussed the number of grant applications that can be submitted by one entity and match requirements. He emphasized that collaborative funding and partnerships are pivotal and better collaboration between urban and rural counties will benefit economic development on a regional level.

Closing Comments/Adjourn for Working Lunch

President Sheen Todd thanked the guest speakers for their presentations and partnerships with Florida's regional planning councils and adjourned the FRCA Partners Meeting for a working lunch.