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Florida Regional Councils Association Partners Meeting

**February 9, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Tallahassee City Hall
Tallahassee Room, 2nd Floor
300 Adams Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301**

Meeting Summary – Draft

Members in Attendance:

- CHAIR, Pat Steed, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- VICE CHAIR, Chris Rietow, Apalachee Regional Planning Council
- Hugh Harling, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Scott Koons, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Austin Mount, West Florida Regional Planning Council
- Sean Sullivan, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Brian Teeple, Northeast Florida Regional Council
- Margaret Wuerstle, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Staff in Attendance:

- Denise Imbler, Statewide Coordinator, FRCA

Guests in Attendance:

- Sheri Coven, Marlin Engineering
- David Cruz, Florida League of Cities
- Liz Donley, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (by conference call)
- Susan Harbin Alford, Florida Association of Counties
- Fritz Wettstein, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Jason Hight, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Alex Magee, American Planning Association Florida
- Beth Medina, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- Carl Mikyska, Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
- Megan Monroe, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- Jerry Parrish, Florida Chamber Foundation
- James Stansbury, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Call to Order and Introductions

Pat Steed, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the December 5, 2017, Partners Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was approved as presented.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Beth Medina, Strategic and Organizational Planning Manager, provided a presentation on the update of the Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development. She highlighted the timeline of the update as well as the opportunity to update existing and develop new reporting metrics later in the year. Her presentation is available online at: <http://www.flregionalcouncils.org/resources/meeting-materials/>

James Stansbury, Bureau Chief, presented the newly developed Community Resource Guide which will be available in the next month. The guide provides an overview of the programs at DEO as well as links to the newly updated DEO website and is available online at:

<http://www.floridajobs.org/docs/default-source/reports-and-legislation/cd-resource-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=2>. The Technical Assistance grant funds continue to move through the legislative appropriation process successfully.

Florida Chamber Foundation

Dr. Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research, provided a presentation on the Florida Scorecard, part of the Florida 2030 project. He also reviewed an economic forecast which indicates that Florida will be a trillion-dollar economy in 2018. He mentioned that detailed information on jobs is available on the DEO website. His presentation is available online at:

<http://www.flregionalcouncils.org/resources/meeting-materials/>

Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

Carl Mikyska, Executive Director, provided a legislative update saying that House Bill 575 regarding MPO board membership is moving but that the companion bill, Senate Bill 1516, is not.

Small County Coalition

Chris Doolin, President, provided a legislative update focusing on the bills pertinent to rural counties. He emphasized the issue of affordable housing as well as the changes to the regional rural development grants.

Florida League of Cities

David Cruz, Esq., Legislative Advocate, provided an update on legislative bills discussing Senate Bill 1400 regarding vacation rentals and the pre-emption language for local governments regulating safety issues. He also discussed Senate Bill 432 which addresses changes to the Community Redevelopment Agencies. He also mentioned the Constitutional Revision Commission Proposal 95 which was not recommended but there is a provision that allows for the proposal to be reconsidered at a later date.

Florida Association of Counties

Susan Harbin Alford, Esq., Senior Associate Director, discussed various bills, including tree trimming in rights of way maintained by a state agency, regulation of bike-share programs and customary use language for private property rights.

Other Business and Adjourn

Alex Magee, Executive Director, American Planning Association Florida, thanked FRCA for its sponsorship of the 2018 Public Policy Workshop and announced that the call for presentations for the 2018 APA Annual Conference has been announced and the deadline is March 31st. The Annual Conference is scheduled for September 11-14, 2018 in West Palm Beach. She also mentioned that APA is hosting redevelopment workshops around the state.