



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #III.I

DATE: MAY 2, 2011

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: DRAFT GOAL ASSESSMENT OF THE *STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN FOR SOUTH FLORIDA*

The *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)* addresses critical issues for the South Florida Region. It is a plan for our entire Region, not just the South Florida Regional Planning Council. While it is a guide for local governments in the development and implementation of their Comprehensive Plans, it also provides a framework for non-governmental organizations seeking to enhance their activities within the Region. As such, the goals and targets in the document are expressed in the imperative to underscore the Council's intention to work with all of our regional partners to implement the plan.¹

As part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report process of the *SRPP*, Council staff assessed the 22 Goals, also known as the "Strategic Regional Subject Areas", found in the adopted 2004 *SRPP*. The Goals reflect the priority issues of the Region. These issues, including affordable housing, school facilities, transportation, and natural resources, are addressed in the context of the *SRPP*'s supporting values: Sustainability, Connectivity, and Responsibility. Regional Indicators and Targets are provided for each Goal to help determine progress, identify opportunities for improvement and collaboration, and recognize regional success.

The Table beginning on page three identifies each Goal as well as its Regional Indicator and Target. The Table also compares the Baseline Data (2004) to the best available data to date to determine whether or not desired progress has been achieved for each Strategic Regional Subject Area.

Based on this draft Goal assessment, Council Members are encouraged to provide input as to what Goals should continue to be a priority, strengthened, eliminated, or if additional Goals need to be incorporated for future revisions to the *SRPP*.

Next Steps

A summary of the Goal analysis and input from Council Members will be compiled and circulated to our regional partners. Our partners will be asked to review the information in order to complete an online survey to determine:

- The frequency that the *SRPP* is used;
- The purposes for its use;
- If there are priority issues for the Region not reflected in the *SRPP*;
- If any of the current priority issues should be deleted or amended;

¹ *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (2004)*. Executive Summary

- If any of the current indicators or targets should be amended or if additional indicators or targets should be added; and
- The new target for each retained priority issue.

Staff will review and analyze the input received from our regional partners and present the *SRPP* EAR as an action item at the June 6, 2011 Council meeting. If approved by the Council, the EAR will be transmitted to the Executive Office of the Governor, with copies to the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Additionally, the input received from Council members and our partners will be provided to the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership for inclusion in the Sustainable Communities Initiative as well for input into the Florida Chamber of Commerce's Six Pillars process.

As approved by the Council at its April 4, 2011 meeting, the structure of the EAR document will include summaries of the following:

- SFRPC EAR process;
- Current Trends and Issues Update from 2004 to 2011;
- Assessment of Goals;
- Council and regional partner input and outcomes; and
- Recommendations to enhance the *SRPP* and, as necessary, the strategy for amending the plan.

Recommendation

Approve the attached Draft Assessment of the Goals found in the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*.

SRPP Goal Assessment

Goal	Indicator	Target	2004 Baseline	2010 Status
<p>1</p> <p>Education & Workforce Development</p> <p>Invest in the youth and workforce of the Region by providing quality education, workforce training, and targeted job creation.</p>	<p>Percentage of South Florida's residents with at least a high school diploma.</p>	<p>Increase the share of South Florida's residents that have at least a high school diploma to the national average by 2010.</p>	<p>Only 74.2% of South Florida's residents had at least a high school diploma in 2000, well below the 80.4% national average.</p>	<p>As of 2009, 81.3% of South Florida residents had at least a high school diploma, still below the 85.3% national average. Target has not been met.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Wages and Affordability</p> <p>Increase employment opportunities and support the creation of jobs with better pay and benefits for the Region's workforce.</p>	<p>Average regional poverty rates.</p>	<p>Decrease average regional poverty rates to no more than the national average by 2010.</p>	<p>The average regional poverty rate in 1999 was 15.2% as compared to the national average of 12.4%.</p>	<p>As of 2009, the average regional poverty rate was 15.6% as compared to the national average of 14.3%. The regional poverty rates are still higher than the national average, but only by 1.3%, compared to 2.8% in 1999. Target has not been met.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Human Health, Safety & Welfare</p> <p>Promote the health, safety, and welfare of South Florida's residents.</p>	<p>Health insurance coverage.</p>	<p>Decrease the percentage of South Floridians under the age of 65 without health insurance to no more than the state average by 2010.</p>	<p>As of 1999, 20.7% of South Floridians under the age of 65 were uninsured as compared to the state average of 16.8%.</p>	<p>As of 2009, 30.9% of South Floridians under the age of 65 were uninsured as compared to the state average of 24.9%. The percentage of uninsured seniors rose by 48.3% in the Region and 48.2% in the state. Target has not been met.</p>

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<p>4</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Enhance the economic and environmental sustainability of the Region by ensuring the adequacy of its public facilities and services.</p>	<p>Number of residents connected to central water and wastewater facilities.</p>	<p>Increase the number of connections to central water and wastewater facilities by 287,000 by 2010, 436,000 by 2015.</p>	<p>As of 2003, there were approximately 1,093,872 connections within the Region.</p>	<p>As of February 2011, there were 1,251,602, an increase of 217,730. Target has not been met.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Schools</p> <p>Overcome school overcrowding in the Region.</p>	<p>Number of student stations in relation to enrollment.</p>	<p>Systematically reduce the gap between enrollment and student stations by 12,000 student stations per year to reach a total reduction of 72,000 by 2010.</p>	<p>A deficit of 72,000 student stations existed within the Region as of the 2003/2004 20th day enrollment reports.</p>	<p>Fall 2010 student enrollment for the Region was 612,236 and the total permanent student stations that exist in the Region is 649,544, this represents a surplus of 37,308 student stations. Target has been met.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Ensure the availability and equitable distribution of adequate, affordable housing for very low, low, and moderate-income households within the Region.</p>	<p>Region's housing cost burden</p>	<p>Reduce the percentage of households with a cost burden in our Region to less than 30% by 2010.</p>	<p>As of 2003, 34% of households within our Region had a housing cost burden.</p>	<p>As of 2009, 55% of households within our Region had a housing cost burden, a 21% increase in the proportion of households that are cost-burdened. Target has not been met.</p>

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<p>Potable Water, Wastewater & Stormwater</p> <p>Protect, conserve, and enhance the Region's water resources.</p>	<p>Incorporation of ultra-conserving water saving devices and techniques in new development and redevelopment.</p>	<p>Increase in total water savings by 73 MGD by 2010; 107 MGD by 2015.</p>	<p>Projected 2010 baseline without additional water conservation is nearly 1,262 Million Gallons Per Day (MGD) annually; projected 2015 baseline without additional water conservation is 1,360 MGD annually.</p>	<p>The <i>Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan Update (2012)</i>, the source to measure progress since the baseline conditions, is in the process of being updated to reflect population and water demand projections for the period 2005 to 2030. To be determined.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Enhance the Region's mobility, efficiency, safety, quality of life, and economic health through improvements to road, port, and public transportation infrastructure.</p>	<p>Decrease the percentage of drivers driving alone by 5% by 2010.</p>	<p>In 2000, 80% of the drivers in Broward County drove alone, 74% drove alone in Miami-Dade County and 67% drove alone in Monroe County.</p>	<p>In 2009, 79.3% of drivers in Broward drove alone, 76.6% in Miami-Dade County, and 61.4% in Monroe County, representing a slight increase in persons driving alone in the Region. Target has not been met.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Energy</p> <p>Develop clean, sustainable, and energy-efficient power generation and transportation systems.</p>	<p>Increase the number of vehicles powered by alternative fuels among all modes by 20% by 2010.</p>	<p>In 2002, 0.3% of all vehicles in the Clean Cities region were powered by alternative fuels.</p>	<p>In 2008, approximately 0.2% of all vehicles in the Clean Cities Region were powered by alternative fuels. Target has not been met.</p>
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<p>Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Increase awareness of the Region's green infrastructure, its significance to the Region's economy, and the public's role in access and use that is compatible with long-term sustainability.</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Extent of greenways within the Region both designated and acquired through the Florida Greenways and Trails program.</p>	<p>Increase lands designated under the Florida Greenways and Trails program by 1.5% per year within the Region. Increase lands acquired within the Region through this program by 30 acres by 2010.</p>	<p>As of 2003, 78,123 acres were designated within the Region. As of early 2004, 6.57 acres were acquired through the Florida Greenways and Trails Program.</p>	<p>The baseline data that reports 78,123 acres could not be accounted for. Staff is working to validate the data regarding the acres of Florida Greenways and Trail program within the Region. To be determined.</p>
<p>Development & Redevelopment</p> <p>Encourage and support the implementation of development proposals that conserve the Region's natural resources, rural and agricultural lands, green infrastructure and: utilize existing and planned infrastructure in urban areas, enhance the utilization of regional transportation systems, incorporate mixed-land use developments, recycle existing developed sites and provide for the preservation of historic sites.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Brownfield redevelopment projects.</p>	<p>Complete ten brownfield rehabilitation and redevelopment projects within the Region through the Florida Brownfields Program by 2010.</p>	<p>As of 2003, 25 sites have been designated for the Florida Brownfields Program; two (2) have been completed.</p>	<p>As of December 2010, 11 additional sites have been designated as Brownfield Sites through the Florida Brownfields Program for a total of 36 sites. Three (3) additional rehabilitations have been completed, which represents 50% of the rehabilitation target. Target has not been met.</p>
<p>Rural & Agricultural Lands</p> <p>Encourage the retention of the Region's rural lands and agricultural economy.</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Net farm income within the Region.</p>	<p>Maintain or increase net farm income within the Region.</p>	<p>In 2001, agriculture produced \$20 million in net farm income in Broward County and \$133 million in Miami-Dade County.</p>	<p>In 2009, agriculture produced -\$2,187,000 in net farm income in Broward County and \$21,156,000 in Miami-Dade County. Target has not been met.</p>

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<p>Historic Preservation</p> <p>Preserve, restore, and rehabilitate South Florida's historic structures, landmarks, districts, neighborhoods and archaeological sites.</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Number of historic sites within the Region listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</p>	<p>Increase the number of historic sites within the Region listed on the National Register of Historic Places by 25% by 2010.</p>	<p>As of 2002, there were 225 historic sites within the Region listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</p>	<p>As of 2010, there were 270 historic sites within the Region listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This represents an increase of approximately 16.7 percent, a 8.3% shortfall of the original target. Target has not been met.</p>
<p>Natural Resources</p> <p>Preserve, protect, and restore Natural Resources of Regional Significance.</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Conservation and restoration land acreage acquired within the Region.</p>	<p>Increase the acreage acquired for Save Our Rivers projects within the Region by 15,000 acres by 2010.</p>	<p>As of 2000, 118,091 acres had been acquired by various entities for Save Our Rivers projects within South Florida.</p>	<p>According to the SFWMD, land acquisition numbers change from one year to another, minimizing the ability to make comparisons between annual updates. To be determined.</p>
<p>The Everglades</p> <p>Restore and protect the ecological values and functions of the Everglades Ecosystem by increasing habitat area and regional water storage, and restoring water quality.</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Acreage acquired within the Region for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).</p>	<p>Increase the acreage acquired for CERP within the Region to 60% by 2010; 85% by 2015.</p>	<p>As of 2003, approximately 36,658 acres have been acquired for CERP within the Region, reflecting 46% of the total acreage required.</p>	<p>As of December 2010 60,123 acres have been acquired in the Region for CERP, reflecting 60% of the total acreage required. The first target has been met.</p>
<p>Marine & Coastal Resources</p> <p>Enhance and preserve natural system values of South Florida's shorelines, estuaries, benthic communities, fisheries, and associated habitats, including but not limited to, Florida Bay, Biscayne Bay, tropical hardwood hammocks, and the coral reef tract.</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Number of beach advisories issued within the Region on an annual basis.</p>	<p>Decrease beach advisories within the Region by 25% by 2010.</p>	<p>Since the initiation of a statewide coastal water quality monitoring program in August 2000, there have been 230 beach advisories issued within the Region.</p>	<p>Staff is awaiting data from the Florida Department of Health. To be determined.</p>

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<p>Economic Expansion & Diversification</p> <p>Maintain a competitive, diversified, and sustainable regional economy.</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Annual average earnings per job for each county within the Region.</p>	<p>Increase average weekly wages on an annual basis to narrow the gap between South Florida Counties and the nation.</p>	<p>In the year 2001, annual average earnings per job lagged behind the national average in all 3 counties: by 7.6% in Broward, 3.8% in Miami-Dade, and 27.3% in Monroe.</p>	<p>In 2009, annual earnings per job in Miami-Dade county improved and rose 2% more than the national average; while Broward County narrowed the gap to just 2% below the national average, as well as Monroe County to 13% below the national average. Target has been met.</p>
<p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>Ensure regional coordination, preparation, and response to emergencies.</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Shelter accommodation for vulnerable population choosing to use public shelter.</p>	<p>By 2010, provide shelter to support 100% of the vulnerable population choosing to use public shelter within the Region.</p>	<p>As of 2008, 92% of the vulnerable population choosing to use public shelter within the Region would be accommodated in the event of an emergency.</p>	<p>In 2008, Broward and Miami-Dade had a surplus of shelter space. In Monroe, there would be a demand of 406,040 but capacity is 395,820, which would serve 97%. The special needs demand was 15,720 with capacity for 8,460, which is 54%. Target has not been met.</p>
<p>Coastal High Hazard Areas</p> <p>Direct future development away from areas most vulnerable to storm surges.</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Evacuation clearance times.</p>	<p>Evacuation clearance time as described in the South Florida Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study is maintained or reduced on each evacuation route by 2010.</p>	<p>Evacuation clearance times are route specific; therefore, a single baseline is not available for the Region.</p>	<p>Since the 2010 Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program, Regional Clearance Times (in hours) for baseline scenarios have been established at the following Storm Levels: A - 26.0, B - 27.5, C - 32.0, D - 32.0, and E - 39.5. Progress from baseline cannot be measured.</p>

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<p>Connecting People, Places & Opportunities</p> <p>Achieve long-term efficient and sustainable development patterns that protect natural resources and connect diverse housing, transportation, education, and employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Ratio of vehicle miles traveled to growth in population.</p>	<p>Decrease the ratio of vehicle miles traveled to growth in population on an annual basis.</p>	<p>From 1982 to 1999, the region's population increased 42% while the average number of miles driven by each driver increased 62%.</p>	<p>In 2009, the regional population was 2,706,954 and 97,499,548 Average Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled within the Region; however, target outcomes cannot be assessed since source of the original baseline conditions cannot be validated. To be determined.</p>
<p>Coordinated Planning and Regional Cooperation</p> <p>Assume a leadership role to enhance regional cooperation, multi-jurisdictional coordination, and multi-issue regional planning to ensure the balancing of competing needs and long-term sustainability of our natural, developed, and human resources.</p>	<p>Regional infrastructure financing mechanisms.</p>	<p>Implement regional wastewater and potable water infrastructure financing mechanisms that support a regional development strategy.</p>	<p>As of 2003, four entities provided regional financing for infrastructure improvements within South Florida.</p>	<p>The four funding entities are SFWMID, South Florida Regional Transit Authority, Economic Development Administration, and Eastward Ho! The baseline indicator was incomplete. There are numerous federal, state, local, and private sector funding mechanisms for infrastructure. Progress from the baseline cannot be measured.</p>
<p>Cultural Competence</p> <p>Create a regional environment that is aware of and sensitive to cultural diversity and that provides opportunities for all to become successful regional citizens.</p>	<p>Regional index of gender and race/ethnic balance of elected and appointed boards in South Florida.</p>	<p>Increase the regional index of balance for both gender and race/ethnicity.</p>	<p>2003 Gender Index = 2.04; 2003 Race/Ethnicity Index = 1.72.</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>