



Interoffice Communication

TO: Paulette Burdick, Mayor
& Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Sherry Brown, Director 
Office of Financial Management & Budget

DATE: March 16, 2017

SUBJECT: Responses to FY 2018 Budget Retreat Requests/Questions

At the Budget Retreat on February 21st, the Board requested information and had questions regarding proposed funding for various programs. The following is being presented in response to these inquiries:

1. What is the impact on employees for the proposed 7% increase in health insurance premiums?

Plan	Tier	Monthly			Annual Increase
		Current	Proposed	Increase	
HMO	EE	\$ 30.00	\$ 32.10	\$ 2.10	\$ 25.20
	EE + 1	\$ 195.00	\$ 208.65	\$ 13.65	\$ 163.80
	Family	\$ 330.00	\$ 353.10	\$ 23.10	\$ 277.20
POS	EE	\$ 65.00	\$ 69.55	\$ 4.55	\$ 54.60
	EE + 1	\$ 318.00	\$ 340.26	\$ 22.26	\$ 267.12
	Family	\$ 486.00	\$ 520.02	\$ 34.02	\$ 408.24

The above schedule provides the impact on employees for a 7% increase in premiums. The below numbers provides the amount of a 3% ATB pay increase at various salary levels.

Current Salary	3% ATB Increase
\$ 30,000.00	\$ 900.00
\$ 40,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
\$ 60,000.00	\$ 1,800.00
\$ 70,000.00	\$ 2,100.00

2. What are the membership fees for participation in the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council vs. the South Florida Regional Planning Council?

This issue was discussed in detail back in October 2014 and December 14. (See Attachment 1 and 2) The membership fee savings at that time was \$318,345 to switch to the South Florida Regional Council. The current fees are as follows:

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council	\$592,719
South Florida Regional Council	<u>243,555</u>
Variance	\$349,164

3. What is the breakdown of the 151 additional positions for Other Departments & Agencies for the period 2007 – 2017?

Fire Rescue	92
Water Utilities	86
OIG	23
Library	8
Airports	5
Ethics	5
PZ & B	(57)
Fleet	<u>(11)</u>
	151

4. Can the surtax be used to fund transitional housing operating expenses?

No. Surtax revenues can only be used on county owned brick & mortar (capital) costs.

5. What would be the operational impact on the Governmental Center with the construction of a new PGA Tax Collector facility?

The opening of a PGA facility will not likely have a significant impact on the Government Center. When the Tax Collector was assigned driver license issuing, their workload increase over 50%.

However, the Tax Collector is looking to move the Governmental Center downstairs office. They need to add additional staff but they cannot due to space limitations. They will be looking to find a location to maintain presence in West Palm Beach.

6. What are the detail list of ad valorem funded projects in FY 2007?

Please see attachment 3.

cc: Verdenia C. Baker, County Administrator
Management Team

**Regional Planning Council Boundaries
Questions and Answers**

1. What steps must be taken to change regional planning council (RPC) boundaries?

Initially, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (PBCBOCC) would authorize its staff and/or the Mayor to request, in writing, membership in the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC). The chairperson of SFRPC would then draft a letter to Palm Beach County (PBC) with its response to the County's request. Assuming the response is positive, the following seven-step process would apply:

1. PBCBOCC passes a resolution requesting an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement creating the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) to delete PBC as a Principal Member Unit.
2. PBCBOCC passes a resolution requesting an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement creating the SFRPC to add PBC as new Principal Member Unit of SFRPC.
3. Each Principal Member Unit (County) of the TCRPC and SFRPC then adopts a resolution authorizing the amendments necessary to amend the Interlocal Agreements as requested by PBC.
4. TCRPC executes the amendment to its Interlocal Agreement creating a three-county regional planning council, deleting reference to PBC.
5. SFRPC executes the amendment to its Interlocal Agreement, adding PBC to create a four-county RPC.
6. A letter is sent along with the amended Interlocal Agreements to the Executive Office of the Governor requesting the change to Treasure Coast and South Florida RPC boundaries.
7. The Governor grants the request for the RPC boundary change.

2. Is the legislature involved?

No

3. What is the Governor's role?

The Executive Office of Governor's role in the process is to designate geographic boundaries of the State's comprehensive planning districts or RPC boundaries (Section 186.006, Florida Statutes).

4. How were the original boundaries established?

All eleven RPC boundaries were established by the Executive Office of the Governor between 1972 and 1976.

5. How was the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) formed?

St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach counties, originally members of the SFRPC, joined with Indian River County, an original member of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, to form the TCRPC

6. **When was TCRPC formed?**

1976

7. **Why was TCRPC formed?**

It was formed to join together four counties with similar geography, and shared resources and concerns.

8. **What does PBC and the three northern counties currently share in common?**

- Agriculture
- Lake Okeechobee
- Media
- Spring Training
- Scale
- Water Resources
- Estuarine and Riverine Restoration Efforts
- State House and Senate Members
- Atlantic Beaches
- Tourism and Job Markets
- Roadway Networks
- FEC and CSX Railways
- Educational and Cultural Institutions
- Bio-Science Industry
- Diversity

9. **What are local dues for TCRPC?**

Local membership dues is charged annually for each of the four TCRPC counties at a rate of \$0.43 per person.

IRC	SLC	MC	PBC	Total Local Dues
\$58,163	\$111,505	\$61,337	\$553,834	\$784,839

10. What are local dues for SFRPC?

Local dues is charged for each of the three SFRPC counties at a rate of \$0.175 per person.

Broward	Miami-Dade	Monroe	Total Local Dues
\$305,912	\$436,876	\$12,791	\$755,579

11. What are local dues for all regional planning councils?

RPC	Per Capita Rate	Total Local Dues
Apalachee	\$5,000/County	\$45,000
Central Florida	\$0.25/capita	\$201,955
East Central Florida	\$0.16/capita	\$528,606
North Central Florida	\$0.30/capita	\$118,962
Northeast Florida	\$0.41/capita	\$623,091
South Florida	\$0.175/capita	\$755,678
Southwest Florida	\$0.30/capita	\$472,941
Tampa Bay	\$2,000 base fee plus \$0.295/capita	\$927,732
Treasure Coast	\$0.43/capita	\$784,839
West Florida	\$1,000 base fee plus \$0.0325/capita	\$47,375
Withlacoochee	\$0.35/capita	\$275,587

12. What are PBC dues under TCRPC compared to SFRPC?

Palm Beach County Dues		
TCRPC	Savings	SFRPC
\$553,834	\$318,345	\$235,489

13. What is the make-up of TCRPC staff and SFRPC staff?

TCRPC Staff

Director	Michael J. Busha	Executive Director
Legal Counsel	Roger Saberson	Council Attorney
Planning Staff	Peter G. Merritt, Ph.D.	Assistant Director
	Kimberly DeLaney, Ph.D.	Strategic Development Coordinator
	Gregory Vaday	Economic Development Coordinator
	Kathryn Boer	Emergency Programs Coordinator
	Anthea Gianniotis	Director of Urban Design
Administrative Staff	Elizabeth Gulick	Administrative Supervisor/DRI Coordinator
	Stephanie Heidt	Intergovernmental Review/Admin Coordinator
	Kim Koho	Secretary/Receptionist
	Phyllis Castro	Accounting Manager
	Barbara Stefancik	Accounting Assistant
*Other Staff	Kathy LaMartina	Intergovernmental Representative
		Martin & St. Lucie Counties
		South Florida Water Management District

* Agencies/Organizations sharing Council offices

SFRPC Staff

Director	James F. Murley	Executive Director
Legal Counsel	Samuel S. Goren	Council Attorney
Planning Staff	Isabel Cosio Carballo	Director of Public Affairs
	Karen Hamilton	Regional Planner
	Christine Heshmati	Senior Policy Analyst
	Manuel Cela	Director of Preparedness Programs
	Cheryl Cook	Director of Loan Programs
Administrative Staff	Rhonda Noah	Director of Operations
	Nancy Jane Davis	Creative Director
	David Meade	Director of Information Technology
	Edward McGann	Director of Finance and Budget
	Karen Chang	Administrative Assistant
	Joyce Hall	Financial Specialist
	Kathe Lerche	Administrative Assistant
	Isabel Moreno	Administrative Assistant

14. What is the Board make-up for TCRPC and SFRPC?

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Membership					
	Palm Beach	Martin	St. Lucie	Indian River	Total
County Representatives	3	2	2	2	9
Municipal Representatives	5	1	2	2	10
Governor's Appointees	4	2	2	1	9
Total	12	5	6	5	28
28 Total					

South Florida Regional Planning Council Membership				
	Broward	Miami-Dade	Monroe	Total
County Representatives	3	3	2	8
Municipal Representatives	3	1	2	5
Governor's Appointees	2	2	1	4
Total	8	6	5	19
19 Total				

15. What is the total population of TCRPC and SFRPC?

TCRPC	SFRPC	Total (2013 Estimate)
1,914,466	4,440,650	6,355,116

16. What would the total population and member county population be of a newly formed SFRPC with PBC as a member? What about TCRPC?

Currently

TCRPC		SFRPC	
Municipalities	50	Municipalities	70
People	1.9 million	People	4.4 million
Jobs	758,673	Jobs	1,870,132
Housing Units	929,778	Housing Units	1,855,520
Miles of Atlantic Coastline	105	Miles of Atlantic Coastline	192
Square Miles	3,700	Square Miles	7,490
People (2060)	3 million	People (2060)	6 million
Local Elected Officials	278	Local Elected Officials	414
State Senators	6	State Senators	10
State House Members	12	State House Members	28

South Florida Regional Planning Council

Current		With Palm Beach County	
Municipalities	70	Municipalities	108
People	4.4 million	People	5.75 million
Jobs	1,870,132	Jobs	2,416,632
Housing Units	1,855,520	Housing Units	2,521,684
Miles of Atlantic Coastline	192	Miles of Atlantic Coastline	237
Square Miles	7,490	Square Miles	9,441
People (2060)	6 million	People (2060)	8 million
Local Elected Officials	414	Local Elected Officials	618
State Senators	10	State Senators	14
State House Members	28	State House Members	37

17. What counties make up TCRPC and SFRPC?

<u>TCRPC</u>	<u>SFRPC</u>
Palm Beach County	Monroe County
Martin County	Miami-Dade County
St. Lucie County	Broward County
Indian River County	

18. When was the last time RPC boundaries changed?

1976

19. How many miles long would the newly formed TCRPC and SFRPC regions be?

TCRPC - 62 miles long
SFRPC - 237 miles long

20. What is the current acres and square miles of TCRPC and SFRPC?

TCRPC - 2,368,000 acres or 3,700 square miles
SFRPC - 4,793,600 acres or 7,490 square miles

21. How many acres/square miles would a newly formed TCRPC and SFRPC be?

TCRPC - 1,113,600 acres or 1,740 square miles
SFRPC - 6,042,240 acres or 9,441 square miles

22. How many Council meetings per year does TCRPC and SFRPC hold?

TCRPC - 10
SFRPC - 6 (SFRPC maintains an Executive Committee made up of five Council members who meet six times per year).

23. How long does it currently take to drive to RPC meetings, and how long will it take should a new SFRPC form with PBC as a member?

TCRPC - Boca Raton to Stuart – 1 hour 3 minutes or 63 miles
SFRPC - Tequesta to Hollywood – 1 hour 12 minutes or 70 miles

24. What would the estimated annual budgets be for a newly formed TCRPC and SFRPC?

TCRPC - **\$3 million** (Local annual county membership dues collections for TCRPC would drop by \$553,834, from \$784,839 to \$231,005).

SFRPC - **\$3.2 million** (Local annual county membership dues collections for SFRPC would increase by \$235,489, from \$755,678 to \$991,167).

25. How long would the process take to change RPC boundaries?

About 18 months

26. Where would Council offices be located should the boundaries change?

SFRPC is currently in a five year office lease. A future change in the office location would be up to the Council at time of lease termination. SFRPC offices are currently located in the City of Hollywood. TCRPC offices may move to the City of Fort Pierce which would be the new geographic center of the Treasure Coast Region.

27. What happens to existing contract obligations of TCRPC should its boundaries change?

All contract obligations would need to be completed or terminated prior to the change.

28. What happens to the assets of TCRPC should the boundaries change?

Council's only real tangible asset is the office building it owns in Stuart. This asset would be sold with about 70 percent of the proceeds going to Palm Beach County. Alternatively, the TCRPC could buy out PBC's share in the building and keep it.

29. Can a County be a member in more than one regional planning council?

No

30. How do the work programs of the TCRPC and SFRPC compare?

TCRPC	SFRPC
Emergency Preparedness	Emergency Preparedness
Brownfields	Brownfields
Economic Development	Economic Development
Small Business Loans	Small Business Loans
DRIs	DRIs
Comprehensive Plan Reviews	Comprehensive Plan Reviews
Dispute Resolution	Dispute Resolution
GIS	GIS
Census Data Affiliate	Census Data Affiliate
Energy Planning	Energy Planning
Environmental Planning	Economic Modeling
Grant Writing	Environmental Planning
Urban Design/Town Planning	Grant Writing
Transportation/Land Use Planning	Urban Design/Town Planning
Local Government Planning Services	Transportation/Land Use Planning
Community Involvement/ Charrette Services	Community Services

ATTACHMENT 2

The following list include but may not be limited to existing regional entities whose primary members are Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties:

Tri-County Mayor's Compact

Gold Coast League of Cities

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (Tri-Rail)

Southeast Florida Transportation Council (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations)

Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact

South Florida Water Management District (Lower East Coast Water Supply Planning Area)

Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition

Southeast Florida Economic Forecasting Partnership

Gateway to the Americas (Beacon Council (MDC), Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Business Development Board of PBC)

Southeast Florida Ocean Coast Resources Compact

Southeast Florida Domestic Security Task Force

Southeast Florida Brownfields Partnership

Attachment A

Proposed Transition Schedule

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| December 2014 – March 2015 | Solidify processes with the staff of Florida Regional Planning Council Association, SFRPC, TCRPC and League of Cities. |
| April 2015 – August 2015 | Approvals from TCRPC and Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River Board of County Commissioners approval of membership termination. |
| Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2015 | Approvals by SFRPC and Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Board of County Commissioners of acceptance into SFRPC. |
| January 2016 – June 2016 | Finalization of revisions of RPC Map and Approval by Governor and effective date. |

Attachment B

Entities the BCC participate with Broward and Miami Dade

- Tri-County Mayor's Compact
- Gold Coast League of Cities
- South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (Tri-Rail)
- Southeast Florida Transportation Council (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations)
- Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact
- South Florida Water Management District (Lower East Coast Water Supply Planning Area)
- Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition
- Southeast Florida Economic Forecasting Partnership
- Gateway to the Americas (Beacon Council(MDC), Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Business Development Board of PBC)
- Southeast Florida Ocean Coast Resources Compact
- Southeast Florida Domestic Security Task Force
- Southeast Florida Brownfields Partnership

Entities the BCC participate with Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River:

- Pal Mar Water Control District One PBC BCC Member; One Martin County BCC Member
- Loxahatchee River Management Coordinating Council
- County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and the Lake Worth Lagoon

Attachment C

League of Cities Concerns:

- No input in the decision to transition to SFRPC
- Decrease in the municipal representation on the Regional Council
- Concerned with Metro form of government to South
- Concerned about commonality with members of SFRPC
- Concerns about financial stability through membership fees
- Believes the work and accomplishments by TCRPC will be negated due to the transition.
- Don't believe there is a problem with TCRPC services
- League likes the planning services provided by staff to the Cities.

Attachment 3

Palm Beach County
FY 2007 Ad Valorem Funded Capital Projects

Engineering		
MSTU Countywide Road Improvements	3,000,000	
Emergency Vehicle Priority System	3,100,000	
SE 15th Avenue Bascule Bridge	1,000,000	
Street Lighting	750,000	
Other Road & Bridge Projects (10)	<u>2,765,550</u>	10,615,550
Facilities Development & Operations		
Airport Center Conversion & Renovations	4,550,000	
Animal Care & Control - Pahokee New Facility	3,820,000	
Countywide Hurricane Hardening of Facilities	12,500,000	
Countywide R & R County Buildings	5,365,000	
Gov Ctr - Connect AC to Central Energy Plant	3,395,000	
Headstart - West Palm Beach	3,000,000	
Hurricane Hazard Mitigation	2,280,000	
Jail Expansion Program	6,000,000	
Other Facilities Projects (14)	<u>4,430,000</u>	45,340,000
Information System Services		
CJIS System	4,548,000	
Network R & R and Security	1,500,000	
New Technology R & R	3,221,000	
WAN Fiber and Network	1,200,000	
Other ISS Projects (28)	<u>6,776,000</u>	17,245,000
Countywide Community Revitalization		4,200,000
Environmental Resources Management		
Vegetation Incentive Program	1,000,000	
South Lake Worth Inlet Bird Island Bulkhead	2,000,000	
Other ERM Projects (3)	<u>540,000</u>	3,540,000
Parks and Recreation		
District Assistance Projects	1,400,000	
Other Parks Projects (8)	<u>1,875,000</u>	3,275,000
800Mzh R & R		<u>636,586</u>
		84,852,136