East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

631 North Wymore Road, Suite 100
Maitland, Florida 32751

Wednesday, July 16, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order and General Business — 10:00
- Call to Order – *Chair, Commissioner Teresa Jacobs*
- Roll Call – *Ruth Little*

II. Consent Agenda — 10:05
- Minutes (June 2008) – *Secretary Atlee Mercer* **(Attachment 1)**
- Financial Report (June 2008) – *Treasurer Mary Martin* **(Attachment 2)**

III. Annual Financial Report - *Dan O'Keefe of Moore Stephens Lovelace, PA* **(Attachment 3)** — 10:15

IV. SRPP Update – *Mr. Malcolm McLouth* — 10:30
- Staff Update, Chapter Outline, Agenda for July 21 - *Andrew Landis*
- Natural Resources Sounding Board Meeting July 21, Stakeholder List

V. Chair's Report – *Chair, Commissioner Teresa Jacobs* — 11:00

VI. Executive Director's Report – *Phil Laurien* — 11:15
- Budget and Dues FY 2009 and comparison with other RPCs
- Office Space Search (Report on 150 N. Westmonte)
- Florida Greenways and Trails meeting 6/27/08

VII. Announcements/Comments — 11:40
- Satellite Beach Sand Rx Project – *Tara McCue* **(Attachment 4)**
- DCA SR 528 Multi-Use/Multi-Modal Corridor **(Attachment 5)**
- An opportunity for Council members and members of the public to bring up events, issues or other items of interest to the Council

VIII. Adjournment — 12:00

All Council meetings are open to the public as required by Florida Sunshine Law, Chapter 286, FS, and shall meet the requirements of Chapter 120, FS. The agenda is set as per Chapter 29F, FAC, the rules of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Persons participating in a Council meeting shall be allocated a reasonable amount of time to present oral testimony and offer written materials relevant to their position. The Chairperson shall instruct all persons as to amount of time allocated for presentation and appropriateness of written materials. An opportunity for general public comment will be included in each agenda. If a person decides to appeal a decision on any matter considered on the above listed agenda, such person must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

ATTACHMENT 1

Minutes (June 2008)

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2008

Commissioner Teresa Jacobs Presiding

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Representatives

Commissioner Chuck Nelson, Brevard County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, Orange County
Commissioner Fred Brummer, Orange County
Commissioner John Quinones, Osceola County
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County

Municipal Representatives

Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Mayor Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of Cities
Mayor John Land, Tri-County League of Cities
Vice Mayor Mary Martin, Volusia County League of Cities
Mayor John Bush, Seminole County League of Cities

Gubernatorial Appointees

Mr. Malcolm McLouth, Brevard County
Mr. Jon Rawlson, Orange County
Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Orange County
Ms. Aileen Cubillos, Seminole County

Ex-Officio and Other Municipal Reps

Ms. Nancy Christman, SJRWMD
Ms. Vivian Garfein, FDEP
Mr. Thomas Genovese, SFWMD
Ms. Susan Sadighi, FDOT
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford
Mr. William McDermott, Enterprise Florida

Other Attendees

Gerald Livingston, ECFRPC Counsel
K. Hattaway, Tohoqua DRI
Mr. John Moore, FDOT
Ms. Michelle Beaman, Osceola County
Mr. Jeff Jones, Osceola County
Mr. Lance DeCuir, FDOT
Ms. Debra Dremann, Newland
Ms. Diane Dias, Newland
Mr. Wayne Bennett, Osceola Countyu
Mr. John Adams, RJ Whidden & Assoc
Mr. Lee Smith, Holland & Knight
Mr. Bob Secrist, Neptune Investments
Mr. John Lesman, BioTech
Mr. Christopher Stapleton, Geneva Citizen Assoc.
Mr. Ted Brown, Baker Hostetler
Mr. Mark Jacobson, Newland
Mr. Bob Whidden, RJ Whidden Assoc
Mr. Doug Russell, Neptune Investments
Ms. Teri Bowley, GT
Ms. Liz Alward, Brevard County

ECFRPC Staff

Mr. Phil Laurien
Ms. Ruth Little
Ms. Kimberly Loewen
Ms. Claudia Paskauskas
Ms. Tuesdai Brunsonbyrd-Bowden
Ms. Lelia Hars
Mr. Fred Milch
Mr. Andrew Landis
Mr. Jeremey Mikrut

Members not in Attendance

Commissioner Helen Voltz, Brevard County
Commissioner Elaine Renick, Lake County
Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide, Seminole County
Commissioner Mike McLean, Seminole County
Councilwoman Joie Alexander, Volusia County
Councilman Art Giles, Volusia County
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Al Glover, Brevard County
Ms. Maryam Ghyabi, Volusia County

I. Call to Order and General Business

Chair Teresa Jacobs called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Ruth Little called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda

A MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Vice Mayor Martin and seconded by Mr. McLouth. The MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

III. Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) Task Force – *Mr. Malcolm McLouth*

Mr. McLouth gave a report on the June 16, 2008 meeting of the SRPP Task Force. Dr. Tom Hoctor of the University of Florida gave a presentation on the Critical Lands and Waters Identification Program (CLIP). The Task Force was pleased with the attendance at that meeting by representatives of state agencies, Century Commission members, and private citizens. A meeting of the Natural Resources Sounding Board has been set for Monday, July 21, 2008 at 10:00 am at the Planning Council offices. The next meeting of the SRPP Task Force will be August 11, 2008.

IV. Tohoqua Development of Regional Impact – *Mr. Fred Milch*

Mr. Milch presented information about the Tohoqua DRI, one of several DRIs in the eastern side of Lake Tohopekaliga . The project is a total of 1,184 acres with 56 acres preserved. Recommendations have been consistent among DRIs in the area, with traffic considered both as a whole and individually. Some low areas were shown on a wetlands map that are currently being pumped. The 100 year flood plain map shows these as marsh areas. On the positive side, the developer will obtain certifications for Florida Green Building Coalition, Waterstar, and Dark Skies. The newest changes to the Staff Recommendations were reviewed in the green sheets.

Mr. John Adams of RJ Whidden answered questions about the area of the development being pumped. He did not know how long the pumps had been used, but the land has been a cattle ranch for 100+ years, and the canals were dug long ago. The proposed development will not be dependent upon pumping. There were also questions and discussion about developing below the 55 foot level and clarification on muck. Mr. Milch assured everyone of his confidence that the development will be properly engineered. Mr. Adams then gave a brief presentation of the Lake Toho DRI and other projects. He explained the unique cooperation between developers in the area to address common interests such as schools, transportation, emergency services, parks and the environment.

Chair Commissioner Jacobs asked for comments from involved agencies, and opened the floor to questions. After a brief discussion, Mayor Land moved to adopt the Recommendations as presented. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Quinones and the MOTOIN TO APPROVE was UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

V. Chair's Report – *Chair, Commissioner Teresa Jacobs*

Commissioner Jacobs reviewed the Water Summit held about six weeks ago between the ECFRPC and the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC). The ECFRPC will be

hosting the second meeting, which will focus on an examination of the successes and failures that other regions have had in the area of water management, with the goal of avoiding pitfalls and building consensus. Mr. Laurien noted that the Century Commission is holding a Water Summit in Orlando, which he will be attending on September 25 and 26. It was agreed that the water summit between the ECFRPC and the NEFRC be postponed from the July 25, 2008 date previously released until after the Century Commission's event. Commissioner Jacobs suggested our discussion with NEFRC about avoiding a water war over surface water usage could potentially be a "breakout" session at the Century Commission Summit. She would contact Tim Centers to follow up.

VI. Executive Director's Report – *Phil Laurien*

Mr. Laurien reviewed the written Director's Report, noting that a contract has been agreed to with the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority to do conduct an economic impact study on the effect of the Wekiva Parkway construction. He also reported on the status of the financial Audit. In the matter of the CLIP project reported on by Mr. McLouth, Mr. Laurien added that the CLIP data is similar to the Natural Resources of Regional Significance (NRORS) map that the SRPP Task Force is working on, but emphasized that we will still establish our own assumptions about how the data will be used; the State's CLIP map will *not* become our NRORS map.

Mr. Laurien attended the most recent St. Johns River Water Management District's TMDL meeting. It is expected that by fall, the draft Basin Action Plan (BMP) document will be complete and adopted with an Order anticipated in September. This document ties directly into our Water Summit discussions regarding Central Florida's use of the St. Johns River for drinking water and the impact that has on dilution rates going into the Jacksonville area.

Mr. Laurien's written report includes detailed information on Senate Bill 682. However, today's newspaper reported that Governor Crist has vetoed the Bill.

Mr. Laurien then thanked Kimberly Loewen for her hard work over the last two-plus years on special research projects, affordable housing, computer maintenance, staff training and all the miscellaneous tasks she took on as her role expanded. Kimberly will be moving to Chicago and Mr. Laurien and the Council wish her well in the new chapter of her life.

VII. Announcements /Comments

Chair Commissioner Jacobs provided an opportunity for Council members and members of the public to bring up events, issues or other items of interest. Ms. Garfien thanked Phil for his participation in the TMDL meetings, emphasizing how important that work is for the region.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

ATTACHMENT 2

Financial Report (June 2008)

To be distributed on July 16

ATTACHMENT 3

Annual Financial Report
Year Ended September 20, 2007

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ended September 30, 2007

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LOVELACE, P.A.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Honorable Members of the
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Maitland, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Council as of September 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards,* we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2008, on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants

Orlando, Florida
June 26, 2008

Our discussion and analysis of East Central Florida Regional Planning Council's (the "Council") financial performance presents an overview of the Council's activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements following this Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A").

Overview of the Financial Statements

The organization-wide and fund financial statements are combined for this annual report as all activities of the Council are governmental activities. The report consists of the organization-wide and fund statements, notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. The statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Council's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet presents information on all of the Council's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Council is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance presents information showing how the Council's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. The Council uses the economic resources measurements focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All changes in net assets are reported as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (i.e. grants receivable and earned but unused vacation leave). These governmental activities are primarily supported by member assessments and operating grants.

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Council uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. All of the Council's operating grants are shown in the General Fund.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found after the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.

Financial Analysis

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Council's financial position. At the close of the fiscal year, assets exceeded liabilities by $2,043,152. Investment in capital assets represents 1% of net assets and, thus, is not available for future spending. The balance is unrestricted net assets ($2,022,763) and is available to meet the Council's obligations to its partners and citizens. Conversion to GASB 34 does not allow net assets to be represented as "reserved" unless there are external legal restrictions on how these funds may be used. Thus, while there may be long-term management plans for unrestricted net assets, they must be shown as unrestricted until such external restrictions occur. The Council has no restricted net assets at September 30, 2007.

The following is a comparative summary of the Statement of Net Assets:

ASSETS	FY07	FY06
Current and Other Assets	$ 2,607,041	$ 2,304,786
Capital assets, net	20,389	26,117
Total Assets	2,627,430	2,330,903
LIABILITIES		
Current and Other Liabilities	556,185	633,656
Long Term Liabilities	28,093	21,391
Total Liabilities	584,278	655,047
NET ASSETS		
Invested in Capital Assets	20,389	26,117
Unrestricted	2,022,763	1,649,739
Total Net Assets	$ 2,043,152	$ 1,675,856

Governmental activities increased the Council's net assets by $367,296. This increase resulted from additional grant revenues from local sources, and interest revenue above what was anticipated for the year. Expenses were consistent with prior years.

Revenues	FY07	FY06
Program Revenues	$ 2,011,382	$ 1,961,752
General Revenues	108,270	90,228
Total Revenues	2,119,652	2,051,980
Expenses		
General Government	1,522,408	1,605,736
Public Safety	111,344	97,647
Economic Environment	118,604	42,365
Total Expenses	1,752,356	1,745,748
Change in Net Assets	367,296	306,232
Net Assets - Beginning	1,675,856	1,369,624
Net Assets - Ending	$ 2,043,152	$ 1,675,856

The General Fund is the operating fund of the Council. At the end of fiscal year 2007, unreserved fund balance was $1,953,226, while the total fund balance reached $2,050,856. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 112% of the total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 118% of that same amount. General Fund fund balance increased by $379,726 during the fiscal year ended 2007. The increase was due to grant revenues and interest revenues as discussed previously.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The General Fund final budget was not adjusted from the original adopted budget for FY07. The General Fund actual revenues were greater than the final budgeted revenues by $259,684. This increase was due to additional local revenue and additional interest revenue above what was anticipated. Expenditures were lower than anticipated by $120,042 due to decreased office costs and other operating supplies from effective cost-saving measures.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The overall financial position and results of operations for the Council remained stable for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007. As the region's needs continue to grow, local funding sources may show greater strain. During the 2008 fiscal year, adjustments were made to the local assessments to assist member governments as they go through budget restrictions resulting from legislative changes. A portion of the General Fund fund balance was also reserved during the fiscal year 2008 for an upcoming building project for the administrative offices.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to present users with a general overview of the Council's finances and to demonstrate the Council's accountability. If you have any questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or need additional financial information, contact the Council's finance department, 631 N. Wymore Road, Maitland, Florida 32751.

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

September 30, 2007

	General Fund	Adjustments (Note 2)	Statement of Net Assets
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,242,327	$ -	$ 2,242,327
Accounts receivable	28,898	-	28,898
Due from other governments	307,223	-	307,223
Prepaid items	28,593	-	28,593
Capital assets, net	-	20,389	20,389
Total Assets	2,607,041	20,389	2,627,430
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	104,897	-	104,897
Accrued liabilities	117,062	-	117,062
Unearned revenues	334,226	-	334,226
Accrued compensated absences	-	28,093	28,093
Total Liabilities	556,185	28,093	584,278
FUND BALANCES / NET ASSETS			
Fund balances:			
Reserved for prepaid items	28,593	(28,593)	-
Reserved for special projects	69,037	(69,037)	-
Unreserved	1,953,226	(1,953,226)	-
Total fund balances	2,050,856	(2,050,856)	-
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$ 2,607,041		
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets		20,389	20,389
Unrestricted		2,022,763	2,022,763
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. The Reporting Entity

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") is a voluntary association of local governmental units organized under the authority of Chapter 186 (formerly Chapter 160) of the Florida Statutes. Its primary activity is the administration of governmental grants for various purposes.

The accompanying financial statements present the financial position and results of operations of the applicable fund type controlled by or dependent upon the Council. In evaluating the Council as a reporting entity, management has addressed all potential component units for which the Council may or may not be financially accountable and, as such, be includable within the Council's financial statements. No component units exist which would require inclusion in the Council's financial statements.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Council. The Council only has governmental activities and does not engage in any business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges for services, which includes member assessments; 2) operating grants; and 3) miscellaneous revenues. General revenues include interest income. Fund financial statements are presented for the Council's general fund. This fund is considered to be a major fund.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Council considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to compensated absences and long-term lease agreements are recorded only when payment is due. Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

On or before October 1 of each year, the Council adopts an annual budget sufficient to support the anticipated work program for the year. The budget is adopted on a total basis and not at the fund level and includes combined revenues from all sources, including federal, state, local and private grants-in-aid, contracts, loans, fees, and such other fund sources legitimately available to the Council.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and overnight repurchase agreements.

F. Prepaids

Prepaids represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit beyond September 30, 2007.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

G. Office Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment

Office furniture and equipment purchased in the general fund are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Gifts or contributions of capital assets are recorded in the general fund at fair market value at the time received. Depreciation has been provided on fixed assets as a direct charge using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable assets, which range from 3-10 years.

H. Compensated Absences

It is the Council's policy to grant employees paid leave based upon the number of years of employment with the Council. Paid leave may be used as time off or accrued up to the policy maximum. Such leave pay shall be made at the employee's current rate of pay. Employees who terminate prior to completion of six months' continuous service will not be paid for any accrued paid leave time. Accrued compensated absences, including vacation leave and related payroll costs, are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund for the amount that would normally be liquidated with available, expendable resources in the next fiscal year. The non-current portion of the compensated absences liability is recorded in the general long-term debt account group.

I. Unearned Revenues

Deposits collected for development regional impact reviews in excess of costs incurred are recorded as unearned revenues.

J. Indirect Costs

Certain administrative costs are recorded in the General Fund as indirect costs in the Council's accounting system and allocated to project and grant programs based upon an indirect cost rate appropriate in the circumstances. The rate is based upon direct salary and fringe benefit costs and is calculated using actual indirect costs.

K. Grants

Revenues received or used from grants for the governmental fund are recognized as current revenues when they become susceptible to accrual, that is both measurable and available (modified accrual basis).

NOTE 2 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Adjustments were made to include capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) and long-term liabilities on the statement of net assets. This resulted in a net difference between ending governmental fund balances and total net assets of $(7,704).

Ending governmental fund balances	$ 2,050,856
Capital assets, net	20,389
Long term portion of accrued compensated absences	(28,093)
Total net assets	$ 2,043,152

NOTE 2 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

Adjustments were made to include depreciation expense, eliminate capital outlay expenditures and record the increase in long-term compensated absences on the statement of activities. This resulted in a net difference between "excess of revenues over expenditures" and "change in net assets" of $(12,430).

Excess of revenues over expenditures	$ 379,726
Depreciation expense	(38,769)
Increase in long term compensated absences	(6,702)
Capital outlay expenditures	33,041
Change in net assets	$ 367,296

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits
Deposits consist of demand accounts (interest and non-interest bearing). All deposits with financial institutions were 100% insured by federal depository insurance or by collateral, pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act of the State of Florida. The book balance at September 30, 2007 was $176,327.

Investments
The Council is authorized to invest in investment vehicles, as defined in the written investment policy, which was approved by the Board. The policy specifies the authorized investment vehicles, including repurchase agreements.

The following is a summary of the investments held by the Council at September 30, 2007:

	Fair Value
Overnight repurchase agreement	$ 2,066,000
Total Investment	2,066,000
Carrying amount of deposits	176,327
Total cash and investments	$ 2,242,327

Interest Rate Risk – To mitigate interest rate risk, the Council's investment policy requires that the investment portfolio structure maturities to meet the Council's cash needs for ongoing operations and that operating funds be invested in short-term maturities.

Credit Risk – To mitigate credit risk, the Council primarily invests in overnight repurchase agreements.

Custodial Risk – To mitigate custodial risk, broker/dealers must meet established capital requirements, as set forth by the Securities Exchange Commission, be registered in the State of Florida, and certify understanding of the Council's investment policy.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Council's investment policy requires that investments be diversified by security type and institution. Currently, the Council only invests in an overnight repurchase agreement.

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets during the fiscal year:

	Balance 10/01/06	Additions	Deletions	Balance 09/30/07
Office furniture, fixtures and equipment	$ 95,236	$ 33,041	$ (2,545)	$ 125,732
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(69,119)	(38,769)	2,545	(105,343)
Total capital assets, net	$ 26,117	$ (5,728)	$ -	$ 20,389

NOTE 5 – LONG-TERM DEBT

During the year ended September 30, 2007, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Balance 10/01/06	Additions	Deletions	Balance 09/30/07
Accrued compensated absences	$ 21,391	$ 6,702	$ -	$ 28,093

NOTE 6 – LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Council leases office facilities and other equipment under non-cancelable operating leases.

A. On May 27, 2004, the Council entered into a new lease agreement for office space, which expires in May, 2009. Under the terms of the lease, monthly rentals are $10,117.

B. The Council entered into a lease agreement for a copy machine, which expires in August, 2009. Under the terms of the lease, monthly rentals are $829.

The future minimum lease payments as of September 30, 2007, are as follows:

Year Ending 9/30	Building	Copiers	Total
2008	$ 121,408	$ 9,945	$ 131,353
2009	80,938	9,117	90,055
	$ 202,346	$ 19,062	$ 221,408

Rent expenditure for the year ended September 30, 2007, was approximately $121,408.

NOTE 7 – EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Council maintains a defined contribution pension plan. Employees are eligible to participate in the plan after six months of continuous service if they work more than 1,000 hours a year. Participants become vested, as follows:

Years of Continuous Service Completed	Percentage Vested
1	0%
2	0%
3	40%
4	75%
5	100%

NOTE 7 – EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN - Continued

The Council is obligated under the National Association of Regional Councils' East Central Florida Regional Planning Council Pension Trust to make a contribution equal to 10% of the participants' annual base compensation. Employees of the Council are under no obligation to contribute to the plan.

The plan requires a contribution of $62,100 for the year ended September 30, 2007, or 10% of covered payroll of $620,996. The Council made actual contributions related to the year of $62,100. Total payroll for the year was approximately $763,410.

NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Intergovernmental Grants

Amounts received or receivable from grantors are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally federal and state governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures, which may be disallowed by the grantor, cannot be determined at this time although the Council expects such amounts to be immaterial.

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual
	Original	Final	Amounts
Revenues			
Operating grants	$ 803,574	$ 803,574	$ 957,731
Charges for services	1,005,394	1,005,394	1,053,651
Interest	50,000	50,000	94,206
Miscellaneous revenues	1,000	1,000	14,064
Total Revenues	1,859,968	1,859,968	2,119,652
Expenditures			
General government	1,559,468	1,559,468	1,476,937
Public safety	140,000	140,000	111,344
Economic Environment	125,000	125,000	118,604
Capital outlay	35,500	35,500	33,041
Total Expenditures	1,859,968	1,859,968	1,739,926
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-	379,726
Net change in fund balance	-	-	379,726
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	-	-	1,671,130
Fund Balance at End of Year	$ -	$ -	$ 2,050,856

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Revenues:		
Charges for services		
Member assessments and contributions	$	685,394
DRI fees		368,257
Federal, state and local grants		957,731
Interest		94,206
Miscellaneous revenues		14,064
Total Revenues		2,119,652
Expenditures:		
Advertising		6,683
Books, publications, subscriptions & memberships		11,543
Computer operations		12,158
Consultants		292,576
Contractual services		32,666
Equipment		15,163
Fringe benefits		187,234
Graphics		18,748
Indirect costs		327,288
Legal		42,442
Meetings and workshops		24,255
Office supplies		2,685
Other miscellaneous		10,281
Postage		5,263
Recruiting & relocation		353
Salaries		681,618
Training		47,480
Travel & per diem		21,490
Total Expenditures		1,739,926
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures		379,726
Fund Balance, beginning of year		1,671,130
Fund Balance, end of year	$	2,050,856

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Honorable Members of the
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Maitland, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Council's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Council's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Council's internal control. We consider the following deficiency to be significant deficiency in internal control:

2007-01 Segregation of Duties

Finding

Due to limited resources, the Council has one employee charged with performing incompatible duties. No one employee should have access to both physical assets and the related accounting records, or to all phases of a transaction. One of the most critical areas noted was cash, where the finance manager handles incoming checks, prepares the deposit slip, posts receipts to customer accounts, performs all functions related to cash disbursements and receives and reconciles the monthly bank statement. The result is the danger that intentional or unintentional errors could be made and not detected.

Criteria

Segregation of incompatible duties is an essential part of a strong internal control environment.

Honorable Members of the
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Maitland, Florida

Recommendation
We recommend that the receptionist, or an individual who does not report to the finance manager, open the mail, prepare a prelist of the cash received, and prepare the deposit slip. We also recommend that someone other than the finance manager (Council Treasurer) receive and review the bank statements and canceled checks before turning them over to the finance manager for preparation of the bank reconciliation. These simple steps would not require additional employees or add significant time to either the receptionist's or Council Treasurer's time.

Management's Response
The receptionist already opens and date stamps the mail. She also prepares a list of all mail received. In response to your recommendation ,we will have her also prepare a separate list of cash received and prepare the deposit slips.

Our Executive Director will receive the bank statements, which include copies of the canceled checks to review before turning them over to the finance manager to prepare the reconciliation. The Executive Director will also review the reconciliation after it is prepared.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Council's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Council, management, the State of Florida Auditor General, and federal and state awarding agencies and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants

Orlando, Florida
June 26, 2008

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Members of the
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Maitland, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2008.

We conducted our audit in accordance with United States generally accepted auditing standards, and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We have issued our Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters. That report, dated June 26, 2008, include findings which should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida and, unless otherwise required to be reported in the report on internal controls and on compliance or schedule of findings and questioned costs, this letter is required to include the following information.

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Council complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management, accounting procedures, and internal controls. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements or abuse that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Honorable Members of the
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Maitland, Florida

Section 10.554(1)(i)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires, based on professional judgment, the reporting of the following matters that are inconsequential to the financial statements, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of laws, rules, regulations, and contractual provisions or abuse that have occurred, or were likely to have occurred, and would have an immaterial effect on the financial statements; (2) improper expenditures or illegal acts that would have an immaterial effect on the financial statements; and (3) control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies, including, but not limited to: (a) improper or inadequate accounting procedures (e.g., the omission of required disclosures from the financial statements); (b) failures to properly record financial transactions; and (c) other inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, and instances of fraud discovered by, or that come to the attention of, the auditor. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Section 10.554(1)(i)6., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The legal authority is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Section 10.554(1)(i)7.a., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the local governmental entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Council did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Section 10.554(1)(i)7.b., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether the annual financial report for the Council for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.

Sections 10.554(1)(i)7.c. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply financial condition assessment procedures. In connection with our audit, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the entity's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

This management letter is intended solely for the information of the Council Members, and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants

Orlando, Florida
June 26, 2008

ATTACHMENT 4

Satellite Beach Sand Rx Project

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Philip Laurien, AICP
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

To: ECFRPC Board
From: ECFRPC Staff
Subject: Satellite Beach Sand Rx Restoration Joint Coastal Permit
Date: July 7, 2008

The ECFRPC staff has reviewed and provided comments for a Joint Coastal Permit for the City of Satellite Beach from Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The project is considered an experimental beach renourishment project. The proposed experimental activity will treat a one mile portion of the shoreline of Satellite Beach between DEP reference monuments R-90 and R-96 with a protein-based chemical in order to promote sand accretion.

The chemical will be added into a trench dug into the back beach (landward of MHW) and through injection wells between the MHW line and the MLW line, 4 feet below the beach surface. Chemical application would be complete within approximately 72 hours, though three applications over a total of three months are anticipated. The proposed project overlaps with the shoreline area subject to the pending Brevard County Mid-Reach Beach Restoration project (File No. 0254479-001-JC).

The proposed Sand Rx compound cleans the sand and replaces the pollutants with a hydrophilic protein, promoting cohesiveness between the water and sand. The sand is treated through wave and tidal pumping and treated sand begins to accrete in nearshore troughs. As the troughs fill, wave action becomes gentler and minimizes erosion. When the troughs are filled, the waves push the sand toward the beach instead of being carried away. The sand remains below the water and is pushed into the beach, underneath the already existing sand, by the tide. The clean sand interacts with the old contaminated sand and the benefits are passed along. Periodic maintenance may be necessary. The process is expected to increase the width of the beach by approximately 75 feet.

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Comments from the ECFRPC and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission were included in the FDEP Request for Additional Information (RAI #1). Concerns and requests from FDEP Staff and FFWCC include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Possible overlap of the construction of the Midreach Beach Restoration Project and proposed Sand Rx Project.
- City must apply for a waiver from Rule 62B-41.0075(1) (c), F.A.C. "to perform an experimental project in an area that has been identified as an environmentally sensitive area by the Department".
- Lack of physical basis for claim that SAND Rx, after 3 months of injection in the treatment area, will result in shoreline advancement of 75 feet and will retain 80% of the shoreline width for one year with appropriate maintenance.
- Unacceptable monitoring plan (FDEP included the features that should be included in the physical monitoring plan).
- Whether beach access and swimming will be restricted during study and evaluation?
- Provide methods proposed to protect threatened and endangered species.
- Concerns that the SAND Rx may contribute to harmful algal blooms.
- Concerns regarding the contamination of fish/invertebrates used in human consumption.
- The subsequent increases in biomass of micro and macrofauna may result in "unacceptable mortality of sea turtles eggs".
- Request of documentation of the "occurrence of anthropogenic containments on the beach sands in Satellite Beach."

Attached is the ECFRPC Staff comments regarding the Satellite Beach Sand Rx Restoration Experimental Joint Coastal Permit.

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Executive Director

June 13, 2008

Steven MacLeod, Environmental Manager
Bureau of Beaches & Coastal Systems
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

RE: New Permit Application: Satellite Beach Sand RX Restoration
File No. 0288873-001-JC, Brevard County

Dear Mr. MacLeod,

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has received the submittal for the *Satellite Beach Sand RX Restoration* permit application.

The ECFRPC is supportive of an environmentally and benthic friendly alternative to traditional beach restoration. According to the project description, the chemical will be added through a trench and injection wells and has been shown to have no harmful effects on the marine environment. The ECFRPC staff also feels the restabilization of the beach through this process will assist in the protection of upland properties and infrastructure from beach erosion, thus potentially preventing associated negative financial impacts upon the city. Finally, this project may assist to minimize, for the time being, the impacts of beach erosion associated with rising sea levels.

The concerns of the ECFRPC staff regard effects of the Sand RX on sea turtles. While we understand the actual pumping of the chemical into the sand will take place outside of nesting season, we are concerned with the way the chemical itself may affect hatchlings and nesting female sea turtles. We suggest that experts be consulted to discuss this issue. Another concern regards the offshore trough and whether the filling of the troughs will affect the ability of female sea turtles to reach the beach to lay their eggs. Although the project is to take place outside of nesting season, the process of the trench filling in order for the sand to wash on shore may be lengthy, thus may impede upon nesting season. Concern also lies in whether the filling of the troughs will affect the ability of the hatchlings to return to the ocean. The application did not address whether the topography of the beach will change in any way that will negatively affect the ability of sea turtles to reach appropriate nesting locations on the beach. The ECFRPC would like further information concerning whether this project has been performed on turtle nesting beaches and if there has been any effect in nesting numbers.

The Council staff has not identified any significant and adverse effects on regional resources or facilities, nor have any extra-jurisdictional impacts been identified that would adversely effect the neighboring jurisdictions.

Should there be any questions concerning this review, please to contact us at 407-623-1075.

Sincerely,

Phil Laurien
Executive Director
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

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ATTACHMENT 5

SR 528 Multi-Use/Multi-Modal Corridor

STATE OF FLORIDA

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June 25, 2008

Ms. Laura Kelley
Deputy Executive Director of Administration, Finance and Planning
Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority
525 South Magnolia Avenue
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Subject: SR 528 Multi-Use/Multi-Modal Corridor

Ms. Kelley:

The Department is pleased to provide the following letter in response to the SR 528 Multi-Use /Multi-Modal Corridor currently under study by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority. First, we wish to compliment the Expressway Authority for the extensive outreach to agencies and affected parties. The construction of new roadways and expansion of existing roadways is fundamental to land use and development patterns. As such, our review has taken into account not just immediate but also long range effects.

The following comments are based on an initial review of the project's proposed purpose and potential alignments.

It has been identified that approximately 50% of the study area is comprised of wetlands and undeveloped land. The St. Johns River is also located in the study area and a new crossing would be needed. The ability to locate the proposed facilities within the existing right of way of SR 528 is an optimal option, in that it minimizes the environmental impacts of potential facilities. This alignment also allows any new bridges to be located adjacent to existing facilities minimizing the environmental impacts of a new crossing elsewhere. Due to the expansive cross section and length of the proposed project, opportunities to provide wildlife crossing should be considered to minimize habitat fragmentation. The Department agrees that a facility co-located with the existing SR 528 is preferable over the alignment with US 192.

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Unlike previous corridor studies reviewed by the Department, the SR 528 Multi-Modal Corridor Study includes the potential for new transit routes, water, power, and communication utilities, freight and passenger rail lines, and a new aviation fuel pipeline connecting Orlando International Airport to Port Canaveral. As mentioned in the study, the multi-modal opportunities of the corridor may provide many benefits; however, they will also require additional planning and coordination.

The Department is pleased to see that the study addresses the need for simultaneous land use and transportation planning. The corridor study properly addresses the need for the involvement of entities charged with land use planning in the study area. Transit oriented development and more intense development patterns are vital to the viability of public transit along the corridor. Transportation projects, such as the proposed multimodal corridor, may have long lasting impacts on land development patterns. Thus, the location of interchanges and transit stops is a key aspect that must be analyzed in concert with land use planning. The placing of interchanges mid-route in the undeveloped area is undesirable as it may lead to sprawling development patterns and degradation to wetlands.

The Department is also pleased to see documentation as to the project's consistency with adopted plans. We trust the Authority will continue this practice in future project evaluations. The study identified the project's consistency with the State Comprehensive Plan, 2020 Florida Transportation Plan, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council Strategic Regional Policy Plan, MetroPlan Orlando's Long Range Transportation Plan, Brevard Metropolitan Planning Organization Long Range Transportation Plan, and the comprehensive plans of Orange County, City of Orlando, Osceola County, City of St Cloud, Brevard County, City of Melbourne, City of West Melbourne, City of Satellite Beach, and the town of Indialantic. The project appears to be consistent with the goals and needs identified in these plans.

As the Authority may be aware, legislation has recently passed that addresses energy efficient land uses and transportation systems. House Bill 697 requires that comprehensive plans discourage urban sprawl, promote energy efficient land use patterns and include greenhouse gas reduction strategies. Similarly, House Bill 7135 encourages Metropolitan Planning Organizations to integrate transportation and land use planning to reduce green house gas emissions. The Department looks forward to working with the Authority and other state, regional and local agencies to implement the new requirements.

The proposed Multi-Use/Multi-Modal corridor includes opportunities to provide passenger rail and or bus rapid transit facilities to the Central Florida Region. In addition, the expanded toll-facility may be useful in emergency evacuation situations. The Department supports efforts that will provide multi-modal solutions to meeting the mobility needs of Florida's residents and visitors.

The Department is pleased to submit these comments in response to the SR 528 Multi-Use/Multi-Modal Corridor Concept and Evaluation Study. The Department would again like to compliment the Expressway Authority for the thorough efforts undertaken in the evaluation of potential new corridors. The Multi-modal aspect of the proposed SR 528 Corridor demonstrates a commitment to sound planning. These comments are based on the current evaluation study and conceptual corridors. These comments are subject to revision should the conceptual corridors change or additional information become available. If you have any questions or wish to comment on the issues raised above please contact Tim Smith, Transportation Planner, at (850)922-0717 or (timothy.smith@dca.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

Charles Gauthier, AICP
Director, Community Planning

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cc: Mr. Harold Barley, Staff Director, Metroplan Orlando
Ms. Susan Sadighi, Systems Planning Section, FDOT District 5
Mr. Phil Laurien, AICP, Executive Director, East Central Florida RPC
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