



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#15-1028

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 1, 2015

TITLE: Discussion on the Port Everglades Sand Bypass Project Area/ Proposed
Designation as a Broward County Adaptation Action Area of Regional
Significance

On March 3, 2015, Broward County Planning Council (BCPC) staff solicited comment from municipalities with regard to an application for an amendment (Text Amendment PCT 15-3) to the Broward County Land Use Plan (BLUP) to revise Policies A.03.06 and A.03.07 that include new implementation criteria for designating Adaptation Action Areas of Regional Significance (AAA-RS), as well as the application (Natural Resource Map Series Amendment PCNRM 15-2) for designation of the Port Everglades Sand Bypass Project Area (Sand Bypass Project) as an AAA-RS (see Exhibit 1).

In general, the City supports Adaptation Action Area designation as a useful planning tool to prioritize funding in vulnerable areas affected by tidal flooding and sea level rise. The City is also supportive of this Adaptation Action Area of Regional Significance designation, with a suggested modification requiring local jurisdiction support. The City sent a letter (see Exhibit 2) to BCPC staff on April 8, 2015 providing suggested revisions to the proposed AAA-RS implementation criteria. Specifically, the City's response letter recommended that the portion of the amendment's new text be modified as follows:

From: "Broward County shall, *in coordination with its local municipalities*, designate Adaptation Action Areas..." be modified to read:

To: "Broward County shall, *with support of all municipalities included within the proposed Adaptation Action Area of Regional Significance boundary*, designated Adaptation Action Areas..."

Furthermore, that the term "support" be defined to include, at a minimum, an approved resolution from all municipalities included within the boundary of a proposed AAA-RS. Also, in accordance with City Commission Resolution No. 09-11 that opposes the Sand Bypass Project (see Exhibit 3), the letter included an objection to the Sand Bypass Project's designation as an AAA-RS.

At the May 28, 2015 BCPC meeting, City staff communicated these recommendations. By a unanimous vote (16-0), the BCPC recommended approval of the County's text amendments on first reading to the Broward County Commission (see Exhibit 4). The City's suggested modification requiring local jurisdiction support through resolution was not incorporated into the approved text. The BCPC recommendation included a request that prior to the Sand Bypass Project amendment's second public hearing reading, the City of Fort Lauderdale revisit its Sand Bypass Project position recognizing the passage of time, modified project implementation methodologies, and the change in composition of the City Commission since the adoption of City Commission Resolution No. 09-11.

The County's review process timeline for both applications (Text Amendment PCT 15-3 and Natural Resource Map Series Amendment PCNRM 15-2) is as follows:

- October 22, 2015 - Broward County Planning Council 2nd reading meeting
- October 27, 2015 - Broward County Commission setting of adoption hearing meeting
- November 10, 2015 - Broward County Commission adoption hearing meeting

City and County staff will make a brief presentation on the issues discussed above.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.
- Objective 3: Advance beach resiliency and renourishment.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - BCPC staff applications and recommendations

Exhibit 2 - City of Fort Lauderdale recommendations letter and Broward County correspondence

Exhibit 3 - City Commission Resolution No. 09-11

Exhibit 4 - Broward County Planning Council Minutes - May 28, 2015

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