

**PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

AGENDA ITEM: V A.

MEETING DATE: March 17, 2010

SUBJECT:

Proposed Committee to Evaluate Integration of Land Use and Transportation Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

Council Appoint Three Members To Serve On Joint Land Use/Transportation Committee

I. BACKGROUND

The Council has worked for several months to initiate and undertake an examination of the potential to better integrate the countywide land use and transportation planning functions.

Following adoption and transmittal of PPC Resolution No. 09-2 in July, 2009, requesting a joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners, the Council Executive Committee met to pursue various options. In November 2009, a local bill was drafted, but not filed, that dealt with the MPO and PPC. Subsequent discussions with local elected officials, legislative representatives and county staff have resulted in the attached memorandum from County Administrator LaSala recommending appointment of a nine-member Joint Committee on Land Use/Transportation, comprised of three members from each the PPC, MPO, and BCC.

The proposed objectives and timetable for the Committee's work is also outlined in the County Administrator's memorandum.

Council staff recommends the Council appoint three members to the Joint Committee and direct staff to assist in coordinating a first meeting time, place and agenda.

II. ATTACHMENT

Memorandum from County Administrator Bob LaSala

PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL ACTION:

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY ACTION:



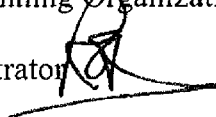
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Karen Williams Seel, Chairman and
Members of the Board of County Commissioners

Honorable Pat Gerard, Chairman and
Members of the Pinellas Planning Council

Honorable Chris Arbutine, Sr., Chairman and
Members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization

FROM: Robert S. LaSala, County Administrator 

DISTRIBUTION: Pete Yauch, Director of Public Works and Transportation

SUBJECT: Committee to Identify Policy Measures to Best Integrate Land Use
and Transportation Plans

DATE: March 9, 2010

As you are aware, there has been considerable discussion about the need and opportunity to assure that our land use and transportation planning efforts are coordinated in the optimum manner possible.

To this end, I am recommending a Joint Land Use/Transportation Committee be established to examine this issue and identify any recommendations that the Committee determines appropriate. My recommended approach is as follows:

Committee Objectives

1. To identify the policy steps or measures that are needed to develop updated and fully-integrated future land use and transportation plans for the County as a whole. If a consensus is reached then proceed to:
2. Defining the appropriate governmental entity/entities to accomplish the task(s).

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Committee Approach

To meet as necessary to evaluate and make recommendations to the respective parties of interest relative to any actions required to achieve the agreed-upon policy direction.

Committee Membership

Nine (9) members, with three (3) members appointed from and by each of the following boards at the earliest convenient date for each of the three respective boards:

Pinellas Planning Council (PPC)	- 3 Members
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	- 3 Members
Board of County Commissioners (BCC)	- 3 Members

Committee Timetable

To convene at the earliest mutually acceptable time, preferably beginning in early April, with a target completion date for the Committee's recommendations by July. This would allow ample time for consideration of any proposed legislative action by the Legislative Delegation that may be necessary in the fall of 2010 for the 2011 Legislative Session.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to undertake this important task. If I can be of assistance in this effort, please let me know. The respective staffs of the agencies involved stand ready to assist you as you determine appropriate.