

**INFORMATION SHEET  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
BROWARD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT  
PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT**

<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>09-1-T5 - TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT</b>
Commission District	1 through 9
Application/Agent	Planning and Redevelopment Division
Current Objectives and Policies	Goal <b>3.0.</b> , Objective <b>3.3.</b> , Policies <b>3.3.1.</b> , <b>3.3.2.</b> , <b>3.3.5.</b> , <b>3.3.7.</b> , Objective <b>3.12.</b> , Policy <b>3.12.1.</b> , Objective <b>3.13.</b> ; Policies <b>3.13.1.</b> , and <b>3.13.2.</b>
Proposed modifications	This amendment is a result of the 2008 Building Code Standards Act (HB 694), which establishes new Comprehensive Plan requirements which address building code standards for energy efficiency, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, energy conservation and the use of renewable resources. The Transportation Element addresses some of these, including incorporating transportation strategies to address reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. It amends Goal <b>3.0.</b> , Objective <b>3.3.</b> , Policies <b>3.3.1.</b> , <b>3.3.2.</b> , <b>3.3.5.</b> , <b>3.3.7.</b> , Objective <b>3.12.</b> , Policy <b>3.12.1.</b> , and renumbers Policy <b>3.5.10.</b> It also deletes Objective <b>3.13.</b> , and Policies <b>3.13.1.</b> , and <b>3.13.2.</b>
Effect of Proposed Change	To update goal, objectives and policies to reflect current requirements, data and information.
Comprehensive Plan Consistency	Consistent.

**STAFF TRANSMITTAL RECOMMENDATION**

**Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department, Planning and Redevelopment Division, Local Planning Agency (LPA):** The LPA recommends that the Broward County Board of County Commissioners transmit the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) as part of Group I Amendments for 2009.

**BACKGROUND**

This amendment is a result of the 2008 Building Code Standards Act (HB 694), which establishes new Comprehensive Plan requirements which address building code standards for energy efficiency, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, energy conservation and the use of renewable resources. The Transportation Element addresses some of these, including incorporating transportation strategies to address reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

The update also addresses revisions to the Element which were identified as general updates needed to the policies in order to meet the continuing responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners, through the Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department, to maintain the comprehensive planning program for Broward County.

### **DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT**

The proposed amendment amends Goal **3.0.**, Objective **3.3.**, Policies **3.3.1.**, **3.3.2.**, **3.3.5.**, **3.3.7.**, Objective **3.12.**, Policy **3.12.1.**, and rennumbers Policy **3.5.10**. It also deletes Objective **3.13.**, and Policies **3.13.1.**, and **3.13.2.**

Additions are shown in an underline format while deletions are shown in a ~~strikeout~~ format in **Attachment A**.

### **DATA & ANALYSIS**

Rule 9J-5, FAC, requires that all plan amendments and their support documents be based upon relevant and appropriate data and analysis applicable to each element. To be based upon data means to react to it in an appropriate way and to the extent necessary indicated by the data available.

Chapter 163.3177(6)(a), F.S. requires local governments to:

- Incorporate in the Comprehensive Plan Future Unincorporated Area Land Use Element provisions for distribution of land use by type, density, and intensity to meet the needs of the current and future population in a manner that...discourage urban sprawl, energy-efficient land use patterns according to the existing and future electric power generation and transmission systems, and greenhouse gas reduction strategies;...

### **CONSISTENCY WITH COUNTY, REGIONAL AND STATE PLANS**

The following goals, objectives, and policies from the County, Regional, and State comprehensive plans support the Future Unincorporated Area Land Use Element (FUALUE).

### **Broward County Comprehensive Plan**

The subject amendments are internally consistent with the following Broward County Comprehensive Plan **Volume 1** provisions:

**Policy A.01.11.** Broward County shall promote and encourage, and shall implement to the maximum extent feasible for those (re)development projects and lands owned by the County or within unincorporated areas, to take advantage of compact building design to preserve more open space, support wider transportation choices, make public transportation viable, reduce public infrastructure cost and improve the health condition of residents and the wider community.

**Volume 2**, provisions:

**Goal 1.0.** It is the goal of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (Board) to provide a comprehensive planning program for the Unincorporated Area that will preserve, promote, protect, and improve the public health, safety, comfort, good order, appearance, convenience, law enforcement and fire prevention, and general welfare; prevent the overcrowding of land and avoid undue concentration of population; facilitate the adequate and efficient provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, recreational facilities, housing, and other requirements and services; and conserve, utilize, and protect natural resources.

**Objective 1.2.** The Planning and Services Division shall provide for the periodic update of Volume 2 and 4 of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan through the year 2010.

**Policy 1.2.5.** The Planning and Services Division in coordination with the appropriate agencies shall review each Comprehensive Plan Element or Component at least annually and, where appropriate, shall recommend amendments to said Element or Component.

### **Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida**

State law also requires consistency with the regional policy plan. The subject amendments are consistent with the following Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida policies:

**GOAL 4.** Enhance the economic and environmental sustainability of the Region by ensuring the adequacy of its public facilities and services.

**GOAL 8.** Enhance the Region's mobility, efficiency, safety, quality of life, and economic health through improvements to road, port, and public transportation infrastructure.

### **Energy**

**Policy 9.1.** Develop and implement sustainable energy conservation strategies.

**Policy 9.7.** Assess the impact of global climate change and sea-level rise on South Florida's resources and land uses.

**Policy 9.8.** Establish greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and implement renewable energy measures to minimize the risks posed by sea-level rise and other effects of global change.

**Policy 9.9.** Encourage coordination between state, regional, and local economic development agencies and the private sector to develop an alternative and renewable energy technology industry to ensure a sustainable regional community.

### **Green Infrastructure**

**Policy 10.3.** Encourage interagency cooperation and co-location of parks and other public facilities where appropriate for use and access.

### **Development & Redevelopment**

**Goal 11** 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 where most appropriate 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.

### ***Alternative Development Patterns***

**Policy 11.1.** Encourage local governments to implement urban design guidelines to create attractive, well-planned, compact, mixed-use communities that utilize and conserve the Region's existing and planned infrastructure including urban parkland and green space.

**Policy 11.2.** Encourage mixed land uses and activities within communities to foster more balanced and energy-efficient development patterns, which are characterized by appropriate density, diverse economic, employment, and housing opportunities, and public transportation access.

**Policy 11.3.** Develop and implement incentives for urban redevelopment to promote:

- a. high density, urban centers;
- b. flexibility in the expenditure of transportation system capital funds to create a more balanced mix of highways, public transportation, and goods movement; and
- c. nodes of transit-oriented design of appropriate land use density along major urban corridors

of public transportation.

**Policy 11.4.** Strengthen neighborhoods by:

- a. increasing and strengthening code enforcement at the local level through additional staffing and funding;
- b. maintaining and improving infrastructure in neighborhoods and targeting declining neighborhoods for enhancements;
- c. promoting programs designed to enhance the safety of neighborhoods; and
- d. protecting the Region's historic structures and promoting the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of structures listed at the federal, state, or local level.

**Policy 11.5.** Encourage infill and redevelopment activities that are compatible with community character. Infill and redevelopment should be encouraged on an areawide basis instead of incrementally on a site-by-site basis.

**Policy 11.6.** Revitalize and maintain the Region's developed areas.

**Policy 11.7.** Create tangible advantages for development in areas that are characterized by underdevelopment or underemployment.

**Policy 11.8.** Encourage the use of innovative and creative redevelopment programs, such as brownfields redevelopment programs, area-wide plans, corridor and sector planning, as well as public-private partnerships and collaborations.

**Policy 11.9.** Address the full range of redevelopment impacts, including the displacement of existing populations, the loss of historic structures and neighborhood character, and the overburdening of existing infrastructure.

### ***Infrastructure Provision***

**Policy 11.10.** Decisions regarding the location, rate, and intensity of proposed development shall be based on the existing or programmed capacity of infrastructure and support services or on capacity which will be programmed to serve that proposed development. In addition, consideration should be given to the impact of infrastructure and support services on natural resources.

**Policy 11.11.** Provide incentives to encourage the use of existing public facilities and services for development and redevelopment.

**Policy 11.12.** Encourage increased density within appropriate urban areas that are served by adequate and planned facilities and services, including public transportation, and that are proximate to regional activity or employment centers. Ensure that the impacts of increased density are fully mitigated by increased investment in facilities and services.

### **Natural Resources**

**Policy 14.1.** Address environmental issues, including the health of our air, water, habitats, and other natural resources, that affect quality of life and sustainability of our Region.

### **Coordinated Planning & Regional Cooperation**

**Policy 21.1** Implement better coordination of land use, natural resource, and infrastructure planning, with special attention to regional and ecosystem management approaches.

**Policy 21.2** Strengthen intergovernmental coordination processes with state, regional, and local governments and agencies to effectively link land use decisions with natural resource protection, preservation, and restoration and water supply planning.

### **State of Florida Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 187, Florida Statutes)**

Paragraph 163.3177(10) (b), FS, provides that each local government shall review the state comprehensive plan goals and policies and shall address in its comprehensive plan the goals and policies which are relevant to the circumstances or conditions in its jurisdiction. The relevant state comprehensive plan goal and policies include:

#### **ENERGY**

**(a) Goal.** Florida shall reduce its energy requirements through enhanced conservation and efficiency measures in all end-use sectors and shall reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide by promoting an increased use of renewable energy resources and low-carbon-emitting electric power plants.

#### **(b) Policies.**

3. Improve the efficiency of traffic flow on existing roads.
4. Ensure energy efficiency in transportation design and planning and increase the availability of more efficient modes of transportation.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **(b) Policies:**

2. Coordinate transportation investments in major travel corridors to enhance system efficiency and minimize adverse environmental impacts.
4. Allow flexibility in state and local participation in funding of public transit projects and encourage construction and use of toll facilities in order to meet transportation needs.
8. Encourage the construction and utilization of a public transit system, including, but not limited to, a high-speed rail system, in lieu of the expansion of the highway system, where appropriate.
9. Ensure that the transportation system provides Florida's citizens and visitors with timely and efficient access to services, jobs, markets, and attractions.

## **ASSESSMENTS & CONCLUSIONS**

Based upon the subject amendments and the information provided in the data and analysis section of this report, the following assessments and conclusions are offered:

1. The subject amendment is internally consistent with Volume 1 and 2 of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan, and consistent with the State of Florida Comprehensive Plan and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida.