



LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

SUMTER COUNTY LAND USE MEETING 2035 POPULATION & EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS

2:00 P.M., MARCH 20, 2009

SUMTER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT OFFICE, BUSHNELL, FL

MEETING ATTENDEES:

BRAD CORNELIUS, PLANNING MANAGER, SUMTER COUNTY
ROBERT SMITH, CITY MANAGER, CITY OF WILDWOOD
MELANIE PEAVY, PLANNER, CITY OF WILDWOOD
THOMAS BURKE, SENIOR PLANNER, LAKE~SUMTER MPO
PAM RICHMOND, PROJECT MANAGER, LAKE~SUMTER MPO
FRANCIS FRANCO, GIS MANAGER, LAKE~SUMTER MPO

MEETING MINUTES:

Robert Smith, City Manager for the City of Wildwood, provided a status report on their discussions with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) regarding the use of Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) Medium-High (average) population projections. The MPO had previously intended to use BEBR Medium projections throughout the two-county region, but the City and Sumter County both feel strongly that Medium-High is more appropriate for their area, and are taking the necessary steps towards justifying with DCA. The City, County and MPO had traveled to Tallahassee late in February to meet with DCA to discuss this issue, and others related to comprehensive plans and interlocal agreements. MPO staff has agreed to support the City and County on this issue and will proceed with the BEBR Medium-High population control total.

The City is currently working with Fishkind & Associates, Inc. (Orlando) on future population projections. The County is working also developing projections, and with the City to ensure consistency. Once population projections are finalized on a municipal and planning area level, City and County staff will work with the MPO to break down the projections into single family and multifamily categories, and to allocate to the traffic analysis zone (TAZ) level, consistent with the Central Florida Regional Planning Model, Version 5.0, currently under development by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

City and County staff made the MPO aware that they were not currently developing employment projections. MPO staff recommended the use of the Land Use Conflict Identification Strategy (LUCIS) data that had been developed by the University of Florida which focuses land uses in centers, supports multimodal connectors between those centers and preserves conservation areas and countryside. These were the ideals that came out of several regional visioning exercises, including the How Shall We Grow 2050 Regional Vision for Central Florida. County staff agreed that the LUCIS data would be a good place to start, as long as manual adjustments could be made where it was deemed appropriate. MPO staff will work with City and County staff to make those manual adjustments in April and May.

MPO staff also explained that school enrollment and hotel/motel units would have to be projected. MPO staff will work with City and County staff on these projections, as well. The goal will be to develop a final 2035 data set for Sumter County, agreeable to all parties, by May or June.