



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Provide City Council with Planning and Development Staff's substantive comments regarding the updated Countywide Plan Map and request approval to transmit to the Pinellas Planning Council.

SUMMARY:

The new Countywide Plan was mandated by a revision of the Special Act governing the Pinellas Planning Council (Chapter 2012-245) adopted by the Florida Legislation in 2012. The Act provides for the replacement of the existing Countywide Plan and Rules with a new policy-based Countywide Plan. On June 1, 2014, local governments were provided with a 90-day period to review and comment on the new Countywide Plan Map.

On July 17, 2014, Linda Fisher, Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) Principal Planner presented an overview of the proposed updates to the Countywide Plan Map. The PPC has transmitted the proposed Countywide Plan Map for a 90-day review and comment period, which ends September 2, 2014. Michael Crawford, PPC Interim Executive Director, has agreed to accept the City of Clearwater's comments on September 5 in order to allow staff the time to update City Council and receive formal approval of the substantive comments provided within the attached memo.

Staff has identified four policy issues, and two additional substantive comments related to the following topics:

1. Legacy Entitlements
2. Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map and Countywide Plan Map Series
3. Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) Residential Density Limits
4. Corridors Depicted on the Vision Map
5. Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor Map
6. South Myrtle Avenue, Palmetto Street, and North Betty Lane as Secondary Corridors

In addition to the aforementioned memo, the updated Countywide Map series and summary of the Legacy Entitlements resulting from the conversion of the future land use classifications to the proposed standard categories are available.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

N/A

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:

N/A