

## **“STATE ROAD 7 PARTNERSHIP”**

### **2014**

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#### **I. Purpose**

The Purpose of this Partnership is to provide a framework to support the signatory agencies, organizations and governments, within Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties to work collaboratively to facilitate the aesthetic and economic revitalization of the State Road 7 / US 441 Corridor. This document is not intended to be a contract. It is recognized that each party has different interests, priorities, and responsibilities. This document shall signify the cooperative intent of the parties to leverage in-kind services, private funds, grant funds, foundation funds, and/or funds from the individual Signatories to further the work of this Partnership and to continue to share in the mutual benefits and rewards of this collaborative effort.

#### **II. Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, the signatory agencies, organizations and governments that execute this Agreement will be collectively referred to as Signatories; and,

**WHEREAS**, jurisdictions along the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor have expressed their desire to enter into and participate in a cooperative undertaking to further facilitate ongoing areawide comprehensive, functional and best-planning practice activities along the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor is a heavily traveled corridor extending from Palm Beach County in the north, through Broward County, to Miami-Dade County in the south; and,

**WHEREAS**, each of the Signatories to this Agreement bears responsibility for or has involvement in some aspect of community planning and redevelopment along the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, each of the Signatories to this Agreement understands that revitalization of the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor will generate social, economic, and environmental benefits to the Region; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to address current land use/transportation issues along the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor and increase effective intergovernmental cooperation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the participation and involvement of area local governments, stakeholders, and agencies is critical to the future regional mobility and enhanced quality of life for area residents, along with economic stability and effective extra jurisdictional coordination of planning and development activities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the problems of growth and development often transcend the boundaries of individual units of local general-purpose government, and often no single unit can formulate

plans or implement policies for their solution without affecting other units in their geographic area; and,

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes recognizes the Regional Planning Council is recognized as a multipurpose regional entity that is in a position to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems on greater-than-local issues, provide technical assistance to local governments, and meet other needs of the communities in each region; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) to assist local governments to resolve their common problems, engage in areawide comprehensive and functional planning, administer certain federal and state grants-in-aid, assist with activities designed to promote and facilitate economic development, and provide a regional focus in regard to multiple programs undertaken on an areawide basis; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Agreement to facilitate community involvement in the planning of future transportation alternatives to support local development opportunities, promote residential infill, further employment opportunities, reduce urban sprawl pressures, foster increased intergovernmental coordination, and coordinate supporting infrastructure improvements; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement shall serve as a commitment of cooperation, realizing the mutual benefit to be derived from a close working relationship among all participating entities and shall be reviewed and amended as necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is not the intent of this Agreement to specify all specific areas that can or should be effectively coordinated; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Signatories to this Agreement is committed to the following guiding principles related to revitalization of the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor:

- Coordinating the implementation of existing statutes, ordinances, regulations, applicable programs, and other efforts that will assist with local revitalization measures and maximize their efficiency and effectiveness;
- Approaching revitalization of State Road 7/US 441 Corridor in the context of broader area-wide and local planning, economic development, neighborhood development, and urban revitalization efforts;
- Recognizing that the economic development, efficient and practical transportation systems, and community land use at appropriate densities and intensities are linked and that these activities should be well coordinated and thoughtfully planned;
- Providing a good quality of life for citizens working or living adjacent to the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor includes the need to provide adequate infrastructure and facilities to support the development of livable communities; and,
- Collectively implementing participatory solutions involving residents and businesses of the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** this Agreement is established to create a framework for coordinating efforts and extra-jurisdictional impacts relating to the revitalization of the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor.

### **Focus of Cooperative Activities**

The Signatories to this Agreement share mutual interest in the following issues and will use this Agreement to expand their cooperation to focus their efforts on the coordination of vital infrastructure including multi-modal transportation for people and goods, water and wastewater, sustainable schools, design and development of public spaces and the development of advanced communications technology.

1. Actively participate in the State Road 7/US 441 Partnership Committee. This Committee considers and collaborates on matters concerning State Road 7 / US 441, and makes recommendations to the Signatories and other stakeholders. This Committee is subject to the Public Record and Sunshine Laws of Florida.
2. Maintain, implement and update the State Road 7 / US 441 Master Plan. Develop and complete work plans for future periods, as appropriate, for the life of this Agreement.
3. Develop, maintain, and update an inventory of existing planning and implementation efforts along the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor. This inventory provides a basis to coordinate consistency between each community's revitalization efforts, and as a way to identify strategies for successful implementation.
4. Undertake an initiative to promote a collective vision for the urban design of the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor that shall uniquely apply in each jurisdiction to the extent that each jurisdiction chooses. The purpose is to create a sense of place, and promote pedestrian-oriented safe neighborhoods and town centers to enhance individual community identity.
5. Undertake an initiative to market the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor for redevelopment, including but not limited to the preparation of marketing materials, promoting public outreach, and development of an effective marketing tagline to identify corridor investment opportunities.
6. Review local comprehensive plans, land development regulations, and capital improvement programs to help ensure that these instruments will move the community toward its vision. Support the amendment of local comprehensive plans that further locally developed visions developed through individual Charrettes for corridor sectors and to insure conformance with the State Growth Management Act.
7. Collaborate for the development and submission of competitive applications for recognition awards and to enhance efforts to secure State, Federal or other grant funding for physical development and/or the provision of technical assistance to support the activities of the State Road 7/US 441 Collaborative.

8. Work together in support of comprehensive and inclusive sustainable development practices throughout the State Road 7/US 441 Corridor. Encourage the application of green construction techniques including the development of buildings eligible for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification or meet the building principles of the Florida Green Building Coalition or U.S. Green Building Council.
9. Coordinate with the other SR 7/US 441 Partnership signatory entities and the SFRPC in the development and implementation of local planning and development activities.
10. Collaborate with and encourage the coordination of current projects and planning efforts along the Corridor including, but not limited to, Transportation and Transit, Land Use, Regional Water Supply, Economic Development, Aesthetics, Intergovernmental Coordination, Schools, and other vital infrastructure.
11. Cultivate a link between redevelopment, access, mobility, and the expansion of public transit systems. Actively seek the development of multiple transportation modes to move people and goods. Ensure that redevelopment and new development along the Corridor is accessible to transit and provide connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods.
12. Support redevelopment activities that are consistent with principles of and best practices in urban infill and development. These principles and practices include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Infill development at appropriate densities and intensities,
  - ii. Quality urban design that is pedestrian- and transit- oriented,
  - iii. Urban school construction standards, multi-story, smaller acreage, and/or school reconstruction,
  - iv. Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED),
  - v. Urban greenways and public open spaces,
  - vi. Mixed uses,
  - vii. Providing a variety of housing types for all income levels,
  - viii. Actively seeking the involvement of the wide range and diversity of stakeholders in public participation in the planning and implementation of specific projects,
  - ix. Collaborate and coordinate on issues of Plan Implementation, and
  - x. Leverage of private funds and/or grant and foundation funding for implementation of vision plans developed for the redevelopment of corridor segments

### **III. Programming, Budgeting, Funding and Reimbursement**

Signatories are not obligated to expend appropriations, obligate funds or enter into any contract or Agreements. This Agreement is neither a fiscal nor a funding obligation. Any transfer of funds between Signatories may take place through applicable laws, agreements, existing authorities and procedures.

The Partnership has leveraged significant benefits from the active participation and dedication of staff and in-kind resources from each of the signatory members. Continued participation is critical to achieving the established goals of this Partnership. Signatories are encouraged to:

1. Provide a Designee and Alternate to serve on the Steering Committee of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative,
2. Participate in activities and events that support public involvement and market and promote the economic enhancement of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor,
3. Advocate for issues affecting the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor,
4. Identify funding and grant opportunities available to promote Collaborative goals,
5. Provide letters of support for funding and grant requests that promote the goals and activities of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative,
6. Identify issues and opportunities affecting the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor,
7. Participate in working groups and offer technical assistance to Collaborative communities,
8. Amend local land uses, land development regulations, redevelopment plans, and capital improvement plans to promote redevelopment of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor,
9. Share insights on the effectiveness of local efforts to promote redevelopment and aesthetic improvement of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor; and
10. Work cooperatively with adjacent municipalities and agencies.

#### **IV. Shareholders**

Recognizing that the core functions of the Collaborative require dedicated financial support, Signatories, at their discretion, may contribute funds to sustain and further the core activities of the Collaborative. Signatories of this Agreement may at their option also become shareholders at the suggested levels:

1. SFRPC: \$5,000 per annum

Jurisdictions:

- < 50,000 population: \$2,500 per annum
- > 50,000 population: \$5,000 per annum

2. The Collaborative will apply for and may accept grant funding to support core functions.

3. Failure of the Collaborative to match or exceed the total financial contributions provided by a shareholder will not obligate shareholders to future funding obligations.
4. Core activities will be limited by funding availability as determined by the Steering Committee.
5. The Collaborative may accept funds from non-governmental entities that promote the mission and activities of the Collaborative.

## **V. Signatures**

Each member of the Collaborative has signed this document. An original, with the signature pages, is on file at the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:** By my signature below, \_\_\_\_\_  
(organization / agency name) becomes a signatory to the State Road 7/US 441 Collaborative.

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Date

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(Signature)

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Organization/Agency