

Issues Forum – 2019 Palm Beach County

1. Regional Transportation Network / Mobility Plans

- a. Multi-jurisdictional significance: As municipalities have increasingly sought to move towards adopting their own individual city mobility plans, the impact of these changes will be on a countywide level.
- b. The issue is not being adequately addressed at present: Currently, municipalities are seeking to repeal the County's transportation concurrency, proportionate fair-share and road impact fees without working with the County to formulate an acceptable system and supporting methodology for all communities.
- c. The Forum is the appropriate place to address the issue: Working collaboratively with all local governments to explore options to update and/or modify the existing Road Impact Fee system to address these changing needs would be appropriate at the Issues Forum.

2. Housing

- a. Multi-jurisdictional significance: In an effort to increase housing that is affordable, attainable and appropriate in Palm Beach County, the housing crisis rises to a multi-jurisdictional significance since it is not just one local government having to find solutions for housing to maintain a sustainable community but rather all local governments experiencing the lack of affordable housing.
- b. The issue is not being adequately addressed at present: While there are efforts underway from the Housing Steering Committee led by private sector, industry and non-profit organizations, the municipalities and the county could collaboratively work towards a solution to the housing crisis which have countywide impacts.
- c. The Forum is the appropriate place to address the issue: This effort requires broad participation from all local governments, including policy makers to make difficult decisions.

3. Sea Level Rise / Water Issues

- a. Multi-jurisdictional significance: Sea level rise is a countywide issue that not only affects the coastal communities through more frequent high-tide flooding events but could also affect inland communities as stormwater management systems are at risk of failing to meet capacity needs.
- b. The issue is not being adequately addressed at present: While the County is tasked to mitigate climate change impacts and develop adaptation strategies, it will need the support and cooperation of all communities to take part in, and be on board with, the resulting initiatives.
- c. The Forum is the appropriate place to address the issue: The Office of Resilience is currently working with some participating municipalities but would benefit from having the discussion at the Issues Forum level.

4. Hurricane Preparation

- a. Multi-jurisdictional significance: Hurricane preparation requires the input and cooperation of all jurisdictions within Palm Beach County.
- b. The issue is not being adequately addressed at present: While there are many participating municipalities working with the County through the damage assessment process, we need to address all cities and their damage assessment requirements and timing for reports at the time of an emergency event.
- c. The Forum is the appropriate place to address the issue: Through the Forum, Elected officials could discuss strategies for disseminating information and direct staff responsible for the damage assessment to participate in a countywide training for ensuring proper FEMA documentation.