



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

April 7, 2022

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director
Planning, Environmental, and Development Services Department

SUBJECT: April 26, 2022 – Consent Item
Four Corners / One Vision Funding Request

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Weiss", is written over the printed name of Jon V. Weiss.

The Four Corners/One Vision initiative is being led by the Four Corners Area Council (“Council”) who has retained a team of consultants to meet with representatives from the four major local governments and stakeholders in the Four Corners area to address issues and needs that extend across the area. Funding for these efforts has been equally borne by Orange, Osceola, Polk, and Lake Counties, as well as the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce.

Since its inception in 2017, this strategic planning initiative has progressed through several phases. Phase I of the effort included a Four Corners Summit that was attended by various elected officials and appointed representatives. Phase II explored the feasibility of establishing a continuing entity to address area-wide transportation, and workforce housing issues and to promote uniform land use and design solutions. The key deliverable of Phase II, funded equally by the counties and the Council, was the “One Vision Report” which outlined approaches to achieving corridor land use and design guidelines and transportation and workforce housing needs. Phase III centered around maintaining civic momentum, expanding the information network, and supporting each respective county with the preparation of land use and urban design documents and transportation and workforce housing activities.

Following a brief pause in the Four Corners/One Vision initiative due to the pandemic, activities to complete Phase III are underway. However, in an effort to place the initiative on a more sustainable trajectory and strengthen its connection to elected and appointed leadership, the Council has requested an additional \$15,000 from each of the four county jurisdictions. This continuing effort will provide a more regular, direct focus of activities with the counties’ elected and administrative officials. The deliverables anticipated through this post-Phase III funding request have been outlined by the Council in a 2022 Workplan and include Public Realm Design Guidelines; a Transit Demand and Capacity Data Report; a list of Prioritized Joint MPO/TPO Projects; and a list of Attainable Housing Obstacles and Strategies specific to the Four Corners area. Lastly, options for establishing a more permanent organizational structure to provide guidance and advocacy for Four Corners multi-jurisdictional issues will be explored.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to process a payment in the amount of \$15,000 to the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce for 2022 activities for the Four Corners/One Vision Project. District 1

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Attachments



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Chamber of Commerce
The Chamber Foundation, Inc.
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INVOICE

INVOICE NO: 02082022

DATE: February 8, 2022

Orange County BCC
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Orlando FL 32801

Chris Testerman
Jon Weiss
Alberto Vargas

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Four Corners/One Vision Initiative		\$15000.00
	<i>Please make check payable to:</i> <i>Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce</i> <i>The Chamber Foundation, Inc.</i> <i>1425 E Vine Street, Kissimmee FL 34744</i>		
	Payment due upon receipt		
	Total Amount Due		\$ 15000.00
	Thank You!		

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jon V. Weiss, Director, Planning Environmental and Development Services
Alberto Vargas, Manager, Planning Division
Chris Testerman, Director of Government Relations

FROM: Steve Silcock, Chair, Four Corners Council

DATE: March 25, 2022

RE: 2022 Funding for Four Corners One Vision Initiative

This memo and the accompanying materials support the Four Corners One Vision Initiative's request for \$15,000 for 2022. The Initiative will pool this funding with equivalent contributions from Lake, Polk and Osceola counties to complete Phase III of the Initiative, and undertake additional activities to place the Initiative on a more sustainable trajectory and strengthen its connection to elected and appointed leadership in each of the four counties. Two summaries accompany this request:

- *Summary of Activities and Accomplishments To-Date*
- *Workplan 2022.*

Summary of Accomplishments and Activities To-Date

The *Summary* outlines the work of the Initiative to date. Highlights include development of Public Realm Design guidelines for the West 192 corridor based on those in place in Osceola Counties, and the inclusion of identical language describing the Four Corners as a transportation needs focus area in the Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) of MetroPlan Orlando, the Lake Sumter MPO, and the Polk TPO.

The *Summary* includes work funded by the previous county contributions in April 2020, and is organized in categories that track those in the April 2020 funding request for ease of reference. The Initiative originally expected to complete the activities outlined in the 2020 funding request in 2021. Because of delays related to Covid-19 and staff turnover in some of the participating counties, some tasks remain to be completed and will be finalized as part of the Initiative's work in 2022. Percent completion varies by issue, but overall completion is in the 75% - 85% range.

Workplan 2022

The *Workplan* outlines the activities that will be undertaken in 2022 by the Initiative to complete the work begun under the earlier funding request, place the Initiative on a more sustainable footing, and better connect it to elected and appointed leadership.

Activities to complete tasks related to the 2020 funding request include further work with County staff to implement the Public Realm Design guidelines, and continuing to work with transportation planners to build on the language incorporated in the LRTPs to identify Four Corners specific transportation priorities.

Activities to place the Initiative on a more sustainable trajectory and better connect it to elected and appointed leadership will include exploring additional sources of private and public funding, and participating actively in the quarterly meetings of the Four Corners Commissioners and senior staff which began in late 2021.



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Workplan 2022

For 2022, the Initiative will focus on the activities described below. These include development of additional leadership capacity, continuation of lines of work the Initiative has had underway, and issues identified by Four Corners Commissioners in informal discussions in late 2021 and early 2022.¹

LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE SUSTAINABILITY

Activities: Engage with a broader array of private and public sector leadership in all four counties of the Four Corners.

Desired Outcomes: Strategies to establish a longer-term structure, and enhanced, sustainable private and public sector funding for the Initiative and its recommendations.

PLANNING

Planning Coordination*

Activities: Convene three-to-four meetings of planning staff from the four counties to identify short-range opportunities to coordinate or align planning. An initial focus will be on recreational facilities.*

Desired Outcomes: Recommendations by late 2022, with an initial focus on parks and amenities.

Public Realm Design Guidelines

Activities; Continue to work with Lake, Orange and Polk county staff to explore ways to adopt or promote the voluntary use of public realm design guidelines based on those in Osceola County.

Desired Outcomes; Courses of action in place by late 2022 to either adopt or promote the voluntary use of the guidelines for new development or redevelopment in each of the four counties.

TRANSPORTATION

Transit*

Activities; Convene a dialogue with transit providers and transportation planners to explore possibilities for more extensive and coordinated transit provision in the Four Corners and surrounding areas.

Desired Outcomes; The initial focus will be on compiling existing information about demand and capacity, and identifying short-and-mid-term strategies for consideration by decision-makers.

Roadways

Activities: Convene two-to-three additional joint meetings of county, MPO and other transportation planners to review county and MPO/TPO priorities impacting the Four Corners.

Desired Outcomes: Identification by late 2022 of joint MPO/TPO-level project priorities, and joint county-level project priorities for the Four Corners.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Activities: Reconvene teleconference discussions of the One Vision Housing Committee.

Desired Outcomes: In collaboration with partners in the field of housing, identification of obstacles to attainable housing and development of strategies to promote attainable housing in Four Corners.

¹ Issues highlighted as priorities by Commissioners are marked with an asterisk.



Summary of Activities and Accomplishments To-Date

The following summarizes in bullet-point form the work accomplished by the Initiative since 2019. It includes activities undertaken by the Steering Committee, Technical Committees and Support Team.

DATA COLLECTION

- Inventoried local, regional and state agencies and entities with jurisdiction and conflicting approaches in the Four Corners.
- Identified ten issue-areas on which greater coordination is needed and possible.

PLANNING

Public Realm Design Guidelines

- In collaboration with planners from each of the Four Corners counties, identified components of the West 192 Development Authority guidelines appropriate for implementation along West 192 in Lake, Orange and Polk Counties.

Land Use

- In collaboration with planners from each of the Four Corners counties, reviewed county land use plans and land development codes applicable to the Four Corners to identify needed coordination and evaluate potential for harmonization.

TRANSPORTATION

- In cooperation with MPO/TPO and local transportation planners, developed language identifying Four Corners as a special focus for the Lake/Sumter MPO, MetroPlan Orlando and the Polk TPO. This language is now included in the needs assessment or supporting documentation of the 2020 Long Range Transportation Plans for each of the three MPO/TPOs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Convened housing providers, housing NGOs and other private sector individuals and organizations involved in housing in the Four Corners to identify obstacles to attainable housing and begin to explore strategies to achieve it.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Through conversations in the Steering Committee and with public and private sector leaders, the OneVisionFourCorners.com website, and coordination of county staff level activities, the Four Corners One Vision Initiative has worked to raise leadership and public understanding of the Four Corners and enhance its ability to function as a distinct and distinct, unique and easily identifiable place.

For additional information:
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