Agenda Item No.:

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	August 17, 2010	[x] Consent [] Workshop	[] Regular [] Public Hearing
	Administration Economic Development Office		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: A Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida supporting the Intracoastal Waterway plan for Palm Beach County and establishing a Working Partnership with the seven identified Marina Villages.

Summary: During the 2005 Palm Beach County Economic Summit, it was recommended that an Intracoastal Waterway Master Plan (Plan) be created. This recommendation was subsequently incorporated in the Strategic Economic Development Plan, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on March 13, 2007. The Plan sets a shared vision, common goals and methods to achieve those goals that are important to protecting working waterfronts. The Plan is organized around six core public themes including increasing public access to the waterway, protecting natural resources, expanding forms of water-based transportation, increasing and enhancing nature based recreational and eco tourism opportunities, creating a system of marina "villages" and other key waterfront destinations and promoting sustainable economics. In June 2010, a PBC multi-agency working group was established to implement key recommendations from the Plan. The working group consists of the Marina Villages of Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Lantana, and Boynton Beach, the PBC Economic Development Office, Florida Inland Navigation District, TCRPC, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Tourist Development Council, PBC Environmental Resources Management, and PBC Parks & Recreation. The goal of the group will be to proceed in developing the appropriate partnerships, action plans, time frames and funding mechanisms in order to facilitate the Plan. In addition, each of the seven Marina Villages are currently seeking to bring forth resolutions to their boards to establish a working partnership between the County and the respective municipalities. No County match funds are required to complete this project. Countywide (DW)

Background: The Intracoastal Waterway is a roughly 43-mile long, multi-use "water highway" that provides a desirable transportation route for recreational and commercial boating vessels and the many transient vessels traveling through PBC from other states and countries. The Waterway is a key regional connector, linking twenty-three of PBC's thirty-eight municipalities. The above mentioned charrette process addressed Waterway issues that included public access, land-use patterns, natural, marine and park & recreational systems, along with overall economic issues. The resulting Plan is a multi-tiered, multi-agency document that embodies scores of different programs and projects and sets forth a bold and comprehensive vision and implementation plan that, when realized, will transform the waterway into a world-class destination. The Master Plan integrates continued ongoing environmental restoration and enhancement initiatives and calls for expanding economic, cultural, and recreational opportunities. The Plan also addresses the strengthening of existing transportation connections to improve the quality of life for residents of and visitors to PBC. Continued inter-agency engagement will be critical for the Plan's successful implementation, especially between and among local governments and regulatory and permitting agencies.

Attachments:

1. Intracoastal W	/aterway Resolution		
Recommended By:	Carry Housed	8-42010	
	Economic Development Director	Date	
Approved By:	hann By	8-9-10	
	Assistant County Administrator	Date	

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2010_	20 <u>11</u>	2012	2013	20 <u>14</u>
Capital Expenditures Grant Expenditure External Revenues Program Income (PBC) In-Kind Match (PBC)	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>*See Below</u>	<u>/</u>			. <u></u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0				

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes____ No_x___ Budget Account No: Fund____ Department___ Unit___ Object

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

* There is no net fiscal impact associated with supporting this Plan and establishing a working partnership agreement with the Marina Villages.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Economic Development

III. <u>REVIEW COMMENTS</u>

Contract Administration

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

OFMB

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY PLAN FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY AND ESTABLISHING A WORKING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SEVEN IDENTIFIED MARINA VILLAGES.

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County 2007 Strategic Economic Development Plan called for developing a Regional Economic Waterway Master Plan that resulted in the Intracoastal Waterway Plan for Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the roughly 43-mile long, multi-use "water highway" provides a desirable transportation route for recreational and commercial boating vessels and the many transient vessels traveling through Palm Beach County from other states and countries, as well as for manatees and marine life; and

WHEREAS, the waterway connects twenty-three of the County's thirtyeight municipalities emphasizing its role as an important regional connector; and

WHEREAS, the Intracoastal Waterway Plan (Plan) sets a shared vision, common goals and methods to achieve those goals important to protecting working waterfronts including marinas, boatyards, and the Port of Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is organized around six core public themes including increasing public access to the waterway, protecting natural resources, expanding forms of water-based transportation, increasing and enhancing nature based recreational and eco-tourism opportunities, creating a system of marina "villages" and other key waterfront destinations and promoting sustainable economics; and

WHEREAS, a Palm Beach County multi-agency working group has been established to implement the Plan that includes the Marina Villages (including Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Lantana, and Boynton Beach), the Economic Development Office, Florida Inland Navigation District, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Tourist Development Council, Environmental Resources Management, and Parks & Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the working group will proceed in developing the appropriate partnerships, action plans, time frames and funding mechanisms in order to facilitate the Intracoastal Waterway Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

<u>Section I.</u> The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

Section II. Palm Beach County hereby expresses its desire to support the Intracoastal Waterway Plan by increasing public access to the waterway, protecting natural resources, expanding forms of water-based transportation, increasing and enhancing nature based recreational and eco-tourism opportunities, creating a system of marina "villages" and other key waterfront destinations and promoting sustainable economics.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner ______ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner ______ ____and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

COMMISSIONER BURT AARONSON, CHAIR	
COMMISSIONER KAREN T. MARCUS, VICE CHAIR	
BCC DISTRICT 2 VACANT	
COMMISSIONER SHELLEY VANA	
COMMISSIONER STEVEN L. ABRAMS	
COMMISSIONER JESS R. SANTAMARIA	
COMMISSIONER PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR	

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of ______, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY COUNTY ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By:

Deputy Clerk