

**Regional Planning Council Boundaries
Questions and Answers**

1. What steps must be taken to change regional planning council (RPC) boundaries?

Initially, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (PBCBOCC) would authorize its staff and/or the Mayor to request, in writing, membership in the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC). The chairperson of SFRPC would then draft a letter to Palm Beach County (PBC) with its response to the County's request. Assuming the response is positive, the following seven-step process would apply:

1. PBCBOCC passes a resolution requesting an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement creating the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) to delete PBC as a Principal Member Unit.
2. PBCBOCC passes a resolution requesting an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement creating the SFRPC to add PBC as new Principal Member Unit of SFRPC.
3. Each Principal Member Unit (County) of the TCRPC and SFRPC then adopts a resolution authorizing the amendments necessary to amend the Interlocal Agreements as requested by PBC.
4. TCRPC executes the amendment to its Interlocal Agreement creating a three-county regional planning council, deleting reference to PBC.
5. SFRPC executes the amendment to its Interlocal Agreement, adding PBC to create a four-county RPC.
6. A letter is sent along with the amended Interlocal Agreements to the Executive Office of the Governor requesting the change to Treasure Coast and South Florida RPC boundaries.
7. The Governor grants the request for the RPC boundary change.

2. Is the legislature involved?

No

3. What is the Governor's role?

The Executive Office of Governor's role in the process is to designate geographic boundaries of the State's comprehensive planning districts or RPC boundaries (Section 186.006, Florida Statutes).

4. How were the original boundaries established?

All eleven RPC boundaries were established by the Executive Office of the Governor between 1972 and 1976.

5. How was the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) formed?

St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach counties, originally members of the SFRPC, joined with Indian River County, an original member of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, to form the TCRPC

6. When was TCRPC formed?

1976

7. Why was TCRPC formed?

It was formed to join together four counties with similar geography, and shared resources and concerns.

8. What does PBC and the three northern counties currently share in common?

- Agriculture
- Lake Okeechobee
- Media
- Spring Training
- Scale
- Water Resources
- Estuarine and Riverine Restoration Efforts
- State House and Senate Members
- Atlantic Beaches
- Tourism and Job Markets
- Roadway Networks
- FEC and CSX Railways
- Educational and Cultural Institutions
- Bio-Science Industry
- Diversity

9. What are local dues for TCRPC?

Local membership dues is charged annually for each of the four TCRPC counties at a rate of \$0.43 per person.

IRC	SLC	MC	PBC	Total Local Dues
\$58,163	\$111,505	\$61,337	\$553,834	\$784,839

10. What are local dues for SFRPC?

Local dues is charged for each of the three SFRPC counties at a rate of \$0.175 per person.

Broward	Miami-Dade	Monroe	Total Local Dues
\$305,912	\$436,876	\$12,791	\$755,579

11. What are local dues for all regional planning councils?

RPC	Per Capita Rate	Total Local Dues
Apalachee	\$5,000/County	\$45,000
Central Florida	\$0.25/capita	\$201,955
East Central Florida	\$0.16/capita	\$528,606
North Central Florida	\$0.30/capita	\$118,962
Northeast Florida	\$0.41/capita	\$623,091
South Florida	\$0.175/capita	\$755,678
Southwest Florida	\$0.30/capita	\$472,941
Tampa Bay	\$2,000 base fee plus \$0.295/capita	\$927,732
Treasure Coast	\$0.43/capita	\$784,839
West Florida	\$1,000 base fee plus \$0.0325/capita	\$47,375
Withlacoochee	\$0.35/capita	\$275,587

12. What are PBC dues under TCRPC compared to SFRPC?

Palm Beach County Dues		
TCRPC	Savings	SFRPC
\$553,834	\$318,345	\$235,489

13. What is the make-up of TCRPC staff and SFRPC staff?

TCRPC Staff

Director	Michael J. Busha	Executive Director
Legal Counsel	Roger Saberson	Council Attorney
Planning Staff	Peter G. Merritt, Ph.D.	Assistant Director
	Kimberly DeLaney, Ph.D.	Strategic Development Coordinator
	Gregory Vaday	Economic Development Coordinator
	Kathryn Boer	Emergency Programs Coordinator
	Anthea Gianniotis	Director of Urban Design
Administrative Staff	Elizabeth Gulick	Administrative Supervisor/DRI Coordinator
	Stephanie Heidt	Intergovernmental Review/Admin Coordinator
	Kim Koho	Secretary/Receptionist
	Phyllis Castro	Accounting Manager
	Barbara Stefancik	Accounting Assistant
*Other Staff	Kathy LaMartina	Intergovernmental Representative Martin & St. Lucie Counties South Florida Water Management District

* Agencies/Organizations sharing Council offices

SFRPC Staff

Director	James F. Murley	Executive Director
Legal Counsel	Samuel S. Goren	Council Attorney
Planning Staff	Isabel Cosio Carballo	Director of Public Affairs
	Karen Hamilton	Regional Planner
	Christine Heshmati	Senior Policy Analyst
	Manuel Cela	Director of Preparedness Programs
	Cheryl Cook	Director of Loan Programs
Administrative Staff	Rhonda Noah	Director of Operations
	Nancy Jane Davis	Creative Director
	David Meade	Director of Information Technology
	Edward McGann	Director of Finance and Budget
	Karen Chang	Administrative Assistant
	Joyce Hall	Financial Specialist
	Kathe Lerche	Administrative Assistant
	Isabel Moreno	Administrative Assistant

14. What is the Board make-up for TCRPC and SFRPC?

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Membership					
	Palm Beach	Martin	St. Lucie	Indian River	Total
County Representatives	3	2	2	2	9
Municipal Representatives	5	1	2	2	10
Governor's Appointees	4	2	2	1	9
Total	12	5	6	5	28
28 Total					

South Florida Regional Planning Council Membership				
	Broward	Miami-Dade	Monroe	Total
County Representatives	3	3	2	8
Municipal Representatives	3	1	2	5
Governor's Appointees	2	2	1	4
Total	8	6	5	19
19 Total				

15. What is the total population of TCRPC and SFRPC?

TCRPC	SFRPC	Total (2013 Estimate)
1,914,466	4,440,650	6,355,116

16. What would the total population and member county population be of a newly formed SFRPC with PBC as a member? What about TCRPC?

Currently

TCRPC		SFRPC	
Municipalities	50	Municipalities	70
People	1.9 million	People	4.4 million
Jobs	758,673	Jobs	1,870,132
Housing Units	929,778	Housing Units	1,855,520
Miles of Atlantic Coastline	105	Miles of Atlantic Coastline	192
Square Miles	3,700	Square Miles	7,490
People (2060)	3 million	People (2060)	6 million
Local Elected Officials	278	Local Elected Officials	414
State Senators	6	State Senators	10
State House Members	12	State House Members	28

South Florida Regional Planning Council

Current		With Palm Beach County	
Municipalities	70	Municipalities	108
People	4.4 million	People	5.75 million
Jobs	1,870,132	Jobs	2,416,632
Housing Units	1,855,520	Housing Units	2,521,684
Miles of Atlantic Coastline	192	Miles of Atlantic Coastline	237
Square Miles	7,490	Square Miles	9,441
People (2060)	6 million	People (2060)	8 million
Local Elected Officials	414	Local Elected Officials	618
State Senators	10	State Senators	14
State House Members	28	State House Members	37

17. What counties make up TCRPC and SFRPC?

<u>TCRPC</u>	<u>SFRPC</u>
Palm Beach County	Monroe County
Martin County	Miami-Dade County
St. Lucie County	Broward County
Indian River County	

18. When was the last time RPC boundaries changed?

1976

19. How many miles long would the newly formed TCRPC and SFRPC regions be?

TCRPC - 62 miles long
SFRPC - 237 miles long

20. What is the current acres and square miles of TCRPC and SFRPC?

TCRPC - 2,368,000 acres or 3,700 square miles
SFRPC - 4,793,600 acres or 7,490 square miles

21. How many acres/square miles would a newly formed TCRPC and SFRPC be?

TCRPC - 1,113,600 acres or 1,740 square miles
SFRPC - 6,042,240 acres or 9,441 square miles

22. How many Council meetings per year does TCRPC and SFRPC hold?

TCRPC - 10
SFRPC - 6 (SFRPC maintains an Executive Committee made up of five Council members who meet six times per year).

23. How long does it currently take to drive to RPC meetings, and how long will it take should a new SFRPC form with PBC as a member?

TCRPC - Boca Raton to Stuart – 1 hour 3 minutes or 63 miles
SFRPC - Tequesta to Hollywood – 1 hour 12 minutes or 70 miles

24. What would the estimated annual budgets be for a newly formed TCRPC and SFRPC?

TCRPC - **\$3 million** (Local annual county membership dues collections for TCRPC would drop by \$553,834, from \$784,839 to \$231,005).

SFRPC - **\$3.2 million** (Local annual county membership dues collections for SFRPC would increase by \$235,489, from \$755,678 to \$991,167).

25. How long would the process take to change RPC boundaries?

About 18 months

26. Where would Council offices be located should the boundaries change?

SFRPC is currently in a five year office lease. A future change in the office location would be up to the Council at time of lease termination. SFRPC offices are currently located in the City of Hollywood. TCRPC offices may move to the City of Fort Pierce which would be the new geographic center of the Treasure Coast Region.

27. What happens to existing contract obligations of TCRPC should its boundaries change?

All contract obligations would need to be completed or terminated prior to the change.

28. What happens to the assets of TCRPC should the boundaries change?

Council's only real tangible asset is the office building it owns in Stuart. This asset would be sold with about 70 percent of the proceeds going to Palm Beach County. Alternatively, the TCRPC could buy out PBC's share in the building and keep it.

29. Can a County be a member in more than one regional planning council?

No

30. How do the work programs of the TCRPC and SFRPC compare?

TCRPC	SFRPC
Emergency Preparedness	Emergency Preparedness
Brownfields	Brownfields
Economic Development	Economic Development
Small Business Loans	Small Business Loans
DRI's	DRI's
Comprehensive Plan Reviews	Comprehensive Plan Reviews
Dispute Resolution	Dispute Resolution
GIS	GIS
Census Data Affiliate	Census Data Affiliate
Energy Planning	Energy Planning
	Economic Modeling
Environmental Planning	Environmental Planning
Grant Writing	Grant Writing
Urban Design/Town Planning	
Transportation/Land Use Planning	Transportation/Land Use Planning
Local Government Planning Services	Community Services
Community Involvement/ Charrette Services	

ATTACHMENT 2

The following list include but may not be limited to existing regional entities whose primary members are Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties:

Tri-County Mayor's Compact

Gold Coast League of Cities

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (Tri-Rail)

Southeast Florida Transportation Council (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations)

Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact

South Florida Water Management District (Lower East Coast Water Supply Planning Area)

Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition

Southeast Florida Economic Forecasting Partnership

Gateway to the Americas (Beacon Council (MDC), Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Business Development Board of PBC)

Southeast Florida Ocean Coast Resources Compact

Southeast Florida Domestic Security Task Force

Southeast Florida Brownfields Partnership