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## RETREAT AGENDA

### CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

#### **STATEMENT OF ISSUE**

A Community Characteristics Inventory (CCI) report for the Capital Region has been developed. Data on the natural and built environment, land use, and socioeconomic and demographic factors provide the framework for the CCI. Cataloging of key social, economic and physical elements that define the Capital Region helps to inform planning and transportation decisions.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2025 the CRTPA approved and updated the Title VI Plan and Policy. One of the tasks identified in the Title VI Plan was to develop and maintain a CCI for the CRTPA four-county Metropolitan Planning Area. In addition, the CCI is a best practice for Metropolitan Planning Organizations and supports FDOT's requirement to collect statistical data of participants and beneficiaries of state highway programs. [23 CFR 200.9(b)(4)].

The profiles in the CCI are organized into several key categories:

***People:*** Population size and density, demographic data, poverty levels, and cost of living indicators.

***Education:*** Number and types of educational institutions, enrollment figures, school performance metrics, and educational attainment in the population.

***Employment:*** Income levels and distribution, employment rates and employment industry sectors.

***Housing:*** Type and condition of housing, affordability, vacancy rates, and ownership compared to rental rates.

***Environmental:*** Land use, zoning, flood zones, recreational facilities, and sustainability initiatives.

***Transportation:*** Evaluation of modal splits, commute information, public transportation services, traffic counts, congestion levels, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

- Safety:** Crash data, crime rates and types of crimes, and fire and emergency medical service coverage.
- Health:** Public health indicators and challenges, health disparities among different demographic groups, and access to healthcare facilities.
- Community:** Cultural and recreational opportunities and the availability and accessibility of community services.

The CCI illustrates the diverse nature of the region and is a useful tool. This inventory will be used to guide planning efforts and to foster meaningful collaborations with stakeholders and community members. It will also serve as a resource for the CRTPA member governments.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The CCI report is being finalized and will be distributed for comment and review prior to the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee meetings in February. Subsequently, the final draft will be presented for Board approval.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Draft Presentation to be Provided