

November 1, 2022



COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 3D
CRTPA FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023 – FY 2024
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a federally required document, describes the work activities, schedule, and budget for the CRTPA operations and planning activities. The purpose of this item is to amend the CRTPA FY 2023 – FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include the scope of work, schedule and milestones for the final deliverable, The Regional Freight Study. The funding for this project, \$175,000, is already budgeted in the adopted FY 2023 – FY 2024 UPWP.

HISTORY AND ANALYSIS

Freight, which is the movement of goods and commodities, plays a vital role in Florida's economy and the lives of all Floridians. The Pandemic spurred a significant increase in freight delivery and this trend that continues. Additionally, as Florida's population grows and the demand for goods and services increases, efficient and cost-effective freight movement becomes more critical. It is necessary to integrate freight needs into transportation planning processes to ensure that freight moves safely and efficiently to, from and through our region now and into the future.

Subtask 7.2 is amended to provide an outline of the steps for developing the CRTPA's Regional Freight Plan. (**ATTACHMENT 1**) As amended, the task includes identifying the key elements of the region's freight transportation system, data collection and analysis, assessing existing and future conditions, and developing recommendations. In addition, private and public sector stakeholders will be engaged throughout the development of the plan. The final work product is the Regional Freight Study.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Recommend the Board approve the amendment to FY 2022 – FY 2024 UPWP Subtask 7.2.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Amended Subtask 7.2

Subtask 7.2: Regional Freight Study

Responsible Agency: CRTPA (Consultant support will be used to complete this task.)

Purpose: Conduct an analysis considering freight movement by modes, origins/destinations, and types of goods moving through the area to understand the existing conditions and to identify freight movement trends, challenges, and opportunities for improvement within the CRTPA region.

| Required Activity | End Products | Completion Date |
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| <u>Identify and engage with stakeholders from the public and private sector, Chambers of Commerce and with key representatives from local industry, including large freight companies.</u> | <u>Stakeholder Engagement Meetings</u> | <u>Ongoing through Nov 2023</u> |
| <u>Collect and analyze data on the four- county area. Data for this analysis will be gathered and synthesized from a myriad of sources.</u> | <u>Data and Analysis Synthesis of data into tech memos</u> | <u>Ongoing through Nov 2023</u> |
| <u>Conduct a review of industry trends, transportation data and development patterns. Develop existing conditions, forecasted growth and future conditions report.</u> | <u>Comprehensive profile of the freight network and movements</u> | <u>September 2023</u> |
| <u>Final Report assessing the needs and identifying the deficiencies within the region and establishing recommendations to implement Policy, Infrastructure, and Technology revisions/improvements that support the movement of freight in the region.</u> | <u>Draft and Final Regional Freight Study</u> | <u>December 2023</u> |

