

DIVISION OF PLANNING

MEMORANDUM



LEE COUNTY

S O U T H W E S T F L O R I D A

to: Local Planning Agency
from: Paul O'Connor ^{POC}
Subject: November 23, 2009 Meeting
date: November 17, 2009

I regret that I won't be in attendance at your November Regular Meeting. In addition to the approval of the September Meeting Minutes, there is only one action item on your agenda, CPA 2009-04 Update to the Capital Improvement Element.

The Growth Management Act has always had a requirement that the Capital Improvement Element be amended on a yearly basis, to keep the required Capital Improvements Program tables up to date. While Lee County always made its best effort to comply with that requirement, apparently other jurisdictions did not. As a result, the statutes were strengthened and now require that the Capital Improvement Element be amended in December of each year, with a prohibition to other amendments if the update is not adopted. This update is exempt from the twice a year limitation on plan amendments and requires only a single meeting by the Board of County Commissioners for adoption, no transmittal hearing is required.

CPA 2009-04 proposes to amend the Capital Improvements Element (Tables 3 & 4) to reflect the latest adopted Capital Improvement Program for Lee County and to amend Table 3a, to incorporate the latest adopted Lee County School District Facilities Work Plan. These amendments utilize the adopted CIP's for the County and the School district and you are not being asked to review the substance of the tables, only to make a recommendation for adoption to update these tables into the Lee Plan.

I hope this memo answers any questions you may have and justifies the short review time we afforded you.