



TRANSPORTATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**Thursday, December 1, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EDT**

**Palms Ballroom AB
Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Road
Kissimmee, FL 34746**

FLC Staff Contact: Jeff Branch



FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES



Agenda



Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Policy Committee
Thursday, December 1, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
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4955 Kyngs Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746

AGENDA

- I.** Introduction & Opening Remarks**Chair Jeff Hmara**
Councilman, Village of Royal Palm Beach
- II.** FLC Policy Committee Process for 2022-2023..... **Jeff Branch, FLC Staff**
- III.** Discussion of Potential 2023 Priority and Policy Issues**Chair Jeff Hmara**
Councilman, Village of Royal Palm Beach
 - A. Accessible Housing.....**Jeff Branch, FLC Staff**
 - B. Transportation Funding.....**Jeff Branch, FLC Staff**
- IV.** Additional Information.....**Jeff Branch, FLC Staff**
 - A. Key Legislative Dates
 - B. Home Rule Hero Criteria
 - C. Key Contacts – Click [HERE](#) to sign-up
- V.** Closing Remarks**Chair Jeff Hmara**
Councilman, Village of Royal Palm Beach
- VI.** Adjournment



Committee Roster



2022-2023 Legislative Policy Committee Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Staffed by: Jeff Branch, Senior Legislative Advocate

CHAIR:

The Honorable Jeff Hmara

Councilman, Village of Royal Palm Beach

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The Honorable Steve Wilson

Mayor, City of Belle Glade

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The Honorable Liz Alpert

Commissioner, City of Sarasota

The Honorable David Ashbrook

Mayor Pro Tem, City of Port St. Joe

The Honorable Robert Battista

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The Honorable Keith Britton

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The Honorable Karyn Cunningham

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The Honorable Nancy Daley

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The Honorable Lisa DeVitto

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The Honorable Yvette Drucker

Councilmember, City of Boca Raton

Don Duckworth

Senior Account Executive, Enterprise Fleet Management/Florida Business Watch

The Honorable Joe Elliott

Commissioner, City of Wildwood

The Honorable Pete Emrichh

Mayor, City of North Port

The Honorable Mary Estimé-Irvin

Councilwoman, City of North Miami

The Honorable Eric Gerard

Commissioner, City of Largo

The Honorable Melinda Gibson

Councilwoman, City of Satellite Beach

The Honorable Penny Gold

Commissioner, Town of Longboat Key

The Honorable Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner, City of Pahokee

The Honorable Jeff Gow

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The Honorable Curtis Johnson

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City Manager, City of Green Cove Springs

The Honorable Lori Lewellen

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Village Clerk, Village of Palm Springs



Policy Development Process

2022-2023 FLC Legislative Policy Process

The Florida League of Cities' (FLC) Charter and Bylaws specify that the League shall engage only on legislation that pertains directly to "municipal affairs." "Municipal affairs" means issues that directly pertain to the governmental, corporate and proprietary powers to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, render municipal services, and raise and expend revenues. Protecting Florida's cities from egregious far-reaching attacks on Home Rule powers will always be the top priority.

Each year, municipal officials from across the state volunteer to serve on the League's legislative policy committees. Appointments are a one-year commitment and involve developing the League's Legislative Action Agenda. The Action Agenda addresses priority issues of statewide interest that are most likely to affect daily municipal governance and local decision-making during the upcoming legislative session.

Policy committee members also help League staff understand the real-world implications of proposed legislation, and they are asked to serve as advocates throughout the year. To get a broad spectrum of ideas and better understand the impact of League policy proposals on rural, suburban and urban cities of all sizes, it is ideal that each of Florida's cities be represented on one or more of the legislative policy committees.

The Florida Legislature convenes the 2023 Legislative Session on March 7. The League's legislative policy committee meetings commence in September 2022 and meet three times.

There are currently five standing *legislative policy committees*:

Finance, Taxation and Personnel Committee: This committee addresses municipal roles in general finance and tax issues, Home Rule revenues, infrastructure funding, insurance, local option revenues, pension issues, personnel and collective bargaining issues, revenue sharing, tax and budget reform, telecommunications and workers' compensation.

Land Use and Economic Development Committee: This committee addresses policies specific to municipal concerns with community redevelopment, economic development, growth management and land use planning issues, annexation, eminent domain, tort liability, property rights and ethics.

Municipal Administration Committee: This committee addresses municipal concerns with code enforcement, elections, emergency management, gaming, homeland security, public meetings, public property management, public records, public safety and procurement, as well as charter counties and special districts.

Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee: This committee addresses municipal concerns relating to transportation and highway safety, as well as aviation, affordable housing (and homelessness), billboards, building codes, charter schools, rights-of-way and veterans affairs.

Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works Committee: This committee addresses policies specific to municipal concerns with coastal management, energy, environmental and wetlands permitting, hazardous and toxic wastes, recycling, solid waste collection and disposal, stormwater, wastewater treatment and reuse, water management and water quality and quantity.

At the last meeting, each of the five policy committees adopts ONE legislative priority that will be submitted to the Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee is composed of:

- ▶ Each legislative policy committee chair and the chairs of the other standing committees
- ▶ The President of each local and regional league
- ▶ The Presidents of several other municipal associations
- ▶ Chairs of the municipal trust boards
- ▶ Several at-large members appointed by the FLC President.

The policy priorities, as adopted by the Legislative Committee, are then recommended to the general membership for approval as the League's Legislative Action Agenda.

In addition, a legislative policy committee may, but is not required to, recommend ONE policy position related to other relevant legislative issues. The policy position must satisfy the same criteria above for legislative priorities. The recommended policy position will be considered by the Legislative Committee. If favorably considered by that committee, it will be considered by the general membership. If adopted by the general membership, the policy position may be published and communicated to legislators and others, as appropriate.

Due to Sunshine Law issues, only one elected official per city can be represented on a committee, but a city could have an elected and a non-elected city official on each of the five policy committees. Appointments are made by the League president based upon a city official's support and advocacy of the Legislative Action Agenda and participation at meetings, Legislative Action Days and other legislative-related activities.

2022 Legislative Policy Committee Meeting Dates

- ▶ September 16, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL.
- ▶ October 7, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL.
- ▶ December 1, 2022, during the FLC Legislative Conference at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL.

If you are interested in serving or learning more, please contact Mary Edenfield at 850.701.3624 or medenfield@flcities.com.



Accessible Housing



Accessible Housing

Draft Priority Statement

The Florida League of Cities supports legislation that requires all money from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used only for Florida's affordable housing programs that are targeted to meet the needs of workforce housing, including home ownership and rental availability.

Background

Housing is a basic need of all people, and the availability of affordable housing for the workforce is vital for local economies. The development of affordable housing increases spending and employment in the surrounding economy – and without a supply of affordable housing, employers and entire regional economies, can be at a competitive disadvantage because of the subsequent difficulty in attracting and retaining workers.

In 1992, the Florida Legislature enacted the Sadowski Act (the Act) to ensure a dedicated revenue source for affordable housing. The source of funding is the documentary stamp tax collected on the transfer of real property in Florida. The Act creates two separate trust funds under the umbrella of the affordable housing trust: the State Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP) and the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program (SAIL). The funding for these two trust funds was purposefully linked to documentary stamp tax collections so trust fund dollars would increase as real estate costs escalated, thus providing more affordable housing funding when it was most needed.



Transportation Funding



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Draft Policy Statement:

The Florida League of Cities supports legislation directing the Florida Department of Transportation to provide financial assistance/incentives to develop and implement multimodal transportation plans that optimize different modes of combined transport and are tailored to municipal transportation demands. The League supports identifying additional transportation revenue to fund innovative infrastructure (e.g., electric vehicles) and transit projects to meet the surging transportation demands driven by growth in population throughout Florida.

Background:

Transportation infrastructure is paramount to the prosperity of all cities. It dramatically affects the quality of life by influencing people's decisions about where to live, work and spend their free time. While federal, state and county governments have a variety of tools available to address transportation funding, municipalities have limited revenue options for funding transportation projects. For example, charter counties may currently hold a referendum on imposing up to a 1% sales tax to fund transportation infrastructure projects.

Transportation projects are often the catalyst for economic development and the result of growth within a community. As municipalities lack options to increase revenue and continue struggling to fund local transportation projects, increased and alternative funding sources at the state level are a necessity.



Key Dates



Key Legislative Dates

December 2022

12-16 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings

January 2023

3-6 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings

17-20 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings

23-27 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings

February 2023

6-10 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings

7-8 Fast Fly-In – Washington, D.C.
(Contact Person: Allison Payne, apayne@flcities.com)

13-17 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings

16 FLC Pre-Legislative Session Webinar
(Contact Person: Mary Edenfield, medenfield@flcities.com)

20-24 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings

March 2023

7 Regular Legislative Session Convenes

26-28 NLC Congressional City Conference, Washington, D.C.

April 2023

4-5 FLC Legislative Action Days, Tallahassee, FL

May 2023

5 Last Day of Regular Legislative Session

18 FLC Post-Legislative Session Webinar
(Contact Person: Mary Edenfield, medenfield@flcities.com)



Home Rule Hero Criteria

Do you want to become a **HOME RULE HERO?**

AS THE ADAGE GOES, "ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL." Successful advocacy starts at home, not in Tallahassee. No one – not even a professional lobbyist – can tell your community's story better than you. Your involvement helps the League's legislative team turn the abstract into concrete. It is essential to help legislators understand how their decisions may impact their communities back home.

The League appreciates the individual advocacy efforts undertaken by municipal officials throughout the state. Each year, there are some League members who make an extraordinary effort; people who stand out for their high level of participation and effectiveness. The Home Rule Hero Award was created to acknowledge and thank them for their efforts. Hundreds of municipal officials have been recognized as "Home Rule Heroes" since the award's inception in 2009, and we thank you!

Home Rule Hero Award recipients are selected by the League's legislative team following each legislative session.

For the award, the most important criteria are timely responses and actions to FLC's Legislative Alerts, and notifying FLC staff of communications with your legislators.

Other exceptional efforts are:

- Attending the Florida League of Cities' Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee and Legislative Conference.
- Testifying before a House or Senate committee on an FLC priority issue, when a call to action has been sent out.
- Participating in FLC's Monday Morning "Call-ins" during session and on FLC's pre-and post-legislative session webinars.
- Participating in FLC's Legislator "Key Contact" program.
- Meeting legislators in their districts or in Tallahassee.
- Responding to FLC requests for information and data about how proposed legislation will specifically impact your city (telling your city's "story").
- Speaking at local legislative delegation meetings to discuss FLC municipal issues.
- Setting up opportunities for legislators and their staff to attend a city council meeting or special event; tour a park, project or facility; and attend a local league meeting.
- Serving on a FLC legislative policy committee.
- Participating in a Federal Action Strike Team fly-in to Washington, D.C.
- During an election year, providing opportunities for candidates for legislative offices to learn about your city and its issues, and introducing candidates to key city stakeholders or those in your professional network.

For more information on these activities and ways to step up your advocacy game, please contact Allison Payne at apayne@flcities.com.





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