



TRANSPORTATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**Thursday, August 12, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT**

**Crystal Ballroom K-Q
World Center Marriott Resort
8701 World Center Drive
Orlando, FL 32821**

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FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES



Agenda



Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations Policy Committee
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Orlando World Center Marriott

AGENDA

- I.** Introduction & Opening Remarks..... **Chair Rufus Borom**
Commissioner, City of Palatka
- II.** Announcements **Jeff Branch, FLC Staff**
 - A.** FLC Policy Committee Process for 2021-2022
 - B.** Key Legislative Dates
 - C.** Home Rule Hero Criteria
 - D.** Key Contacts – Click [HERE](#) to sign up
- III.** Finalize Language of Recommended Priority & Policy Statement..... **Jeff Branch, FLC Staff**
 - A.** Priority: Transportation Funding
 - B.** Policy Position: Affordable Housing
- IV.** Closing Remarks..... **Chair Rufus Borom**
Commissioner, City of Palatka
- V.** Adjournment



Committee Roster



2021-2022 Legislative Policy Committee
Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Staffed by: Jeff Branch, Senior Legislative Advocate

CHAIR:

The Honorable Rufus J. Borom
Commissioner, City of Palatka

VICE CHAIR:

The Honorable Jeff Hmara
Councilman, Village of Royal Palm Beach

MEMBERS:

The Honorable Liz Alpert
Commissioner, City of Sarasota

The Honorable Robert Battista
Vice Mayor, City of Brooksville

The Honorable Pat Bentley
Councilmember, City of West Melbourne

The Honorable Matt Benton
Commissioner, City of Winter Springs

The Honorable Keith Britton
Councilmember, City Of Oviedo

The Honorable Traci L. Callari
Commissioner, City of Hollywood

Mr. Debon Campbell
Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison, City of Miramar

The Honorable Jolien Caraballo
Councilwoman, City of Port St. Lucie

The Honorable Christopher Cloudman
Commissioner, City of DeLand

The Honorable Nancy Z. Daley
Mayor, City of Lake Alfred

The Honorable Lisa Kane DeVitto
Commissioner, City of Crescent City

Mr. James Dillon, CGC, CSSYB
Director of Public Works, City of Tavares

Mr. Don Duckworth
Area Sales Manager-Tampa, Enterprise Fleet Management/Business Watch

The Honorable Joe Elliott
Commissioner, City of Wildwood

The Honorable Pete Emrich
Vice Mayor, City of North Port

The Honorable Eric S. Gerard
Commissioner, City of Largo

Ms. Ella Gilbert
Deputy City Attorney, City of Port St. Lucie

The Honorable Dana Goldman
Commissioner, City of Sunny Isles Beach

The Honorable Peggy Gossett-Seidman
Commissioner, Town of Highland Beach

The Honorable Jeff Gow
Commissioner, City of Dunedin

The Honorable Frank Guertin
Councilmember, City of Indian Harbour Beach

The Honorable John Henshaw
Councilmember, City of Sanibel

The Honorable Anne Huffman
Commissioner, City of Haines City

The Honorable Steven M. Hunnicutt
Code Enforcement Officer, City of Davenport

Mr. Steve Kennedy
City Manager, City of Green Cove Springs

The Honorable John L. Linden
Commissioner, Town of Lake Park

The Honorable Chad McLeod

Commissioner, Lakeland

The Honorable Tracy Mercer

Commissioner, City of Winter Haven

The Honorable Janice D. Mortimer

Commissioner, City of Starke

The Honorable Cory Nichols

Councilman, City of Jacksonville Beach

The Honorable William O'Connor

Council Member, City of Orange City

The Honorable Frank C. Ortis

Mayor, City of Pembroke Pines

The Honorable Tony Ortiz

Commissioner, City of Orlando

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The Honorable Angela Raymond

Mayor Pro Tem, City of Cape Canaveral

The Honorable Joanne Marie Ribble

Councilperson, Village of Estero

The Honorable Hazelle Rogers

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The Honorable Richard A. Ryneanson

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Ms. Daphnee Sainvil

Government & Economic Development
Manager, City of Fort Lauderdale

Mr. Kyle Shephard

Director of Intergovernmental Relations, City of
Orlando

The Honorable Nancy Sikes-Kline

Vice Mayor, City of St. Augustine

The Honorable Jordan S. Smith

Commissioner, City of Lake Mary

The Honorable Trish Springer

Councilor, City of Seminole

The Honorable Kimberly Stokes

Commissioner, City of Lake Worth Beach

Ms. Mary Lou Tighe

Executive Director, Broward League of Cities

The Honorable Patricia Waller

Councilmember, Village of Palm Springs

The Honorable Terolyn P. Watson

Councilwoman, City of Fort Myers

Mr. Ian Whitney

Government Affairs Liaison, City of Tampa

The Honorable J.B. Whitten

Mayor, City of Crestview

The Honorable Abner Williams

Councilman, City of Niceville

The Honorable Evelyn A. Wilson

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The Honorable Steve Wilson

Mayor, City of Belle Glade

Mr. Jerald Woloszynski

Director of Engineering Services, City of Largo



Policy Development Process

2021-2022 FLC Legislative Policy Process

The League's 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 to 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 2022 Legislative Session on January 11. The League's legislative policy committee meetings commence in June 2021 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, 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 re-use, water management, 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 League 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.

2021 Legislative Policy Committee Meeting Dates

- ▶ June 11, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, 9300 Fuqua Blvd., Orlando, FL 32827.
- ▶ July 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, 9300 Fuqua Blvd., Orlando, FL 32827.
- ▶ August 12, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. during FLC Annual Conference. The Conference will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott, 8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.
- ▶ Legislative Policy Committees will meet during FLC Legislative Conference on November 3-5, 2021, at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Rd., Kissimmee, FL 34746.

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





Key Dates



2021 – 2022 Key Legislative Dates

August

12-14 FLC Annual Conference – Orlando World Center Marriott, 8701 World Center Dr, Orlando, FL 32821. Legislative Policy Committees (Round 3) meet August 12 at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET.

September

20-24 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings

October

11-15 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings

18-22 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings

November

1-5 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings

3-5 FLC Legislative Conference – Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyns Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746

15-19 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings

18-20 NLC City Summit – Salt Lake City

29-December 3 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings

January

11 Regular Legislative Session Convenes

February

8-9 FLC Legislative Action Days

March

11 Last Day of Regular Session



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 the concrete. It is essential for helping 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 is timely response and action to FLC's Legislative Alerts, and notifying FLC staff of communications with their 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 issue.
- 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.
- Providing information and data about how proposed legislation will specifically impact your city (telling your city's "story").
- Communicating frequently and effectively with legislators and their staff, and publicly recognizing them for their assistance.
- Attending local legislative delegation meetings to discuss 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.
- Placing an opinion editorial piece on FLC priority issues in a news media outlet.
- Participating 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.



Transportation Funding



Transportation Funding

Draft Priority Statement:

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation directing the Florida Department of Transportation to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to encourage the installation of publicly available electric vehicle charging infrastructure, on public or private property. The League SUPPORTS legislation providing technical assistance for the development and adoption of local or regional plans establishing charging infrastructure and associated equipment. The League also SUPPORTS identifying additional transportation revenue to support innovative infrastructure and transit projects to meet the surging transportation demands driven by dramatic growth throughout Florida.

Background:

- Transportation infrastructure is paramount to the prosperity of all cities. It greatly affects 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 whether to impose up to a 1 percent sales tax to fund transportation infrastructure projects.
- Electric vehicle use in Florida is on the rise and having the necessary infrastructure will help Florida keep pace with this growing industry.
- 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 to struggle to fund local transportation projects, increased and alternative funding sources at the state level are a necessity.



Affordable Housing



Affordable Housing

Draft Policy Position Statement:

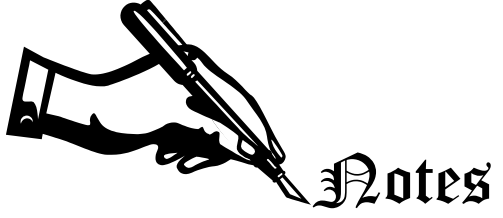
The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that requires all money from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used only for Florida's affordable housing programs, targeted to meet the needs of workforce housing, both low income, very low income, and disabled persons, for both home ownership and rental unit availability.

Background:

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 Trust that funds housing programs statewide and the Local Government Housing Trust that funds two programs: the State Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP) and State Apartment Incentive Loan program (SAIL). The funding for these two trust funds were purposefully linked to documentary stamp collections so trust fund dollars would increase as real estate costs escalated, thus providing more affordable housing funding when it was most needed. And it is definitely needed now.



Notes



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