
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Chapter 163.3177(6)(h) F.S., the purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element is to identify and resolve incompatibilities between Marathon's Comprehensive Planning processes and those of other governmental entities with interests in or related to the City's area of concern. The areas of concern for Marathon include adjacent municipalities, Monroe County, Monroe County School Board, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), State government, Federal government, independent special districts and utility companies. Specific coordination needs within each of the elements of the City's Plan or that would benefit from improved or additional intergovernmental coordination and mechanisms for satisfying these needs are also identified, as appropriate.

GOAL 5-1 IMPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

The City shall establish governmental relationships designed to improve the coordination of public and private entities involved in development activities, resource conservation and growth management, including the achievement of consistency among all government agencies implementing plans and programs affecting the City while still enabling the City to enact growth management policies conducive to community redevelopment. §163.3177(6)(h) F.S.

Objective 5-1.1 Improve Intergovernmental Coordination

The City shall continue to improve coordination among government agencies with planning and impact assessment duties affecting the City. The City shall maintain coordination mechanisms and interlocal agreements with other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, and with the Plans of adjacent municipalities, the county and adjacent counties. §163.3177(6)(h)3. F.S.

Policy 5-1.1.1 Intergovernmental Coordination

The City Council shall be responsible for ensuring an effective intergovernmental coordination program for Marathon regarding the planning and financing of transportation system improvements; the expansion, replacement, and financing of potable water service; and the planning and financing of wastewater systems within and adjacent to the City.

Policy 5-1.1.2 Ensure Coordination of Multi-Jurisdictional Development

The City shall continue to coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions for the sharing of information and the development of joint strategies to address development, zoning, and land use decisions that transcend jurisdictional boundaries.

Policy 5-1.1.3 Participate in the Regional Water Supply Plan

The City shall participate in the development of the Regional Water Supply Plan in conjunction with the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA) and SFWMD.

Policy 5-1.1.4 Coordinate Annexation Issues

Technical issues related to annexation shall be coordinated with Monroe County and other public or private entities providing public services of mutual benefit to the City and County.

Policy 5-1.1.5 Coordinate Land and Water Management

The City shall continue to maintain Land Development Regulations, including administrative procedures, that ensure efficient coordination of development applications and land and water management issues with other agencies and units of federal, state and local government which have concurrent jurisdiction so that development review and approvals are carried out in a timely manner.

Policy 5-1.1.6 Develop and Implement an Interlocal Agreement with the Monroe County School Board

The City shall develop and implement an Interlocal Agreement with the Monroe County School Board by September 2003, regarding:

- a. The location of schools proximate to residential areas which compliment patterns of development that include elementary schools as a neighborhood focal point;
- b. Inclusion of the planned residential capacities of schools when considering Plan Amendments and rezoning requests that are likely to increase residential development that is expected to have impact on demand for public schools;
- c. Provisions for annual coordination to exchange information regarding projected school populations and permitting records;
- d. Designating an ex officio member of the Planning Commission to represent the school system with regard to future development issues; and
- e. The acquisition of land, libraries, fire, solid waste, public facilities annual report, the airport, hurricane evacuation, hazard mitigation and post disaster redevelopment.

Policy 5-1.1.7 Meet Annually With the Monroe County School Board

The City shall meet at least annually with the Monroe County School Board for the purpose of reviewing and comparing plans, in particular proposed land use amendments and changes to the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and to establish formal agreements between the City and the School Board, as needed. Such agreements may include, but not be limited to the following issues:

- a. Expansion of existing school sites;
- b. Traffic circulation in and around school sites;
- c. Acquisition of new sites;
- d. Use of School Board property and facilities by the City; and
- e. Use of City property and facilities by the School Board.

Policy 5-1.1.8 Participate as a Member on the South Florida Regional Planning Council

In order to maximize the opportunities for improving intergovernmental coordination as well as to ensure representation of the City's interests and values, the City shall cooperate with the SFRPC in the review of regional policies and standards, which require coordination with local governments. The City shall coordinate with SFRPC in all matters of regional significance in which the SFRPC desires City input, including but not limited to Plan review, intergovernmental coordination and review of projects of regional significance.

Policy 5-1.1.9 Participate in the Regional Planning Council's Informal Mediation Process

The City shall participate in the SPRPC's informal mediation process to provide an open forum for communication and coordination of programs involving the Plan, and the resolution of conflicts with other local governments. §163.3177(6)(h)1.b F.S.

Policy 5-1.1.10 Coordinate Local Governments Plans

The City shall establish an effective program to provide and review proposed plan amendments of adjacent local governments to ensure consistency.

Policy 5-1.1.11 Participate in a City-Wide Wastewater Plan

The City shall participate in the development of a city-wide Wastewater Plan in conjunction with the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA).

Objective 5-1.2 Coordinated Land Development Activities

The City shall enforce Land Development Regulations which ensure that land development activities, resource conservation and infrastructure issues which transcend jurisdictional boundaries are managed in a manner that includes timely coordination with County, regional and State agencies having jurisdictional authority and to ensure the adopted level of service standards for public facilities are maintained and improved. Management of land and physical improvements identified on the FLUM will be regulated in order to protect and conserve natural systems, including coastal resources, locally significant plant species, soil conditions, vegetative communities, natural habitats and waterbodies. Land use shall also be predicated on availability of man-made infrastructure and service systems required to support respective land use activities. §163.3177(6)(h)2. F.S.

Policy 5-1.2.1 Issues of Regional and State Significance shall be Coordinated

The City shall pursue resolution of development and growth management issues with impacts transcending the City's political jurisdiction, through the continued participation on

intergovernmental task forces, and the Carrying Capacity Study. Issues of regional and State significance shall be coordinated with the SFRPC, the SFWMD, and State agencies having jurisdictional authority. The City shall, when necessary, enter into interlocal agreements or develop joint resolutions in areas of mutual concern. When conflict resolution with other local governments is required, the City shall consider utilizing the SFRPC's informal mediation process. Issues to be pursued include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Land development activities within Marathon impacting Monroe County and its incorporated jurisdictions;
- b. Land development activities within Monroe County and its incorporated jurisdictions impacting the City;
- c. Potential annexation issues;
- d. Area wide Stormwater Management Master Plan, proposed improvements and implementing programs;
- e. Solid waste disposal, including recycling;
- f. Level of service standards for infrastructure system impacting the City and adjacent areas;
- g. Manage development impacts on natural coastal resources, including protecting and enhancing water quality, protecting living marine resources, wetland and mangrove preservation, seagrass protection and preservation of other environmentally sensitive lands;
- h. Acquisition of land by the Monroe County Land Authority;
- i. Protection of historic resources;
- j. Coordination of hurricane evacuation plans, shelter space allocations and post disaster recovery management plans with Monroe and Dade Counties; and
- k. Cooperation with the Monroe County School Board in implementing a coordinated recreational facilities system.

Policy 5-1.2.2 Ensure Regional Policies Compliance

The City shall develop appropriate mechanisms and programs for meeting regional policies contained in the Regional Plan for South Florida. The City shall also meet with SFRPC to provide updates and coordination on subjects of mutual concern.

Policy 5-1.2.3 Potable Water Supply Plan

The City, the SFWMD and the FKAA shall develop a ten (10) and twenty (20) year potable water supply plan in accordance with state statute. The City shall also meet with the SFWMD and FKAA to continue to identify mutual concerns and long-term goals.

Policy 5-1.2.4 Coordinate All Transportation Improvements

The City shall coordinate all transportation improvements proposed by new development with FDOT, DEQ, SFRPC, Monroe County, and other State and regional agencies concerned with assessing traffic impacts of proposed development.

Policy 5-1.2.5 Coordinate US 1 Access and Exit Points to State Road

During the development review process, the City shall require all development projects obtain approval from the FDOT for vehicular access connections (VAC) to the state highway system prior to the issuance of a City development order or permit.

Policy 5-1.2.6 Coordinate with FDOT

The City shall coordinate with FDOT to control the connections and access points along all segments of US 1 per their respective access classifications, consistent with the guidelines established by the FDOT in Rule 14-97 “State Highway System Access Management Classification and Standards”.

Policy 5-1.2.7 Maintain Level of Service Standards

The City shall coordinate with State, regional or local entities having operational and maintenance responsibility for public facilities to maintain level of service standards established in the Plan.

Policy 5-1.2.8 Reduce the Negative Impacts to Natural Resources

The City shall coordinate with Monroe County, the Tourist Development Council and other appropriate agencies, to reduce the negative impacts on the fragile coastal and natural resources, the roadway network including US 1, and other public facilities resulting from the influx of tourists.

Policy 5-1.2.9 Ensure Required Hurricane Evacuation

The City shall maintain an up-to-date hurricane evacuation plan and meet the required 24 hour hurricane evacuation time or other applicable state standard for hurricane evacuation.

Policy 5-1.2.10 Render Appropriate Development Permits

The City shall continue to cooperate with the Census Bureau, the DEQ and the Monroe County Property Appraisers office in rendering appropriate development permits to these agencies.

Objective 5-1.3 **Coordinate Development Review**

The City shall adopt Land Development Regulations to protect wetlands, mangroves, upland habitats or other coastal and natural resources. These shall also require the applicant to obtain jurisdictional determinations from all appropriate agencies and provide the City with the same prior to the issuance of development orders or building permits. Appropriate agencies shall be defined as agencies having jurisdiction on matters surrounding preservation of natural and coastal resources and water quality, including, but not limited to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and US Army Corp of Engineers. §163.3177(6)(h)1. F.S.

Policy 5-1.3.1 Require all applicable External Agency Review

The City shall coordinate with County, State and Federal agencies having permitting jurisdiction within the City. Within one year of the effective date of the Plan, the City shall adopt Land

Development Regulations to require that all applicants for a permit obtain necessary permits from all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies prior to submittal to the City.

Policy 5-1.3.2 Coordinate with FKNMS

The City shall continue to coordinate with the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern and Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary programs.