



PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long

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TO: Members, Pinellas County Commission

FROM: Janet C. Long *Janet C. Long*
Vice Chair, Pinellas County Commission

CC: Mark Woodard, County Administrator
Jim Bennett, County Attorney

RE: Regional Council of Governments Framework

DATE: October 7, 2016

Commissioners,

Please see the attached power point presentation. This presentation is the result of two years of conversations with elected officials, chamber officials, business leaders and other influential individuals in the Tampa Bay Region on the appropriate forum for regional decision-making. With each conversation, the visual chart became more defined and provided a clearer model that will better enable us to move the dial on the enormous traffic congestion plaguing our region. After many months of refinement, this diagram is an attempt to visualize a very complex topic in a way that will resonate with everyone.

The San Diego Regional Council of Governments is a good indication that this model works. Recently, their Council of Governments was awarded a \$1.04 billion dollar grant to aid in their transportation needs. This model of success serves as a template for what can be accomplished with one regional vision.

The attached compilation of regional thinking is an effort to produce regional solutions for transportation, affordable housing, economic development, and land use & redevelopment. I'll be prepared to discuss this more thoroughly on Tuesday and welcome your questions and feedback. I look forward to earning your support for this plan and moving our region forward.