PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET
DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2025

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS	The PAC held its November 3, 2025, meeting in the Palm Room at 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater. The Chair, Andrew Morris, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and the members introduced themselves. Committee members in attendance included: Matt Jackson, Andrew Morris, Christina Porter, Britton Wilson, Whitney Clark, Mark Griffin, Marshall Touchton, Tom Scofield, Gil Martinez, Danielle Stewart, Maryellen Edwards, Frances Leong Sharp and Wesley Wright. Forward Pinellas staff included: Rodney Chatman, Emma Wennick, Linda Fisher, Nicole Galasso, Ryan Hutton, Nousheen Rahman and Tina Jablon. Others in attendance included: Luis Garcia, Pinellas County; Scott Swearengen, Pinellas County; Adrian Young, City of Clearwater; Ted Kozacki, City of Clearwater; William and Jonathan Damonte of Jonathan James Damonte, Chartered; Tammy Davis and Jim Schmitt of the Golden Acres RO Association.	
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 PAC MEETING	Motion: Mark Griffin Second: Tom Scofield	13-0
3. REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2025 MEETING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS A. Countywide Plan Map Amendments 1. Case CW 25-08 – City of Clearwater	Motion: Matt Jackson Second: Frances Leong Sharp	13-0
2. Case CW 25-09 – City of Dunedin	Motion: Matt Jackson Second: Tom Scofield	13-0
REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS B. Countywide Plan Map Annual Update – Official Acceptance	Motion: Mark Griffin Second: Marshall Touchton	13-0

4. PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST A. Pinellas Planning Council Annual Performance Measures	Linda Fisher reminded the PAC members of the State law requiring special districts to adopt a set of clear goals, objectives and measurable performance standards. Ms. Fisher then reviewed the goals and outcomes from 2025 and highlighted proposed changes for 2026. She then outlined the next steps in the process to include a recommendation today from the PAC before going to the Forward Pinellas Board next week for official adoption. Once approved by the board, the metrics will be posted to the Forward Pinellas website. In response to an inquiry by Marshall Touchton, Ms. Fisher explained that the metrics are reviewed annually per State law and updates can be made at that time. Ms. Fisher suggested that going forward this item would be brought to the PAC one month sooner to allow for input earlier in the process. The PAC recommended approval of the proposed performance measures as outlined. Motion: Mark Griffin Second: Marshall Touchton	13-0
B. Countywide Trends and Conditions Report	Linda Fisher advised the committee members that each year Forward Pinellas, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, analyzes a variety of datasets to measure effectiveness of its Safety Performance Measures and Targets and to detect emerging trends related to the County's transportation system. That analysis informs the Countywide Trends and Conditions report which also includes land use and employment trends as related to the transportation system. Ms. Fisher reviewed key elements of the report citing that in some cases, the most recent available data is two-years old. After answering some questions, Ms. Fisher advised the group that Rob Feigel of the Forward Pinellas staff creates the report each year and that both she and Mr. Feigel are available for any additional inquiries.	

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C. <u>Knowledge Exchange Series</u>	Emma Wennick expressed enthusiasm that the latest Knowledge Exchange Series (KES) on Hurricane Recovery & Disaster Response is now completed and available on the Forward Pinellas website. She reminded the group of the intended purpose of the KES and that it was this committee that previously helped select the topic in light of the back-to-back hurricanes in 2024. Ms. Wennick then outlined the goals for this KES and offered an overview of how the research was conducted. She shared information on the most recent hurricane impacts citing increased frequency and intensity of storms in recent decades and highlighting some of Pinellas County's vulnerabilities. Ms. Wennick then provided an overview of the key lessons learned from each of the three case studies which included Fort Myers (Hurricane Ian), Panama City (Hurricane Michael) and Harrison County, Mississippi (Hurricane Katrina). Finally, Ms. Wennick discussed opportunities for improvement in Pinellas County with some suggested actionable items that could be considered and cited some available resources for consideration. Ms. Wennick responded to some questions by the PAC members and offered to be available as needed going forward.	

5. OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA A. Local Coastal High Hazzard Area (CHHA) Regulations	Rodney Chatman introduced this item to the committee members and outlined the rationale for the discussion. Mr. Chatman then posed a variety of questions to the members regarding local level policies, procedures and regulations concerning the Coastal High Hazzard Area (CHHA). There was lengthy discussion about how each municipality handles requests for increasing density in the CHHA. There was some additional discussion about a proposed shelter mitigation fee that was previously under consideration by Pinellas County Emergency Management. Mr. Chatman advised the group that the momentum behind that consideration has stalled at the County. Mr. Chatman thanked the committee members for their candid responses to the questions as this will help inform future conversations.	
B. 2026 PAC Membership Roster/Election of Officers	Rodney Chatman reminded the PAC members about the annual process for electing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve the committee for the next year. After which, Tom Scofield offered to serve as the Vice Chair. He was then formally nominated and elected by the group. Motion: Britton Wilson Second: Marshall Touchton Vote: 12-0 (Wesley Wright left the meeting earlier) Andrew Morris offered to continue serving as the Chair in 2026. He was then formally approved to serve as the Chair. Motion: Matt Jackson Second: Tom Scofield Vote: 12-0 The PAC also recommended approval of the PAC Roster for 2026 by the Forward Pinellas Board. Motion: Tom Scofield Second: Matt Jackson Vote: 12-0	

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C. Upcoming Land Use Cases & Pre-App Meetings	Upon call by Rodney Chatman for any upcoming land use cases or need for pre-app meetings, four were heard. The City of St. Petersburg informed the committee of the potential annexation of the Twin Cities Mobile Home Park followed by a land use change. Tom Scofield confirmed the change was denied by the County. (Britton Wilson) The City of Dunedin has a surplus city owned property that will be coming forward for consideration and is already scheduled for a pre-app meeting with Forward Pinellas staff. (Frances Leong Sharp) The City of Pinellas Park also has some upcoming annexations that will lead to land use changes. (Danielle Stewart) Pinellas County has four items that will be moving forward soon, likely in January. (Tom Scofield)	
D. Interesting Topics from Your Planners Notebook	There was no discussion for this item due to lengthy discussions of similar nature held earlier in the meeting.	
6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS A. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items	Rodney Chatman alerted the PAC members that the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) held public hearings on October 7th and approved four land use cases. One for the City of Treasure Island, one for the City of Largo and two for Pinellas County. He also advised that the Forward Pinellas staff reviewed and approved one Tier I amendment.	
B. DRAFT 2026 Meetings Calendar with Deadlines	Tina Jablon alerted the committee members that the draft 2026 meetings schedule with deadlines was included in the meeting packet. She cautioned that it has not yet been approved by the Forward Pinellas Board but will be next week on November 12th.	

C. 2026 Legislative Session Preview	Linda Fisher reminded the PAC members that the 2026 Legislative Session begins on January 13, 2026, and that bills are already being filed and assigned to committees. She provided a very brief overview of a few bills of potential local significance. Specifically, she cited that some slight tweaks to SB 180 from the last session may be forthcoming, but none that impact local planning in Pinellas County. She stressed that the big topic this session is property taxes. Ms. Fisher advised she will continue to follow activities related to bills of interest and report back to the group.	
D. East Bay Drive/Roosevelt Boulevard Corridor Study Survey	Nousheen Rahman advised the PAC that there is currently a multimodal corridor plan underway in collaboration with the City of Largo for East Bay Drive/Roosevelt Boulevard. She outlined the parameters of the project and highlighted a survey that is actively seeking input. She encouraged participation in the survey and sharing of the survey information where able and applicable.	
E. APA Florida Sun Coast Section Awards Nominations	Nousheen Rahman alerted the PAC members that she is the current Chair for the APA Florida Sun Coast Chapter. As such, she advised the committee members of the changes to the planning award categories this year and encouraged the submission of nominations citing self-nominations are acceptable.	
7. UPCOMING EVENTS	The Chair highlighted the upcoming events of interest.	
8. ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.	

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Respectfully Submitted,

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PAC Chair Date