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This element identifies and resolves goals, objectives, and policies for development proposed in the campus master plans that may be incompatible with adjacent local governments, and regional and state agency plans.

A. Inventory and assessment of host and affected local governments and regional or state agencies with authority to regulate or provide services to the University.

The following list identifies the host and affected local governments, as well as regional and state agencies with authority to regulate the way the University will develop. Coordination and cooperation with the University is critical to ensure compatibility with adjacent and affected agencies and government goals, objectives and policies.

1. State and Regional Agencies

Division of State Lands/Land Management Advisory Council (LMAC): LMAC acquires and disposes of lands, as directed by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Among other functions, the division administers and maintains the records of all lands held by the Board of Trustees and sets boundary lines for lands owned by the Board of Trustees. The LMAC provides oversight for approximately 11 million acres of state lands, including upland leases for state parks, educational facilities, forests, wildlife management areas, historic sites, vegetable farming, and mineral, oil, and gas exploration.

Department of the State: The Department consists of the Office of the Secretary and the Divisions of Administrative Services, Corporations, Cultural Affairs, Elections, Historical Resources, and Library and Information Services.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission enacts rules and regulations regarding the management of the state's fish and wildlife resources, regulation of Florida's fisheries and wildlife, and enforcement of related laws.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – District #1: FDOT is responsible for preparing plans to construct and maintain roadways within the State of Florida. The University is located within District #1, which encompasses 12 counties. The University is required to maintain transportation concurrency at the State and local levels and some of the roads influenced by the traffic generated by the USF-SM campus external to the University are governed by the FDOT.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP): FDEP is the lead agency in the state government for environmental management and stewardship, responsible for protecting Florida's air, water, and land. The Department is divided into three primary areas: Regulatory Programs, Land and Recreation, and Planning and Management. Florida's environmental priorities include restoring America's Everglades, improving air quality, restoring and protecting the water quality of Florida springs, lakes, rivers and coastal waters, conserving environmentally-sensitive lands, and providing citizens and visitors with recreational opportunities, now and in the future.

Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization is a regional transportation planning agency serving the Sarasota-Bradenton, FL Urbanized Area. The MPO provides a forum for cooperative decision-making concerning regional and local transportation issues. The MPO is governed by a policy board comprised of locally elected officials in the Sarasota/Manatee area, as well as the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority and the Island Transportation Planning Organization, which represents the cities of Anna Maria, Holmes Beach and Bradenton Beach. The District One Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation serves as a non-voting member of the MPO. The Board is supported by several standing committees, including a Citizen Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, Bicycle/ Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee and the Public Transportation Task Force.

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) and Southwest Florida Regional Planning Councils (SWFRPC): The USF SARASOTA-MANATEE campus is split between two of Florida's regional planning councils. Property within Manatee County falls within the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC), while Sarasota County properties fall within the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC). Regional planning councils are commissioned under Chapter 160, Florida Statutes, to provide comprehensive planning and intergovernmental coordination for a defined region. More specifically, they are tasked with developing and implementing a Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan, reviewing Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) and providing technical assistance to local governments.

Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT)/Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT): SCAT and MCAT provide bus transit service to Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Both systems serve the USF SARASOTA-MANATEE campus.

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD): SWFWMD manages water and related natural resources to ensure their continued availability while maximizing environmental, economic and recreational benefits. Areas of responsibility include: water supply; natural systems; water quality and flood protection. The District encompasses all or part of 16 counties and contains 98 local governments spread over approximately 10,000 square miles. A 13-member board appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate governs the District.

Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority (SMAA): The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority was created as a public agency by the State of Florida to operate and manage the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport. The Airport Authority is tasked with the power to acquire, construct, improve, finance, operate, and maintain the airport facilities for the primary purpose of meeting the air transportation needs of Sarasota and Manatee counties.

The Authority has six Commissioners appointed by the Governor, each serving four year terms. Three Commissioners reside in Manatee County and three reside in Sarasota County. The Airport Authority Board meets monthly. Regular and Special meetings are publicly advertised and conducted in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act.

2. Local Governments

Manatee County: The majority of the existing USF SARASOTA-MANATEE campus falls within unincorporated Manatee County. The Manatee Board of County Commissioners legislates policy to protect the health, welfare, safety and quality of life of Manatee County residents. The Board establishes this policy for County departments including, Planning, Public Works and Utilities.

The Manatee County Planning Department is tasked with disseminating Manatee County's comprehensive plan and land development regulations and managing the development process for new construction and development.

The Manatee County Public Works Department is responsible for the administration, planning, maintenance, construction management and technical engineering of the County's infrastructure. The Department is also responsible for implementing the stormwater, roadway, solid waste, waste water and water programs of the Board of County Commissioner's five-year Capital Improvements Plan.

The Manatee County Utilities Department provides Potable Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water, Solid Waste and Recycling services for unincorporated Manatee County.

Sarasota County: The southernmost of the Research Annex (formerly known as Viking) properties, identified in Figure 4-1, Element 4, Future Land Use, is located within unincorporated Sarasota County. Similar to Manatee County, the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners develops policy for a wide array of departments, including planning, public works and utilities.

City of Sarasota: The westernmost, waterfront properties in shared ownership with New College are located within the City of Sarasota. Additionally, USF SARASOTA-MANATEE and Mote Marine Laboratories operate shared lab facilities in the City of Sarasota through an existing agreement. The City of Sarasota is governed by a city commission which, similar to Manatee and Sarasota County, establishes policy for a variety of departments, including Development Services (planning), Public Works and Utilities.

3. Other

American Red Cross Florida's West Coast Region: The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. The West Coast Region serves Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties.

Sarasota Bradenton International Airport Authority: The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority is a public agency created by the State of Florida to operate and manage the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport. The Airport Authority is tasked with the power to acquire, construct, improve, finance, operate, and maintain the airport facilities for the primary purpose of meeting the air transportation needs of Sarasota and Manatee counties.

North Trail Redevelopment Partnership: The North Trail Task Force is a group of stakeholders actively involved in the revitalization of the US 41 in Sarasota, FL. The group was formed at the initiative of the City of Sarasota and City Commissioner.

Uplands Neighborhood Association: Uplands Neighborhood Association represents the residents who live in the area immediately south of the campus, bounded by:

- USF SARASOTA-MANATEE campus to the north

- US 41 (Tamiami Trail) to the east
- New College campus to the south
- Uplands Boulevard to the west

Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Association: The neighborhood association represent the residents of the bay front neighborhood who live further south of the campus, bounded by:

- Ringling Museum on the north,
- Whitaker Bayou on the south
- Sarasota Bay on the west
- US 41 (Tamiami Cultural District) on the east

Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau: The Bradenton Area CVB promotes tourism to Manatee County and the communities of Anna Maria Island, Longboat Key, Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch through domestic and international advertising, public relations and marketing efforts. The CVB is funded by the collection of a tourist development tax paid by lodging guests for stays less than six months within Manatee County.

Florida State University/Ringling Museum: The Florida State University/Ringling Center for the Cultural Arts offers a comprehensive arts and cultural complex operated through FSU. The Center focuses on the following four areas: visual arts study, performing arts, history and cultural programs, and arts and cultural education from K-12 through the university level.

New College of Florida: New College of Florida is a four year liberal arts college within the State University System located immediate south of USF SARASOTA-MANATEE on either side of US 41 extending to the bay front. USF SARASOTA-MANATEE and New College share land at the bay front and a number of facilities and services including: bookstore and campus police. (See Element 4, Future Land Use for additional information.)

Mote Marine Laboratory: Mote Marine Laboratory is a leading marine research center in Sarasota founded in 1955. Mote is an independent nonprofit organization and has seven centers for marine research, the public Mote Aquarium and an Education Division specializing in public programs for all ages.

B. Coordination Mechanisms and Identified Issues

1. Existing coordination mechanisms

Regular meetings between USF SARASOTA-MANATEE and local agencies, institutions, and public interest groups.

University planning officials meet with officials from Manatee County on a regular (at least annual) basis, or as required for the purpose of coordinating planning activities. Other local, regional, state and federal agencies attend to participate in these meetings as appropriate.

The University coordinates with Manatee County and other pertinent agencies, to review Comprehensive Plan amendments and rezoning requests within the designated context area, which have the potential to impact or affect University facilities and resources.

The University meets on an as-needed basis with the appropriate entities (including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Sarasota-Manatee MPO, Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway Committee, etc.) in the evaluation of traffic impact on adjacent roadways and endeavor to mitigate impact through increased on-campus housing, improved transit service, and other mitigation techniques described in Element 5, Transportation. The University participates in the planning of improvements to US 41 to ensure that adequate pedestrian and bicycle facilities are incorporated.

The University meets on an as-needed basis with the Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) and Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) to promote bus transit and possible future alternative transit mode ridership by disseminating information at the time of registration, through target mailings, and at appropriate locations and events on and off-campus. Strategically placed bus stop shelters will continue to be installed to increase convenience of service.

The University meets on an as-needed basis with the Sarasota Manatee Area Regional Transit (SMART) to establish a comprehensive plan for serving the USF SARASOTA-MANATEE.

The University meets on a quarterly basis with Sarasota and Manatee County Emergency Management Operations (EMO), the American Red Cross, and the host communities to review emergency preparedness, response and recovery plans. The University participates in periodic

exercises with both EMOs. The University also meets with other local colleges on a quarterly basis to discuss shared resources and mutual aid.

C. Inventory all previous Fair Share Payments made by the University as a result of existing Campus Development Agreement(s).

Per the “Campus Development Agreement between the University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee Campus and Manatee County” executed July 26, 2005, a total of \$683,591 of Fair Share Payments have been made by USF SARASOTA-MANATEE. The payments were comprised of \$213,973 for a stormwater drainage easement and \$469,618 for transportation improvements to the surrounding roadway network.

D. Identify any existing University programs that focus on outreach efforts to neighboring communities

- Institute for Public Policy and Leadership
- Perlman Winter Residency Program
- North Trail Redevelopment Partnership