
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

DATA INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination element is to identify and resolve incompatibilities between Surfside's comprehensive planning processes and those of other governmental entities with interests in or related to the Town's area of concern. The areas of concern for Surfside include adjacent municipalities, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County School Board, the South Florida Water Management District, South Florida Regional Planning Council, state government, federal government, and utility companies.

Specific coordination needs within each of the elements of the Surfside comprehensive plan that would benefit from improved or additional intergovernmental coordination and mechanisms for satisfying these needs are also identified, as appropriate.

EXISTING DATA AND CONDITIONS

Surfside currently has either formal or informal coordination agreements, or interacts through standard operating procedures under statutory authority, with the following agencies or jurisdictions:

Municipal Government

- Bal Harbour
- Bay Harbor Islands
- Indian Creek
- Miami Beach
- Miami Shores

Miami-Dade County Departments

- Biscayne Bay Shoreline Development Review Committee
- Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and Homeland Security (HS)
- Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM)
- Fire Department
- Housing Agency (MDHA)
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
- Parks and Recreation Department
- Property Appraiser
- Public Works
- Solid Waste Management
- Water and Sewer Department (WASD)

Schools

- Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Other

Miami-Dade League of Cities

Florida Departments and Agencies

Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning
Community Affairs, Division of Emergency Management
Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Department of Children and Family Services
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Department of Transportation
Division of Historic Resources
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
South Florida Regional Planning Council
South Florida Water Management District

United States Departments and Agencies

Army Corps of Engineers
Commerce, Census Bureau
Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Postal Service
Transportation

Regulated Utilities

AT&T
Comcast
Florida Power & Light

EVALUATION OF EXISTING COORDINATION MECHANISMS

For each agency listed above, Table 8-1 briefly describes the existing coordination mechanisms indicating the subject, nature of the relationship and the office with primary responsibility for coordination.

JOINT PLANNING AREAS**Comparison with Regional Policy Plan**

The Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (2004) has been reviewed and considered during the process of writing this Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan conforms to the Regional Policy Plan.

Specific Coordination Issues in Each Element

Following is a summary the interagency coordination needs associated with each element of this Comprehensive Plan.

Future Land Use

Within this element interagency coordination includes communicating development projections with the Miami-Dade Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and Homeland Security (HS) in order to assist in their hurricane evacuation planning. Further, the Town requires development along the

bulkheads to be in accordance with State and County regulations. In particular the Town continues to work with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Miami-Dade Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) for review of permits within the bulkhead areas.

Coastal Management

This element's efforts are largely related to the management of the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve. Coordinating agencies for this include the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resource Management, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the National Park Service and the Biscayne Bay Shoreline Development Review Committee. Additionally, the Town is working with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to ensure the installation of the improvements to the DOT stormwater systems currently discharging into Biscayne Bay waters. When applicable, the Town shall provide development proposal information to the Biscayne Bay Shoreline Development Review Committee for review. Regarding coastal management law enforcement, Town police shall maintain communications with County and State marine police in order to report any violations of the boat speed limits in the adjacent waters which are a manatee protection area. The Town shall contact DERM if any adverse impact is observed relative to the sea grass beds in adjacent waters.

Beach maintenance and restoration requires intergovernmental coordination efforts. To that end, the Town shall cooperate with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for beach renourishment as needed. Similarly, the Town shall continue to coordinate and cooperate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems and with the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department regarding access to and the appropriate maintenance of the beach area seaward of the erosion control line. The Town will also coordinate with relevant agencies on planning for sea level rise.

Transportation

The Town coordinates with the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Florida Department of Transportation on capital improvements and level of service for SR AIA/Harding Avenue and SR 922/96th Street. Miami-Dade County Transit (MDT) provides six routes through the Town connecting residents and employees to Miami Beach, downtown Miami, and the MetroRail. As needed, the Town will also coordinate with the Southeast Florida Transportation Council.

Housing

The Town shall monitor the housing and related activities of the Miami-Dade County Housing Within Reach Taskforce, Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA), South Florida Regional Planning Council and nearby local jurisdictions. The Town shall work with the US Department of Commerce to ensure accurate population and housing information is provided for the 2010 Census. Additionally, the Town shall dialogue with the Florida Department of Children and Family Services to ensure an accurate inventory for any subsidized rental housing, group homes, or mobile home parks that may exist within the Town. An inventory of historically significant housing is required for the Comprehensive Plan, and therefore periodic coordination and communication with the State's Division of Historic Resources, Florida Master Site File is necessary.

Infrastructure

The Town of Surfside purchases its water directly from the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (WASD). The Town's Water Supply Facilities Work Plan was adopted in December 2008 and coordinated with the Miami-Dade County 20-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and the South Florida Water Management District's Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan. Further coordination with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be important to ensure stormwater quality and impacts on the Biscayne Bay.

Recreation and Open Space

There are 38.2 acres of state-owned beach seaward of the erosion control line, which runs approximately along the crest of the dune. This beach is maintained under an agreement with the State by the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department. Additionally, the Town shall consider and evaluate the establishment of an interlocal agreement with Indian Creek Village to convert the empty lot on the north side of the 91st Street bridge into a park for general use by both communities, providing additional recreational opportunities along the bay.

Conservation

The Florida DEP's Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems considers Surfside's beach to be "critically eroded". As part of the beach renourishment program coordination efforts with this and other agencies are required. Land use, as it relates to the discharge of stormwater and to the use of natural drainage, is regulated through the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

The Town of Surfside purchases their potable water supply directly from Miami-Dade WASD. The Town is also working with WASD's Water Use Efficiency Section to identify the water conservation best management practices (BMPs) applicable to the Town, which is a water wholesaler, and to develop the Town's Water Conservation Plan as required by Miami-Dade County Ordinance 06-177.

Capital Improvements

The Town shall coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, WASD, the MPO, and FDOT to ensure projects affecting level of service are included in the annual update of the Capital Improvements Element.

Areas of Critical State Concern

There are no areas of critical state concern in the Town of Surfside.

The following abbreviations are used in Table 8-1.

AE - Advise and Encourage

CA - Town Agency

FN - Formal Notice

OA - Outside Agencies

TA - Technical Assistance

AP - Approval, Permit

FA – Formal Agreement

IN - Informal Notice

PM - Periodic Meetings to Coordinate Programs

**TABLE 8-1
COORDINATING AGENCIES**

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relations	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Surfside Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
MUNICIPALITIES:					
Bal Harbour	Comprehensive planning	AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning, Town Manager
Bay Harbor Islands	Comprehensive planning	AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning, Town Manager
Indian Creek	Comprehensive planning	AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning, Town Manager
Miami Beach	Comprehensive planning	AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning, Town Manager
Miami Shores	Aquatic Center	FA	Interlocal Agreement	Effective	Parks and Recreation
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:					
Biscayne Bay Shoreline Development Review Committee	Shoreline environmental and conservation issues	AE, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works, Town Manager
Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and Homeland Security (HS)	Emergency management planning	PM, AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Town Manager
Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM)	Water quality, air quality, noise impact, septic tanks, water use permits,	IN, PM	Interlocal Agreement	Effective	Public Works, Town Manager

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relations	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Surfside Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
	wastewater management				
Fire Department	Fire-rescue services	FA	Interlocal Agreement	Ineffective	Surfside Police Dept.
Housing Agency (MDHA)	Affordable housing	AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Town Manager
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Transportation planning	PM, AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning
Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)	Transit	AE	Informal coordination with Surfside Mini-Bus	Effective	Town Manager
Parks and Recreation Department	Beach maintenance, open space areas, regional plans	PM, AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Parks and Recreation
Property Appraiser	Tax revenues	PM, TA	Interlocal Agreement	Effective	Town Manager, Finance
Public Works	Highway construction, right of way, alignments, access control transit	PM, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works
Solid Waste Management	Waste management	FA	Interlocal Agreement – Curbside Recycling Program	Effective	Public Works
Water and Sewer Department (WASD)	Water quality, water facility development, wastewater treatment, wastewater management	AP, TA	Interlocal Agreement	Effective	Public Works
SCHOOLS:					
Miami-Dade County Public Schools	School facilities and concurrency	FA	Interlocal Agreement	Effective	Town Manager, Finance

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relations	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Surfside Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
OTHER:					
Miami-Dade League of Cities	Intergovernmental issues	AE, PM	Monthly meetings	Effective	Town Mayor
FLORIDA DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:					
Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning	Comprehensive planning	AP, TA	Oversight of Comprehensive Plan, EAR, Regulation of Land Development Code	Effective	Planning
Community Affairs, Division of Emergency Management	Mutual Aid Agreement	OA, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Town Manager
Department of Business and Professional Regulation	Various licenses	AP	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning
Department of Children and Family Services	Group homes, foster care facilities	FN, OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Building and Zoning
Department of Environmental Protection	Water management, water quality, air quality, beaches/land, solid waste, septic tanks, water facility development, water use permits, wastewater management	AP	Permitting, informal coordination	Effective	Public Works, Town Manager
Division Of Historic Resources	Historic lands and buildings	TA, AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning
Department of Transportation	Transportation planning, highway construction, right	AE, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works

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	of way, alignments, access control transit				
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Conservation issues	AE, TA	Permitting, informal coordination	Effective	Town Manager
South Florida Regional Planning Council	Comprehensive planning	TA, AE, AP	Review of Comprehensive Plan and EAR	Effective	Planning
South Florida Water Management District	Stormwater management, wetlands mitigation, water use	TA, AE, AP	Quarterly meetings	Effective	Public Works
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:					
Army Corps of Engineers	Beach erosion control	AE, PM, TA, AP	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works
Commerce, Census Bureau	Decennial Census	TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning
Environmental Protection Agency	Hazardous waste sites	TA, AP	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Hurricane mitigation	AE, PM, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works, Planning
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Coastal conservation	AE, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works
U.S. Postal Service	Address development, mail delivery	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Town Manager, Planning
Transportation	Transportation planning	AE, AP,	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works, Planning

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		PM, TA			
REGULATED UTILITIES:					
AT&T	Telephone service	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works
Comcast Cable Television	Cable services, underground utilities	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works
Florida Power and Light Company	Underground utilities	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works

Source: Town of Surfside