

Growth Management Act – RTC Certification Process Guide and Checklist

Certification Process: Background



At a Glance, the purpose of the agenda item:

- ◆ *Recap background information on RTC's role in certifying local plans under the Growth Management Act*
- ◆ *Review draft Certification Guide and Checklist*

Certification: Process Elements

Guidelines and
Principles

Conformity with
Growth
Management Act

Consistency with
Regional
Transportation
Plan

Level of Service

Certification Process: Guidelines and Principles

- ◆ Spirit of the GMA: Conformity, Coordination and Consistency
- ◆ Provide direction for development and evaluation of transportation elements

Certification Process: Conformity with Growth Management Act

- ◆ The Growth Management Act prescribes what local transportation elements address
- ◆ RTC has to review transportation elements of local plans to ensure all prescribed components are covered

Consistency of Local Plans with Regional Transportation Plan

- ◆ Land use forecast
- ◆ Regional travel forecast model: network and transit assumptions
- ◆ Goals and policies
- ◆ Level of Service standards
- ◆ Projects, programs and services
- ◆ Financial plan and regional transportation funding strategy
- ◆ Intergovernmental coordination efforts
- ◆ Demand management strategies

Certification Process: Level of Service

RTC must ensure that local plans:

- ◆ Address LOS for arterials and transit system
- ◆ Address LOS methodology
- ◆ Estimate traffic impacts to State-owned transportation facilities resulting from land use assumptions
- ◆ Identify specific actions for deficient facilities

Certification Process:

Local jurisdictions:
submit consistency
and certification
report form to RTC

RTAC: Review of
certification issues

RTC Board: adopt
certification
resolution

Certification Process and Policy: Next Steps



- ◆ February Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC): Recommend final version of the Certification Guide and Checklist
- ◆ March RTC Board: Adoption of GMA Certification Process Guide for use in the upcoming GMA Comprehensive Plan updates