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Planning commission to consider comprehensive plan changes

Sarasota County planning commissioners, acting as the local planning agency, will conduct public hearings over the next two weeks to consider adoption of proposed amendments to the county's comprehensive plan.

The proposed amendments are part of a second cycle of county-initiated amendments to the comprehensive plan authorized by the county commissioners in late 2009. Public hearings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

- The first public hearing will be Thursday, April 15, in the first floor Commission Chamber, County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.
- The second public hearing will be held Thursday, April 22, in the Commission Chamber at the Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.

During the April 15 public hearing, the planning commissioners will take public comments and consider a recommendation to the county commission on the following amendments to the comprehensive plan:

- Revising policies in the Transportation Chapter relating to transit services to guide future transit services.
- Changing the designation of about 3,229 acres owned by the city of Sarasota located south of Fruitville Road and west of Verna Road from major government use to rural.

At the April 22 public hearing, planning commissioners will take public comments and consider a recommendation on an amendment regarding level of service standards established by policies within the comprehensive plan. The planning commission will consider additional amendments at a public hearing scheduled for May 20.

For more information, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for Planning Services or visit www.scgov.net and click the button for Comprehensive Plan Amendment Updates.

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