

LEGISLATIVE ALERT!!!! GROWTH MANAGEMENT BILL HB 7203 TO BE VOTED ON TOMORROW IN SENATE!

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http://www.flsenate.gov/session/index.cfm?BI_Mode_ =ViewBillInfo&Mode=Bills&SubMenu=1&Year=2007&billnum=7203

This is the link to review the amendments to HB 7203. We did not like the original version, but with the amendments, it has turned into a nightmare for our communities.

PLEASE WRITE TO THE LEGISLATORS, SECRETARY TOM PELHAM AND GOVERNOR CRIST AT THE EMAIL ADDRESSES BELOW ASKING THEM TO KILL THIS BILL!

A few of the disturbing things just added through amendments on HB 7203 are:

- - The most dangerous is this amendment in which the developers are only required to pay their proportionate fair share of transportation concurrency “to maintain the adopted or existing level of service, whichever is lower,” ... **What this means is that we are not striving to raise the level of service of a roadway above a failed road with new development** (I thought that was why they were doing a prop share agreement to begin with – the road is failed). **IS THIS THE BEST WE CAN DO FOR FLORIDA???? STRIVING FOR FAILED ROADS????**
- - **City of Tampa is part of a pilot program eliminating state review and authority on all comp plan amendments.** There is no size restriction. Back in the late 1990's, Tampa and Hillsborough County were part of a very similar pilot program that lasted 3 years. It was called the Sustainable Communities Demonstration Project. Although Hillsborough County did better, the City of Tampa went on an annexation spree. The result of that pilot project was New Tampa. Great transportation planning. And, they want to turn this loose in every major populated area in the state?
- - An amendment now makes all development orders valid for 20 years instead of 10. In our area, all rezonings become development orders. **That means we are now stuck with all rezonings for 20 years.** What we need to do is reduce the lifetime of these rezonings to fit better with changing markets and economies.

Contact the following, and ask them to **VOTE NO ON HB 7203!!!!!!**

Governor Charlie Crist: http://www.flgov.com/contact_form (this is the link to the form to easily contact him)

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