



*Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.*

# Board of Directors Meeting

**June 5, 2014**



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Executive Director

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# Board of Director's Meeting

**June 5, 2014**

**West Kendall Baptist Hospital  
9555 SW 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33196**

Immediate Past President

Hon. Deede Weithorn  
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Hon. R. S. Shiver  
Commissioner, City of Florida City  
Hon. Wilfredo "Willy" Gort  
Commissioner, City of Miami

**5:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting**



**WELCOMING REMARKS:**

*President Cindy Lerner,  
Mayor, Village of Pinecrest*

**1. INVOCATION:**

*Rabbi Jaime Klein Aklepi,  
Senior Rabbi, Temple Bet Breira*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*Commissioner Sally A. Heyman,  
Miami-Dade County*

**3. MINUTES: May 1, 2014**

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Monthly Disbursement

5. BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA PRESENTATION:

*Mr. **Ralph Rios,**  
Vice President, Professional Services*

*Ms. **Michelle Mejia,**  
Assistant Vice President, Physician Services and GME*

*Mr. **Jose C. Romano,**  
Assistant Vice President, Business and Community Relations*

6. FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES CANDIDATE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:

*Commissioner **Gil Ziffer,**  
City of Tallahassee*

7. LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY:

*Mr. **Robert Levy,**  
President, Robert M. Levy and Associates*

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

***Richard Kuper, Esq.***

9. MDCLC LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TIGER GRANT:

*The Honorable James McDonald,  
Councilman, Village of Pinecrest*

10. 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INSTALLATION GALA BRONZE SPONSORSHIP AWARD:

*Mr. Alvin West,  
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer,  
Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau*

11. RECOGNITION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE:

- *Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Miami-Dade County*
- *Mr. Robert Levy, Robert M. Levy and Associates*

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **No Meeting in July: *Happy Independence Day***
- **Board of Directors Meeting: *August 7, 2014***  
Location: T.B.A.
- **Miami Shores Green Day: *Saturday, October 18, 2014***  
Location: NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave @ 94-99<sup>th</sup> Sts.  
3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT





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Minutes

May 1, 2014

### Town of Medley's Municipal Services Facility

President, **Cindy Lerner**, Mayor, Village of Pinecrest, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed the guest to the Town of Medley's Municipal Services Facility. Mayor **Roberto Martell**, Town of Medley gave the Invocation. Mayor **Roberto Martell, Town Council and Chief of Police**, Town of Medley led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **municipalities represented** at the Board Meeting: Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, Cutler Bay, Doral, El Portal, Indian Creek, Florida City, Medley, Miami, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Miami Shores, Miami Lakes, North Bay Village, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Opa-Locka, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, South Miami, Sunny Isles Beach, Virginia Gardens and West Miami. **Associate Members** and guests: American Traffic Solutions, BMG Money, Inc., Baptist Health South Florida, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Chen Moore and Associates, FPL, Greenburg Traurig, Levy and Associates, Marrero and Wydler, Marcum LLP, Metro Dade Firefighters, Miami Dade College, Recreational Design and Construction, TECO People Gas, The Corradino Group, Waste Management, and Weiss, Serota, Helfman...

President **Lerner** asked for a motion to approve the minutes and the consent agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

President **Lerner** introduced **Roberto Martell**, Mayor, Town of Medley for the Host City presentation. Mayor Martell thanked everyone that attended the first MDCLC meeting that has been held in the town of Medley. He thanked the League for giving him the opportunity to let the Town host and co-sponsor the meeting. Mayor Martell informed everyone present that the facility is open to the public and to the residents of the Town of Medley. He mentioned that the council and himself assist the residents as they come in and help them resolve any issues they may have. Mayor Martell informed the attendees that the Town of Medley is very independent, it has its own police force, water department, and its own sewer and water department. The Town of Medley is a very industrial town and there are a lot of businesses that benefit the Town.

Mayor Martell welcomed everyone to the Town of Medley and invited everyone present to come back.

President **Lerner** introduced **Gladys Perez**, County Court Judge to swear in the incoming board members that did not attend the Installation Gala. Judge Gladys Perez swore in Vice Mayor R.S. Shiver, City of Florida City, Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, City of Miami, Commissioner Barry Cohen, Town of Surfside as the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Board of Directors. Miami-Dade County League of Cities congratulated Commissioner R.S. Shiver on his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary serving as an elected official.

President **Lerner** introduced **Jason Neal**, Government Affairs Director, Waste Management for the Sponsorship presentation. Mr. Neal thanked everyone for attending the meeting sponsored by Waste Management. Mr. Neal introduced **Mr. Alex Gonzalez**, Government Affairs Director to inform the attendees more about Waste Management. Mr. Gonzalez thanked the League for giving them the opportunity to sponsor the May meeting. Mr. Gonzalez announced that Waste Management will be investing in building a Natural Gas Fueling Station in the Town of Medley. Mr. Gonzalez thanked Mayor Martell and the Town of Medley Council for the opportunity to work together with Waste Management. Mr. Gonzalez mentioned that over 300 job openings will be available in the Town of Medley to work and operate the Natural Gas Fueling Station and it will be a great benefit for Waste Management and for the Town of Medley. Mayor Martell was very excited about the new facility and the benefits it will have in the Town.

President **Lerner** gave a report regarding annexation and incorporations. President Lerner informed everyone that she and Mr. Kuper had a meeting with Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding annexation and incorporation issues. President Lerner informed that they shared the League’s concerns with the Chairwoman and the meeting was very productive. President Lerner informed everyone that an e-mail was sent out from the Miami-Dade County League of Cities asking each municipality if they are in the process or thinking of taking any action regarding annexation and incorporations to inform the League and so that we can advocate as one whole League. President Lerner will be creating a task force and through the task force we are going to talk about what the challenges are and try to find solutions.

President **Lerner** introduced Executive Director, **Richard Kuper** for the Executive Director’s Report. Mr. Kuper introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: President Cindy Lerner, First Vice President Jon Burgess, Secretary Jordan Leonard, and Treasurer George Vallejo. He then acknowledged **Past Presidents** present: Councilman Isaac Salver, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, City of Miami, Former City of North Miami Councilman Michael Blynn, Vice Mayor R.S. Shiver, City of Florida City, and Former City of Doral Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez. Mr. Kuper recognized the **Board Members** that were present: Mayor Robert “Bob” Anderson, Village of Biscayne Park, Mayor Edward MacDougall, Town of Cutler Bay, Vice Mayor Christi Fraga, City of Doral, Councilwoman Claudia Cubillos, Village of El Portal, Vice Mayor R.S. Shiver, City of Florida City, Mayor Roberto Martell, Town of Medley, Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, City of Miami, Councilwoman Felicia Robinson, City of Miami Gardens, Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Town of Miami Lakes, Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village, Mayor Shelley Stanczyk, Village of Palmetto Bay, Councilman James McDonald, Village of Pinecrest, Vice Mayor Walter Harris, City of South Miami, Mayor Norman Edelcup, City of Sunny Isles Beach, Commissioner Barry Cohen, Town of Surfside, Councilman Richard Block, Village of Virginia Gardens and Mayor Eduardo Muhiña, City of West Miami. Mr. Kuper then

introduced the **City Managers** present: Heidi Shafran, Village of Biscayne Park, and Yolanda Aguilar, City of West Miami. **City Clerk** present: Marilane Lime, Village of Indian Creek. **Judges** present: Judge Don Cohn, Judge William Altfield, Judge Gladys Perez, Judge Jacqueline Schwartz, Judge Spencer Multack, and Judge Norma Lindsey. **City Attorneys present:** Dan Espino, City of Doral, and Steve Helfman, Town of Golden Beach, Village of Indian Creek and Town of Medley. **Chief of Police** present: Jeanette Said-Jinete, Town of Medley. **Candidate for Judges** present: Victoria Ferrer, Joe Perkins and Veronica Diaz. Mr. Kuper acknowledged the **Newly Elected Official** present: Commissioner Barry Cohen, Town of Surfside. He then congratulated Vice Mayor Jordan Leonard, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Councilman Josua Fuller, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Mayor Eduardo Muhiña, City of West Miami, and Vice Mayor Juan Blanes, City of West Miami on their re-election.

**Mr. Kuper** introduced a new associate member: Ben Khuene, Esq. from the Law Offices of Ben Khuene. He then acknowledged the associate members present: Orlando Torres, American Traffic Solutions; Maria Luisa Gonzalez Silva, and Jose Romano, Baptist Health South Florida; Marion Mathes, and Tom McCormick, BMG Money, Inc; Carlos Penin, Jose Miranda, Raul Rodriguez, and Rodney Carrero-Santana, C.A.P. Government, Inc.; Dr. Ben Chen, Chen Moore and Associates; Aletha Player, FPL; Albert Del Castillo, Greenberg Traurig; J.C. Canabal, Levy and Associates; Oscar Marrero, Marrero and Wydler; Michael Futterman, Marcum LLP; Paul Blake, Metro Dade Firefighters; Jeffrey Romeu, Miami Dade College; Ariel Guitian, Recreational Design and Construction; Sergio Abreu, TECO People Gas; Michelle Lopez, Salman Rathore, The Corradino Goup; Jason Neal, Alex Gonzalez, Shiraz Kashar, Waste Management; Dan Espino, Steve Helfman, Weiss, Serota, Helfman...

**Mr. Kuper** thanked Mayor Martell, the Council and the staff of the Town of Medley for hosting the May Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Kuper informed every one that on April 1, 2014 he attended the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference in Tallahassee along with other elected officials. On April 2 and 3, 2014 was Miami-Dade County Dade Days that was a success. Members of the Board and himself met together with a number of legislators. On April 11, 2014 Mr. Kuper attended the Miami-Dade County City Managers Association and Mr. Kuper thanked President Yolanda Aguilar, Manager of the City of West Miami for giving him the opportunity to attend on behalf of the League and participate. Mr. Kuper thanked them for allowing the League to be a member and for promoting the League and advocating for us to work together. We have a proactive group and leaders that have vision and understand how together we can make a greater impact for our municipalities. Mr. Kuper mentioned that on April 17, 2014 a meeting was held with President Lerner, Representative Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, and himself regarding the needs of each municipality at the State level. The MDCLC-Transportation Committee was held on April 23, 2014 and a meeting with Mayor Gimenez and the committee is scheduled for May 5, 2014. Mr. Kuper informed everyone present that the Miami-Dade County League of Cities is already working on the Best Practices Conference that will be held in October. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the sessions, the luncheon speaker, or the exhibition hall please call or e-mail the League office. He also thanked FPL for once again being the luncheon sponsor. If any of our members want to be a sponsor there are a number of opportunities.

**Mr. Kuper** introduced **Jeffrey Romeu**, Student, Miami Dade College for the MDCLC Scholarship Intern presentation. Mr. Romeu informed everyone that he will be graduating that week. Mr. Romeu thanked the League for the Scholarship and for the opportunity of him being an intern in the City of Hialeah. He informed everyone the benefits of the MDCLC scholarship and interning at the City of Hialeah. He informed everyone of what



a great experience this was for him. Mr. Romeu mentioned that he recently received an award the Miami Dade College-Hialeah Campus Academic Excellence Award in Social Studies. He also said that he has chosen to work with the United States Department of State for two years, the first year in Washington D.C. and the second year in a country aboard. He stated that it was a nation-wide search, which only 18 students were awarded out of thousands who applied and he thanked the league for allowing him to gain the experience he needed. He looks forward to participating with the Miami-Dade County League of Cities in the future.

President **Lerner** asked for a motion to approve the MDCLC Resolution 2014-1.

#### **MDCLC RESOLUTION 2014-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. URGING AND ENCOURAGING GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REVISIT THE CRITERIA FOR FUNDING STATE WATER PROJECTS THAT ARE SO GREATLY NEEDED THOURGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.**

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

President **Lerner** asked for a motion to approve the MDCLC Resolution 2014-2.

#### **MDCLC RESOLUTION 2014-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING TO THE ENTIRE MIAMI-DADE LIBRARY SYSTEM TO UNDERTAKE AND CONTINUE THE EXAMINATION, FORMALUTION AND ADOPTION OF A LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE PLAN FOR THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.**

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

President **Lerner** read through the announcements listed on the agenda. The Political Campaign Ethics Conference on May 16, 2014 at the St. Thomas University School of Law located at 16401 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33054. President Lerner informed everyone that the next Board of Directors meeting will be June 5, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Summarized minutes*



## **Corridor Plans**

### **Beach Corridor Transit Project Development Study**

The Beach Corridor Transit Project Development Study will update earlier planning efforts and culminate with the selection of a preferred alternative for modal technology and alignment. The selected alternative will connect with existing Miami-Dade Transit services including Metrobus, Metrorail and Metromover and will enable commuters to connect with Tri-Rail Commuter Rail Service to reach other parts of South Florida and beyond.

The proposed Beach Corridor Transit Connection will serve the cities of Miami and Miami Beach along a 6.5 mile corridor crossing Biscayne Bay to link downtown Miami to Miami Beach with premium transit service. The Beach Corridor study area is an epicenter for population and economic growth and a major employment center and tourist destination in Miami-Dade County. As a result, the roadways between Miami and Miami Beach are typically heavily congested. This high bus transit ridership corridor has been identified as a candidate for consideration for premium transit in the past two decades as part of a strategy to address east-west directional travel demands.

Miami-Dade County, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization, Florida Department of Transportation and the cities of Miami and Miami Beach, have applied for \$1.5M in Fiscal Year 2014, United States Department of Transportation TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grant Program funding to complete the Project Development phase for the proposed Beach Corridor Transit Connection project. A copy of the grant application is provided at the link below:



CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

MAYOR

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

April 23, 2014

Secretary Anthony Foxx  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: FY 2014 TIGER Grant Application for Miami-Dade County Beach Corridor Transit Connection Project Development Study

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Miami-Dade County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program funding request for the Beach Corridor Transit Connection Project Development Study. This study will research a number of transportation alternatives for a direct connection from downtown Miami to Miami Beach, two major economic generators in Miami-Dade County.

The cities of Miami and Miami Beach continue to experience rapid growth and densification that has exceeded earlier population and employment projections. Downtown Miami is one of the region's major employment hubs, containing a large number of the government and financial services, as well as entertainment and retail venues. Somewhat in contrast to downtown Miami, economic activity in Miami Beach is focused almost exclusively around a vibrant tourism/service industry, followed by hospitals and the entertainment industry.

The popularity of both Miami and Miami Beach as tourist attractions and the location of major residential, commercial, and office developments, have generated substantially higher travel demand between the two cities. The growth of these cities, when combined with relatively narrow streets and chronic lack of parking results in severe local congestion, make access by automobile progressively more difficult. Increased capacity and reliable transportation is necessary to support and continue economic prosperity, sustainable growth and quality of life standards valued throughout the region.

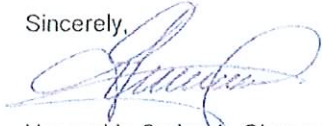
The proposed Beach Corridor Transit Connection project will interface with the existing Metrorail, Metromover and Metrobus systems in downtown Miami. It also will provide a connection to the Miami Intermodal Center/Miami International Airport via Metrorail, to Broward and Palm Beach counties via Tri-Rail, and to the future All Aboard Florida train service that will connect Orlando to Miami via its station in downtown Miami. In Miami Beach, the proposed system will connect to the County's major convention center and provide improved transit service within a highly dense and transit-oriented area.

Completion of the proposed development study will provide a solid foundation to advance the proposed Beach Corridor Transit Connection Project plan to the design and construction phase.

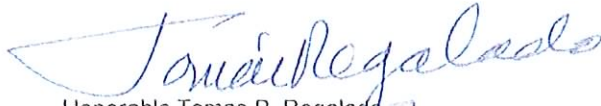
In an unprecedented effort, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the cities of Miami and Miami Beach, and Miami-Dade County, are all working together to move this project forward, to benefit the entire region. Towards this end, Miami-Dade County and the cities of Miami and Miami Beach are each pledging \$250,000 toward the \$1.5M TIGER grant local match, with FDOT pledging \$750,000.

We appreciate your consideration of this letter and Miami-Dade County's TIGER Application for this important project.

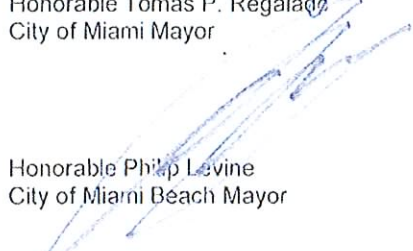
Sincerely,



Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez  
Miami-Dade County Mayor



Honorable Tomas P. Regalado  
City of Miami Mayor



Honorable Philip Levine  
City of Miami Beach Mayor

cc: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, District 6, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
Honorable Commissioner Bruno Barreiro, District 5, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
Honorable Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, District 3, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
Honorable Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, District 4, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
Honorable Chairman Dennis Moss, Miami-Dade County Transportation Aviation Committee, District 9, Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners  
Honorable Commissioner Xavier Suarez, District 7, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
Alina T. Hudak, Deputy Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
Ysela Llort, Director, Miami-Dade Transit  
Alice Bravo, Assistant City Manager, City of Miami  
Jimmy Morales, City Manager, City of Miami Beach  
Irma San Roman, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Ananth Prasad, P.E., Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation  
Gus Pego, P.E., District 6 Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation



*Florida Department of Transportation*

RICK SCOTT  
GOVERNOR

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ANANTH PRASAD, P.E.  
SECRETARY

March 27, 2014

Ms. Irma San Roman, Director  
Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization  
111 NW 1 Street, Suite 920  
Miami, FL 33128

Subject: FDOT Commitment to Miami-Dade MPO Bay Link Study

Dear Ms. San Roman:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has partnered in the planning of the Miami-Dade MPO Bay Link Study. The MPO has requested that the Department reaffirm a proposed financial commitment as the study team prepares to apply for the 2014 TIGER grant. This correspondence addresses that request.

The financial responsibilities associated with this study have been addressed in prior discussion with FDOT and represent a critical part of the TIGER grant application. FDOT intends to commit state funds for up to 50% of the non-federal share of the eligible cost of the Project Development Phase (PD&E). It is our understanding that Miami-Dade County, City of Miami, and City of Miami Beach, are also participating stakeholders in achieving the matching requirements.

The Department will program state funds to the PD&E study in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, consistent with the project schedule once the TIGER grant has successfully been awarded.

Please continue to coordinate with Mr. Gus Pego, P.E., District Six Secretary, and his staff to advance this project. The Department awaits a favorable evaluation from the TIGER grant committee and we look forward to participating in the efforts to enhance mobility and economic development in downtown Miami and Miami Beach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ananth Prasad", written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Ananth Prasad, P.E.  
Secretary

cc: Gus Pego, P.E.  
Harold Desdunes, P.E.  
Aileen Boucle, AICP



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April 24, 2014

Secretary Anthony Foxx  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: FY 2014 TIGER VI Planning Grant Application for the Miami-Dade County  
Beach Corridor Project Development Study**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Miami-Dade County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) VI Planning Grant Program funding request for the Beach Corridor Project Development Study. This study will analyze the impact of alternatives for a rapid transit connection from downtown Miami to Miami Beach, two major economic generators in Miami-Dade County. The proposed system would provide premium transit access for residents, employees and tourist to the many activity centers along the corridor. Completion of the Beach Corridor Project Development Study will provide a solid foundation to advance the project into the design/engineering and construction phases.

The Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Governing Board has supported the development of a rapid transit connecting Miami to Miami Beach. The MPO approved a locally preferred alternative in 2003 for a light rail transit/streetcar system. This corridor has been identified for premium transit improvements under the approved Long Range Transportation Plan. More recently, the MPO commissioned in partnership with Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Cities of Miami and Miami Beach, the Beach Corridor Transit Connection Study to update and refine the prior work conducted in the Bay Link Study. The MPO formed the Policy Executive Committee (PEC) to provide policy level guidance during the course of the Beach Corridor Transit Connection Study. The Beach Corridor PEC is comprised by the mayors of Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and the City of Miami Beach, and two representatives from the MPO Governing Board. The Beach Corridor PEC supported the TIGER Planning Grant application requesting funding for the Project Development Study.

We appreciate your consideration of this letter and Miami-Dade County's TIGER Planning Grant application for this important project.

Sincerely,

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Irma San Roman  
Executive Director, MPO

c: Alina T. Hudak, Deputy Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), I am pleased to write this letter in support of Miami-Dade County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program funding request for the Beach Corridor Transit Connection Project Development Study. This study will research a number of transportation alternatives for a direct connection between downtown Miami and Miami Beach, two major economic generators in Miami-Dade County.

The citizens of Miami-Dade County approved a ½ Cent Charter County Sales Surtax on November 5, 2002. The purpose of the Surtax is to partially fund the projects of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). The PTP included a broad range of projects including extensions to the Metrorail system. The voters also approved, as part of the ballot question, the CITT to oversee Surtax proceeds and PTP implementation.

The CITT also has been providing support toward the development of the PTP Corridors. The Trust has been exploring, in collaboration with the County and other transportation partners, innovative funding opportunities in order to maximize the impact of limited Surtax fund availability.

The proposed Beach Corridor Transit Connection project will interface with the existing Metrorail, Metromover, Metrobus and Miami Trolley systems in downtown Miami. It also will provide a connection to the Miami Intermodal Center/Miami International Airport via Metrorail, to Broward and Palm Beach counties via Tri-Rail, and to the future All Aboard Florida train service that will connect Orlando to Miami via its station in downtown Miami. In Miami Beach, the proposed system will connect to the County's major convention center and provide improved transit service within a highly dense and transit-oriented area.

The Cities of Miami and Miami Beach continue to experience rapid growth and densification of both population and employment, in addition to continued popularity

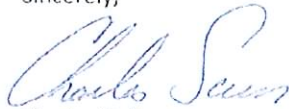
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as tourist attractions. The increased capacity and reliable transportation of premium transit is necessary to support and continue economic prosperity, sustainable growth and quality of life standards valued throughout the region. Completion of the proposed development study will provide a solid foundation to advance the proposed Beach Corridor Transit Connection project plan to the design and construction phase.

I appreciate your consideration of this letter and Miami-Dade County's TIGER Application for this important project.

Sincerely,



Charles D. Scurr  
Executive Director  
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Corridor Transit Connection Project Development Study

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA), I am pleased to write this letter in support of Miami-Dade County's FY 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program funding request for the Beach Corridor Transit Connection Project Development Study (f.k.a. "Baylink"). This study will research a number of transportation alternatives for a direct connection between Downtown Miami and Miami Beach, two major economic generators in Miami-Dade County.

The Cities of Miami and Miami Beach continue to experience rapid growth and densification that have exceeded earlier population and employment projections. Downtown Miami is the region's major employment center, containing a large number of government and professional services, as well as major arts, cultural, entertainment, and retail venues, such as the American Airlines Arena (home of the NBA's Miami Heat), Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, and Museum Park. Downtown has also witnessed exponential growth in its residential population – from 35,000 to 75,000 residents and counting – and is home to Miami-Dade College's 23,000 student Wolfson Campus and other educational institutions (see enclosed fact sheet). Miami Beach is focused around a vigorous tourism/service industry, followed by hospitals and the entertainment industry.

The popularity of both Miami and Miami Beach as tourist attractions, and the location of major residential, commercial, hospitality and educational uses, have generated substantially higher travel demand between the two cities. The growth of these cities, when combined with relatively narrow streets and chronic lack of parking, results in severe local congestion, making access by automobile progressively more difficult. Increased capacity and reliable transportation is necessary to support and continue economic prosperity, sustainable growth and quality of life standards valued throughout the region.

Recognizing this, the 2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan calls for the extension of premium transit service to Miami Beach as one of the DDA's major objectives (see enclosed). While the need to connect these major centers is already at an urgent stage as a result of recent growth and development, it will only become more critical in the future as Downtown and Miami Beach continue to grow. In Downtown alone,



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we are experiencing a new wave of development with dozens of new projects under construction or in the pipeline (see enclosed). These developments are, by their nature, transit-oriented development projects that would complement, support and benefit from existing and future transit service.

The proposed Beach Corridor Transit Connection project will also interface with the existing Metrorail, Metromover and Metrobus systems in Downtown Miami, as well as the City of Miami's trolley system. It would further provide a connection to the Miami Intermodal Center/Miami International Airport via Metrorail, to Broward and Palm Beach counties via Tri-Rail, and to the future "All Aboard Florida" train service that will connect Orlando to Miami via its grand central station in Downtown Miami. In Miami Beach, the proposed system will connect to the County's major convention center and provide improved transit service within a highly dense and transit-oriented area.

Completion of the proposed development study will provide a solid foundation to advance the proposed Beach Corridor Transit Connection project plan to the design and construction phase.

We appreciate your consideration of this letter and Miami-Dade County's TIGER Application for this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at 305-579-6675 or [robertson@miamidda.com](mailto:robertson@miamidda.com).

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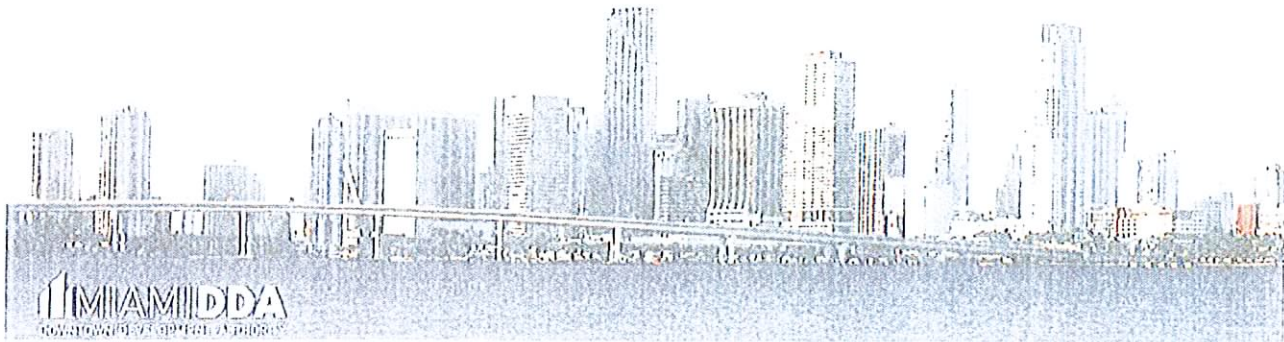


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Irma San Roman, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization

Enclosures

- Downtown Miami/DDA Fact Sheet
- 2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan excerpt
- Downtown Miami Market Insights



## DWNTWN Miami: Epicenter of the Americas

*"Miami is turning into something that Florida has never had: a densely populated city where professionals live and work"* (Business Week, 7.19.2010 edition)

### LIVE

Over 75,000 people live in Downtown Miami, up from the 2000 Census figure of 39,176 and marking an 90% increase in less than a decade. Projections indicate the population will increase to 85,000 by 2014.

Miami DDA studies show that 95% the 22,079 residential units built in Downtown Miami since 2003 are occupied with primarily full-time residents.

### WORK

220,000 people come into Downtown Miami each workday, making it the State's largest employment center. Over 4 million sq. ft. of new office space has been developed in the past decade, attracting new businesses from around the world, concentrated in the international finance and legal services industries.

### SHOP

Retailers are flocking to the district to capitalize on the new residential population. Over the past five years, more than 300 new restaurants and retail shops have opened up shop on Flagler Street, Bayside, Mary Brickell Village, and elsewhere, placing Downtown Miami amongst the top five downtowns in the nation with the lowest retail vacancy rates.

### VISIT

Downtown Miami is Florida's largest transit-oriented neighborhood with 3 Metrorail stations, a 20 station Metromover system, and two major bus terminals, supported by and serving the highest density and commercial intensity in the state. It will also soon be home to the main station of the "All Aboard Florida" express passenger rail service connecting Miami to Orlando.

Downtown has welcomed the arrival of several new luxury hotels, including the JW Marriott Marquis, Mandarin Oriental, Epic Hotel, Four Seasons, and Viceroy, adding to its allure as a top visitor and meeting destination. Overall, downtown contains over 30 hotels featuring 7,000+ rooms and 400,000+ sq. ft. of meeting space.

### PLAY

Downtown Miami is home to world class cultural and entertainment destinations, including the American Airlines Arena (Co Heat!), Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Live Nation Amphitheater at Bayfront Park, Gusman Center for the Performing Arts, and Miami Art Museum.

The district is also host to a number of internationally renowned events, such as the Miami Book Fair International, Ultra Music Festival, Miami International Film Festival and ING Miami Marathon.

### LEARN

Quality educational opportunities abound in downtown that serve families and professionals alike. Long home to Miami-Dade College's Wolfson Campus (23,000 students) the district has since attracted Florida International University, Miami International University of Art and Design, Manchester Business School, and other institutions of higher education, offering downtown professionals and families an array of options for continued learning.

Downtown families are also served by quality public, private, and specialty k-12 schools within and around the district.

# The Miami Downtown Development Authority

The Mission of the Miami Downtown Development Authority is to grow, strengthen and promote the economic health and vitality of Downtown Miami.

As an autonomous agency of the City, the Miami DDA advocates, facilitates, plans and executes business development, planning and capital improvements, and marketing and communication strategies.

The Miami DDA is a resource you can count on. If we can ever be of any assistance – research, expertise, advocacy, marketing, etc – please do not hesitate to contact us. Alyce Robertson, Executive Director, robertson@miamidda.com, 305-579-6675

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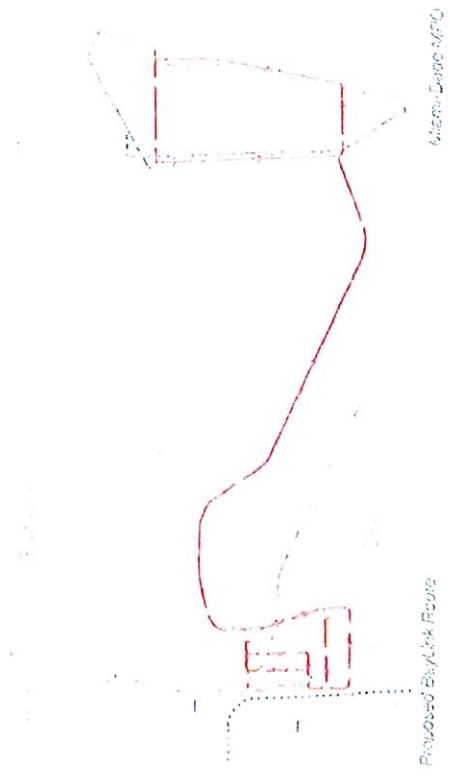
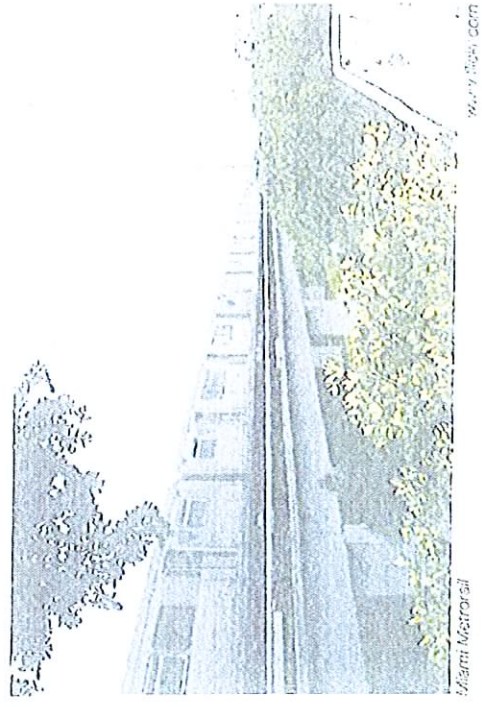
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2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan

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• Ensure quality operations and maintenance of existing and expanded systems.

• Actively promote greater connectivity between Downtown Miami and the City of Miami Beach attractions through Baylink, bus rapid transit (BRT) and water taxis.

• Expand Metrorail service to connect Downtown Miami to Miami International Airport and other major Miami attractions, such as the Miami Marlins Ballpark and Florida International University.



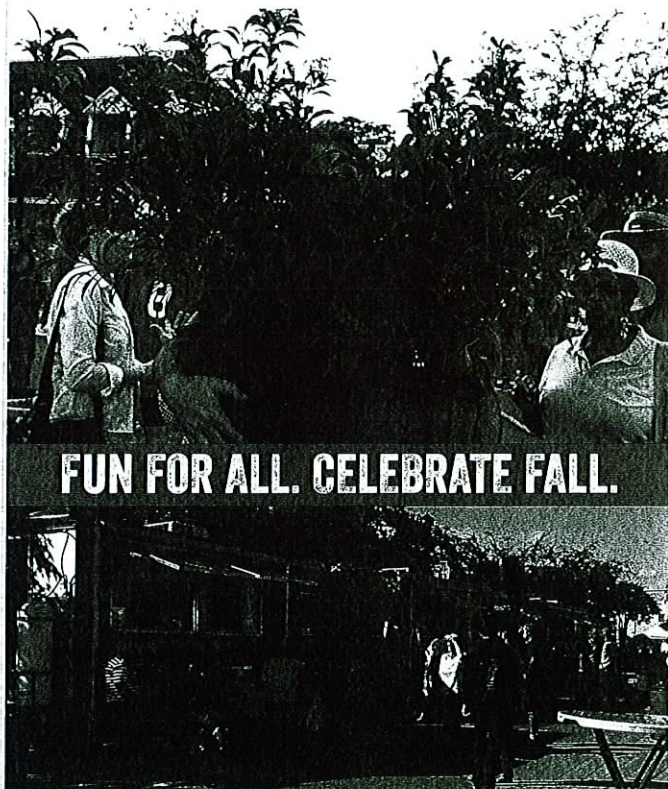




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