



# MEMORANDUM

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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLEAN CITIES COALITION UPDATE

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## **April Meeting Spotlights Driving Electric**

The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition hosted its first meeting of the year on Friday, April 8, 2016 at the South Florida Regional Council. The theme of the event was how to advance electric vehicles (EVs) and supportive infrastructure in the region.

The meeting included indoor EV infrastructure displays as well as outdoor EV and EV charging displays. Natalia Neira, 2015-2016 Clean Cities University Workforce Development Intern, presented a summary of Coalition accomplishments. Anne-Louise Seabury of Florida Power & Light Company and Penni Redford of the City of West Palm Beach were among the speakers who discussed the future of electric vehicles. The EcoEagles team from Embry Riddle University discussed the new generation of the American muscle car - their hybrid EcoCAR3 Chevrolet Camaro which is a high-performance vehicle running off a battery pack and E85.

Coalition members and stakeholders celebrated and recognized FPL's Anne-Louise Seabury for her many contributions in support of the Coalition and Southeast Florida. Seabury has devoted the past several years of her career to educating the public about electric vehicle ownership. At the event Seabury was recognized as the Coalition's Drive Electric Champion and awarded for her efforts.

Electric charging station displays were sponsored by Brickell Energy, Car Charging Inc, Crown Electric, and Doc Bornee USA. Electric car displays included the Embry Riddle EcoCAR2 – a converted 2013 Chevrolet Malibu, 2016 Ford CMax Energi from AutoNation Ford Margate, 2016 Nissan Leaf complements of Weston Nissan, and stakeholder-owned Chevy Volt and BMW i3 models.

The meeting was well-attended and PowerPoint presentations from the meeting are being uploaded onto the Coalition's website at: [www.sefloridacleancities.org](http://www.sefloridacleancities.org) . Once on the webpage, you may note the group photo of meeting attendees. Then scroll down to News/Events and click on the April 2016 Meeting button for PowerPoint presentations.

## **Continuing Student Internships through the Clean Cities University Work Development Program**

The national Clean Cities Program has been working with Argonne National Laboratory for the past few years to provide internship opportunities for promising university students. Each intern is paired with a Clean Cities Coalition where he or she learns valuable industry skills, especially related to alternative/renewable fuels, outreach about alternative transportation, and emerging vehicle technologies. Throughout the 2015/16 school year, the Coalition has been fortunate to work with student intern, Natalia Neira who is a graduating Masters in Urban and Regional Planning student at the University of Florida. Ms. Neira's many accomplishments on behalf of the Coalition are detailed on the Coalition's website under News/Events, April 2016 Meeting.

In early June, Sofia Thordin, now a graduate of the University of Florida, will return to the work with the Coalition during Summer 2016.

Please contact Christine Heshmati of Council staff ([cheshmati@sfrpc.com](mailto:cheshmati@sfrpc.com)) for further information about Clean Cities' activities.

### Recommendation

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