



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.G

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DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: VOLKSWAGEN "CLEAN DIESEL" MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES, AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION SETTLEMENT UPDATE

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This memorandum serves as an update to the action taken by Council members at their December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting through Resolution 16-03, urging the Governor of Florida to apply for and administer funds associated with the Volkswagen Settlement.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, interested members of the Southeast Florida Climate Change Regional Compact met by phone to discuss the potential for a regional strategy to pursue funds from the Environmental Mitigation Trust portion of the VW Settlement. It is anticipated that Governor Rick Scott will enroll Florida as a beneficiary, select an administering agency for the state, and accept Florida's allocation of approximately \$152 million. Funds from the mitigation trust may then be used to upgrade aging diesel-powered vehicles with newer, cleaner diesel engines or alternative fuels including natural gas or electrification. Up to 15 per cent of the allocation may be used to buy, install, operate and maintain new light-duty electric charging infrastructure. Those on the Compact call agreed that Southeast Florida should work to develop a plan to submit to the State to bring a sizeable portion of these funds, commensurate with our vehicle consumer population, to this region of Florida. Additionally, the group agreed that existing work like the EV Community Readiness Plan completed on 2013 through the Council's Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition, should be leveraged in plan development. Local air quality program contacts for Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties will be invited to join the next conference call meeting which will be scheduled for later this month.

## Recommendation

Information only.



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