



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.C

DATE: JUNE 26, 2017

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLEAN CITIES PROGRAM UPDATE

On May 30, 2017, members of the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact met by phone to follow up on a regional strategy to pursue funds from the Environmental Mitigation Trust portion of the VW Settlement and to discuss individual submissions for the Request for information (RFI) from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). 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 \$166 million. Participants included local air quality program and environmental program contacts for Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties, Miami International Airport, Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport, county transit agencies, seaports, SFRTA, and Florida Department of Transportation, Districts 4 and 6. Participants were encouraged to submit individual city and county responses to the DEP on or before June 23, 2017. Participants were also asked to submit a copy to Natalia Neira, Clean Cities Coordinator so that the Compact can gather regional information and develop a regional plan to support individual submissions with regional needs, data, and opportunities for project deployment.

On June 6, 2017, the Coalition held a meeting which was well-attended by private and public sector stakeholders and members. Mr. Jason Gaschel, the Electric Vehicle Program Manager from the Florida Power & Light Company (FP&L) discussed the status of the VW settlement and FDEP's RFI. FPL will be submitting a regional plan to increase the electric vehicle charging network and expand into larger vehicles like shuttles and buses. The City of Hollywood presented their new E85 station, which was accomplished through a partnership with Protec Fuel and funded through a US Department of Agriculture Grant. The Central Communities of New York Coordinator presented the National Association of State Energy Officials' Initiative for Resiliency in Energy through Vehicles (IREV) tracking tool. IREV supports the incorporation of alternative fuels in emergency response and preparedness operations. Copies of the individual responses will be collected to prepare a plan with the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.

Recommendation

Information only.



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