



AGENDA ITEM #VI.E

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Attached are brief descriptions of some ongoing programs and activities of the Council.

Information only.

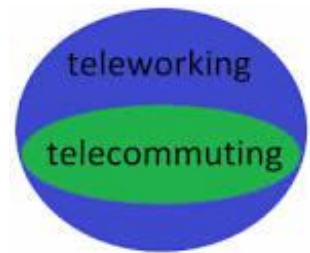


COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 2020

Miami Dade TPO Travel Behavior Trend Analysis

Council staff are in the initial stage of developing a Scope of Work (SOW) to carry out a *Travel Behavior Trend Analysis* for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). The study will look to assess, compare, and identify trends in travel patterns pre-COVID-19 pandemic, during the pandemic related lockdowns (“shelter-in-place” or “stay-at-home” orders), and after the phased reopening in Miami-Dade County. The primary goal of this effort is to assist the TPO with understanding the impact that the pandemic has had on those that utilize the surface transportation networks in Miami-Dade, and project future travel behaviors and how these behavioral shifts may impact transportation demand.



Staff Contact: Mark-Anthony Smith, MPA, Regional Planner and Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coordinator

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)

The findings and recommendations of the Council’s “TOD Readiness Report for Select Station Areas” (Report) is providing guidance and direction for the issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for SFRTA-



owned land in station areas. The Report was produced by Council staff in collaboration with SFRTA staff and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. The RFPs are expected to be focused on the three stations that were found in the Report to have immediate market potential (Boca Raton, Boynton, and Cypress Creek Stations) but may be more broad ranging to maximize benefit to the SFRTA. The goal of the effort to activate station areas, increase ridership, and maximize the benefits to the SFRTA of underutilized land.

Staff Contact: Christina Miskis, MURP, Transportation/Land Use & Regional Planning

Revolving Loan Fund



The Council has begun operation of the EDA CARES RLF, hired key program staff, and submitted a two-year grant administration plan to the Economic Development Administration. The RLF CARES Act Program is a long-term financing program to assist COVID-19 impacted businesses to alleviate sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by the pandemic in the four-county area of Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. COVID-impacted critical businesses. Please visit www.CARESActRLF.org for additional information.

Staff Contact: Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer; Steve Foreman, CARES RLF Administrator

Florida Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program



Council staff has started working with the Northeast Florida Regional Council and the other nine Florida RPCs to continue the efforts of the RPCs in the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Project. This round, Council staff's primary effort will involve revisiting the Behavioral Study (i.e. will people evacuate, what will it take for them to evacuate, will repeated storms increase the likelihood of evacuations, will "false alarms" have the opposite effect, etc.). The effort will also involve updating GIS data such as demographics and location of shelters for inputs in the state evacuation model. The

project will be completed February 15, 2021.

Staff Contact: Mark Cassidy, MRP, Regional Planner

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

As the South Florida Region's Economic Development District, the Council has the responsibility of updating the region's CEDS document every five years. Council staff has started preparing to invite the next CEDS Strategy Committee to convene under the leadership of the Council to formulate an approach for revitalizing the economic development strategy of the region by incorporating the new recommendations by the Economic Development Administration to increase the focus on economic resiliency as well as to take advantage of the newly created Opportunity Zones. Over the next 16 months, Council staff will convene the CEDS Strategy Committee multiple times to gather input that will guide economic development investment.



The updated CEDS document will be completed December 2021.

Staff Contact: Mark Cassidy, MRP, Regional Planner

Improving Access at Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus Study Update (2020)

An update of a 2011 Miami-Dade MPO study of Improving Access in the FIU Biscayne Bay Campus Work Area was undertaken earlier this year by the Florida Department of Transportation District 6 pursuant to a request by State Senator Jason Pizzo. The Study Update, completed in late July, is a starting point for community conversation. Council staff is assisting the Florida Department of Transportation in presenting Study Information and convening community stakeholders.

Staff Contact: Isabel Cosio Carballo, MPA, Executive Director

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
Wednesday, September 23, 2020

You are cordially invited
to a presentation of the recently completed
**"Improving Access at Florida International University
Biscayne Bay Campus Study Update"**
Hosted by the South Florida Regional Planning Council

An update of the 2011 Miami-Dade MPO
Improving Access in the Biscayne Bay Campus Work Area (Work Order #549-11)
was undertaken earlier this year by the Florida Department of Transportation District 6. The Study
Update, completed in late July, is a starting point for conversation and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

**TWO MEETINGS -
AVERAGE COLLABORATION!**

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| Virtual Stakeholder Meeting (Meeting #1) 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time ZOOM by the web or conference call You must register in advance to attend this meeting. Once completed, you will receive a confirmation email with additional instructions to join. Click here to register! The public shall have the right of access to this meeting. However, members of the public are invited to provide comment at the 1:30 p.m. virtual meeting via Zoom. | Virtual Public Workshop (Stakeholder Meeting #2) 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time ZOOM by the web or conference call You must register in advance to attend this meeting. Once completed, you will receive a confirmation email with additional instructions to join. Click here to register! Public comment can also be submitted to: isfrpc@fdot.com |
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Public Marina and Coastline Resilience / Brownfields Initiative

The South Florida Regional Planning Council, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and Miami Waterkeeper are working together as a Coalition to improve coastal resiliency and reduce environmental impacts at public marinas and coastline access points. The Coalition seeks to assess potential environmental impacts and resiliency challenges, while helping communities to move priority sites forward with cleanup and resiliency planning, design, and implementation.



Staff Contact: Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer

Initiative Goals:

- Improve coastal resiliency and climate change preparedness
- Decrease vulnerability of marinas, public water access points and surrounding neighborhoods
- Cleanup brownfields properties and reduce environmental impacts
- Restore habitat and diminish impacts to marine species
- Enhance public access to waterfronts
- Increase participation in Clean and Resilient Marinas Programs
- Leverage Funds
- Community education and engagement

South Dade Economic Development Strategy



Council staff has been working with Miami-Dade Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER), Lambert Advisory, and the Economic Development Council of South Miami-Dade (EDC) to develop a strategic plan for South Miami-Dade. The project team solicited information from key industries in the region. These included stakeholders from the retail, healthcare, and agricultural industries in South Miami-Dade. Their insights, along with community feedback, will strengthen the finalized strategic plan. The Plan is in final review for submittal to EDA this

month.

Staff Contact: Arlene Davis-Walcott, AICP, MBA, MS, Director of Regional Planning & Economic Development