



AGENDA ITEM # VI.D

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2022
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Information only.



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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLEAN CITIES COALITION

For more information, please contact Alisha Lopez, Clean Cities Coordinator at alopez@sfrpc.com.



The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition (SEFCCC) is hosting an Annual Stakeholder Award Ceremony on Thursday, February 24th at 10:00 a.m. It will be an in-person event at the Council Office.

The SEFCCC co-hosted a Renewable Natural Gas Webinar with the North Florida Clean Fuels Coalition.

Additionally, we participated in a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) webinar hosted by the Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition. All the coalitions presented updated information on their region.

Lastly, Alisha Lopez, our Clean Cities Coordinator attended the National Biodiesel Conference in Las Vegas to speak with fuel providers, producers, and other coordinators on their sustainability efforts using biodiesel. The outreach was a huge success and our Coalition plans to expand biodiesel use in the region.



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

For more information, please contact Jason McMahon, LEPC Coordinator at jmcmahon@sfrpc.com.



Annually, the South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) provides hazardous materials training to over 300 individuals. In January, the LEPC sponsored over 20 Special Operations responders from Broward Sheriff's Office Fire-Rescue, Hollywood Fire-Rescue, and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue to attend the 2022 Hazardous Materials Symposium in Daytona Beach.

At the symposium, top hazardous materials experts conducted diverse training courses, and the various hazardous materials teams competed in races to identify chemicals and contain leaks. On January 27th, the LEPC hosted Florida's Division of Emergency Management Presentation to provide E-Plan training to our region. In attendance were over 30 representatives from facilities that file annual chemical inventory reports, as required by law and the Environmental Protection Agency.



On February 16th, the LEPC held a quarterly meeting where upcoming training opportunities were discussed and planning for the 2022 LEPC Emergency Response Exercise kicked off.

The LEPC is looking forward to March with plans to offer the following training:

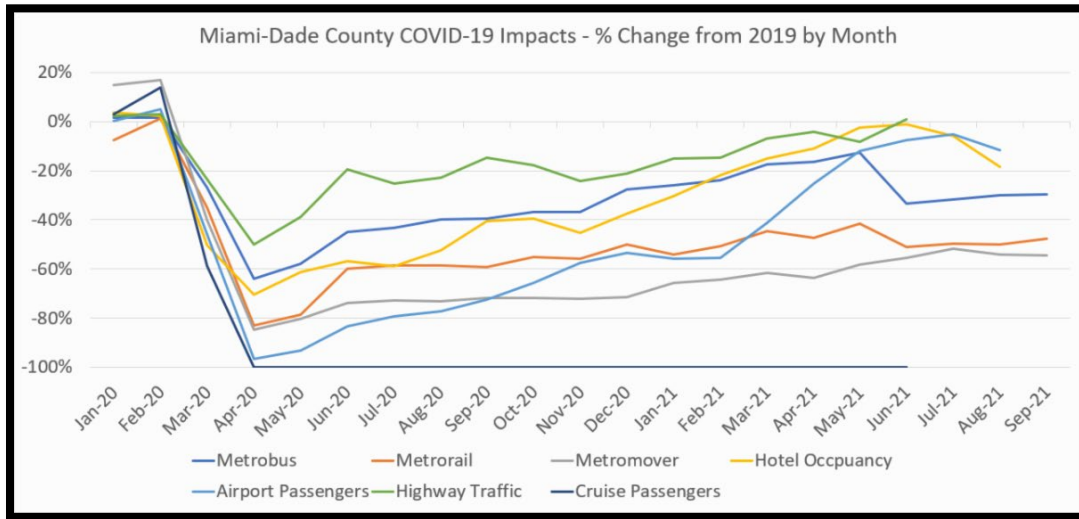
- OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response training at the Broward County Environmental Permitting Division.
- Federal Resources Presumptive Identification to Today's Emerging Threats at the SFRPC office in Hollywood, FL.
- 160-Hour Hazardous Materials Technician Training at Hollywood Fire-Rescue.

MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S COVID-19 TRAVEL BEHAVIOR TREND ANALYSIS

For more information, please contact Christina Miskis, Principal Planner at cmiskis@sfrpc.com.



Council staff completed work on the COVID-19 Travel Behavior Trend Analysis at the end of 2021. The goal of the project is to understand the impact the pandemic has had on those that utilize the surface transportation networks in Miami-Dade County, project future travel behaviors, and how these behavioral shifts may impact transportation demand. As the impacts to travel due to COVID-19 are ongoing, the project serves as a baseline to document the impacts to travel during the pandemic. The impacts to travel patterns during the business lockdown phases of the COVID-19 led to precipitous drops in travel of unprecedented levels, particularly to transit. Overall travel has steadily increased in Miami-Dade County since the beginning of the pandemic and in some cases is back to pre-pandemic levels.



The findings of the report will be presented by TPO staff to the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Council (TPC) in February. The TPC is responsible for the technical adequacy of the TPO’s planning program and advises the TPO Governing Board on the various proposed program actions. Staff will join TPO staff in support of the presentation and coordinated in TPO staff in preparation.

UPDATE: CARES ACT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

For more information, please contact Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer at jtart@sfrpc.com.

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In other business, the Board elected SFRPC Councilmember Cary Goldberg to the position of Vice Chair, and SFRPC Councilmember Samuel Kaufman to the position of Secretary. RLF Chair Lisa Mooney, Vice President, Bank United; Treasurer Tequisha Myles, Esq., Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County; and Isabel Cosio Carballo, SFRPC Executive Director were re-elected to the Board. Lastly, the Board welcomed its newest member Marie Gill, President & CEO of M. Gill & Associates. Marie Gill is a successful entrepreneur whose primary focus is assisting small, minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses to successfully compete in the domestic and global markets.

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SOUTH FLORIDA REVOLVING LOAN FUND BOARD SUCCESSFULLY LENDS \$5.38 MILLION TO COVID IMPACTED BUSINESSES IN RECORD TIME

HOLLYWOOD, FL – Since 1974, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC/Council) has served as the regional planning agency for Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties. It is governed by a public/private board of county and municipal elected and appointed officials from three counties. The Council supports the region’s elected leaders and public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders through regional, collaborative planning and the development and implementation of programs and strategies including economic development and revolving loan fund programs.

The SFRPC Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program was established to assist businesses following the devastation of Hurricane Andrew, which on August 24, 1992, ravaged South Florida, particularly southern Miami-Dade County. Today, the SFRPC continues to serve small- and medium-size businesses who seek financial capital to grow their businesses but are unable to obtain conventional financing. In 2020, the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) partnered with the Council to capitalize a new \$5.38 million CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund for businesses adversely impacted by COVID-19. These funds are being utilized to help alleviate sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by the coronavirus in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. To date, this program has provided 24 businesses with the tools and resources they need to continue their recovery from the pandemic and keep Floridians working.

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The SFRPC RLF is an award winning program. In August 2021, the Council was a proud recipient of the American Wellbeing NAPO Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations. This award honors members for their creative approaches to advancing regional economic development and an improved quality of life. “This award is an honor to receive and we continue to anticipate great things for years to come by providing our small businesses within the region with the financial support and assistance they need to succeed and help make South Florida a vibrant and beautiful place to work and live.” – Jeff Tart (pictured), Senior Loan Officer, Revolving Loan Fund Program, SFRPC

“We congratulate SFRPC Councilmembers Cary Goldberg and Samuel Kaufman on their election to the Executive Committee and thank them for their continued service. We are delighted to welcome Marie Gill to the RLF Board. Her expertise and work with the region’s small, minority businesses will serve the Board well. We are honored to stand with the EDA to secure and provide critically needed financial resources to South Florida’s small businesses. These funds will help preserve existing jobs and create new ones, build greater economic diversity, and enhance the resiliency of the region’s entrepreneurs during these unprecedented times and in the future.” – Lisa Mooney, Chair, SFRPC RLF Board

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CONTINUED SUCCESS: NEW RLF SURVEY

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During the last 12 months, the SFRPC utilized social media to attract individuals from Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. During that time, a survey was created which collected responses from 289 participants and allowed SFRPC RLF staff to reach out and discuss possible options to small business owners ranging from photography, construction, dry cleaning, marketing, and many other entrepreneurial areas. We recorded a total of 465 interactive clicks (14% men, 85% women) from our Facebook ad and other social media platforms.



Given the success of said survey, we have revamped it to collect additional information and understand more of what the communities' needs are, and will be running another Facebook ad until further notice. We ask that you please share the survey within your respective jurisdictions. You can access it by clicking [HERE](#), or through the image provided above – [via our website](#).

EXCITING NEWS: EQUITABLE LENDING LEADERS

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Due to our strength and dedication in supporting minority-owned businesses with financial assistance through our Revolving Loan Fund Programs, the South Florida Regional Planning Council has been selected as a peer leader by the Economic Development Administration to help further encourage diversity and promote equitable lending to small business owners throughout the mid-Atlantic and Florida regions.



BROWNFIELDS

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The SFRPC has EPA funded loan-money available for site remediation and subsequent redevelopment. The SFRPC has been participating in Brownfield assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment since 2001. Our Brownfields Partnership and Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund initiatives include:

- Ongoing Public Marina and Coastline Resilience Brownfields Initiative
- \$300,000 EPA Grant – 79th Street Corridor Neighborhood Initiative
- \$600,000 EPA Grant – Coalition Partnership – Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and South Florida Regional Planning Council
- \$500,000 EPA Grant (pending) – Homestead CRA
- \$1,000,000 BCRLF – (pending) – Miami-Dade River Redevelopment



UPDATE: SOUTH FLORIDA MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE REVIEW

Attached

South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review

PROJECT SUMMARY AND UPDATES

As of January 25, 2022

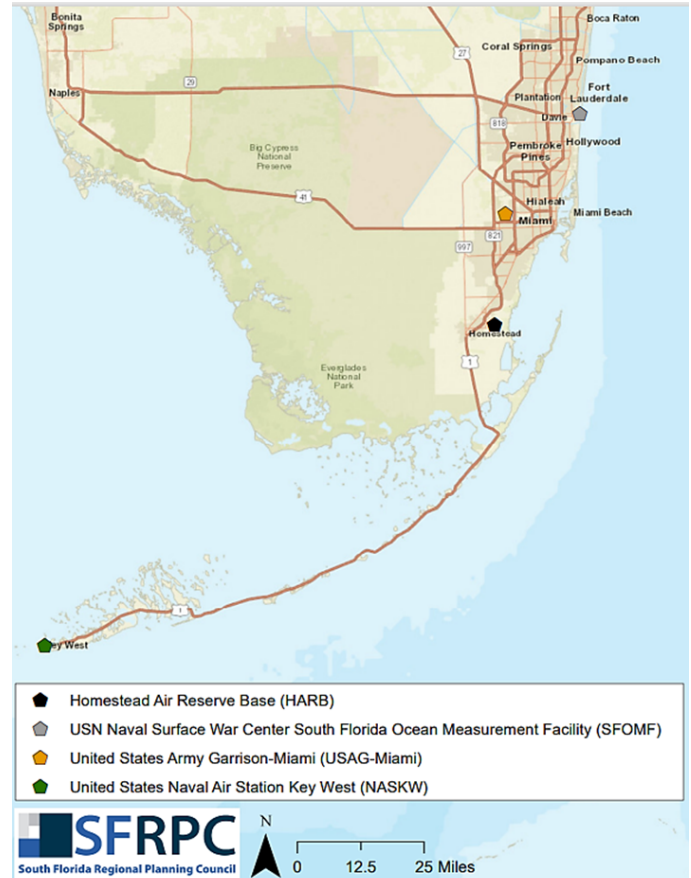
The U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) has awarded the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) funding to conduct a regional Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) of four key military installations over the next 18 months.

These four installations include:

- Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB), Miami-Dade County
- United States Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-Miami), Miami-Dade County
- USN Naval Surface War Center South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility (SFOMF), Broward County
- United States Naval Air Station Key West (NASKW), Monroe County

This study will identify the risks, hazards, and vulnerabilities of concern as it relates to the ability of the military to carry out its missions on the base that could be mitigated through investments and solutions outside of the fence line in the surrounding communities.

In October 2021, the SFRPC released two related Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in support of the project; one to assist with local military command coordination, mission analysis, state-wide military support engagement, and overall project management, and a second RFP focused on the required technical assessment and analysis work. The Council created a selection committee composed of five Executive Committee and Board Members, advised by professional staff and legal counsel.



Consultant Selections:

On December 16th, the Selection Committee awarded the military command coordination efforts to the **South Florida Defense Alliance** and created a finalist list of three vendors who were further reviewed for the technical assessment and analysis work. All three are respected engineering firms with a history of resilience work in South Florida as well as experience with the military. On January 6th, **Jacobs** was selected. Contract development is underway with an anticipated project kick-off in February 2022.

Utilizing the OLDCC grant, and matching funds provided by the Florida Defense Support Task Force, we look forward to working in partnership with the military commands and key stakeholders to enhance the resilience of South Florida's defense installations.

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