

#### AGENDA ITEM # VI.D

DATE: APRIL 25, 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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# **APRIL 2022**

## SFRPC AND TCRPC JOINT MEETING – MARCH 2022

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At the March 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting, councilmembers discussed with state and local experts ongoing climate resilience initiatives, statewide water infrastructure needs and the level of investment needed to address these needs, among other topics. Special guests included Wesley R. Brooks, Ph.D., Chief Resilience Officer, State of Florida; former Senate President Ken Pruitt; Frank Bernardino, Founding Partner, Anfield Consulting, as well as the region's top resilience experts: Jennifer Jurado, Ph.D., Chief Resilience Officer, Broward County; Jake Leach, Ph.D., Environmental Analyst, Palm Beach County Office of Resilience; and Ana Carolina Maran, Ph.D., District Resilience Officer, South Florida Water Management District. They joined Sandra Bogan, Resilience Navigator, St. Lucie County; Kathy Fitzpatrick, P.E., Coastal Engineer, Martin County; Andrew Sobczak, Assistant Community Development Director, Indian River County. This panel of experts shared their experiences and "lessons learned" in advancing the work of their respective counties and the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact. Please click here to hear the



















## SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLEAN CITIES COALITION

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



• The Coalition hosted a Stakeholder Award Meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> and presented 2 awards: Clean Cities Champion to Broward County Transportation and EV Excellence to Brickell Energy.

• The Coalition Coordinator participated in Capitol Hill Week with the Transportation Energy Partners and met with state

congressional and senate leaders to discuss Clean Cities funding and reinstating alternative fuel tax credits.

- The Coalition presented annual data for the region at the Florida Diesel Emission Mitigation Plan Workshop on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition.
- The SEFCCC Coordinator co-hosted an electric vehicle infrastructure listening session with the Central Florida Clean Cities Coalition.
- The Coalition Coordinator also presented to the City of Fort Lauderdale's Sustainability Board on accelerating electrification within the region.
- The Coalition Coordinator is working with all the local governments within the region to nominate alternative fuel corridors to the Florida Department of Transportation. This will solidify South Florida's position to apply for funding from the infrastructure bill.

### **DRIVE GREEN FLEET EXPO 2022**

Please join us for the first Drive Green Fleet Expo on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at the Anne Kolb Nature Center in Hollywood, Florida. It is a must-attend event for government officials, commercial and municipal fleet managers, corporate sustainability officers, and cleantech and clean-energy professionals, who want to learn how to use cleaner, low and zeroemissions fuels and technologies, while saving money. Advanced vehicle technologies, electric vehicles, and alternative fuels will be showcased. Attendees also get the chance to



test drive vehicles! For more information, please contact Alisha Lopez at 954-924-3653 or via email at <u>alopez@sfrpc.com</u>, or register now!

## SOUTH FLORIDA MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE REVIEW

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

In Fall 2021, the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) awarded the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) funding to conduct a regional Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) of four key military installations.

The four installations are:

- 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

Following a highly competitive section process, in April the Council reached agreement on a detailed scope of services with Jacobs Engineering and South Florida Defense Alliance for professional services to undertake the development of the MIRR over the next 16 months. 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. A project kick-off meeting with installation commanders and key stakeholders is expected to be held in May 2022 in Miami-Dade County.

## **CONTINUED SUCCESS: NEW RLF SURVEY**

For more information, please contact Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer at <u>itart@sfrpc.com</u>.

PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE OUR POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA! FOLLOW US ON: <u>Facebook</u> | <u>Instagram</u> | <u>Twitter</u> | <u>Linkedin</u> | <u>Youtube</u> From February 7, 2021 – February 7, 2022, 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 <u>HERE</u>, or through the image provided above – <u>via our website</u>.

## SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC.

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



The South Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. (CDFI) recently shared with Councilmember and Broward County Commissioner Quentin "Beam" Furr the push to share our affordable housing program in his next newsletter distribution. The program has recently closed a new loan to construct two new affordable singlefamily homes for first time minority homebuyers for Liberia Economic and Social Development in Fort Lauderdale.