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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLEAN CITITES COALITION AWARDED REDESIGNATION BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

HOLLYWOOD, FL – The <u>Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition (SEFLCCC)</u> was recently awarded Coalition redesignation by the U.S. Department of Energy. Through technical assistance, networking, and sharing transportation and fuel options, the SEFLCCC's promotes alternative fuel options and reduced reliance on petroleum in Southeast Florida. The SEFLCCC was commended for its technical expertise, responsiveness and communication, and educational outreach. The SEFLCCC continues to meet with stakeholders and stress the importance of alternative fuels, fuel-saving technologies and practices, and new mobility choices.

As host agency of the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition, the <u>South Florida</u> <u>Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)</u> operates this public-private partnership comprised of local government and private sector representatives. Designated in 1994 by the U.S. Department of Energy, the role of the Coalition is to provide fuel-neutral policy direction to maximize the use clean, alternative fuels in Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties. Stakeholders assist in a broad range of activities including fleet conversions to alternative fuels like natural gas or biodiesel, idle reduction education, and technical assistance to increase mobility options in Southeast Florida. The Clean Cities Program enhances the nation's economic, environmental, and energy security by working locally to advance affordable, domestic transportation fuels, energy efficient mobility systems, and other fuel-saving technologies and practices.





Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition Director, Alisha Lopez, with a Broward County electric vehicle and the innovative EV Power Pods on display for charging.

Redesignation by the U.S. Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Office means that the South Florida region will continue to have access to Clean Cities tools, resources, and a vast support network to convert fleets to alternative fuels that can help decrease harmful vehicle emissions, achieve sustainability goals, and reduce long-term transportation costs. This redesignation signals national recognition of the continued efforts by local fleets and public and private entities to build a more sustainable transportation system in South Florida that supports local economy and quality of life.

Since 1974, the South Florida Regional Planning Council has served as the regional planning agency for Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties, 70 municipalities, and an estimated 4.8 million residents. The Florida Legislature has recognized that regional planning councils are the only multipurpose regional entity in position to plan for intergovernmental solutions to growth related problems and meet the other needs of communities in each region. The Council is governed by a public/private board of county and municipal elected officials and gubernatorial appointees. Ex-officio members include representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and South Florida Water Management District. 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 shaping a better future for South Florida. For more information about the SFRPC and services offered, please visit our website at <u>www.sfregionalcouncil.org</u>.

To learn more about the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition Coalition and how to get involved, please contact Clean Cities Director Alisha Lopez at 954.924.3653 or <u>alopez@sfrpc.com</u>. You may also visit the Coalitions website at <u>Southeast Florida</u> <u>Clean Cities Coalition</u>.