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SEPTEMBER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

SAVE THE DATE! SFRPC AND TCRPC HOSTING JOINT CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER 2024: PREPARING FOR THE SILVER TSUNAMI

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SAVE THE DATE
TREASURE COAST & SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
PREPARING FOR THE SILVER TSUNAMI
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY, BOCA RATON

Southeast Florida's senior population is booming, mirroring national and worldwide trends. Referred to as the "Silver Tsunami," residents 65 years of age and older are projected to number more than 2.13 million in the seven county region by 2050 - an increase of 65% since 2021. Of these residents, 520,000 will be 85 years of age or older - an increase of 39% by 2050.

Join us as we explore the land use, transportation, healthcare, and economic implications of this generational wave. Southeast Florida's communities already struggle to support the needs of the region's elders. As the general population and workforce continues to age and live longer, Southeast Florida's competitiveness will depend on how we plan for and support seniors, employers, and society. The Silver Tsunami has begun and the wave is accelerating!

More information coming soon.

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The South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils is hosting its annual conference on November 15th at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. The topic of this year's conference will be "Preparing for the Silver Tsunami."

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FOLLOW UP ON SUCCESSFUL MAY 31ST MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

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The SFRPC is taking steps to address the housing crisis facing individuals with mental illness in South Florida. Following a successful regional conference hosted by the SFRPC on May 31st at Nova Southeastern University, SFRPC staff convened a follow-up meeting on August 28th to discuss potential solutions.

The May conference, led by Senator René García, brought together elected officials, experts, and community stakeholders to explore strategies for creating stable living environments for individuals struggling with mental

illness. One of the key outcomes of the event was the identification of a pressing need to address housing gaps for extremely low-income individuals with mental health problems in the region.

In the subsequent meeting, participants discussed the feasibility of launching a pilot program focused on securing funding for extremely low-income housing. This initiative aims to provide housing assistance to individuals who are currently underserved by existing funding streams. By addressing this critical need, the SFRPC hopes to improve the lives of individuals with mental illness and contribute to a more equitable and inclusive community.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ON TRANSPORTATION-RELATED ISSUES

For more information, please contact cmiskis@sfrpc.com

2055 Florida Transportation Plan **FDOT**

Join Us!

2055 Florida Transportation Plan Regional Workshop
Southeast Florida Region (South) | September 24, 2024

Keynote Speaker
• Isabel Cosio Carballo, MPA, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council

Attend the Regional Workshop
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Discussion Topics
• 2055 FTP Overview and FTP Vision and Goals
• What will impact the region's transportation system over the next 30 years?
• What actions are needed to achieve the goals for the future transportation system?

Join FDOT and local transportation industry leaders to collaborate on the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan update! More details on the Regional Workshop will be provided on the FloridaFTP.com website as information is available.

Building Our Transportation Future Together

Parking:
Miami-Dade Cultural Parking Garage, 50NW 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33128
There is a pedestrian bridge on the 2nd floor of the garage that directly leads to main branch library. There is 55 validated parking (based on availability) so supporting is encouraged.
Metro and Metro meter stops: Government Center
Tri-Rail: Miami Central station

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Public Participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.



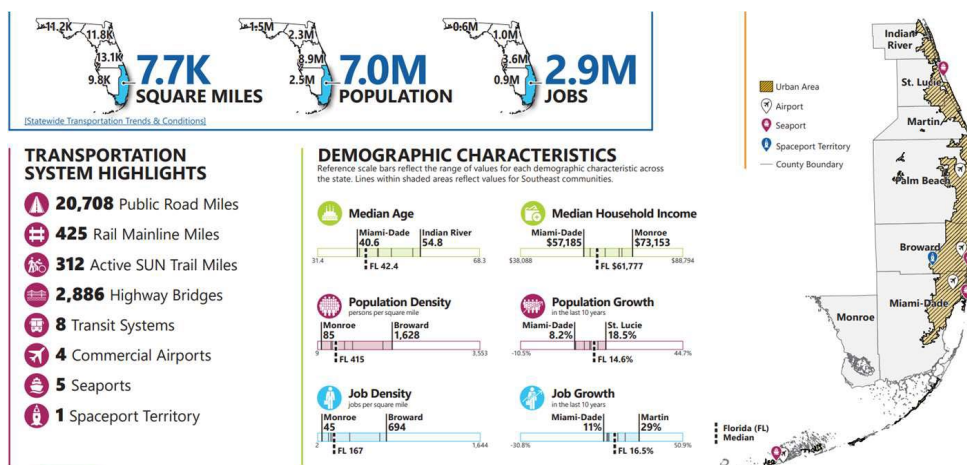
FDOT 2055 FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 24TH

SFRPC Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo and TCRPC Executive Director Tom Lanahan teamed up on September 24th for a presentation on Southeast Florida Trends and Issues as part of the Florida Department of Transportation's Kick Off Workshop on the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan in downtown Miami. More than one hundred transportation industry leaders, planners, and members of the public met to discuss and collaborate on the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) update.



The FTP is a comprehensive statewide blueprint guiding Florida's 30-year transportation future. Updated every five years, the FTP is a collaborative effort of state, regional, and local transportation partners in the public and private sectors. The FTP lays the foundation for investments in FDOT's Work Program and will be a plan in which Florida's communities can see themselves and use to develop their transportation plans and strategies. The development of the 2055 FTP update began in May 2024 and will continue over 18 months with adoption in December 2025.

The Florida FTP Steering Committee is a group of 16 key partners and stakeholders, in collaboration with FDOT, that is providing input to the guide the development of the goals, objectives, and policies for the 2055 Florida Transportation. Partners include Councilmember and Monroe County Commissioner Michele Lincoln and David Dech, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. A complete list of the Steering Committee can be found here: <https://www.floridaftp.com/steering-committee>



MIAMI-DADE TPO ADOPTS ITS 2055 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



On September 17th, South Florida Regional Planning Council staff announced the adoption of the Miami-Dade 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LTRP) by the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board.

The LTRP is a comprehensive strategy that outlines improvements for transit, highways, freight, and non-motorized transportation. It focuses on enhancing mobility, safety, security, resiliency, and integrating emerging technologies, while also assessing the cost-effectiveness of the County's current and future transportation infrastructure needs.

This public document aims to provide clarity and transparency in the transportation planning process. It presents the current trends in Miami-Dade County, aligns with the goals of the 2050 LRTP, and addresses the identified needs of the traveling public.

BROWARD MPO PRESENTS ROUTE TO 2050, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN



ROUTE TO 2050
A JOURNEY OF INNOVATION, COMMUNITY, AND MOBILITY

You're invited to a new Summit that will focus on future transportation technologies as noted in the Route to 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) powered by the Broward MPO. Be part of the discussion about how new technologies will support identified focus areas and what partnerships are needed to make this plan a reality.

Thursday, September 12, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Museum of Discovery & Science

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In addition, a special panel of community leaders and partners will discuss the future of transportation in Broward County.

Register Now!
BrowardMPO.org/MTPSummit

NO COST TO ATTEND

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On September 12th Council Staff attended the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Summit the Museum of Discovery & Science to focus on future transportation technologies noted in the Route to 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). By 2050, Broward County is projected to be home to more than two million people, a 20% increase from today. The long-range plan is a planning and investment strategy for the next 25 years, envisioning how Broward residents will drive, ride, walk and bike across the County.



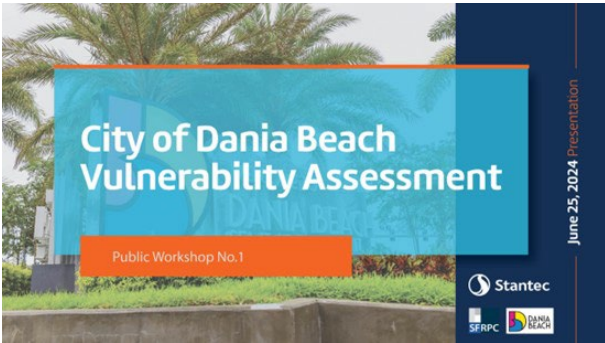
MEETING WITH MIAMI-DADE TPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On August 28th, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, met with SFRPC Executive Director, Isabel Cosio Carballo, MPA, and Council staff to discuss and provide an update on the SMART M.A.P. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and other initiatives to address mobility in Miami-Dade County and the region. The TPO guides the transportation planning process in Miami -Dade County.

REGIONAL RESILIENCY

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DANIA BEACH VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE



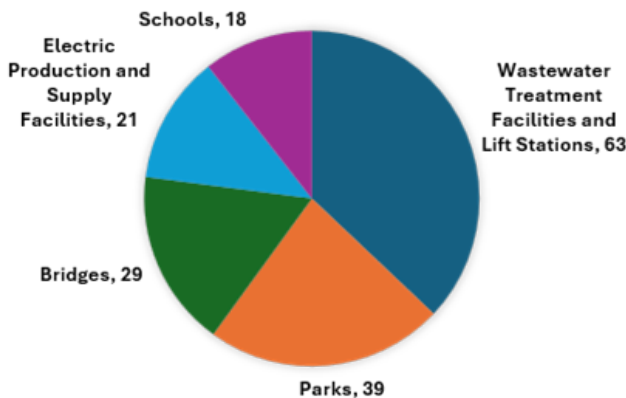
The SFRPC is assisting the City of Dania Beach with a vulnerability assessment for the Dania Beach Vulnerability Assessment Project. Key tasks include the collection of background data, exposure analysis, sensitivity analysis, the identification of focus areas, community outreach, development of the final Vulnerability Assessment Report with supporting maps and tables, and Peril of Flood Compliance.

Since the June 25th Public Workshop presentation to the City's Green Advisory Board, the team has continued its efforts of reviewing deliverables and ensuring all tasks have been completed ahead of the project completion in Fall 2024. Currently, the team is finalizing the Vulnerability Assessment Report, Maps, and Tables based on results from the exposure and sensitivity analyses. The team is also working on incorporating strategy and principles recommendations into a revised draft of the City's Coastal Element.

COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE FLOOD VULNERABILITY AND SEA LEVEL RISE DATA SET UPDATE



The SFRPC recently completed the South Florida Regional Planning Council Resilience Project (Project) which involved the review, identification and verification of regionally significant assets to be included in the Comprehensive Statewide Flood Vulnerability and Sea Level Rise Data Set for Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties.



251 new regionally significant assets were identified in our region and 15 localities coordinated with the SFRPC to provide this information. The results reflect the growing trend of flooding and sea level rise preparedness in our region with the topmost frequent asset being "Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Lift Stations" (total number was 63).

All assets were also mapped using GIS and provided to FDEP for inclusion in the State Critical Asset Database. The Council provided recommendations to the FDEP in its final report to

continue collaborating with local and private partners in South Florida so that the State Critical Asset Database reflects the growth of resilient infrastructure in the region and clarifies policy language that was confusing to some municipalities.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLEAN CITIES COALITION

For more information, please contact alopez@sfrpc.com

CLEAN CITIES DIRECTOR ALISHA LOPEZ HONORED WITH THE BENJAMIN WATSON INSPIRATIONAL AWARD



On September 12th the South Florida Regional Planning Council’s Clean Cities Director, Alisha Lopez, was awarded the Benjamin Watson Leadership Award at the 2024 U.S. Department of Energy’s Clean Cities and Communities National Training Workshop.

The Benjamin Watson Leadership Award is an award presented by the Clean Cities and Communities Director’s Council each year to the Director who provides inspiration and motivation to other directors and strives to create a fun, engaging, and unified team spirit within our program.

The award is named after Benjamin Watson, a founding member and long-time coordinator of Kansas City Regional Clean Cities, whose engaging personality and spirit left an indelible stamp on the Clean Cities program and established the true character of the organization. Miss Lopez was nominated and voted in by her fellow directors at the training. Congratulations to Alisha Lopez for winning this prestigious award!

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES



Under the leadership of Chair Steve Geller, the South Florida Regional Planning Council's (SFRPC) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDES) Steering Committee is taking a proactive approach to bridge the gap between transportation and housing opportunities in South Florida.

A new business case study, expected to be completed by mid-2025, will explore how strategic financial planning, improved

transportation, and land use policies can address the challenges faced by both workers and employers in our region. This study will serve as a roadmap for creating a more accessible and equitable South Florida.

To further this work, the CEDES Steering Committee has established three subcommittees comprised of business leaders and prominent public officials, focusing on Public Transportation Improvements, Land Use, and Financing Tools and Mechanisms for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) projects. Educational meetings with representatives from successful national projects like the City of Dallas TOD District, Denver TOD Fund, and Atlanta Beltline took place in September 2024.

By strengthening collaboration among public, private, academic, and non-profit leaders, the CEDES is committed to advance economic development, equitable access to opportunity, and prosperity in South Florida.

[\[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION\]](#)

SOUTH FLORIDA MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE REVIEW (MIRR) IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY

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The SFRPC has completed the South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) Phase I Assessment and Outreach activities and continues to convene installation, county, municipal, and private sector partners to prioritize and develop Phase II implementation projects.

In August 2024, SFRPC staff distributed an Implementation Task Matrix to all partners, describing the different kinds of projects that had been discussed as well as key partners involved. Partners were asked to provide updates and feedback on progress that they may have made since the May discussion, in addition to any resilience needs or projects.

The SFRPC was awarded supplemental funding from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) for a supplemental funding to support initial Phase II implementation efforts over the next few months to assist the Installations and surrounding communities in creating the working partnerships needed to address resilience threats through collaborative efforts and funding proposals.

Follow up meetings have been scheduled or are being scheduled with the Naval Air Station Key West, Homestead Air Reserve Base, U.S. Army Garrison – Miami / SOUTHCOM, and the U.S. Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division 91, South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility.

SFRPC STAFF BRIEFS FLORIDA DEFENSE ALLIANCE ON THE SOUTH FLORIDA MIRR



The Florida Defense Alliance invited SFRPC staff, along with other RPCs currently conducting MIRRs, to update them on their respective studies. Held on September 10th, at this meeting the Florida Defense Alliance discussed proposed actions to assist in preserving, protecting, and enhancing Florida’s military installations and missions and improving quality of life for military families.

The agenda included conversation on the challenge of childcare availability and affordability; a discussion of “What’s Next” for MIRRs in South Florida, Tampa, Emerald Coast, Central Florida / Avon Park, and East Central Florida; a report on the top challenges facing the military across the state. The Florida Defense Alliance serves as an overall advisory body for defense-related activity of FloridaCommerce and is a grassroots consortium of defense related organizations who serve to protect, promote and enhance the military value of Florida’s installations and missions. The South Florida Defense Alliance was, and continues to be, a key partner of the Council in the development and implementation of the South Florida MIRR.

SFRPC STAFF ATTENDS MEETING OF THE FLORIDA DEFENSE SUPPORT COMMISSION IN DORAL

The Florida Defense Support Commission, formerly the Florida Defense Support Task Force, met in Doral on September 19th. After its meeting, the Commission toured U.S. Army Garrison – Miami and SOUTHCOM.

The mission of the Commission is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations to support the state’s position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting and to improve the state’s military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.



The meeting featured a welcome and opening comments by Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez and featured a presentation by Captain Beth Regoli, Commander of Naval Air Station Key West. Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo attended the meeting and met with Commission member Monroe County Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Scholl, and NASKW Commander Captain Beth Regoli and her staff to discuss resilience implementation activities pursuant to the completion of the South Florida MIRR. Additional meetings with NASKW, Monroe County, and the City of Key West are expected to occur in October. The Commission meeting can be viewed here: <https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/9-19-24-florida-defense-support-commission/>

REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROJECT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE UPDATES

For more information, please contact jtart@sfrpc.com

RLF AND CLEAN CITIES JOINT WEBINAR FOR SMALL BUSINESSES



The SFRPC RLF and Clean Cities teams will be hosting a joint webinar on October 10th regarding small business grants and capital assistance. Experts from the region will provide resources to local small businesses.

WEST PALM BEACH AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING RIBBON CUTTING



On September 17th the SFRPC and Community Partners of South Florida celebrated a ribbon cutting for an affordable workforce housing unit built at 905 39th Street in West Palm Beach. The unit is 2,183 square feet and includes 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and impact windows.

The SFRPC is supporting the development of much needed affordable housing with loans to non-profit organizations engaged in affordable housing development. The SFRPC has been able to address the affordable housing crisis in

South Florida by providing construction funding needed to build single-family homes.



BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP RLF PROJECT UPDATE – CLAUDE PEPPER PARK IN NORTH MIAMI



The SFRPC, in collaboration with Redwood CP Dev LLC (Redwood), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Stantec, has been working to remediate and enhance the area surrounding and including Claude Pepper Park in North Miami, Florida. Funded in part by the SFRPC's Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF), this exciting project will provide much-needed affordable housing and commercial opportunities for residents in the South Florida area.

BACKGROUND

Claude Pepper Park is located at 1255 NW 145th Street in the City of North Miami. The site includes 15 acres of existing park facilities and 13.6 acres of new residential development. Plans include the renovation of the park and fields, upgrades to all courts, the addition of a new water park to the project, a new concession building, and a trail for walking and jogging along with new, and native landscaping. A new outdoor amphitheater for

cultural programs and the expansion of the Joe Celestin Community Center are proposed to include additional programs and classrooms for learning and recreation and a banquet hall that will create access of the community center into a communal engagement.



The mixed-use development will be adjacent and fully integrated into the park and will include six residential buildings containing 1,583 living units and 179,784 square feet of commercial space. This comprises a total of 3,841,637 gross square feet. This development will include an Independent Living Facility (ILF) with a bowling alley and entertainment center; workforce housing; large-scale retail on visually desirable corner lots; small shops and dining in the interior corridors; and an outdoor park for events connecting the Joe Celestin Center to the development and surrounding community.



The 212-unit independent living facility will be built in the first phase of the residential development. Redwood's workforce commitment is to provide 25% of the project at 140% area median income (AMI) and 20% at 120% AMI. Additionally, 5% of the project will be available to families earning 80% AMI. The remaining 50% will be at market rate which will be spread across the six new mixed-use buildings.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

According to a September 2022 Economic Impact Study prepared by Miami Economic Associates, Inc., the construction of the project is expected to create more than 8,600 full-time and part-time jobs, including 5,000+ on-site construction jobs. The remaining jobs will either be in businesses that support the construction industry such as building supply and trucking companies or in establishments in which the direct and indirect workers spend their earnings. More than \$460 million in salaries will be created during the construction period. After the project is completed, approximately 700 people are expected to be employed full-time on-site earning \$25.8 million in salaries annually. The project is also expected to generate more than \$21 million in off-site economic benefits for the City of North Miami and surrounding areas. The City of North Miami is expected to collect approximately \$7.37 million in building permit fees and development impact fees. Once completed, the project will generate \$4.6 million annually in ad valorem taxes for the City of North Miami; new revenue for the City since the land is currently vacant. It should be noted as well, as the mixed-use portion of the commercial project appreciates over time, additional ad valorem revenue will be generated for the City of North Miami.

§3.5 MILLION AWARD FROM THE EPA

In June 2024, the EPA announced the recipients of more than \$300 million in Brownfield Grants through the Biden Administration’s Investing in America Agenda to rehabilitate and revitalize communities. In addition to the \$3,200,000 in EPA funds already awarded, the SFRPC was selected to receive an additional \$3,500,000 through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) because of our high-performing Revolving Loan Fund Programs. These funds will replenish the program’s significantly depleted funds and allow new projects to move forward.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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ENERGY PROGRAMS**

The [Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant](#) (EECBG) is a formula grant that allocates funding based on local governments’ population for energy efficiency projects including but not limited to climate action

plans, electric vehicle charging stations, electric vehicles, energy efficient appliances for government buildings, energy audits for residents, and vouchers for e-bikes. The program is extremely flexible to accommodate a wide variety of projects and local needs. Applications are open until October 31, 2024, and 28 municipalities in our region are eligible for funding. If any local government is interested in collaborating on a project such as a sustainability, climate action, or greenhouse gas emission plan they can contact us for further discussion. Below is a list of eligible local governments based on the Department of Energy’s most recent publication.

EECBG Formula Grant Eligible Local Governments in South Florida Region

#	Entity Name	Level of Government	Allocation
1	Miami-Dade	County	\$1,134,700.00
2	Coral Gables	City	\$77,040.00
3	Coconut Creek	City	\$116,970.00
4	Coral Springs	City	\$172,940.00
5	Culter Bay	City	\$76,430.00
6	Town of Davie	City	\$155,750.00
7	Doral	City	\$140,950.00
8	Fort Lauderdale	City	\$233,060.00
9	Hallandale Beach	City	\$76,390.00
10	Hialeah	City	\$241,570.00
11	Hollywood	City	\$191,390.00
12	Homestead	City	\$132,180.00
13	Lauderdale Lakes	City	\$76,160.00
14	Lauderhill	City	\$126,660.00
15	Margate	City	\$116,820.00
16	Miami	City	\$447,720.00
17	Miami Beach	City	\$144,110.00
18	Miami Gardens	City	\$155,250.00
19	Miramar	City	\$173,180.00
20	North Lauderdale	City	\$76,420.00
21	North Miami	City	\$118,710.00
22	North Miami Beach	City	\$76,420.00
23	Pembroke Pines	City	\$199,350.00
24	Plantation	City	\$144,340.00
25	Pompano Beach	City	\$164,630.00
26	Sunrise	City	\$149,460.00
27	Tamarac	City	\$125,590.00
28	Weston	City	\$127,090.00