

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Joe A. Martinez, Board of County Commissioners
cc: Joe Rasco, Phillip Drujak, Bill Couch, Tiffany Machado
From: Patton Boggs LLP
Date: February 10, 2012
Subject: January 2012 Monthly Report

Below please find an update of our activities for the month of January:

Transportation

Patton Boggs provided a detailed analysis of the Senate Banking Committee draft legislation and subsequent committee mark up addressing the transit portion of the transportation reauthorization. We also provided regular updates on the status of other Senate and House legislative proposals concerning the reauthorization.

In addition, we reviewed and discussed with Federal Transit Administration officials funding to the Miami Dade area. We met with the County's Washington, DC staff concerning the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee pipeline hearing in Miami and the Miami Intermodal Tour and reviewed documents concerning the hearing.

We distributed Federal Highway Administration grant notices, including the TIGER IV solicitation notice which was released on January 30th.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

In the FY 2012 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) first responder funding was reduced by nearly \$1 billion and twelve programs previously funded as separate line items - including the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program - were consolidated into one account.

Throughout January, Patton Boggs worked closely with a coalition of UASI areas and led the effort to draft and circulate a letter signed by elected officials to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. The letter supported the National Urban Area Security Initiative Association's position that DHS provide \$600 million to UASI, with the majority of the funding going to the 31 Urban Areas identified for the purposes of the FY2011 UASI program and that \$60 million of that funding be directed to those 33 Urban areas included in the FY2010 program that

were not funded in FY2011. (The Association sent a letter outlining this to FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate on January 6.) In addition, the elected official letter also included language asking that DHS fund the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) at level funding.

The final letter, signed by Mayor Gimenez and 15 other Mayors, was sent to the Secretary on January 26th. Additionally, Patton Boggs met with DHS officials to advocate on the import of UASI and to request appropriate FY 2012 funding levels to sustain the program. We contacted the Miami Dade congressional delegation and shared the final UASI letter with them.

Additionally, the Patton Boggs team reviewed the preliminary UASI risk analysis and participated in the conference calls pertaining to the effort to seek Tier 1 status for Miami Dade/Ft. Lauderdale area.

Conference Call with Miami Dade Washington Office

On January 11, the Patton Boggs team participated in a conference call with Bill Couch and Phillip Drujak to follow up on outstanding items since the Washington, DC visit of Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz including the Navy ships' Port visit, UASI and end of year report.

General Federal Legislative Monitoring/Reports/Grants

Throughout January we provided timely updates on federal regulatory and legislative action. We provided a 42 page memorandum on 2011 year end analysis and 2012 forecast of federal action relevant to local government interests. We also provided a 16 page analysis of President Obama's State of the Union speech. We also circulated the FY 2012 CDBG/HOME/HOPWA/ESG allocations from HUD.

Additionally, throughout the month we advised the County on federal grant award solicitations, in particular the TIGER IV grant program and material on the Summer Jobs + announcement.