

2016 State Legislative Priorities

(through the January 20 BCC meeting)

1. **Mass Transit Tax Increment Financing Districts:** *SUPPORT* the creation of Tax Incrementing Financing (TIF) Districts to help fund transportation infrastructure.
2. **Film and Television Production Projects:** R-743-15: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would attract film and television production projects to this state, including Miami-Dade County.
3. **Medicaid Expansion:** R-783-15: Resolution supporting Medicaid expansion in Florida pursuant to the Affordable Care Act and urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation expanding Medicaid in Florida.
4. **Enterprise Zone Replacement:** R-782-15: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to replace the Florida Enterprise Zone Program with a new financial incentive program that would encourage private sector businesses to locate or expand in areas identified as economically disadvantaged and in need of economic revitalization.
5. **Sunshine Law:** R-745-15: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to amend state law to allow two members of a board of county commissioners or city council having more than seven members to meet and discuss legislative matters without triggering the sunshine law requirements, consistent with the rules the Florida Legislature imposes on itself.
6. **Trails:** R-617-15: Resolution urging the Florida Department of Transportation to include the Underline, the Ludlam Trail, the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway and Black Creek Trail in the Florida Shared-Use Non-motorized Trail Network Program, as well as funding for these trails in the 2015-16 state fiscal year budget.
7. **Texting While Driving:** R-742-15: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to amend the Florida ban on texting while driving law to make texting while driving a primary offense.
8. **Florida Competitive Workforce Act:** R-739-15: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact SB 120 or HB 45, entitled the "Florida Competitive Workforce Act," or similar legislation that would prohibit discrimination in Florida on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.
9. **Re-authorization and Funding of the Older Americans Act:** *SUPPORT* Re-authorization of the Older Americans Act and additional funding to provide in-home support services in excess of 125 additional frail seniors in lieu of nursing home placement. In-home support services to be provided include personal care, homemaking, chore and respite services.

10. **Funding for Super Post Panamax Cranes:** *SUPPORT* a change to the grant match programmed for FY 2017 and FY 2018 to be moved up to FY 2016 and FY 2017, with an additional allocation of \$4 million in FY 2016, for a total of \$20 million. This change will allow the Port to meet increased cargo needs due to an increase of Super Post-Panamax ships, which require matching cranes by 2016.
11. **Preemption of Local Wage, Benefit, Hiring and Training Policies:** R-1022-15: Resolution opposing SB 598 and HB 181, or similar legislation that would: (a) preempt local governments from requiring contractors on public works projects where state funds are involved to pay employees a predetermined amount of wages or wage rate, provide employees a specified type or amount of employee benefits, control or limit staffing, or recruit, train, or hire employees from a designated or restricted source; or (b) preempt local governments from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids, being awarded any bid or contract, or performing work on public works projects.
12. **Funding for CSX East-West Rail Project:** R-1161-15: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Transportation to provide funding for the acquisition from CSX of the 35-mile Homestead Subdivision rail line for the development and implementation of the CSX East-West Rail project.
13. **Funding Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL):** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to provide funding for Miami-Dade County's EEL Program for conservation land acquisition.