



**PRELIMINARY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
2005 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

**November 19, 2004**

**CRITICAL PRIORITIES**

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Aviation**

**Airport EDS Baggage Integration:** SUPPORT approval of the Memorandum of Agreement and a Letter of Intent (LOI) between MDAD and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for terminal modifications required to integrate explosive detection systems (EDS) in-line with MIA's baggage sorting systems. The total amount of the requested LOI is approximately \$211.2 million: \$51,699,600 for Central Terminal and \$159,486,161 for the North and South Terminals. Congress has directed TSA to move all EDS in-line with airport baggage sorting systems but MIA has not yet received any federal funding for EDS installation. The MDAD needs assurances in the form of a MOA or LOI to ensure that the federal government pays its 75% share for the installation of EDS in-line with baggage systems.

**Airport Department of Defense (DOD) Remediation:** SUPPORT efforts to direct the DOD to pay its fair share of the damages arising out of subsurface contamination at Miami International Airport caused by the operations of the United States Air Force and its contractors at MIA from the World War II era through the Vietnam era. The County filed an appeal to a decision rendered in October 2004 by the United States District Court in the Southern District of Florida. In the past, DOD has recognized that it is liable and responsible for at least some of the costs of responding to environmental contamination at and around MIA. Currently there are litigation and settlement discussions between DOD and the County. The County's claim is in excess of \$100 million.

**MIA Runway 9R/27L Strengthening:** SUPPORT \$1 million earmark for Runway Strengthening including adjacent connector Taxiways, a critical component included in the Aviation Department's Capital Improvement Program.

**Opa-Locka Airport Air Traffic Control Tower:** SUPPORT \$1 million request in the FAA's Facilities & Equipment (F&E) FY 2005 budget request for a new Air Traffic Control Tower. The current Opa-Locka Airport control tower is in an advanced stage of deterioration and it is not economically feasible to repair. This tower is critical for the continued availability of air traffic control services at Opa-Locka Airport. Opa-Locka Airport is a major economic contributor to South Florida accounting for 1,938 direct and indirect jobs and \$106 million in business revenues. OSHA has informed the FAA that no further compliance extension will be granted and will require the permanent closing of the tower on September 30, 2007.

**International to International and Transit without Visa (TWOV) Programs:** ADVOCATE for MIA to operate on a permanent basis a pilot program which allows MIA to utilize former transit lounges for the safe and efficient processing of ITI passengers. TSA and CBP (Customs

and Border Protection) have set up inspection stations in the lounges that are now being used for customs and security screening. MONITOR the Department of Homeland Security's development of a new program to replace the ITI and Transit without Visa (TWOV) programs called the Air Transit Program (ATP).

### **Seaport**

**Seaport Security:** SUPPORT increased funding of seaport security grants and programs associated with the "Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002" and implementation of the security related costs of the Port's capital improvement project.

**Miami Harbor Channel Dredging Project:** SUPPORT \$20 million in reprogrammed funding from the US Army Corps of Engineers construction budget for dredging at the Port of Miami. This funding would provide for the completion of Phase II dredging at the Port of Miami-Dade, finishing the authorized 42- and 36- foot projects.

**Miami Harbor Channel General Reevaluation Report:** SUPPORT authorization of Miami Harbor Channel General Reevaluation Report for deepening and expansion of Port of Miami-Dade channels to 50 feet which will accommodate mega-cargo ships in the 2005 Water Resources Development Act.

**Miami Harbor Channel Dredging Project Mitigation:** SUPPORT revision in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2005 that would clearly authorize federal cost sharing in mitigation associated with Phase II contractor impacts to natural resources within the Federal Harbor Project. Ensure that language is adequate to support a reimbursement request by Miami-Dade County. SUPPORT appropriation request for \$1.7 million for mitigation reimbursement involving contractor violation during Miami Harbor Channel Dredging – 42- and 36-foot projects.

### **Transit**

**New Starts Funding Request – East-West and North Corridors:** SUPPORT \$10 million funding request to be used for preliminary engineering on the Miami-Dade County East-West Corridor. SUPPORT \$10 million funding request to be used for final design on the Miami-Dade County North Corridor.

**Bus Related Discretionary Funds:** SUPPORT \$10 million funding request of discretionary federal Bus and Bus-Related Funds to enhance current levels of service to meet growing transportation demand, including 24-hour bus service.

**MIC-Earlinton Heights Credit Language:** SUPPORT the inclusion of language approved by Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in a federal transportation authorization of appropriations bill which would state that the Federal Transportation Administration credit FDOT's and MDT's contribution to the construction of the MIC-Earlinton Heights Metrorail link. The MIC-Earlinton Heights link is critical in that it will connect Miami International Airport with the existing Metrorail line.

## HOMELAND SECURITY

**Homeland Security Regional Complex:** SUPPORT efforts to secure the placement of a regional DHS facility in Miami-Dade County. Our community is a credible target for terrorist activities and placing a regional office in Miami-Dade County will greatly augment the significant investment already made by the DHS and ensure Florida's largest metropolitan area has the mobilization and deployment resources available to coordinate with federal and state officials in the event of a terrorist attack or other crisis.

**Homestead Air Reserve Base Redevelopment:** SUPPORT and MONITOR economic development conveyance and secure funding for the actual conveyance and the necessary infrastructure including remediation. SUPPORT \$1 million funding request to replace and upgrade infrastructure that no longer meets regulatory requirements and continues to deteriorate due to lack of maintenance funding and neglect that occurred over the past decade while the fate of the Base and surplus property was in question.

**Southcom and Homestead:** PROMOTE the retention of Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB) and the US Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) in anticipation of the next Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. SUPPORT local, state and federal efforts to make permanent the siting of the US Southern Command in Miami-Dade County. COORDINATE with the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security to accommodate further interagency functions at Homestead Air Force Reserve Base. The recent relocation of the Special Operations Command South (SOC SOUTH) serves as a model for future government agencies in Homestead as forces around the world are reduced or relocated.

## ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

**Miami River Dredging:** SUPPORT \$10 million funding request for the construction phase of the Miami River Dredging Project to restore authorized depth and width to the navigation channel.

**Beach Erosion Control:** SUPPORT \$4.5 million funding request to conduct ongoing periodic renourishment of eroded segments of the federally authorized Miami-Dade County Shore Protection Project. President Bush's 2005 proposed budget cuts shore-protection projects nationally by 25 percent to about \$63 million, with no money included for beach renourishment in Florida. SUPPORT statewide efforts to restore federal funding for beach renourishment.

**Everglades Restoration:** SUPPORT working with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District to preauthorize the reimbursement to Miami-Dade County for the cost of acquiring property for the South Miami-Dade Reuse project and to expedite such preauthorization. SUPPORT working with the US Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Interior to expedite the completion of the Modified Water Delivery for the Everglades National Park and the C-111 projects. SUPPORT cooperative efforts to ensure the full implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

**Water and Wastewater – Alternative Treatment Technology:** SUPPORT the efforts of the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) to incorporate pilot testing alternative treatment technologies for the South District Wastewater Treatment Plant. PROMOTE the County's interests regarding the U.S. Geological Survey agreement to conduct a ground water study of the Florida Aquifer and the alternative treatment technology per the Consent Order between Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

**Infrastructure Improvements:** SUPPORT continued appropriations to assist in funding capital improvements for the economic and environmental betterment of the region. (Miami-Dade County's Water and Sewer Department received \$3 million in FY 02 appropriations for improvements to wastewater and drinking water plants, as well as connections to the sewer and water systems in commercial areas.) SUPPORT \$2.5 million request for improvements to the Hialeah Water Treatment Plant and SUPPORT \$2.5 million request for improvements to the Preston Water Treatment Plant. Modifications are needed at both plants to meet new regulations included in the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

**Free Trade and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA):** SUPPORT efforts to permanently locate the Permanent Secretariat of the FTAA in Miami-Dade County. MONITOR trade legislation impacting South Florida and SUPPORT \$2 million request for the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium of Miami-Dade County to expand and develop two-way international trade by conducting economic impact and market research studies, incoming and outgoing trade missions, conferences, education and training workshops.

## OTHER PRIORITIES

### Aviation

**Unfunded Security Mandates and Cost Free Space:** SUPPORT efforts to assure that the federal government funds all federal airport security mandates without impacting traditional airport funding sources for capacity and other critical projects. This includes requests by the federal government to include space for federal agencies at no cost, which has a significant impact on airport operations.

**TSA and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Staffing at MIA:** ADVOCATE for adequate Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) staffing levels at security checkpoints, baggage screening operations and federal inspection stations at MIA to ensure that neither processing times nor security are compromised.

**Machine Readable Passports (MRP) and US VISIT Programs:** MONITOR the implementation of these new programs closely and work with the airlines to ensure that new rules and regulations do not cause undue congestion and delay while also working to ensure that security is not compromised.

**High Speed Taxiway:** SUPPORT \$2 million request for the construction of a new high speed taxiway connecting Runway 9/27 and Taxiway Y to improve safety, circulation, and reduce taxi wait times.

**Grants, Reimbursements and General Funding:** SUPPORT efforts to reimburse MIA for additional homeland security costs incurred when the terror threat level is elevated from Elevated to High. SUPPORT efforts to secure grants for alternative fuels and equipment, security technology, environmental remediation and utility infrastructure. SUPPORT full funding of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and other Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs.

## **Community and Economic Development**

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG):** ADVOCATE to restore the previous year's funding level of CSBG funding in FY06. In FY05, the Administration proposed reducing CSBG funds by 23%, which will ultimately result in a reduction of the State of Florida's overall allocation of CSBG funds, and thus lowering the amount of dollars allocated to Miami-Dade County. Restoring and increasing funding in the reauthorization supports the Community Action Agency in expanding services to low-income families transitioning from public assistance.

**Corporation for National Services and Older Americans Act:** SUPPORT efforts to continue funding the Corporation for National Services, enhancing the quality of life of our elders and avoiding premature institutionalization, including funding for meals for the elderly, adult day care, elderly transportation and adult home care.

**Empowerment Zone Funding:** SUPPORT \$10 million funding request for all Round II Empowerment Zones. Funding will assist with economic development, job training, land acquisition, neighborhood improvement projects and the Capital Venture Discretionary Fund that makes equity investments in business opportunities within the Empowerment Zone. SUPPORT legislation that would designate a permanent annual funding source for the Round II Empowerment Zones.

**Head Start/Early Head Start Facilities:** SUPPORT \$7.75 million funding request to construct two new Head Start/Early Head Start facilities to house the needs of families and children. While the Community Action Agency's Head Start division has the necessary programming and service dollars, it needs additional facilities to serve the community and an increase in delivery of Head Start services for poor children from birth to age 5 and their families. OPPOSE efforts changing the funding mechanism for Head Start/Early Head from direct funding by the Department of Health and Human Services to Block Grant funding by the state.

**Juvenile Assessment Center's (JAC) National Demonstration Project:** SUPPORT \$2 million funding request for the conclusion of the JAC National Demonstration Project to assist with reforming the current system of Juvenile Justice. The Project will result in the final development of effective assessment tools, interventions and treatments to reduce the number of delinquent youth in Miami-Dade County.

## **Environment and Infrastructure**

**Biscayne Bay Feasibility Study:** SUPPORT \$250,000 request to fund the ongoing feasibility study being conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Miami-Dade County that examines the affect of canal and groundwater discharges on Biscayne Bay's hydrodynamics, water quality and ecology.

**Energy Restructuring:** MONITOR proposed legislation addressing Utility Deregulation to preserve existing contracts entered into under Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) of 1978 and the existing requirement that utilities purchase power from alternative or renewable sources, including electricity generated from municipal solid waste.

**Flow Control/Interstate Waste Transport:** SUPPORT legislation restoring state/local authority over receipt of waste from outside the jurisdiction or region and, in parallel, flow control authority over locally generated waste.

**National Clean and Safe Water Fund Act:** SUPPORT efforts to establish a new US Treasury account utilizing fines and penalties collected under the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts, to fund sewer and sanitary overflow projects, drinking water source protection, water conservation projects, wetland protection, agriculture best management projects, cleanup of contaminated sediments, and decentralization of stormwater and wastewater treatment projects.

**Power Plant Emissions Reductions:** SUPPORT legislation that will ensure facilities that have previously completed air pollution system upgrades, in compliance with applicable sections of the Clean Air Act, be considered in compliance with and given exemption from new legislation that will require "power-generating" facilities to meet requirements and make upgrades that are already required of them through the Clean Air Act.

**Rebuild America Act:** SUPPORT the establishment of a long-term funding for wastewater, drinking water, wet weather and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects. Nationally, the need for water and sewer infrastructure improvements is estimated to be \$23 billion.

**Renewable Energy:** SUPPORT legislation encouraging the expanded use of alternative sources of power to include "renewable energy". SUPPORT efforts to amend the definition of "qualified energy resources" to include municipal solid waste and landfill methane gas recovery (biomass).

**Water Infrastructure Network:** SUPPORT efforts by the Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) program to establish a long-term grant program for needed water and sewer infrastructure improvements, along with additional funding support of the revolving loan program

**Water Quality Financing Act:** SUPPORT the efforts to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes.

**Wastewater Treatment Security Act:** SUPPORT increased funding to help the costs of assessments of vulnerability and costs associated with construction of security measures; as the disruption of wastewater treatment plants could have a devastating impact on public safety, health, and the environment.

### **General Government and Public Works**

**Consumer Services:** MONITOR bills relating to cable television and telecommunications use of rights of way, fees and taxation. MONITOR bills relating to the restructuring of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

**Election Reform:** MONITOR funding and implementation of the 2000 Help America Vote Act and any subsequent election reform bills.

**Mosquito Control:** SUPPORT effort to secure \$250,000 in federal funding from APHIS or related agencies for mosquito control facility construction and spraying of storm drains in Miami-Dade County that serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes that can spread the West Nile Virus, Dengue Fever, and Encephalitis.

**Regulated Industries:** MONITOR legislation that affects the following County regulated industries: motor vehicle repair; moving; locksmith; wrecker; vehicle immobilization; motor vehicle title loan and general consumer protection; and, for-hire transportation vehicles, including taxicabs, limousines and ambulance service.

## **Homeland Security**

**Operation Safe Port Operations:** SUPPORT \$ 900,000 request to further fund the Miami-Dade Police Department Underwater Recovery / Homeland Security Units to conducts random seawall and hull searches for ordinance or any other potential threat to the safety of passengers and port workers at the Port of Miami. The Port of Miami contributes over \$8 billion annual impact on the economy of South Florida and protecting the second largest economic engine in the County is of critical importance.

**High Threat Urban Area Program:** SUPPORT increases of federal Homeland Security funds for areas where the threat of terrorist attack is greatest such as, Miami-Dade County. In FY03 under the High Threat Urban Area Program, the program was funded at \$800 million. Miami-Dade County is one of twenty-one cities and contiguous counties that have been designated under the Urban Area Security Initiative, commonly referred to as the High Threat Urban Area Program. SUPPORT the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Reauthorization Act of 2003 that will provide for faster and smarter funding for first responders at the County level as well as direct Homeland Security Funds directly to Miami-Dade County.

**Emergency Operations Center:** SUPPORT efforts to fund the hardening and protection of the County's multi-agency incident command and coordination center to reduce immediate vulnerability to terrorist attack. SUPPORT efforts to secure federal funding of \$500,000 for countywide terrorism prevention and preparedness outreach programs.

**First Responders Equipment:** SUPPORT \$18.8 million in funding and grants under the Homeland Security Department for items that are critical to enhancing the Department's ability to adequately respond to the needs of our communities. The MDR has been a leader in developing and deploying Urban Search and Rescue team (USAR) after natural and man-made disasters, and Miami-Dade firefighters, paramedics, physicians, engineers and search canines have provided search and rescue services, medical support, damage assessment, and relief supplies during local, regional, and national disasters. The MDR has also signed agreements to assist other Florida municipalities in the event of a catastrophe, making the MDR a regional resource for the Southeast and Latin America.

**Interoperable Communications Facility:** SUPPPORT efforts to provide funding and grants for the construction of an interoperable communications facility dedicated and capable of receiving emergency calls and continuously coordinating all disaster-related communications functions in the event of a disaster in South Florida.

**Metropolitan Interagency Homeland Security Training Facility:** SUPPORT \$35 million in funding request and grants for the construction of an Metropolitan Interagency Homeland Training Facility multi-agency training facility dedicated to practical exercises, developing tactics to reduce vulnerabilities, homeland security and terrorism education, and preparing emergency first responders in South Florida. SUPPORT \$300,000 funding request to permanently locate Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) facility in Miami-Dade County. .

**Records Imaging:** SUPPORT \$2.2 million funding request for Miami-Dade County Police Department to complete their central records imaging project to enhance law enforcement's ability to store, manage, retrieve official records, and provide timely information.

## Housing

**Public Housing Capital Fund, Operating Fund, and Section 8:** SUPPORT funding increases above the FY05 funding level for the Public Housing Capital Fund, the Public Housing Operating Fund. SUPPORT funding increases above the FY05 funding level in the Section 8 Housing Program and protect voucher formula funding.

**Elderly Housing:** SUPPORT innovative housing initiatives to improve and expand affordable housing for the elderly, including items such as pilot joint use programs to successfully develop sites owned by the US Postal Service and or other governmental vacant land in pilot programs that marry needs of the federal government with the needs of our local Housing Authority. A pilot program may include housing for migrant workers.

**Pilot PACE Program:** SUPPORT a demonstration Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) project in Miami-Dade County in conjunction to the building of wellness centers at housing properties. The PACE program is a comprehensive program for services to the elderly in a public housing setting will be a Pilot.

## Human Services

**Children's Issues:** SUPPORT Head Start reauthorization that increases funding for Head Start and Early Head Start programs and services. SUPPORT increases in funding to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning programs. SUPPORT legislation that provides funding for quality comprehensive Pre-K. SUPPORT legislation that expands the Child Health Improvement Program (CHIP) to cover uninsured children, including immigrant children.

**Welfare Reform Reauthorization:** SUPPORT reauthorization of the 1996 Welfare Reform Law that includes increases in funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grants and Child Care Development Block Grants (CCDBGs).

**Child Health Improvement Act:** SUPPORT the Immigrant Child Health Improvement Act - included in the Senate version of the Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act of 2003 - provides states and counties the option to cover legal immigrant children and pregnant women under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), restoring a benefit taken away from legal immigrants in 1996 Welfare Reform Law.

**Elderly Issues:** SUPPORT an increase in funding for the Corporation for National Service (CNS) to support the expansion of the Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Companion Program, and Retired Senior Volunteer Program and increase in funding for the Meals for the Elderly Program through support of the Older Americans Act, modifying the Social Security program to secure current levels of benefits for the future, improving Medicare by enhancing coverage for prescriptions, therapies, services, and procedures supporting a National Patients Bill of Rights.

**AIDS:** SUPPORT increased funding for the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Relief Grant Program.

## Immigration

**General Immigration:** SUPPORT increased funding for refugee resettlement programs. SUPPORT efforts to restore federal benefits to legal immigrants and children. SUPPORT the

Andean Adjustment Act and similar legislation that helps members of Miami-Dade County immigrant communities adjust their immigration status. SUPPORT efforts to pass the Dream Act, which would allow undocumented immigrants to remain in the United States legally on condition they complete two years of military service, two years of college or 910 hours of community service within six years of high school graduation - undocumented immigrants who meet those requirements then could apply for permanent legal residency. OPPOSE to deputize state and local police as immigration agents, responsible for enforcing civil immigration laws – proposals such as the “Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal (CLEAR) Act (H.R. 2671) that may adversely affect their ability to gain the trust of immigrant residents, and could dismantle gains made in reducing crime since the advent of “community-based policing” in regions with high immigrant populations.

**Haitian Immigration:** PROMOTE fair and equal treatment for detained Haitian refugees. SUPPORT passage of the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA) fix-it bill. SUPPORT the Haiti Economic Recovery Act to promote increased trade in Haiti.

**Colombian and Haitian TPS:** Support efforts to give Temporary Protected Status to thousands of Haitians and Colombians living in the Miami-Dade County and the entire United States. Providing TPS status would give temporary protection to Haitians and Colombians who have sought temporary refuge from guerrillas and civil unrest in their home county.

### **Parks and Cultural Resources**

**Miami Circle:** SUPPORT efforts to accelerate the Department of the Interior’s study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle and the suitability and feasibility of including the Circle site in the National Park System, specifically Biscayne Bay National Park. A bill mandating the aforementioned study passed with County support by the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**Park Facilities:** SUPPORT \$200,000 funding request to expand trails and bay access opportunities at Chapman Field Park, SUPPORT \$1 million funding request for greenway construction and enhancement on Biscayne and Black Creek Trails, SUPPORT \$500,000 funding request for the acquisition and construction of the Ludlum Trail.

**Performing Arts Center (PAC):** SUPPORT \$900,000 funding request to acquire property adjacent to the new Performing Arts Center to implement plans for neighborhood economic and social revitalization. SUPPORT \$500,000 funding request to establish an extensive Technology infrastructure in the Performing Arts Center to create jobs in our emerging entertainment industry and provide training for Empowerment Zone residents. SUPPORT \$500,000 million funding request for construction of a pedestrian bridge across Biscayne Boulevard, linking the Ballet Opera House to the Concert Hall. SUPPORT \$400,000 funding request for the construction of the Main Performing Arts Center Plaza on and adjacent to Biscayne Boulevard. The PAC is an important element in the revitalization of downtown Miami and the Empowerment Zone is expected to generate up to 2,400 permanent jobs.

**UPARR:** SUPPORT maintaining or increasing funding for the Urban Parks and Recreational Recovery Program (UPARR), which has been a source of funding for the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) in the past.

## Seaport

**Maritime Transportation Security Act:** Monitor the development of the implementing regulations to the Maritime Transportation Security Act.

**Port Industry-Identified Refinements:** SUPPORT authorization of port industry-identified refinements to the Water Resources Development Act WRDA 2003. The proposed legislation will enable Miami-Dade County to benefit from industry-supported initiatives to increase federal cost sharing and reduce liabilities.

**Cruise Ships:** SUPPORT legislation to amend the Passenger Vessel Services Act of 1886 and permit, under specific and limited circumstances, the operation of foreign built cruise vessels already operating in other markets to operate in the US domestic cruise trades.

**Harbor Maintenance Tax:** SUPPORT authorization of general revenues to pay the federal costs of operating and maintaining the nation's harbors and repeal the Harbor Maintenance Tax ("HMT").

## Transit

**TEA 21 General Priorities:** SUPPORT legislation that strengthens transportation funding guarantees. The Firewall and Revenue Aligned Budget Authority provisions of TEA-21 should be strengthened to ensure that all revenues in the Highway Trust Fund are spent for their intended purpose. SUPPORT legislation that increases funding for transportation from the Highway Trust Fund and General Fund, such as (1) elimination of the 2.5 cents per gallon of gasohol transfer to the General Fund, (2) rebating the 5.2 cents per gallon of subsidy for gasohol from the General Fund, and (3) spending down the balance of funds in the Highway Trust Fund. SUPPORT legislation that maximizes the return of funding to Florida; the next federal act should guarantee Florida at least a 95% rate of return on all funds distributed to the states. SUPPORT legislation that expands innovative financing techniques, such as leverage leases and Transportation Finance Corporations. SUPPORT legislation that maintains oversight of transit security issues with the federal government and prevents its transfer to the state.

**Miami Dade County's FY2005 Appropriations Requests**

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

Community Emergency Response Team Training	\$300,000
Emergency Operations Center	\$500,000
First Responders Equipment	\$18.8 million
Homestead Air Reserve Base Redevelopment	\$1 million
Operations Safe Port Operations	\$900,000
Metropolitan Interagency Homeland Security Training Facility	\$35 million
Records Imaging	\$2.2 million

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Empowerment Zone	\$10 million
Head Start/Early Head Start Facilities	\$7.75 million
Juvenile Assessment Center's (JAC) National Demonstration Project	\$2 million

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Seaport**

Miami Harbor Channel, Construction Dredging for 42- and 36- foot project	\$20 million
Project Mitigation Reimbursement	\$1.7 million

**Transit**

Bus Related Discretionary Funds	\$10 million
East-West Corridor	\$10 million
North Corridor	\$10 million

**Aviation**

Airport EDS Baggage Integration	\$211.2 million
High Speed Taxiway	\$2 million
MIA Runway 9R/27L Strengthening	\$1 million
Opa-Locka Airport Air Traffic Control Tower	\$1 million

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Beach Erosion Control	\$4.5 million
Biscayne Bay Feasibility Study	\$250,000
Hialeah Water Treatment Plant	\$2.5 million
Miami River Dredging	\$10 million
Mosquito Control	\$250,000
Preston Water Treatment Plant	\$2.5 million

**PARKS AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

Biscayne and Black Creek Trails	\$1 million
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Chapman Field Park Trail expansion	\$200,000
Ludlum Trail Acquisition and Construction	\$500,000
PAC Property Acquisition	\$900,000
PAC Technology Infrastructure	\$500,000
PAC Pedestrian Bridge Construction	\$500,000
PAC Main Performing Art Center Construction	\$400,000

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Jay Malina International Trade Consortium Expansion	\$2 million
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