

# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY

**Date:** March 12, 2009

**To:** Honorable Chairman Dorrin D. Rolle  
and Members, Airport & Seaport Committee

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Monthly Report from the Florida Department of Transportation on the Port of Miami  
Tunnel

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Agenda Item No. 7B

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Attached is a report provided by the Florida Department of Transportation regarding the Port of Miami Tunnel Project. The report responds to a request made during consideration of the Port Tunnel item on July 24, 2007 that the Board be updated on the status of the project through the Transit Committee on a monthly basis.



Assistant County Manager



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March 5, 2009

The Honorable Dorrin Rolle  
Commissioner, District Two  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
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Miami, FL 33128

RE: Monthly Progress Report on the Port of Miami Tunnel

Dear Commissioner Rolle:

Enclosed is the Monthly Progress Report for February, 2009 on the Port of Miami Tunnel for inclusion in the March Airport and Seaport Committee meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

If you or your colleagues have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 305-470-5197.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gus Pego".

Gus Pego, P.E.  
District Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Ysela Llort, Assistant County Manager  
Bill Johnson, Seaport Director  
Ric Katz, POMT Public Affairs Consultant  
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## Port of Miami Tunnel (POMT) Program Progress Report to the Airport & Seaport Committee of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners

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February, 2009

### Status

- FDOT posted the award of the Concession Agreement to Concessioner Miami Access Tunnel on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Secretary Kopelousos informed Miami-Dade County and City of Miami Mayors that procurement process had been halted since the Miami Access Tunnel Team as originally presented was no longer viable due to global financial market conditions affecting the 90% equity partner Babcock & Brown.
- January 18, 2009 – Tour of Port of Miami by elected officials and agency representatives
- January 29, 2009 – MPO meeting – Assistant Secretary Kevin Thibault attended to provide an update and answer MPO board member questions regarding the procurement:
  - Stated that as previously committed, FDOT was exploring all available options.
  - Upon evaluation of options, FDOT will meet with local partners to determine next course of action.
- March 6, 2009 – Assistant Secretary Kevin Thibault will be transmitting a letter to MPO Chair Dennis Moss indicating the timeline for the department's decision on the procurement of the Port of Miami Tunnel project. The letter will also include some of the options the department is considering.