

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(27)

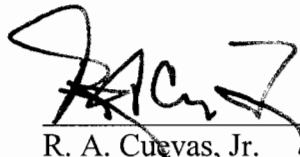
TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 2, 2010

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution amending the
County's 2010 Federal
Legislative Agenda

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☒ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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2-2-10

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COUNTY'S 2010 FEDERAL
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2010, the Board accepted item 11I, which was the 2010 Proposed Federal Legislative Agenda for Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, at the January 21, 2010 meeting, there was discussion about refining and reorganizing the 2010 Proposed Federal Legislative Agenda and bringing it back before the Board for approval after collaboration with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and our federal contract lobbying team; and

WHEREAS, there have also been recent events in which the Board has taken a great interest, such as the earthquake in Haiti, that should be included in the County's 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda; and

WHEREAS, a revised 2010 Proposed Federal Legislative Agenda is attached and incorporated by reference herein, with revisions identified by way of underline and strike-through,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board amends the County's 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda as set forth in the attached revised 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda. The revised 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda includes advocacy for the following additional critical priorities:

1. Increased federal support for extraordinary medical and social services in the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti;
2. Passage of a federal jobs creation program;

3. Passage of Comprehensive Immigration Reform;
4. Passage of the highway reauthorization bill with increases in direct and formula funding for programs including the Rail Modernization Program; and
5. Increased federal funding and staffing for domestic security, including funding and staffing at Miami International Airport and the Port of Miami.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of February, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2010 REVISED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CRITICAL PRIORITIES

Healthcare Reform: INCREASE federal support for Targeted Assistance under the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement to address extraordinary medical and social service demands in the aftermath of the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti. **OPPOSE** healthcare reform legislation that proposes cuts to the Medicare and Medicaid programs, reduces federal funding for safety net hospitals, or **MONITOR** seeks to tax or obligate local governments to higher thresholds to provide healthcare insurance to its employees. ¹

Jobs Stimulus: ADVOCATE for the passage of federal jobs creation legislation which would provide increased federal funding with a 100% federal share for modernization and expansion of transportation infrastructure including highways, transit, aviation and seaports; to hire and retain governmental employees including law enforcement, firefighters and teachers; and to extend and increase emergency housing and supplemental income programs to assist families, workers and the unemployed. ADVOCATE for inclusion in the jobs stimulus **Green Programs and Projects** that address "green initiatives" in both funding and technical support including retrofitting public buildings, schools and homes; procuring green buses and fleets; increased financing for transportation enhancements such as bicycle trails; and funding for federal grants to stimulate green businesses development and create green jobs. ¹

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: SUPPORT immigration reform that includes a legalization program for those individuals in the United States without documentation and reform which includes sensible reform regarding greater judicial discretion to decide individual cases based on merit, due process and greater access to federal courts. **URGE** the Department of Homeland Security to continue community outreach efforts, in coordination with local advocacy groups and governments, to register as many TPS-eligible Haitian applicants as possible during the registration period. **SUPPORT** the Department of Homeland Security's temporary suspension of removals to Haiti of Haitian nationals who have been ordered removed from the United States. (Community Advocacy) ¹

~~**Preserving Funding for Social Services:** **MONITOR** funding sources to all relevant social services programs and projects and **COLLABORATE** with associations in~~

~~**OPPOSING** cuts in budgets of agencies that administer programs or reductions in formula funding.~~ 1

~~**Green Projects: SUPPORT** programs and projects that address “green initiatives” in both funding and technical support. **ADVOCATE** for funding for projects that support reductions in carbon emissions.~~ 1

~~**Transportation Reauthorization: ADVOCATE** for the passage of SAFE TEA-LU reauthorization with increases in direct or formula funding for all surface transportation modes, specifically mass transit.~~ 1

Transportation Reauthorization: PROMOTE passage of the highway reauthorization bill with increases in direct and formula funding for programs including the Rail Modernization Program as delineated in the County’s high priority project submissions, which address critical transportation infrastructure and congestion needs for all surface transportation modes. 1

Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act: ADVOCATE for the repeal of Section 511, a government withholding provision under the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 (PL 109-222). Without the repeal, state and local governments will receive no funding from the federal government in exchange for the 3% tax. Additionally, governments will likely have to make programming changes to financial and accounting systems, purchase new software, register vendors and possibly hire additional staff to keep up with new data files and paper reports. (Procurement)

~~**Federal Funding, Cost Shifts and Unfunded Mandates: SUPPORT** preservation of existing federal funding or increased federal funding, including future economic or government stimulus initiatives; and **OPPOSE** any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the federal government to the County, and any reductions in County revenue or funding from the federal government. **OPPOSE** any measure that would adversely affect County revenues.~~ 1

Domestic Security: SUPPORT language directing TSA to increase the federal participation rate on MIA’s Explosive Detection System Baggage Integration (EDS) project from 75%-90%. **ADVOCATE** for adequate Customs and Border Protection (CBP) staffing at the Port of Miami and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) staffing at MIA to increase security with passengers and cargo. **SUPPORT** funding for the development of a PC-based geo-specific, 3-D (i.e. virtual reality) simulation of Miami International Airport that may be used for a variety of planning, analysis and training projects. **SUPPORT** efforts to secure funding for increased interoperability for Non-P25 Compliant Participants by purchasing radios to allow Miami-Dade County and the region to have a mobile deployable resource. **ADVOCATE** for a new Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) designation that more accurately reflects the regional collaboration of major metropolitan areas represented in the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force to enhance regional preparedness and best serve the regions homeland security needs. South Florida’s unique combination of government facilities, international airport,

seaport and rail-system, energy resources, Turkey Point nuclear power plant, and tourist attractions make Miami-Dade a high-profile target for terrorists. South Florida is also often endangered by powerful Atlantic hurricanes and remains actively prepared for mass evacuations and migration from Caribbean nations.¹



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2010 REVISED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CRITICAL APPROPRIATIONS

Viaduct Infrastructure Project: SUPPORT a \$106 million funding request for the 25th Street viaduct which is designed specifically for the movement of commercial air-cargo truck traffic between MIA's west side cargo area and the adjacent commercial warehouse district.

Miami Harbor Dredging: ADVOCATE for a \$37 million funding request for Miami Harbor Channel Dredging through the President's Budget.

Beach Erosion Restoration: SUPPORT efforts to secure \$12.5 million for the placement of sand along eroded portions of the 13-mile long Miami-Dade Shore Protection Project, which extends from Government Cut through Sunny Isles Beach. The renourishment is necessary to restore the Congressionally-authorized storm protection and recreational benefits of the project in the eroded areas. 1

Modernization and Safety: SUPPORT a \$17 million request for federal investment in rail modernization. Miami-Dade County Transit has identified critical projects which require federal investment in the state of good repair such as Train Control Track Circuit Redundancy Safety Alarm, High Cycle Switch Logic Cabinets, Metrorail HVAC System, and the purchase of Traction Power Cable Equipment.

27th Avenue Incremental Improvements: ~~Bus Rapid Transit~~: SUPPORT funding request of \$36 million for purchase of hybrid diesel-electric buses. NW 27th Avenue is one of the few continuous north-south arterials in Miami-Dade and serves as an alternative to the severely congested north-south highways, I-95 and State Route 826 Palmetto Expressway. Incremental service envisioned for the corridor would range from enhanced bus service to full premium bus service distinct from the heavy rail extension project. 1

Mortgage Fraud Task Force: SUPPORT efforts to secure \$2 million to create a mortgage fraud task force national model to train those identified communities, which represent the 10 highest-concentrated areas affected by mortgage fraud, on implementing a Mortgage Fraud Task Force at the community level. The Miami-Dade County MFTF will serve as the model based on its proven performance. The national model will be coordinated by Miami-Dade County and administered by DOJ.

Reclaimed Water Pipeline: SUPPORT funding request of \$6.25 million for design and construction of common water transmission pipeline. The County received authorization for

\$6.25 million in federal funds in Water Resources Development Act of 2007 to be used in support for water reuse supply and a common water transmission pipeline to deliver reclaimed water from the South District Waste Water Treatment Plant to the Florida Power and Light facility and to the new South District Water Reclamation Plant.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2010 REVISED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

AIRPORT & SEAPORT

AVIATION

25th Street Viaduct Infrastructure Project: SUPPORT funding request for \$106 million for the 25th Street viaduct, which is designed specifically for the movement of commercial air-cargo truck traffic between MIA's west cargo area and SR-826. The viaduct portion of the project is a two-lane elevated roadway straddling the north side of NW 25 Street using part of the existing canal right-of-way and the roadway's widened median for the supporting columns. Access to and from the viaduct would be provided at the SR-826 Interchange from NW 25 Street. The NW 25 Street transportation corridor is a major Miami-Dade County east-west arterial roadway and is the only major access corridor from the Palmetto Expressway (State Road 826) to Miami International Airport's (MIA) west and north air-cargo handling facilities.

Airport Explosive Detection System Baggage Integration: SUPPORT language contained in H.R. 2200, the Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act, directing TSA to increase the federal participation rate on MIA's EDS project from 75% to 90%.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization and Passenger Facility Charges (PFC): SUPPORT expedited passage of a multi-year Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill that raises the cap on Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs), increases Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding and rejects a labor proposal that could unnecessarily force airports to comply with excessive fire fighting standards.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP), CBP-Ag Staffing and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Staffing at Miami International Airport: ADVOCATE for adequate CBP staffing which is critical in reducing wait times for international arriving passengers as well as adequate agriculture inspectors to inspect inbound international perishables. **OPPOSE** legislation that would restrict importation locations of commodities that require FDA inspection, including medicine, cosmetics, dog food and eyeglasses, to ports of entry with an FDA testing facility. There is no facility in Miami, and this could jeopardize operations of tenants importing these types of products at MIA. Support appropriate staffing for FDA inspections at MIA and advocate for a testing facility in Miami on a permanent basis or through the use of one of the agency's mobile testing lounges, which could be sent to Miami.

K-9 Facility: ADVOCATE for funding for a K-9 facility capable of boarding 14 K-9 units and offices for Miami-Dade Police Department. Additionally, TSA is also expanding their K-9 teams but they currently have no facilities to house them. MIA is a leader among U.S. airports in the use of K-9 teams.

Biometric Access Control System: ADVOCATE for funding for design and hardware associated with installing a biometric access control system at MIA. Adding biometric components to security procedures require that each individual entering a secure space would have to submit an index finger or iris scan as an added security measure.

Virtual Reality Security Simulation: SUPPORT funding request for the development of a PC-based geo-specific, 3-D (i.e. virtual reality) simulation of Miami International Airport that may be used for a variety of planning, analysis and training projects. Applications for this 3-D simulation software include airfield operations management and training and first-responder training for terrorist incidents and other police matters. 1

SEAPORT

Miami Harbor Dredging: ADVOCATE for a \$37 million funding request for Miami Harbor Channel Dredging through the President's budget. This funding request is authorized as a recommended improvement provided by Water Resources Development Act 2007 (H.R. 1495) for construction of the project.

Water Resources Development Language: SUPPORT language in Water Resources Development legislation for port industry-identified refinements to the Act. These changes will have direct benefits for the industry and for the Miami-Dade County Seaport Department by increasing federal responsibility and cost-sharing in a number of areas.

Maritime Transportation Security Act: MONITOR & SUPPORT any legislative or regulatory developments relating to the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA), Public Law 107-295, enacted on November 25, 2002. Support continued congressional appropriations in FY 2009 for the Seaport Security Grant Program of the Transportation Security Administration. Monitor any legislative developments to impose fees in order to pay for seaport security requirements. Support a dedicated source of funding for seaport security needs which does not involve additional fees. Support legislation that would establish a dedicated port security grants program within the Department of Homeland Security, to be paid for from duties collected by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency. Support legislation that expands the eligibility of the Seaport Security Grant Program to include operating costs (inclusive of salaries). Support provisions that allow local governments to petition DHS for grant funds when a local agency is spending monies to perform what were formerly federal responsibilities. Support provisions that enable personnel expenses to be credited as "in kind" contributions towards the local share of the port security grant.

Seaport Federal Operations: SUPPORT funding increases to budgets of federal agencies with operations at the Port of Miami from all Department of Homeland Security agencies, including the United States Coast Guard Service and the Transportation Security Administration, which provide key passenger safety and security support and assist in the expeditious and secure transportation of cargo via this major seaport facility.

Customs and Border Patrol Relocation: ADVOCATE for funding for the consolidation of CBP offices into a central command center. CBP is the federal agency primarily responsible

for immigration and ~~border~~ customs law enforcement at our borders and ports-of-entry in the United States. At the Port of Miami, CBP is tasked with inspections to prevent illegal entries, provide transportation checks, and entries into the Port. As such, CBP currently has two administrative and support offices at the Port of Miami located separately. One of the facilities is within an active cargo facility leasehold, and the other is at a converted cruise terminal to secured offices.

Intermodal Transportation: MONITOR and SUPPORT any bills, rules, regulations and policies involving federal intermodal highway systems, roadway systems, funding designations or transportation improvements projects along connectivity corridors that impact access to and from the Port of Miami. Improvements to our intermodal transportation system will result in a smoother and more efficient movement of cargo to and from the Port of Miami.

Cruise Ships: MONITOR and SUPPORT legislation that would allow the Secretary of Transportation to issue permits to cruise ships already operating in other markets to operate in the United States domestic cruise trades, essentially permitting the operation of foreign-built cruise vessels in the domestic trades.

Harbor Maintenance Tax: SUPPORT and MONITOR legislation that would repeal the Harbor Maintenance Tax and authorize general revenues to pay for the federal cost of operating and maintaining the nation's harbors. Additionally, oppose any user fee, which may be proposed as an alternative to the current financing mechanism.

BUDGET, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

AGRICULTURE

Red Bay Ambrosia Beetle Eradication: ADVOCATE in the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide continued funding to the University of Florida for research into effective methods of mitigating and eradicating the red bay ambrosia beetle, preventing the spread of laurel wilt disease into avocados, and treating those avocados crops already affected. Miami Dade County may lose its largest fruit crop consisting of 7000 acres, more that \$30 million in sales and accounting for 1,000 jobs. Additionally, there are more than 250,000 homeowner avocado trees are at risk, whose loss would cause irreparable harm to the County's tree canopy.

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Beach Erosion Restoration: SUPPORT efforts to secure \$12.5 million for the placement of sand along eroded portions of the 13-mile long Miami-Dade Shore Protection Project, which extends from Government Cut through Sunny Isles Beach. The renourishment is necessary to restore the Congressionally-authorized recreational and storm protection benefits of the project in the eroded areas.

Miami River Dredging: SUPPORT efforts to secure \$11 million reimbursement for the dredging of the federal portion of the Miami River. The \$11 million would reimburse the non-federal partners (Miami-Dade County, State of Florida, SFWMD, Florida Inland Navigation District) up to \$10 million. The additional \$1 million would be for settling contractors' claims.

Biscayne Bay Water Quality Model: SUPPORT efforts to secure \$500,000 for the development of a coupled water quality model which is the second phase of an ongoing partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers to evaluate the effects of the flood control and water supply canals, that extend from Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades, on Biscayne Bay and related water bodies. The need for such a management tool is critical at this time for decisions currently being made about the design and operation of CERP projects that will alter the volume, distribution, and source of freshwater to Biscayne National Park and Biscayne Bay, an Outstanding Florida Water body.

GRANTS COORDINATION

Strengthening Communities Fund: ADVOCATE for the Strengthening Communities Fund which is a new capacity-building initiative funded (\$50 million appropriation) from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for a limited time (until 2011). Given that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) of 2002 has not received any funding for new awards (as of 2008), there is a great need to establish a similar national funding program that would be focused on building the capacity of secular and faith-based organizations. It is recommended that the Strengthening Communities Fund program be formally authorized for at least five years.

PROCUREMENT

Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act: ADVOCATE for the repeal of Section 511, a government withholding provision under the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 (PL 109-222). Without the repeal, state and local governments will receive no funding from the federal government in exchange for the 3% tax. Additionally, governments will likely have to make programming changes to financial and accounting systems, purchase new software, register vendors and possibly hire additional staff to keep up with new data files and paper reports.

Federal GSA Contract/Schedules: ADVOCATE for legislation that would allow local jurisdictions access to federal GSA contract/schedules for the purchase of environmentally conscious "green" products and services. The ability to access federal contracts will afford Miami-Dade County additional purchasing options to meet operational needs. Additionally, access to these contracts may result in better pricing, terms and conditions due to the advantages derived from federal purchasing volumes.

SUSTAINABILITY

Energy Block & Climate Protection Grants: **ADVOCATE** for fully funding the Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Block Grant and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds and Clean Cities programs, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Change Local Demonstration grants. Legislation will address immediate and long-term sustainable energy supply and cost issues challenging local communities across the country, as well as climate change protection and the prospect of a carbon-constrained economy.

Sustainable Mobility: **ADVOCATE** for increase in federal funding for public transit; green buses and fleets; and require and fund action by states, metropolitan planning organizations and local governments to develop and implement Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction plans through legislative mechanisms including the reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Equity Act-LU.

Cap-And-Trade: **ADVOCATE** for legislation that would include incentives for local governments that reduce emissions through green buildings and green infrastructure (with priority on retrofits to increase energy efficiency of existing buildings), Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction, green local fleets and fuels, renewable energy, green procurement, climate change adaptation, and green businesses and green jobs.

Off-Set Credits: **ADVOCATE** for national climate legislation to make community forestry, green infrastructure, and open space preservation activities eligible as offset projects under national cap-and-trade legislation.

Urban Forestry Program: **ADVOCATE** for increased federal funding for the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Urban & Community Forestry Programs or any federal programs that help counties become more sustainable and prosperous by increasing carbon sequestration through local planting and/or re-planting programs for trees in urban areas, including public streets and public parks.

Climate Resilience: **ADVOCATE** for local government efforts to build climate resilience by expanding the FEMA pre-disaster mitigation to address climate programs. Expand NOAA's Coastal Zone Management Act and increased funding for NOAA's Digital Coast program to support local climate planning and implementation and direct the US Army Corps of Engineers to establish a climate adaptation mission to protect water resources.

Green Jobs Legislation Funding: **ADVOCATE** to fully fund the Green Jobs Act of 2007 or similar legislation. In addition, direct the Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Economic Development Administration to fund green business development; and create an "Energy Conservation Corps."

Multi-Agency Funding for Green Initiatives: **ADVOCATE** for fully funding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), HUD and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

sustainability initiative to help improve access to affordable housing, expand transportation options, and lower transportation costs while protecting the environment and addressing the challenges of climate change in communities nationwide.

Climate Change & Local Governments: **ADVOCATE** for the recognition of the essential role local governments play in addressing climate change, to include that participation in Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) be afforded standing in the climate change bills through the provision for recognition of verifiable emissions reductions undertaken “early.” Enhancing federal support for mainstreaming climate change into local government policies will enable local governments to move closer to setting realistic goals for both climate change mitigation (emission reduction, avoidance, and substitution) and adaptation (improving resilience to potential climate change).

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

BCCO

Building Code Enforcement: **ADVOCATE** for the passage of S 2458 or similar legislation that would allow building code agencies to apply for federal matching grants to help the enforcement of the Florida Building Code. With matching funds, additional personnel could be added to assist in compliance, education and proper enforcement.

CONSUMER SERVICES

Preemption Regulations: **OPPOSE** any federal legislation that would aim to preempt regulation and enforcement by local government of motor vehicle repair; moving; locksmith; wrecker services (towing); motor vehicle title loan; and vehicle immobilization.

Ground Transportation Fees: **OPPOSE** any federal amendments to the Real Interstate Driver Equity Act of 2002 that would prohibit an operator of a transportation terminal that is the recipient of federal funds, including airports and seaports, from charging fees to providers of pre-arranged group transportation.

ELECTIONS

Help America Vote Act Provisions: **ADVOCATE** for the Federal government to require the State of Florida to distribute Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Funds to offset the cost of equipment conversions. This is particularly important since money is still owed on past equipment and the County is bound to yet another conversion. New ADA-compliant equipment must be in use by January 1, 2012. Miami-Dade County Elections Department underwent various equipment conversions, as mandated by the state, since 2002.

ETSD

Interoperability Funding: **SUPPORT** efforts to secure \$2 million for increased interoperability for Non-P25 Compliant Participants by purchasing radio cache of 500 P25 enabled radios, high-capacity batteries, and digital encryption, driving a mobile deployable resource for use by incoming agencies rendering aid to Miami-Dade County and the region.

P25 Open Standard Technology: **SUPPORT** cooperation with appropriate federal agencies to embrace Miami-Dade County's ambitious interoperable strategy that includes migrating to APCO P25 open standard technology and to upgrade the existing technology which is 15 years old and functionally obsolete. This proposal directly addresses the inability to share information across jurisdictions for emergency first responders at local, state, federal and tribal levels to work together, enhancing crime fighting and public safety. The Miami-Dade County strategy for interoperable voice/data communication is a multi-agency, multi-discipline initiative for the 35 municipal police departments, Miami-Dade County Police Department, tribal police department, 69 general government agencies, and 4 fire departments, along with state agencies and federal agencies extending through our region to Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties.

SOLID WASTE

Market Incentives for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources: **ADVOCATE** for legislation designating biomass (both Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) incineration and methane gas recovery) as a “qualified energy resource”, eligible for any and all market incentives including but not limited to 1) establishment of a renewable portfolio standard (RPS), 2) establishment of a renewable energy tradable credits program, 3) expansion of the existing Section 45 tax credits to include biomass and to provide that public sector entities share in a like benefit through creation of a refundable production and investment tax credit, 4) participation in “green pricing” program or other similar incentives. Such incentive provisions will aid in providing for financial stability of local governments’ solid-waste management programs. This in turn will provide greater flexibility to local governments in delivering a higher level of service to the community, adding environmental enhancement initiatives, reducing fees or a combination thereof.

Power Plant Emissions: **ADVOCATE** for legislation that would seek equitable treatment for waste-to-energy (WTE) facilities as it relates to provisions of any forthcoming air pollution reduction legislation requiring that “power-generating” facilities achieve certain reductions in air pollutants. Previous emission-reduction proposals constituted a redundant requirement, given that WTE have complied with comparable provisions in the Clean Air Act.

Flow Control: **MONITOR** legislative efforts aimed to impede local authority over flow control. Retaining flow control authority strengthens the department’s financial position and its ability to assess and meet the needs of the local community by permitting increased availability of funding for projects of community benefit; providing a mechanism for equitable funding of

disposal system costs; substantially reducing financial risk related to future disposal market events and improving the department's bond rating.

WATER AND SEWER

Reclaimed Water Pipeline: SUPPORT funding request of \$6.25 million for design and construction of common water transmission pipeline. The County received authorization for \$6.25 million in federal funds in Water Resources Development Act of 2007 to be used in support for water reuse supply and a common water transmission pipeline to deliver reclaimed water from the South District Waste Water Treatment Plant to the Florida Power and Light facility and to the new South District Water Reclamation Plant.

Pump Station Optimization Program: SUPPORT funding request of \$5 million for the Pump Station Optimization Program (PSOP). The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD) is under a consent decree with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to upgrade the wastewater collection system so all pumping stations have sufficient capacity to handle wet weather peak flows with the back-up pump out of service. PSOP is the operation of pump stations under which wastewater levels in pump station collection basins are allowed to rise, lowering driving head of groundwater over system defects. This results in reduction of groundwater leakage into sewers through the sewer defects during wet weather events.

Water and Wastewater Lines Under Government Cut: SUPPORT funding request for the implementation of a 60-inch Force Main from Miami Beach to the Central District Wastewater Treatment Plant at Virginia Key and a 20-inch Potable Water Main Under Government Cut. Relocation of the force main will also make possible the installation of a reclaimed water line to deliver reclaimed water to Fisher Island and Miami Beach. The Port of Miami, as the local sponsor of the proposed Miami Harbor (Government Cut) Federal Navigation Project, intends to deepen the navigational channel to a final elevation where the existing pipelines will become exposed and in conflict with channel users, as well as pose environmental risks. As a result of the location conflicts, the replacement pipelines will need to be constructed and placed into service prior to the decommissioning of the existing pipelines. The economic benefits of these improvements will accrue to the regional and statewide economies. (Water and Sewer) 1

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: SUPPORT legislation that would authorize or appropriate funding for water and wastewater infrastructure and security needs and **OPPOSE** any efforts to reduce funding for critical grant programs and other funding sources.

National Water Research Development Initiative: SUPPORT proposed legislation by the House Science and Technology Subcommittee on National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2008 or similar legislation to implement a National Water Research Development Initiative to coordinate federal activities pertaining to water.

Tax Credit Bonds: SUPPORT tax-credit bonds for legislation that would authorize a new tax credit bond program, to be known as "Clean Renewable Water Supply Bonds," that could be issued by public agencies in the same way as those agencies can presently issue traditional tax-exempt municipal bonds.

Clean Water Loan Program: **OPPOSE** any cuts to the Clean Water Loan Program. Support any effort to cease the reduction of funding for this critical funding source. **SUPPORT** any effort that would advocate the restoration of funding levels to those prior to FY 2000-01.

Clean Water Funding: **ADVOCATE** for legislation to create a clean and safe water trust fund to guarantee the future financial stability of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and to provide grants for high priority projects such as combined and separate sanitary sewer overflows, priority watersheds and storm water.

HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

CORRECTIONS

Second Chance Act: **ADVOCATE** for adequate funding for local grants to implement meaningful reentry programs as alternatives to incarceration, to rehabilitative offenders and reduce recidivism as set forth in the Second Chance Act of 2007.

State Criminal Alien Assistant Program: **ADVOCATE** for adequate funding for the SCAPP program to enable local jurisdictions to recoup costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens, or maintain funding levels of FY 09-11 as authorized by the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Reauthorization Act of 2005.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/ HOMELAND SECURITY

FEMA Rule Change: **ADVOCATE** for legislative – multi-agency coordination issues in a recovery environment. **URGE** Congress to allow FEMA's rules and regulations be the lead and sole standard under FEMA's role in coordinating federal response and recovery resources. All other federal agencies responding to an event shall follow FEMA's rules and regulations.

Debris Management Pilot Program: **ADVOCATE** for implementation of a Public Assistance (PA) Debris Management Pilot Program on a full time basis in the FEMA.

FIRE RESCUE

USDA Property Acquisition: **SUPPORT** efforts to purchase property from United States Department of Agriculture to build a new fire station to serve Pinecrest, Palmetto Bay, and surrounding community. This future fire station is needed to provide coverage to the south eastern side of the Miami-Dade fire district. This area includes the municipalities of Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest and Cutler Bay.

Venom Response Bureau: SUPPORT a \$500,000 funding request for the County's Venom Response Bureau to provide specialized emergency treatment for antivenins for exotic bites.

GRANTS COORDINATION

Ryan White Funding and Extension: ADVOCATE for increased appropriation for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 2009, specifically Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Programs. FY 2010 appropriations for Part A Request \$766,061,153 is \$679.1 million. There is a need for increased funding for HIV/AIDS services nationwide due to higher rates of HIV infection among indigent populations and longer life spans among people living with HIV/AIDS. ~~In addition, ADVOCATE for the extension of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, (CFDA 93.914) which is due to sunset on September 30, 2009.~~ (Grants Coordination) 1

HEALTHCARE PLANNING

Miami-Dade Blue Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program: ADVOCATE for funding for the Premium Assistance Program through legislative and federal sources. Miami-Dade County is establishing a premium assistance program in conjunction with its three-year pilot health insurance program, named Miami-Dade Blue and created in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. Funding would leverage seed money already received through Florida LIP.

Miami-Dade Blue as National Model: ADVOCATE for Miami-Dade Blue's two-part approach as a national model for health care reform. Support for recognition and replication of Miami-Dade County's two-part approach in other communities throughout the U.S.

Chronic Disease Management Programs: ADVOCATE to provide funding to bring national models of provider-assisted chronic disease management programs to the Miami-Dade County clinics.

NACo Health Care Reform Principles: SUPPORT efforts of the National Association of Counties (NACo) urging Congress to enact comprehensive health reform legislation consistent with NACo's Health Care Reform Principles, including protecting the local health care safety net system, and providing access to affordable, quality health care to all.

Liberty City Health Campus:ADVOCATE for funding to construct a new Health Campus in the area of Liberty City. This facility is needed to enhance the delivery of health care services to the customers of the area by replacing three outdated clinics in the Liberty City area. This is a collaborative between the State, the County and a non-profit health care facility.

JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Health Reform

Disproportionate Share Hospital Program Cuts

DSH bills have varying level of cuts, but the overall exposure is roughly \$80 million in Medicaid DSH and \$43 million in Medicare DSH. **OPPOSE** phasing out of DSH payments until the overall level of uninsured has decreased significantly and until the ratio of DSH payments to uninsured reaches an acceptable level.

Medicaid Expansion

MONITOR Medicaid expansion at State level. There has been ample discussion of expanding Medicaid to roughly 133% of federal poverty level, however, the overarching concern is how the state of Florida addresses the already low reimbursement levels of Medicaid once the enhanced federal share phases out.

Coordinated Care Networks

SUPPORT provider service network. Jackson Health System would like to see its provider service network as a model for coordinated care and eligible for any grant funding opportunities that exist to advance the concept of fully integrated, coordinated care.

Graduate Medical Education

SUPPORT the redistribution of unused Graduate Medical Education slots to ensure that Florida is positioned to address the projected physician shortages, **ADVOCATE** for teaching hospitals to utilize some of the newly redistributed slots as a funding mechanism for those residents that are currently unreimbursed and over the caps established in 1996.

Medicare & Medicaid

MONITOR any proposed cuts to the Medicare and Medicaid program and closely monitor how the federal government will address the phasing out of the enhanced FMAP for the State of Florida. In addition, monitor the expansion of “never” events, which Medicare will not reimburse.

Recovery Audit Contractors

MONITOR the Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) Program was created by the Medicare Modernization Act 2003, to identify and correct improper Medicare payments paid to healthcare providers. This program is now rolling out nationwide and Jackson Health System wants to ensure that the requests for medical records is limited to provider number as opposed to NPI numbers which are numerous and would have tremendous administrative burden on the system.

340B PRICING

ADVOCATE for the 340B drug-discount program which allows certain hospitals and clinics that serve vulnerable populations to purchase outpatient drugs at the Medicaid "best price" from pharmaceutical companies that participate in the Medicaid program. This would have a positive impact of roughly \$14 million on Jackson Health System and is currently incorporated into the varying health reform provisions.

JUVENILE SERVICES

National Demonstration Project: SUPPORT a \$200,000 funding request for the continuation of funding for Juvenile Assessment Center National Demonstration Project. The project develops effective assessment tools, interventions and treatments to reduce the number of arrested youth in the system.

POLICE

Mobile Automated Fingerprint Identification System: SUPPORT efforts to secure \$8.5 million for a mobile Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). This system is a multi-county initiative that allows for wireless, mobilized automated fingerprint identification system to rapidly screen fingerprints and identify suspects across jurisdictional boundaries when most needed.

Mortgage Fraud Task Force: SUPPORT efforts to secure \$2 million to create a mortgage fraud task force national model to train those identified communities, which represent the 10 highest-concentrated areas affected by mortgage fraud, on implementing a Mortgage Fraud Task Force at the community level. The Miami-Dade County MFTF will serve as the model based on its proven performance. The national model will be coordinated by Miami-Dade County and administered by DOJ.

UASI Designation: ADVOCATE for a new Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) designation that more accurately reflects the regional collaboration of major metropolitan areas represented in the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force. The primary purpose of this new UASI designation will best serve the homeland security needs of this multi-county, major metropolitan area through enhanced regional preparedness and is consistent with the primary focus of the UASI Program. This designation change is needed so the entire geographical area of unincorporated Miami-Dade County and its associated risk will be calculated in DHS's risk assessment of the Miami UASI. The DHS risk assessment determines the funding potential of the Miami UASI.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program: ADVOCATE for full funding of the JAG program at the authorized level of \$1.1 billion in the coming federal fiscal year nationally, approximately \$1 million for Miami-Dade County. Funding will be used to invest in mission-critical operational support to protect its officers, equipment for effective investigations, and other specialized equipment. (Police)

The Federal Assault Weapons Act Reinstatement: ADVOCATE for the reinstatement of the Federal Assault Weapons Act. The Act was to ban the sale of semiautomatic military-style

assault weapons and was passed as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. The Act of 1994 was enacted for a period of 10 years. The ban expired in 2004 and has not been renewed.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

~~**Comprehensive Immigration Reform:** SUPPORT immigration reform that would oppose the criminalization of immigrants. SUPPORT enforcement that is realistic and enforceable. includes a legalization program for those individuals in the United States without documentation/authorization. SUPPORT family reunification that includes a pathway to citizenship, allowing children to also sponsor their parents. (Community Advocacy) 1~~

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: SUPPORT immigration reform that includes a legalization program for those individuals in the United States without documentation and reform which includes sensible reform regarding greater judicial discretion to decide individual cases based on merit, due process and greater access to federal courts. SUPPORT the creation of an efficient and effective registration process that permits immigrants to earn legal status over time if they pay taxes, learn English and pass a rigorous background check or if they have served honorably in the U.S. military. SUPPORT family reunification and the reform of outdated and restrictive laws. SUPPORT reducing bureaucratic delays in the processing of family based immigration cases. OPPOSE the deportation of long-time residents of the United States who have been convicted of minor criminal offenses and are not a threat to the community. OPPOSE local law enforcement agencies efforts to enforce federal immigration laws. SUPPORT enforcement actions by the Department of Homeland Security that target individuals who are a genuine threat to public safety. (Community Advocacy) 1

Jubilee Act: ADVOCATE to reintroduce the provisions of the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2007 (S.2166) and include provisions for Haiti debt relief. (Community Advocacy)

Temporary Protective Status for Haitians: URGE the Department of Homeland Security to continue community outreach efforts, in coordination with local advocacy groups and governments, to register as many TPS-eligible Haitian applicants as possible during the registration period. SUPPORT the Department of Homeland Security's temporary suspension of removals to Haiti of Haitian nationals who have been ordered removed from the United States. SUPPORT the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. State Department in facilitating the evacuation of orphaned children who have been granted humanitarian parole to temporarily enter the United States. URGE the Department of Homeland Security to facilitate family reunification of Haitians in the United States with loved ones who are immediate relatives or have a family-based petition pending with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. ~~the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to grant temporary protected status to~~

~~Haitian nationals living in the U.S. and URGE the U.S. Congress to support such effort. The ongoing political instability occurring in Haiti poses a serious threat to the personal safety of the millions of Haitian nationals presently in Haiti, as well as those returning to Haiti from abroad. While Section 244 of the Immigration Act of 1990, P.L. 101-649, establishes a procedure by which Temporary Protected Status (TPS) may be provided to aliens in the United States who are temporarily unable to safely return to their home country because of ongoing armed conflict, an environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions, Haiti itself—previously designated for TPS in 1998—has had its status expire. During the period for which a country has been designated for TPS, TPS beneficiaries may remain in the U.S. and obtain work authorization, but it does not lead to permanent resident status. (Community Advocacy) 1~~

Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA): SUPPORT HRIFA, which would require determinations with respect to children to be made using the age and status of an individual from 1998 (enactment date of the *Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998*) and permit an application based upon child status to be filed by a parent or guardian if the child is present in the United States. ADVOCATE for the reintroduction of HRIFA and to permit adjustment of status of Haitian “airplane refugees” who would otherwise have been eligible for legal permanent status under HRIFA. Additionally, SUPPORT language in the bill that permits the children of successful applicants to freeze the applicant’s age as the filing date of the parent’s application.—(Community Advocacy) 1

DREAM Act: SUPPORT the DREAM Act, which eliminates federal provisions discouraging states from providing in-state tuition and permits certain immigrant students and honorably discharged U.S. military veterans to apply for legal status in the United States. SUPPORT initiatives that improve access to education, training and healthcare opportunities and which help new immigrants learn English and American history and laws. 1

CAA

SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS: **ADVOCATE** for the preservation of the current level of federal funding earmarked for Miami-Dade County for social and human services programming, including the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), which is used to support the home renovation program for low-income seniors; Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG), which is used to support self-sufficiency services to low-income individuals and families; Health and Human Services (HHS), which is used to support funding provided for the administration of the County’s Head Start/Early Head Start program serving children from birth to 5 years of age; and Department of Labor (DOL), which is used to support the Youth Build Initiative that provides funding for job training and other services to youth.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – ADVOCATE preserving the Community Development Block Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Urban

Development and maintaining or increasing current levels of funding. The CDBG program's primary objective is to assist in the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Miami-Dade County allocates \$22 million annually to fund a wide variety of CDBG eligible programs, projects and activities that address the needs of underdeveloped and underserved areas, and which are targeted to meet the needs of very low and moderate income persons.

Economic Development: **SUPPORT** efforts in Congress to provide economic stimulus and relief, such as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, to address the foreclosure crisis in Miami-Dade. **SUPPORT** efforts to include local governments in Congressional efforts to fund investment in infrastructure for ready-to-go transportation, bridge and roads projects that will stimulate jobs and the economy. **SUPPORT** efforts to ensure that local government bonds are protected in times of economic crisis.

ELDERLY SERVICES

2020 Project: **ADVOCATE** for the implementation of the 2020 Project which is a comprehensive and integrated approach to enabling the elderly and individuals with disabilities to make their own decisions, to take steps to manage their own health risks, and to receive the care they choose in order to remain in their own homes and communities for as long as possible, avoiding unnecessary and unwanted institutionalization. Miami Dade County pays \$60 million dollars to the State for the occupied nursing home beds billed to Medicaid.

HOMELESS TRUST

Coordinated Care Medicaid Demonstration Project: **ADVOCATE** for a coordinated care Medicaid demonstration project. The demonstration program would allow states to obtain federal authority and financial assistance to target outreach and more effective services to a small group of beneficiaries and obtain Medicaid reimbursement for coordinated medical and behavioral healthcare, case management, and flexible services that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing the avoidable use of hospital and emergency health care services.

HOUSING

Federally-subsidized Housing Programs: **ADVOCATE** for 100% federal funding for Public Housing and Section 8. Funding for the above programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally-funded programs that provide critical affordable housing to low- and moderate-income families, individuals, and elderly.

Affordable Housing/Foreclosure: **SUPPORT** the Obama Administration's comprehensive Financial Stability Plan or similar legislation to address the key problems at the heart of the current housing crisis. **SUPPORT** current programs. A critical piece of the effort is the Making Home Affordable program, a plan to stabilize the housing market and help up to 7 to 9 million Americans reduce their monthly mortgage payments to more affordable levels. The Home Affordable Refinance Program gives up to 4 to 5 million homeowners loans owned or

guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac an opportunity to refinance into more affordable monthly payments. The Home Affordable Modification Program commits \$75 billion to keep up to 3 to 4 million Americans in their homes by preventing avoidable foreclosures.

HUMAN SERVICES

Early Challenge Grants: ADVOCATE for Early Challenge Grants funding. The Obama Administration's Early Learning Challenge Grant proposal would challenge states to develop effective, innovative models that promote high standards of quality and a focus on outcomes across early learning settings, and dedicate \$10 billion over 10 years toward this effort. **ADVOCATE** for increase funding through reauthorization bills for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Expansion, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Afterschool Funding: ADVOCATE for sufficient funding for quality afterschool programs in Miami-Dade County by earmarking a portion of the CCDBG Block grant for afterschool programs and expand funding from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) and Title I funding streams.

Health Care Reform for Children – ADVOCATE for all children to be provided with affordable and accessible health care. Ensure that current benefits provided under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), such as Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT), are preserved.

Home Visitation – ADVOCATE for the passage of home visitation legislation which provides \$124 million (\$8.6 billion over 10 years) in mandatory funds.

RECREATION, CULTURE & TOURISM

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

National Endowment for the Arts: SUPPORT advocacy efforts to continue to increase the grants budget of the National Endowment for the Arts to provide more opportunities and higher funding levels for County-supported and community-based non-profit cultural organizations and programs.

LIBRARIES

Library Funding: ADVOCATE for an increase in federal funding to libraries and support legislation that enhances funding or programs.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Cultural Arts Center Bridge and Lighted Pedestrian Connection: SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request to help complete the construction of a 180 LF three span Cultural Arts

Center Bridge and a 570 LF lighted pedestrian connection to SW 211 St. and the surrounding cultural and civic facilities. The bridge will further enhance the Cultural Village concept by providing the main pedestrian link and gateway to the new South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center and the existing South Dade Government Center complex. The Cultural Arts Center Bridge and the lighted pedestrian connection will provide a critical north-south link and safe connection across Black Creek Canal for pedestrians and cyclists to access multiple cultural, civic and public facilities.

Disability Sports and Counseling for Injured Veterans/Physical Disabilities: **ADVOCATE** for funding for counseling, sports training and family activities for veterans and Miami-Dade County residents with physical disabilities.

Exotic Wildlife Control: **ADVOCATE** for funding to coordinate the removal, control, and monitoring of wildlife. In addition, the program would coordinate public education. The budget includes a vehicle modified to appropriately transport trapped wildlife, operating expenses and funds for contractual services. Exotic wildlife poses several significant threats to native ecosystems, native wildlife species, and public health and safety.

Fit-to-Play Program – Health & Fitness: **SUPPORT** an \$800,000 funding request for the enhancement of Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Fit-to-Play Program. The Fit-to-Play Program has 43 sites throughout Miami-Dade County. Of these, 17 are located in economically disadvantaged areas. This funding will be used to continue programming at these 17 sites providing 450 children with afterschool services. The funding will be allocated to personnel and non-personnel expenses such as program supplies and administrative costs.

Bicycle Trails – Greenway Three Bridges: **ADVOCATE** for funding to support segments of over 40 miles of bicycle trail, which will provide recreational access to Biscayne National Park, Cutler Bay/Black Creek and Snake Creek Trail and several of Florida's coastal habitats. This funding request will help complete the construction of three important greenway bridges on three greenway trails.

Off-Highway Vehicle Recreational Trails Development: **ADVOCATE** for funding request for an off-highway vehicle recreational trail that will provide safe and organized riding areas for off highway vehicles riders. Funding is for Phase I permitting for the construction of OHV recreational trails, campground and support facilities.

Western Greenway Strategic Plan: **ADVOCATE** for funding for a western greenway strategic plan.

Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show: **ADVOCATE** for funding to support the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show components which include lectures and workshops in forage production, nutrition, animal health, genetics, and ethanol and bio-fuel production.

VIZCAYA

Preserve America Program: ADVOCATE to restore funding for grants through the Federal Preserve America Program. Vizcaya Museum relies heavily on grant dollars for programs and exhibits at the Museum. Federal funding has been cut or reduced during the last budget cycle. The Museum would like to establish of an audio tour of the main house and gardens with the grant.

TRANSIT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ROADS

PUBLIC WORKS

Venetian Causeway Bridges: SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for design and construction for Venetian Causeway Bridges, which serve and link the City of Miami and Miami Beach. The new bridges will have a life expectancy of 75 years. The new bridges will be designed for new American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials highway loading and which will allow unlimited emergency and construction vehicle access.

Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge: SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for design and construction of the Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge. The existing bridge has a 22 ton load restriction that impacts daily commerce. The structural condition of the bridge is serious and must be addressed. The operational system of the bridge is also in critical condition and may prevent operation of the bridge in the near future; MDCPWD has allocated a portion of funds from general obligation bonds for temporary repairs. Additionally, the current bridge geometry does not allow for the required hydraulic water flow or the anticipated increase in both navigational and vehicular traffic.

Advanced Traffic Management System: SUPPORT request for a communication subsystem conversion Project for the Advanced Traffic Management System. This funding is to hire a design/build team to design and install a new communication subsystem based on a hybrid wireless and fiber-optic technologies in order to bring back the amount of data (real-time video) needed for the optimization of traffic flow on the arterial network.

MPO

Active Transportation: ADVOCATE for the inclusion of the new 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation as a new federal funding program within the upcoming transportation reauthorization bill to support bicycling and walking. This new funding program will provide \$50 million to each of 40 communities throughout the U.S. (including Miami-Dade County) for non-motorized transportation projects like trails, bike lanes and sidewalks. This new program builds on the current "Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program" that was created by Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act-LU and is providing \$25M to four communities. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is assisting the selected communities with public outreach and legislative education to raise awareness of this opportunity.

M-Path Trail/Bikeway and Trails: SUPPORT a \$5.6 million funding request for safety and operational improvements to the M-Path Trail, including intersection treatments (crosswalks, pedestrian signals, warning signs), widening to 12 feet to meet current design standards, lighting, path realignment to improve visibility and security, and user amenities such as wayfinding and informational signage, and a bridge over the Coral Gables Waterway.

TRANSIT

Modernization and Safety: SUPPORT a \$17 million request for federal investment in rail modernization. Miami-Dade County's continued population growth increases the need for the expansion of the transit systems. The systems cannot expand without investing in the safety of existing systems. Miami-Dade Transit has identified critical projects which require federal investment in the state of good repair such as train control track circuit redundancy safety alarm, high cycle switch logic cabinets, Metrorail HVAC system, and the purchase of traction power cable equipment. Without safety improvements, riders of Miami-Dade County's public transportation could be at potential risk for harm.

27th Avenue Incremental Improvements: ~~Bus Rapid Transit~~: SUPPORT funding request of \$36 million for purchase of hybrid diesel-electric buses. NW 27th Avenue is one of the few continuous north-south arterials in Miami-Dade and serves as an alternative to the severely congested north-south highways, I-95 and State Route 826 Palmetto Expressway. Incremental service envisioned for the corridor would range from enhanced bus service to full premium bus service distinct from the heavy rail extension project. (Transit) 1

Park and Ride Facilities: SUPPORT funding request of \$20 million for land acquisition and construction of Park and Ride Facilities strategically located throughout Miami-Dade County. These facilities will be used to enhance transit services and reduce congestion along the busway as transit ridership continues to increase due to high gas prices and the eventual extension of the Metrorail system. The park and ride activity centers will enhance passenger safety while encouraging new riders to use the system.

Transit Security: SUPPORT funding request of \$8.5 million for transit security. The project will enhance security and service delivery to riders by deploying and installing electronic signs throughout our bus-stop grid that will assist in providing our riders with timeliness of service in order to facilitate an efficient travel alternative using transit services. Enhancements include: installation of real-time surveillance system throughout transit operations and maintenance facilities, upgrading onboard bus surveillance to real time, and placing digital monitoring and recording on revenue vehicles. The system will provide enhanced operational security for our patrons. This feature enables first responders to rapidly locate any bus that could potentially be involved in a security related incident.

Orange Line Metrorail Extension Incremental Improvements: **SUPPORT** funding request of \$36 million for purchase of hybrid diesel-electric buses. NW 27th Avenue is one of the few continuous north-south arterials in Miami-Dade and serves as an alternative to the severely congested north-south highways, I-95 and State Route 826 Palmetto Expressway. Incremental service envisioned for the corridor would range from enhanced bus service to full premium bus service distinct from the heavy rail extension project. MDT is beginning the introduction of distinctly branded environmentally friendly BRT sixty foot hybrid diesel-electric buses that have 2010 Cummins ISL 330hp engines coupled with Allison EP40 electric drives which meet EPA 2010 Heavy-Duty Emissions Standards for Urban Bus Engines.

Transportation Reauthorization: PROMOTE passage of the highway reauthorization bill with increases in direct and formula funding for programs including the Rail Modernization Program as delineated in the County's high priority project submissions, which address critical transportation infrastructure and congestion needs for all surface transportation modes.
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APPROPRIATIONS

AVIATION

25th Street Viaduct Infrastructure Project	\$106 million
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DERM

Beach Erosion Restoration	\$12.5 million
Miami River Dredging	\$11 million
Biscayne Bay Water Quality Model	\$500,000

ETSD

Interoperability	\$2 million
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FIRE

Funding for the National Anti-Venom Bank	\$500,000
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JUVENILE SERVICES

National Demonstration Project	\$200,000
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MPO

M-Path Trail	\$5.6 million
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PARKS AND RECREATION

Cultural Arts Center Bridge and Lighted Pedestrian Connection	\$2 million
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Fit To Play	\$800,000
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POLICE

Mobile Automated Fingerprint Identification System	\$8.5 million
Mortgage Fraud Task Force	\$2 million

PUBLIC WORKS

Venetian Causeway Bridges	\$5 million
Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge	\$5 million

TRANSIT

Modernization and Safety	\$17 million
Park and Ride Facilities	\$20 million
Transit Security	\$8.5 million
27th Avenue Incremental Improvements	\$36 million

WATER AND SEWER

Water Transmission Pipeline	\$6.25 million
Pump Station Optimization	\$5 million