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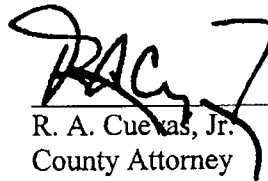
TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 16, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Proposed 2011 Federal Legislative
Package

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



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Memorandum



Date: October 25, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
& Members of The Board of County Commissioners

From: Joe I. Rasco
Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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RECOMMENDATION

Transmitted here within are the Miami-Dade County 2011 Preliminary Federal Legislative agenda to be included in the November Committee Meeting of Health Public Safety and Intergovernmental (HPSI).

Attachments.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2011 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CRITICAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Bus Rapid Transit** – *SUPPORT* legislation that allows for the reprogramming of \$24 million which were initially allocated for heavy rail expansion for the North Corridor along the NW 27th Avenue to be used for incremental premium bus service to include Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
- **Modernization & Safety** – *ADVOCATE* through the upcoming Surface Transportation Bill for funding to Miami-Dade Transit for the modernization of various rail components and the enhancement of safety and security features of its transit system.
- **Miami-Dade Blue** - *SUPPORT* efforts to pursue all available resources to help fund the premium assistance portion of the Miami-Dade Blue, as long as funds are not redirected from Jackson Memorial Hospital. Miami-Dade Blue should become a national model for the rest of the United States.
- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation & Climate Protection Grants** – *ADVOCATE* for full funding the continuation of the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) block or competitive grants and other energy or climate protection programs.
- **Federally Qualified Health Care** – *SUPPORT* the successful designation of Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) status for Jackson Health System that will provide for our primary care clinics to apply for 330 grant funding, a critically important funding opportunity that will help to provide for a sustainable JHS. The JHS primary clinics provide access to a complete continuum of care for our most vulnerable populations including primary care, dental care, behavioral health, and specialty care.
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- **Miami International Aerospace Show** – *SUPPORT* the Miami-Dade County Aviation Department and the Beacon Council in their efforts to establish a commercial air show in Miami-Dade County. An international commercial air show would produce a positive economic impact in Miami-Dade County through direct and indirect job creation and earning of revenues.
- **Sustainable Communities Initiative** - *SUPPORT* establishing an office within the Department of Housing and Urban Development to develop initiatives to help urban, suburban, and rural communities plan for and create affordable places to live and work.
- **Water Resources Development Act** – *SUPPORT* legislative changes that will have direct benefits for the Miami-Dade County Seaport and Water & Sewer Departments by increasing federal responsibility and cost-sharing for water projects in South Florida.
- **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.
- **Transportation Reauthorization** - *ADVOCATE* for the passage of a Surface Transportation Bill reauthorization with increases in direct or formula funding for all surface transportation modes, specifically mass transit.
- **Unfunded Mandates** – *OPPOSE* any legislation, policies, or regulations that would seek to impose unfunded mandates on States and local governments. Unfunded mandates can place an enormous burden on Miami-Dade County.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2011 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CRITICAL APPROPRIATIONS

- **Viaduct Infrastructure Project:** *SUPPORT* a \$27 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 the first increment of \$37.5 million funding request for Miami Harbor Channel Dredging through the President's Budget.
- **Miami-Dade County Beach Erosion Control –** *ADVOCATE* for \$3.5 million for a proposed project that will consist of the nourishment of eroded segments of the federally-authorized Miami-Dade Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project.
- **South Miami-Dade Reclaimed Wastewater Conveyance –** *SUPPORT* a \$6.25 million funding request to be used in support for water reuse supply and a common water transmission pipeline to deliver reclaimed water from the South District Wastewater Treatment Plant to the FPL facility and to the new Water Reclamation Plant.
- **Interoperability –** *SUPPORT* a \$3 million funding request 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.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2011 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

AVIATION

25th Street Viaduct Infrastructure Project \$27 million

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Beach Erosion Restoration \$3.5 million

Miami River Dredging \$11 million

ETSD

Interoperability \$3 million

FIRE

National Anti-Venom Bank \$250,000

JUVENILE SERVICES

National Demonstration Project \$300,000

OEDIT

Trade Missions \$200,000

PARKS AND RECREATION

Cultural Arts Center Bridge and \$2 million

Lighted Pedestrian Connection

Fit To Play \$800,000

POLICE

Regional Biometric ID Solution \$2 million

PUBLIC WORKS

Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge \$5 million

SEAPORT

Miami Harbor Channel Deep Dredge Project \$37.5 million

SOLID WASTE

Waste-to-Energy Ash Study \$1 million

WATER AND SEWER

Water Transmission Pipeline \$6.25 million

Pump Station Optimization \$5 million



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2011 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

AGRICULTURE

- **Invasive Pests and Disease** – *SUPPORT* funding, programs and assistance to mitigate effects of invasive pest and diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorm and other potential damages to our local agricultural industry.
- **Exotic Red bay Ambrosia Beetle** – *ADVOCATE* funding from Congress, the Department of Agriculture, the Florida Legislature, and the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services 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.

AVIATION

- **Viaduct Infrastructure Project:** *SUPPORT* a \$27 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. The NW 25th Street Corridor and Viaduct is the planned logistical backbone of MIA's air-cargo industry and, because of funding shortfalls; is in danger of being left unfinished.
- **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Reimbursement for Terminal Modifications Associated with the In-Line Installation of Explosives Detection Systems (EDS) at Miami International Airport (MIA)** - *SUPPORT* language contained in H.R. 2200, the Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act, directing the TSA to increase the federal participation rate on MIA's EDS project from 75% to 90%.
- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and CBP Agriculture (CBP-Ag) Staffing at MIA** – *ADVOCATE* for increased CBP and CBP-Ag staffing at Miami International Airport. CBP passenger and cargo perishables inspections for international arrivals are a critical component of operations at MIA. As the federal government continues to increase security measures and inspections of inbound international passengers and cargo, maintaining sufficient CBP and CBP-Ag staffing at MIA is critical for operational efficiency.

- **FAA Reauthorization Priorities** – *ADVOCATE* for an increase in the Passenger Facility Charge from \$4.50 to \$7.00 as contained in H.R. 915. To prevent further erosion, we also urge Congress to index PFCs to account for increasing construction costs. Also, MDAD *OPPOSES* a labor proposal that could force airports to comply with excessive Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) standards.
- **Miami International Aerospace Show** – *SUPPORT* the Miami-Dade County Aviation Department and the Beacon Council in their efforts to establish a commercial air show in Miami-Dade County. An international commercial air show would produce a positive economic impact in Miami-Dade County through direct and indirect job creation and earning of revenues.
- **Unfunded Federal Mandates** – *OPPOSE* any unfunded federal mandates that may impact Miami International Airport. TSA has advised MDAD that TSA personnel will no longer staff the exit points of the sterile concourses or the passenger screening checkpoints during non-operational periods. According to TSA, access control to the sterile concourses will be the responsibility of the airport operator. Recurring annual cost for posting personnel at these locations currently staffed by TSA is approximately \$700,000. MDAD continues to be opposed to this policy.
- **MIA Airport Operations and Communications Center (AOCC)** – *ADVOCATE* for funding for the AOCC that integrates all existing Operations Control Center (OCR), security and command and control functions to greatly improve efficiencies in these areas, particularly Threat Detection and Crisis Incident Management.
- **Miami International Airport (MIA) K-9 Police Housing and Training Substation** – *ADVOCATE* funding for a K-9 facility as the use of police K-9 teams has increased security screening efficiency and accuracy in the screening of cargo and passenger baggage, greatly assisting the federal agencies operating at MIA.
- **MIA Biometric Access Control System Upgrades** – *ADVOCATE* funding to require a common infrastructure utilizing biometrics for issuing secure identity credentials and access control at U.S. airports.
- **TSA Global Air Cargo Security/Screening Strategy** – *SUPPORT* the 9/11 Act that required DHS to establish a system to screen 50 percent of cargo transported on passenger aircraft by February 2009 and 100 percent by August 2010. TSA has been able to meet the 50 percent deadline because of a variety of initiatives the agency undertook.
- **Additional staffing resources to allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)** – *SUPPORT* to extend the hours of operation of the two fumigation facilities at MIA. MIA is one of the world's leading airports for importing and exporting perishable products.

- **Granting of Transit Permits by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) – *SUPPORT*** for the safe movement of high-risk agriculture products through the U.S. between foreign origins and destinations. APHIS issues Transit Permits to regulate the flow of high-risk agriculture products moving in-bound through the United States.
- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Inspector Staffing at MIA- *OPPOSE*** legislation that would restrict the importation of commodities that require FDA inspection, including medicine, cosmetics, dog food and eyeglasses, to ports of entry with an FDA testing facility.
- **Issues Impacting Visitor Entry into the United States – *MONITOR*** any issues that could possibly impact visitor entry into the United States. Since MIA is a major point of entry for foreign nationals, and since MIA handles more international freight than any other U.S. airport, the County and MDAD must work to ensure that policymakers understand how these measures impact the region's top economic engine.
- **US-VISIT Program – *SUPPORT*** the US-VISIT program that was implemented on January 5, 2004, by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The program began processing a non-Visa Waiver Program for foreign nationals arriving at MIA into the United States Visitor and Immigration Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program. U.S. VISIT is an integrated, automated entry-exit system designed to record the arrival and departure of foreign nationals, verify their identities, and authenticate their travel documents through comparison of biometric identifiers.
- **Modal Ports of Entry - *SUPPORT*** increased funding for Modal Ports of Entry and Global Entry Programs. The Department of Homeland Security introduced two programs in 2008 to improve international passenger processing at U.S. airports: the Model Ports of Entry program, developed along with the Department of State, and the Global Entry program. Both programs have been implemented at MIA. Continued and sustained funding is needed in order to complete their implementation at the nation's airports and achieve the positive results associated with improving the international arrivals process at MIA and other large international airports nationwide.
- **Additional Funding for Homeland Security, Environmental Remediation, Technology Initiatives – *SUPPORT*** MDAD's efforts seeking additional funding opportunities through grants and (or) pilot programs for perimeter security and other homeland security efforts, environmental remediation, and technology upgrades impacting overall infrastructure.
- **Replacement Process for International-to-International Passengers (ITI) – *ADVOCATE*** to replace the International-to International Passengers program. On August 2, 2003, DHS suspended the International-to-International (ITI) and Transit Without Visa (TWOV) programs that facilitated movement of passengers traveling from one international destination to another, connecting through a U.S. airport. After the suspension of the ITI program, these passengers were subjected to long waits, missed connections and associated inconveniences when transiting.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

- **Community Services Block Grant – *ADVOCATE*** for the passage of legislation that reauthorizes the Community Services Block Grant program. The House Labor-Health and Human Services Sub-committee recommended increasing the appropriation for CSBG in FY 2011 to \$800 million. This represents an increase in the amount of \$100 million dollars.
- **Head Start Program – *ADVOCATE*** for the Health and Human Services Department to re-establish the authority within the Head Start Program to conduct the screening for Head Start children with disabilities and to allow Head Start to determine eligibility according to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

CORRECTIONS

- **State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) – *SUPPORT*** full funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. If the SCAAP funding is eliminated, local taxpayers will continue to bear the full cost of incarcerating criminal aliens, although immigration policy is solely a federal responsibility.

CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **Preemption of Regulated Industries - *OPPOSE*** any initiative which would impact local regulation of the following County regulated industries: motor vehicle repair; moving; locksmith, wrecker services (towing), motor vehicle title loan, vehicle immobilization; and for-hire transportation.
- **RIDE Act Preemptions - *OPPOSE*** amendments to the Real Interstate Driver Equity Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-298-Nov. 26, 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 ground transportation.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- **Miami-Dade County Beach Erosion Control – *SUPPORT*** a \$3.5 million funding request for a proposed project that will consist of the nourishment of eroded segments of the Federally-authorized Miami-Dade Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project.
- **Non-Domestic Sand Sources – *SUPPORT*** efforts of the Army Corps of Engineers to identify, permit, and secure non-domestic sand sources to re-nourish critically eroded segments of coastline in Miami-Dade County.

- **Miami River Federal Channel Dredging Project** – *SUPPORT* an \$11 million funding request to reimburse the non-Federal partners up to \$10 million and the additional \$1 million would be used for contractors' claims as warranted.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- **Debris Removal Pilot Program** – *SUPPORT* legislation for a pilot program so that FEMA reimburses straight or regular-time salaries and benefits for employees of a state or local government involved in or administering debris and wreckage removal. FEMA continued to pay overtime for these employees as well.
- **FEMA's Regulations** – *ADOVOCATE* for Congress to allow FEMA's rules and regulations are 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.
- **Temporary Emergency Housing** – *SUPPORT* legislation to develop a tax incentive to increase temporary emergency housing in the Miami-Dade community. The tax incentive can be for private companies/organizations that have large assembly areas to participate in community emergency housing we feel it could help placing families as a short term solution.

ETSD

- **Interoperability** – *SUPPORT* a \$3 million funding request 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.

FIRE RESCUE

- **Venom Response Bureau** – *SUPPORT* a \$250,000 funding request to allow the safe and effective removal of exotic invasive species from the Everglades National Park and other urban and suburban areas in Miami-Dade County.
- **USDA Property Acquisition** - *SUPPORT* efforts to purchase property from the United States Department of Agriculture to build a new fire station to serve Pincrest, Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay, and surrounding communities.

GRANTS COORDINATION

- **Ryan White Funding – *ADVOCATE*** for the continuation of the Ryan White Program which has been essential to maintain low income persons in care and necessary treatment as well as preventing secondary infections. Miami-Dade County ranks second among large metropolitan areas in people living with AIDS. Miami-Dade County is requesting an increase of ten (10%) percent to the Miami-Dade County Part A award (\$2,574,990) and twenty-five (25%) percent to the ADAP award for Miami-Dade County (\$10,295,670) for FY12.

HUMAN SERVICES (ELDERLY)

- **Project 2020 – *ADVOCATE*** for the resources to implement consumer-centered and cost-effective long-term care strategies authorized in the 2006 reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. Project 2020 could help to improve the quality of life for older adults. If implemented across the nation, the Project 2020 program is estimated to have a gross federal savings of \$2.7 billion.
- **Older American's Act – *ADVOCATE*** for the expansion and continued funding to the Older American's Act to include preventive services where by the older adult may remain in their home.

JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM

- **Electronic Health Record Incentives for Multi-Campus Hospital Act – *ADVOCATE*** for the passage of the Electronic Health Record Incentives for Multi-Campus Hospital Act of 2010. Jackson Health System (JHS) would benefit substantially from the passage of this legislation as the individuals hospitals would be eligible for HIT incentive payments established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).
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- **Graduate Medical Education** – *SUPPORT* allowing 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. JHS has approximately 1,100 residents, including 200 residents for which JHS received no funding to help cover the costs of training these residents. Additional federal funding for these unfunded residency slots is critical to Jackson.

JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **National Demonstration Project** – *SUPPORT* a \$300,000 funding request to continue the critical work that was initiated under the first phase of the JAC's National Demonstration Project. It is the first research project that provides information and guidance on how communities can take what has been documented to work and use it to most effectively plan and allocate their resources when addressing a complete juvenile arrest population that consists of both serious and minor offenders.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

- **The Active Community Transportation Act of 2010** – *SUPPORT* the Active Community Transportation Act to help the Miami-Dade MPO, Public Works Dept, Miami-Dade Transit, Parks and Recreation Dept, and local governments implement their plans for bicycling and walking facilities.
- **Safe Routes to High School Act** – *ADVOCATE* for the expansion of the Safe Routes to School Program to include High Schools could provide support and funding for alternatives to driving for high school students, contributing to their enhanced safety, and reduction in obesity rates. This legislation would allow high schools to submit grant applications to increase the number of students who walk and bike to school.

OFFICE OF COUNTYWIDE HEALTHCARE PLANNING

- **Miami-Dade Premium Assistance Program-Health Insurance Utilization Program (MD-HIUP)** - *SUPPORT* efforts to pursue all available resources to help fund the premium assistance portion of the Miami-Dade Blue, as long as funds are not redirected from Jackson Memorial Hospital.
- **Miami-Dade Blue** – *SUPPORT* Miami-Dade Blue to become a national model for the rest of the United States and recognize the County's two-part approach as a national model for health care reform.

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- **Trade Missions** – *SUPPORT* a \$200,000 funding request for OEDIT to support the U.S. National Export Initiative (NEI) which has the objective of increasing U.S. jobs by increasing U.S. exports. OEDIT has a number of programs designed to create business opportunities for local businesses that can lead to increased trade and job creation. It can enhance its Trade Missions and Workshops Programs to specifically target increasing exports and to support the NEI.

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation & Climate Protection Grants** – *ADVOCATE* for fully funding the continuation of the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) or competitive grants and other energy or climate protection programs.
- **Sustainable Communities Initiative** - *SUPPORT* establishing an office within the Department of Housing and Urban Development to develop initiatives to help urban, suburban, and rural communities plan for and create affordable places to live and work. Support authorizing \$475 million over four years to make grants for the development of plans that would integrate land use, housing, and transportation to create livable communities. Support authorizing \$2.2 billion over three years for grants to enable communities to develop and preserve affordable housing, support transit-oriented developments, as well as improve public transportation.
- **Build Climate Resiliency** – *ADVOCATE* for the federal government to support local government efforts to build climate resiliency by expanding the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation program to address climate impacts, directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to establish a climate adaptation mission to protect water resources, and expanding NOAA's Coastal Zone Management Act and climate programs to support local climate planning and implementation. Specifically, increased funding for NOAA's Digital Coast Program to improve the ability of local governments to understand, plan for and more effectively develop and implement policies to address the potential local impacts of climate change.
- **Sustainable Mobility through Surface Transportation Bill reauthorization** – *ADVOCATE* for the reauthorization of Surface Transportation Bill and increase in federal funding that helps maintain and expand public transit; public transportation buses and fleets that contribute to net environmental benefits; funding that supports action by states, metropolitan planning organizations and local governments to develop and implement Vehicle Miles of Travel reduction plans through legislative mechanisms; and funding to promote greenways, blueways and bikeways. Surface Transportation Bill requests were submitted, but the legislation is still pending.

- **Green Jobs Act of 2010 - *ADVOCATE*** for job creation legislation that promotes clean energy, green infrastructure and environmental protection. Investing in clean energy and the greening of existing industries will help put our economy on a stable, long-term path to sustainable growth and job creation.
- **Southeast Florida Climate Adaptation Pilot – *SUPPORT*** Miami-Dade County requests \$2,000,000 as part of the Federal Clean Energy or related legislation to support the development of a regional climate change adaptation strategy for SE Florida. Miami-Dade County will work with Broward, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties and each of the four counties will submit a similar \$2 million appropriations request.
- **PACE Financing – *ADVOCATE*** for legislation that guarantees local government the right to establish clean energy programs, known as Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) and urge the Department of Energy and Housing Finance Authority to agree to program elements.
- **Climate Action Legislation – *ADVOCATE*** for national energy and climate legislation that includes cap and trade incentives for local action, recognition of early action, and offsets for local green infrastructure. Such legislation should provide a standardized protocol for accounting and verifying emissions reductions that would be financed or credited through revenues from cap-and-trade allowances.
- **Urban Forestry Trees – *ADVOCATE*** for increased federal funding for the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Urban & Community Forestry Programs or any federal program 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.

PARKS & RECREATION

- **Alliance for Youth Excellence (Fit-to-Play) Program – *SUPPORT*** a \$800,000 funding request to continue programming at 17 economically disadvantaged areas providing 450 children with After-School services. The funding will be allocated to personnel and non-personnel expenses such as program supplies and administrative costs.
- **Cultural Arts Center Bridge and Lighted Promenade – *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 Promenade to SW 211 St. and the surrounding cultural and civic facilities.
- **Safe Routes to Parks and Public Spaces – *ADVOCATE*** funding through the National Park Service to build functional networks of bicycle lanes, and boulevards, bicycle paths, shared-use trails and sidewalks, connecting the places where substantial numbers of people live, work, and play.

- **Adapted Sports for Injured Veterans/Disability Sports** – *ADVOCATE* for funding to provide for sports equipment and transportation to enable wounded veterans and other adults with disabilities as well as children with disabilities to learn how to play adapted tennis, basketball, golf, and other sports using a wheelchair.
- **Exotic Wildlife Control** – *ADVOCATE* for funding to increase enforcement assistance by USDA to hire a Biologist 2 to coordinate removal, control, and monitoring of wildlife. In addition, the Wildlife Biologist would coordinate public education. The budget includes a vehicle modified to appropriately transport trapped wildlife, operating expenses and funds for contractual services.
- **Trail Glades Range** – *ADVOCATE* for funding for improvements to 100 Yard Pistol and Rifle Range.
- **Off Highway Vehicle Parks** – *SUPPORT* sufficient transportation funding for local Off Highway Vehicle Parks. Specific facilities for off highway vehicles are needed to prevent existing users from destroying fragile ecosystems in natural areas.
- **Urban Revitalization & Livable Communities Act** – *SUPPORT* H.R. 3734, or similar legislation, that will require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to establish an urban revitalization and livable communities program to provide federal grants to eligible general purpose local governments for various park and recreation purposes, including grants for rehabilitation and construction, innovation, at-risk youth recreation, and recovery action programs.
- **Land Water Conservation Fund** – *SUPPORT* full and dedicated funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Specifically, support for the Clean Energy, Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act (S.3663), which contains a provision that provides urgently needed, dedicated LWCF funding into the future.

POLICE

- **Regional Biometric ID Solution** – *SUPPORT* a \$2 million funding request for the Miami-Dade Police Department, Broward Sheriff's Office and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to develop the Regional Biometric ID Project. The project will serve as a model program for other communities nationally.
- **Increase Juvenile Assistance Grants funding** - *ADVOCATE* for full funding of the JAG program, approximately \$1 million for Miami-Dade Police Department. (The Administration has proposed maintaining the FY2010 and current authorized amount of \$519 million, the Senate has proposed a reduction to \$510 million).

PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

- **Public Housing & Section 8 Housing - *ADVOCATE*** for 100% federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Public Housing and Section 8. Funding for these programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally-funded programs that provide crucial affordable housing and rental subsidies to low-income families, individuals, disabled, and elderly.

PROCUREMENT

- **Repeal Section 511 – *SUPPORT*** any new bills introduced in the House or Senate to repeal Section 511, a government withholding provision under the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 (PL109-222).
- **General Services Administration Access – *SUPPORT*** local jurisdictions access to Federal General Services Administration (GSA) contracts/schedules for the purchase of environmentally conscious “Green” products and services.

PUBLIC WORKS

- **Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge – *SUPPORT*** a \$5 million funding request to fund the design and construction costs needed to replace the Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge.
- **Advance Traffic Management System – *SUPPORT*** funding through Surface Transportation Bill, to complete the installation of approx. 1400 Traffic Signal intersections by converting them into the new ATMS System. The appropriate timing, synchronization, coordination, failure monitoring, and optimization of traffic signals can yield a 5-15% improvement in travel time and travel fuel efficiency through reduced delays.

SEAPORT

- **Miami Harbor Dredging: *ADVOCATE*** for the first increment of \$37.5 million funding request for Miami Harbor Channel Dredging through the President’s Budget. This appropriations request will address the federal share at 50%, of anticipated costs for the \$150 deep dredge project which will bring the Port to a depth of -50 feet.
- **Transshipment Inspection Protocol - *ADVOCATE*** for regulatory changes relating to developing a “transshipment inspection protocol” for the Port of Miami which will allow our port to safely and efficiently process new transshipment cargo.

- **Intermodal Transportation System – *SUPPORT*** improvements to our Intermodal transportation system will result in a smoother and more efficient movement of cargo to and from the Port of Miami.
- **Maritime Transportation Security Act – *ADVOCATE*** for additional funding sources need to be identified to assist the Port of Miami with additional costs it has incurred due to federal mandates imposed by the Maritime Transportation Security Act and subsequent federal laws.
- **Water Resources Development Act – *SUPPORT*** language changes that 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. The Port of Miami's specific changes to include: federalization of and assumption of maintenance of the Dodge Island Cut.
- **Passenger Vessel Services Act – *SUPPORT*** legislation that would supersede certain sections of the Passenger Vessel Services Act of 1886, which restricts foreign built cruise ships from traveling between U.S. ports. U.S. port calls on international itineraries are heavily concentrated in Florida and Alaska due to their proximity to neighboring countries. A similar long-standing act exists for cargo vessels traveling between U.S. ports (the Jones Act).
- **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.
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture and Customs & Border Patrol Staffing – *SUPPORT*** funding increases for Federal Inspection Agencies such as USDA, US Coast Guard and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

SOLID WASTE

- **Waste-to-Energy Ash Study – *SUPPORT*** a \$1 million funding request for a study regarding development of new construction opportunities for the beneficial use of Waste-to-Energy Ash through the Ash Demonstrator Project. Approximately \$350,000 will be allocated for a "bench" test; and the remainder will be utilized for a pilot test for what has been determined to be the most beneficial use of the ash.
- **Hybrid Truck Renovation Pilot – *SUPPORT*** funding for the renovation of 29 existing trucks into 29 Hybrid Trucks. The Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management is proposing a refuse vehicle replacement project to purchase and replace twenty-nine (29) Refuse Hauling Vehicles with twenty-nine (29) new Automated Hydraulic Hybrid Refuse Vehicles. The implementation of this project would allow the DSWM to begin utilizing a cleaner diesel hybrid vehicle technology and accelerate the planned conversion of the entire fleet.

- **Solar Panels Pilot** – *SUPPORT* funding to place Solar Panels on 35 acres of landfill space. Solar panels can be placed on closed landfills on top of the liners to generate supplemental electricity. Each acre can generate up to about 525 kilowatts of electricity.
- **Market Incentives for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources** - *SUPPORT* market incentives to encourage development and operation of alternative, renewable energy production. Support legislation designating biomass as a qualified energy resource, eligible for any and all market incentives.
- **Power Plant Emissions Reduction** – *MONITOR* for equitable treatment for Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Facilities (such as the Resources Recovery Plant) as it relates to the provisions of any forthcoming air pollution reduction legislation requiring that "power-generating" facilities achieve certain reductions in air pollutants. An equity provision is sought due to the fact that previous emission reduction proposals constituted a redundant requirement, given that WTE facilities have already (as of December 2000) complied with comparable provisions of the Clean Air Act.
- **Flow Control/Interstate Waste Transport** - *MONITOR* and *OPPOSE* any efforts seeking to amend legislation in response to the April, 2007 Supreme Court decision "United Haulers Assn. v. Oreida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (No. 05-1345)" which held that flow control to publicly owned facilities is a legislative use of flow control authority. Flow control improves the DSWM's financial position and creates a more stable environment.

TRANSIT

- **Bus Rapid Transit** – *SUPPORT* the proposed legislation allows for the reprogramming of funds which were initially allocated for heavy rail expansion for the North Corridor along the NW 27th Avenue to be used for incremental premium bus service to include Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Approximately \$24 million in congressional earmarks, previously allocated for a heavy rail expansion on the North Corridor will lapse if the reprogramming of this funding does not occur.
- **Modernization & Safety** – *SUPPORT* through the upcoming Surface Transportation Bill, the Committee should support funding to Miami-Dade County for the modernization of various rail components and the enhancement of safety and security features of its transit system.

WATER & SEWER

- **South Miami-Dade Reclaimed Wastewater Conveyance** – *SUPPORT* a \$6.25 million funding request to be used in support for water reuse supply and a common water transmission pipeline to deliver reclaimed water from the South District Wastewater Treatment Plant to the FPL facility and to the new Water Reclamation Plant.

- **Pump Station Optimization Program** – *SUPPORT* a \$5 million funding request for an installation of a program addition to pump station Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) controls for each station.
- **Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Rehydration Pilot Project** – *SUPPORT* through WRDA a Pilot Project that will consist of constructing a high level wastewater treatment system that will provide additional treatment to the effluent produced by the current treatment process at the MDWASD's South District Wastewater Treatment Plant (SDWWTP). The Pilot Project will produce approximately 40 gallons per minute of highly treated reclaimed water.
- **20 Inch Reclaimed Water Main from the Central District Wastewater Treatment Plant to Fisher Island and Miami Beach** – *SUPPORT* through WRDA an alternative sources of water supply and to provide water best suited to the specific use of that water is a central element of Miami-Dade County's long term water supply plan.
- **Chemical Facilities Security** - *MONITOR* legislation or EPA and/or Department of Homeland Security regulations that address security at the nation's water & sewer plants that may be vulnerable to terrorist attack. *OPPOSE* any changes in the manner that local facilities have to prepare and anticipate for possible terrorism that carry a significant cost burden to the Department and to consumers, and any legislation or regulation that doesn't provide financial assistance for public entities to comply with new legislation or rules.
- **State Revolving Funds** - *SUPPORT* any Congressional action which would amend the manner in which State Revolving Funds are allocated to the States, to the extent that the legislation would provide greater amounts of funding to the State of Florida.
- **Pump Stations Protection Program** - *SUPPORT* programs that would protect the pump stations during significant weather events such as hurricanes and flash floods by deploying additional portable pumps and generators to the Water and Sewer Department.
- **Drinking Water Infrastructure** - *SUPPORT* H.R. 5320, the Assistance, Quality and Affordability Act or any legislation that supports \$4.8 billion in funding over the next three years to repair and replace the nation's aging drinking water infrastructure.
- **Water Efficiency Legislation** - *MONITOR* water efficiency bills designed to save the water supply and provide funding supporting such activities.
- **The Water Efficiency and Conservation Investment Act (S. 1711 and H.R. 3746)** – *SUPPORT* tax credits and other incentives to encourage water conservation as a way to reward families and businesses for water conservation efforts.
- **The Water Efficiency, Conservation and Adaptation Act, (S. 1712 and H.R. 3747)** - *SUPPORT* a grant program to finance a variety of measures to improve drinking, wastewater, irrigation, and other water systems in order to help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change.