

Memo

To: Phillip Drujak
From: Squire Patton Boggs LLP
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Subject: Miami-Dade April 2023 Report

In April, Squire Patton Boggs focused on the upcoming Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization. The current authorization expires on September 30 and both the House and Senate were putting the final touches on their draft reauthorizations. Carolina Mederos, who served at the U.S. Department of Transportation for many years and has extensive experience with aviation programs, focused on the reauthorization providing updates to MSY leadership and the County as the legislation was being drafted in both chambers. We also provided summaries of FAA hearings and testimony to the County.

The U.S. hit its \$34.1 trillion debt limit on January 19, but with extraordinary accounting measures the Treasury extended the nation's borrowing authority until June. There was concern that, as demands were being made to reduce spending as part of the debt limit extension, the American Rescue Plan funds - in particular, the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided to local governments - would be clawed back. We attended a National Association of Counties briefing on the potential clawback and provided updates to the County in real time on developments.

We also provided the following updates:

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) weekly updates on implementation and grant opportunities
- Weekly Washington Update
- Weekly grant opportunities of interest to local governments
- EPA framework on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
- The Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities Grant Program
- The convening of the National Association of Counties
- IRA Community Forest Grant
- DOT information feedback on NEPA process
- Discretionary AIP grant opportunity
- House T&I Highways and Transit Subcommittee hearing on IIJA implementation
- DOE building NOFO
- Weekly summaries of the implementation of the IIJA and IRA, in addition to weekly updates on available grant opportunities