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**Memorandum**

**To:** Office of Intergovernmental Affairs  
Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners, Commission Auditor

**From:** Tom Quinn, Managing Partner

**RE:** Miami-Dade County February 2025 Monthly Report for Governmental Representation  
and Consulting Services as per Contract EVN0000597-C

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This memo provides an overview of the activities of Miami-Dade County's federal team, which consists of LSN Partners and consultants from Ballard Partners, Continental Strategies, and Empire Consulting.

This report will be updated with the team's activities and provided to Miami-Dade County each month.

**February 2025 Activity**

- **General Government Updates:**

- a. **Actions Taken:** Throughout this month, LSN Partners and our federal team in D.C. maintained ongoing communication with Alina Gonzales, Jessica Jennings, and Manny Orozco to ensure the County remains informed on critical federal issues.
- b. The LSN-led team has been working consistently with Jessica and Manny in the DC office to ensure they were up-to-date on the latest Trump administration and Capitol Hill actions.

- **FY2025/2026 Federal Appropriations Tracking:**

- a. **Actions Taken:** Appropriations decisions remain delayed, with a resolution now anticipated by mid-March. The federal team continues to engage with congressional offices on the County's priorities and is closely monitoring the process.
- b. The team is actively working with the County to develop the FY2026 requests. We anticipate submitting priorities in late March.

- **Northeast Corridor Advocacy:**

- a. **Actions Taken:** The team is closely tracking Federal Transit Administration (FTA) leadership changes and funding allocations under the new Trump administration. While a new FTA director has been appointed, Senate confirmation is still pending.
- b. **Next Steps:** The project is in good standing with the House Appropriations Committee and FTA. Final decisions on FY2025 funding are expected by mid-March. The LSN

team is working to schedule time for Commissioner Higgins to meet with House Transportation & Infrastructure Chairman Sam Graves at NACO in March.

- **Planning for May 2025 Fly-In:**

- a. The LSN-led team is coordinating with Miami-Dade County to finalize plans for the County's Washington, D.C. fly-in in May 2025.
- b. The team is ensuring that Miami-Dade's key federal priorities are well-positioned for advocacy efforts during meetings with congressional offices and agency officials.

- **Trump Administration Update:**

- a. The first month of the Trump administration has been eventful and filled with news that could impact the County's operations, including a federal funding freeze that faces an uncertain future. The team has kept the County updated in real time and will continue to do so.

LSN Partners Federal Team is committed to ensuring that Miami-Dade County's interests are effectively represented at the federal level. This month's efforts reflect our dedication to fostering strong relationships and strategic advocacy for the County's benefit.