

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Miami-Dade County's Rickenbacker Causeway repair due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW-08411). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 06, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Applicant:** Miami-Dade County
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4337-PW-08411 PN 37518 - PROS - Causeways
- Location of Proposed Work:** DI 65481: (25.74623, -80.17893) to (25.73646, -80.16664);
DI 65482: (25.74662, -80.20046) to (25.74613, -80.18937)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in an AE Zone and VE Zone, otherwise known as the area of 100-year flooding and the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Miami-Dade County FIRM Panels #12086C0481L and #12086C0477L dated 09/11/2009.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** Miami-Dade County replaced chain link fencing and swing gates, concrete roadway pavers, concrete curbs, roadway asphalt including lime-rock base, steel guardrails and associated elements, metal traffic signs, riprap, revetments (riprap and sand), wooden bollards, detectable warning plate, and buoys. A hazard mitigation proposal for DI #65482 was included to replace the existing shoreline revetment boulders with larger revetment boulders and replace existing soil geo-block mats with articulating concrete blocks. The county obtained USACE permits for the work and has confirmed compliance with permit conditions.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no-action alternative and has found that it would not be feasible as the area will remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. The no-action alternative would potentially have adverse social, economic, and public safety impacts to the community. Alternate locations were not considered as the causeways are functionally dependent upon their location within the floodplain. The facility also provides open space uses for recreation.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341 or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-08411, Miami-Dade County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.