


Memorandum



Date: July 22, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Update to Status Report – Plan for Federal Funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

This report updates the Status Report, dated May 31, 2022. The purpose of this update is to provide information to the Board regarding applications submitted, as well as funds already allocated and/or received.

- I. The Miami-Dade Public Library System is developing an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Resilient Florida:
 - Funding Request: \$650,000
 - Replacement of roof, windows, doors and hardening of storefront for the Kendale Lakes Branch Library

- II. The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) submitted applications to the Florida Department of Transportation:
 - A. Transportation Regional Incentive Program:
 - Funding Request: \$625,000, with Cash Match of \$625,000 (People’s Transportation Plan)
 - South Dade Two-Way Pickup/Dropoff site
 - B. Commuter Assistance Program/Rideshare:
 - Funding Request: \$1,479,253, with a Cash Match of \$1,479,253 (Operating Funds)
 - MDT Dade Monroe Express Bus Service

- III. The Water and Sewer Department submitted applications to the Florida House of Representatives, FY22-23, Local Support Grant Request for two projects:
 - A. Miami-Dade County Water Facility Security Improvements:
 - Funding Request: \$2,500,000
 - Support the construction of security upgrades at water facilities, including water treatment plants, well-fields, and pumping stations
 - B. Miami-Dade County Energy Optimization at Wastewater Facilities
 - Funding Request: \$750,000
 - Support more efficient and cost-effective operations aimed at reducing the average annual expenditures of \$26 million in electricity

- IV. The Aviation Department submitted a pre-application to the U.S. Department of Transportation in June 2022:
 - Funding Request: \$12,838,769 (75%) of Total Project Budget of \$17,118,359
 - Construction of Central Terminal E-H Ticket Counters Project at Miami International Airport, specifically replacement of the Baggage Handling System

ticket counter conveyors, demotion of existing conveyor enclosures, and installation of new Fire Security Doors

- The U.S. Department of Transportation approved the pre-application and has requested a full application from Miami-Dade Aviation Department due September 30, 2022.

V. Call last week with U.S. Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary Charles Small to review our pending RAISE and Mega applications:

- Secretary Small suggested getting stakeholders to express their support of our applications.
- PortMiami and DTPW are reaching out to the collective bargaining units that operate at their impacted facilities to provide such commentary.
- RAISE grants should be announced on or around August 12th and the low-emission bus grants on or around August 15th. Mega awards will likely be announced in the 4th quarter of this calendar year.
- The Assistant Secretary also provided valuable insight into the Reconnecting Communities grant program.

VI. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Reconnecting Communities program was released by the U.S. Department of Transportation:

- Attended Webinars with the U.S. Department of Transportation and held an internal meeting to discuss possible projects.
- Application deadline is October 13, 2022.

VII. DTPW leadership met with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Deputy Administrator Veronica Vanterpool, Senior Advisor Veronica McBeth, Region IV Administrator, Dr. Yvette Taylor, and staff on July 11th to update the FTA on the status of the SMART Program:

- The meeting yielded valuable inputs to DTPW that will assist in moving the SMART Plan program forward in partnership with FTA.

Finally, we continue working with our municipalities to help them identify projects and possible funding sources at the Federal and State levels. My Intergovernmental team participates actively with the informal Infrastructure Working Group and provides outreach to the cities on these issues.

If additional information is needed, please contact Chief Operations Officer Jimmy Morales at 305-375-2531.

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