



Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization **2025 ANNUAL REPORT**



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



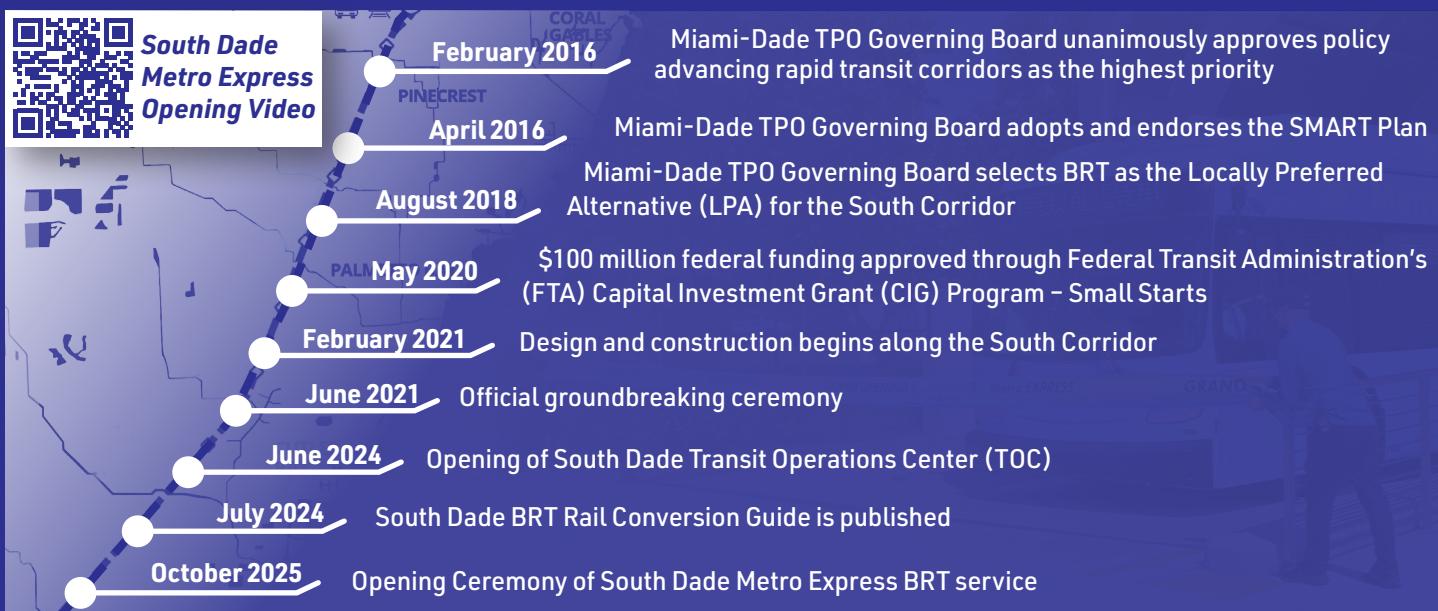
Welcome to the Miami-Dade TPO 2025 Annual Report. I am excited to share key highlights and significant milestones throughout the many pages in this report. Enclosed you will find updates on transportation funding activities and legislation on page 7, as well as a summary of the Miami-Dade Transportation Industry Forum on pages 4-7. Our student pedestrian and bicycle safety initiatives are highlighted on pages 10-11, along with the rollout of our TPO Safety Influencers video. Our award-winning public outreach activities and campaigns can be viewed on pages 14-15. Finally, starting on page 17, we share in the accomplishments of our transportation agency partners, including Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), Greater Miami Expressway Authority (GMX), Brightline, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)/TriRail, PortMiami, and Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD). Miami-Dade TPO congratulates our partner agencies for their dedication and commitment to our community.

A key project rollout was Miami-Dade County's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, South Dade Metro Express, which opened in October 2025.

This project delivers 20 miles of dedicated BRT rail-efficient travel times in South Miami-Dade County, as well as modernized amenities, level boarding, pre-paid fare systems, and enhanced safety features. This was delivered as one of the top priorities of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, which was unanimously adopted by the TPO Governing Board in April 2016. This project connects Dadeland South Metrorail Station to SW 344th Street Park-and-Ride with 14 stations. It links some of the region's fastest growing communities between Downtown Miami and Florida City. Federal grant funding was a key component in moving this project forward, along with state and local funding, that totaled approximately \$300 million in capital construction costs. Please see the graphic below for the history of this critical project.

Miami-Dade TPO continues to financially support the SMART Plan, which has now officially transitioned to a programmatic SMART Program implementation approach for multiple corridors throughout our county. In addition, since the adoption and evolution of the SMART Program, 35 new first/last mile SMART Demonstration projects, with over 14 million riders, are servicing the residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County. I invite you to stay involved for more updates by visiting MiamiDadeTPO.org.

- Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Executive Director



2025 TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY FORUM

Miami-Dade TPO hosted the 2025 Transportation Industry Forum for nearly 400 participants, emceed by Constance Jones, a two-time Emmy® nominated journalist for NBC 6 News. The Forum, a one-day peer exchange, brought together public and private sector leaders to discuss ideas and strategies for accelerating project delivery, best practices, and emerging trends. The Forum fostered collaboration between partners, TPO Board Members, public officials, organizations, technical staff, and the private sector to develop safe, connected, and mobility-focused transportation solutions.

The Honorable Anthony Rodriguez, Miami-Dade TPO Chairman, opened the Forum by highlighting the recent South Dade Metro Express opening and importance of a safe transportation system that provides mobility options for the community. The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County Mayor, then discussed the County's partnership with the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board who adopted the SMART Plan placing this corridor as one of the top priorities within Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, concluded the session emphasizing continued collaboration between transportation partner agencies to advance regional transportation solutions.

Session I - The Future of Transportation: Opportunities and Challenges

The public/private panel shared their perspectives on current priorities, legislative actions, and policy initiatives that impact mobility and infrastructure across the region. From funding strategies to project delivery and community needs, this discussion provided insight on how leadership is aligning efforts to advance a stronger, more connected transportation network for Miami-Dade County and the region.



Pictured from left to right: Honorable Joseph M. Corradino, AICP, Village of Pinecrest Mayor, Alicia Cervera Lamadrid, Managing Partner, Principal, Cervera Real Estate, Eduardo De Lara, Managing Director North America, Sacyr Concessions, Honorable Danielle Cohen Higgins, TPO Board Member and County Commissioner, Honorable Eric Diaz-Padron, Vice Chairman, Miami-Dade TPO & Mayor of West Miami, Honorable Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman, Miami-Dade TPO & Board of County Commissioners (BCC), Honorable Kionne McGhee, TPO Board Member and Vice Chairman, BCC, David Martin, Chief Executive Officer, Terra, Jose R. Mas, Chief Executive Officer, MasTec, Inc., and Alice Bravo, P.E., President & CEO, Alice Bravo & Associates.

Keynote Address

Jared W. Perdue, P.E., FDOT Secretary, focused on growth impacts on Florida's transportation system, and how the *Moving Florida Forward Initiative* aims to improve congestion, safety, and the supply chain in Florida. FDOT exemplifies national and global best practices for implementing transportation infrastructure planning, policy, financing, and project delivery for all modes.



Secretary Perdue noted FDOT's focus on direct trade routes and building international relations. He also highlighted major local projects, including the Golden Glades Interchange Reconstruction project, I-395 Design-Build, and the Okeechobee Road Reconstruction, as critical improvements to Miami-Dade County's transportation system. In closing, Secretary Perdue emphasized the power of partnership in building strong relationships needed to solve complex transportation problems.

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TPO Transportation Safety Influencers Safety Campaign

The Honorable Roberto J. Alonso, Miami-Dade TPO and Miami-Dade County Public School Board Member, joined by the Principal of New World School of the Arts (NWSA), and TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, unveiled the TPO's Transportation Safety Influencers. The mascots were designed by NWSA students as part of a contest aimed at developing a character to help promote bicycle and pedestrian safety for all age groups. Mobility Guardian took the win, with Mobility Maven and Mobility Maverick chosen as Mobility Guardian's friends.



Session II - The Final Stretch: Mobility Solutions & Innovations for Connecting Communities

Leading experts in mobility innovation explored how Miami-Dade County can encourage public transit use through enhanced first and last mile connections. They discussed the role of transformative urban trails in creating active, connected corridors; the County's efforts toward seamless multimodal integration; and the growing importance of on-demand, zero-emission microtransit in solving transportation challenges. Together, the panel examined ideas for connecting communities, improving accessibility, and advancing a more efficient transportation network shaping the region's future.



Pictured from left to right: Moderator Javier Betancourt, Executive Director, Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust, Meg Daly, Founder & Executive Chair, Friends of The Underline, Jason Spiegel, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Freebee, and Stacy L. Miller, P.E., Director & CEO, Miami-Dade County DTPW.

Session III - Edge of Innovation: Logistics, Technology, and Economic Forecasting for Miami-Dade's Global Gateways

This panel explored the critical role of Miami-Dade County's airports and seaport as global gateways driving regional and international commerce. They discussed how cutting-edge technologies, innovative logistics strategies, and forward-looking economic forecasts are shaping the future of trade, travel, and connectivity. They also shared challenges and opportunities ahead as Miami-Dade County strengthens its position as a world-class hub for goods and people.



Pictured from left to right: Moderator Jimmy Morales, Chief Operating Officer, Miami-Dade County, Ralph Cutié, Director & CEO, Miami-Dade Aviation Department/MIA and Hydi Webb, Director & CEO, Miami-Dade County Seaport Department/PortMiami.

Session IV - Southeast Florida Regional Collaboration

This session brought together the three Southeast Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) partner agencies to discuss the region's transportation priorities. Together they highlighted the recently adopted Southeast Florida 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), as well as ongoing projects, and shared opportunities and challenges. They explained how the three MPOs are aligning priorities to deliver a more efficient, reliable, and future-ready transportation system.



Pictured from left to right: Moderator David Dech, Executive Director, SFRTA/Tri-Rail, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Executive Director, Miami-Dade TPO, Gregory Stuart, Executive Director, Broward MPO, and Valerie Neilson, AICP, Executive Director, Palm Beach MPO.

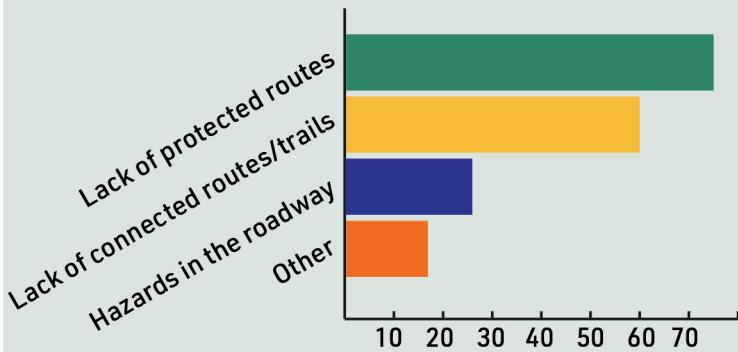
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Closing Remarks

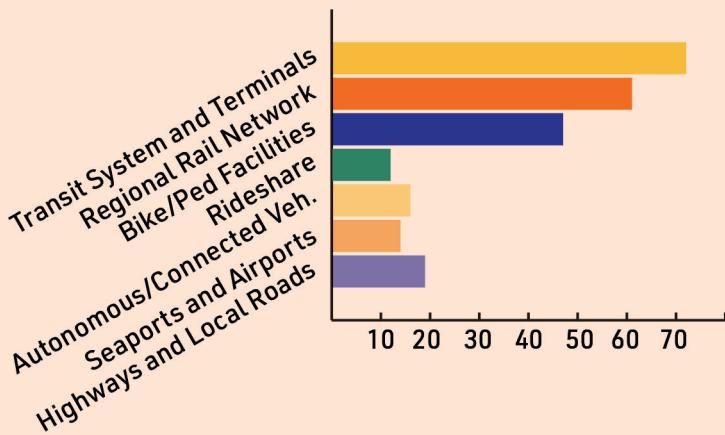
The Forum closed with final remarks from Jose Clavell, P.E., Vice President Transportation, EXP US South, and Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Executive Director, Miami-Dade TPO, and included results of the audience surveys taken throughout the day. They invited attendees to stay engaged in the space of working together to move important mobility projects forward for the Southeast Florida region.

Survey Results

What are the impediments and challenges to a safe cycling experience?



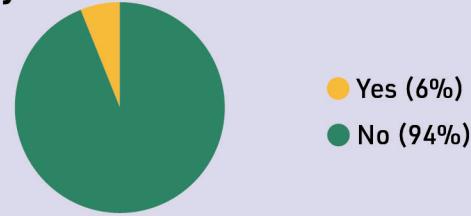
Which mode of transportation should receive more investment?



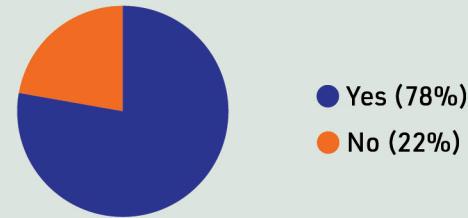
What makes Miami-Dade County a great place to live, work, or visit?

Weather Diversity
 Culture Nature and the
 Opportunities Environment
 Transportation Community
 Recreation Recreation

Do you feel safe riding a bike and/or using micromobility on the streets of Miami-Dade County?



Are you aware that the State of Florida is the state with the highest rate of fatalities and severe injuries involving bicyclists and pedestrians?



"Mobility Matters" Live Interviews

The CITT hosted a "Mobility Matters" pop-up studio running concurrently to the Forum. Exclusive podcast interviews were recorded live with Host Javier Betancourt, CITT Executive Director, and notable guests, including TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Miami-Dade County's Chief Operations Officer, Jimmy Morales, MDAD Director & CEO, Ralph Cutié, PortMiami Director & CEO, Hydi Webb, Miami-Dade DTPW Director & CEO, Stacy L. Miller, P.E., SFRTA/Tri-Rail Executive Director, David Dech, among others.



2025 TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY FORUM

Table: Key Takeaways and Outcomes of the Forum

Theme	Key Takeaways and Outcomes
Unified Vision and Collaboration	Success in transportation depends on strong partnerships across federal, state, local, and private sectors. Regional collaboration is essential to address challenges that cross county lines and to deliver seamless mobility solutions.
Investment in Innovation	Major investments in BRT, Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), and technology are positioning the region as a leader in transportation infrastructure and innovation. Pilot projects and small-scale initiatives can demonstrate value and encourage broader adoption of innovative transportation solutions.
First/Last Mile Connectivity	Bridging the gap between public transit and final destinations is critical. Implementation of new microtransit and multimodal facilities needs to continue, while also maintaining and improving assets and facilities already in place (trails, sidewalks, bike lanes).
Economic and Community Impact	Transportation improvements drive economic growth, enhance affordability, and improve quality of life. Transparent communication with the public, as well as community engagement, needs to continue to help build public trust and are both vital for successful project delivery.
Safety and Resiliency	Safety for all road users and resilience in infrastructure planning are top priorities, especially in the face of regional rapid growth and climate challenges.
Funding and Advocacy	Creative funding strategies and unified advocacy are needed to continue to secure resources and maintain momentum for large-scale transportation projects with regional benefits.

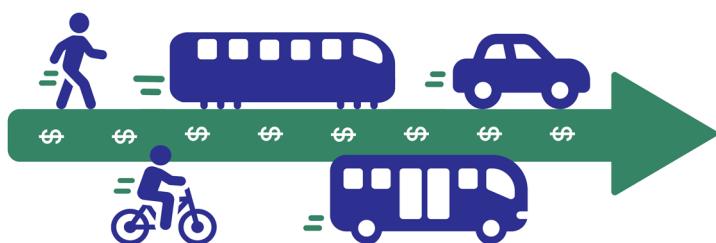
Financial Outlook

In 2025, transportation funding in Florida underwent significant legislative changes through the State budget approval process. Among the most impactful was the revision to the distribution formula for Documentary Stamp revenue, which eliminated Capital funding for the New Starts Transit Program (NSTP). This change negatively impacted the SMART Program, resulting in the rescission of approximately \$192 million in State match for the Northeast Corridor and placing future State contributions on all remaining corridors in jeopardy.

Additionally, the same legislative action reduced funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) from 25% to 9% of the remaining balance. The annual allocation of \$60 million for the Florida Rail Enterprise (FRE) was also removed, directly impacting Tri-Rail service in the coming years.

Despite these setbacks, Miami-Dade TPO remains committed to advancing and prioritizing critical transportation projects while these legislative formula changes may or may not be addressed in the next legislative session.

At the federal level, there have been no indications of any changes that would negatively impact the Miami-Dade TPO's programs or priorities.



TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INITIATIVES

Bicycle Safety Infrastructure Program Cycling Fatality Injury Reduction Peer Exchange

As part of a Bicycle Safety Infrastructure Program Peer Exchange, Miami-Dade TPO, in coordination with the Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium (ITC), launched a three-day Bike Immersion Program in Paris, France. Miami-Dade TPO Vice Chairman, Honorable Eric Diaz-Padron, Governing Board Members, and TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, participated in this initiative in collaboration with the City of Paris. The program offered an in-depth field review of proven bicycle safety infrastructure strategies that help reduce fatalities and injuries. The program serves as a living example of how the City of Paris has transformed highly metropolitan areas with extensive safety infrastructure, creating a network of over 600 miles of protected bike lanes and paths.

Temporary Lanes, Lasting Impact: Evaluating Pop-up Bike Lanes & School Bike Buses Study

This study examined the effectiveness of the University of Miami (UM) BikeSafe Program, focusing on its deployment of pop-up bicycle lanes and coordination of "Bike to School Day" events in the county. These initiatives aimed to enhance youth safety, promote active transportation, and increase community engagement. By analyzing field data, participant feedback, and behavioral trends, the study offers insight into how infrastructure enhancements can support safer school commutes. Pop-up bike lanes serve as temporary, low-cost pilot demonstrations of protected infrastructure, while "Bike to School Day" events foster positive cultural shifts around cycling. Findings support the development of replicable guidelines designed to help planners, school administrators, and policymakers extend these efforts countywide.

Park(ing) Day

Next to the Brickell Metrorail Station, Miami-Dade TPO, alongside partners, reimagined how public spaces can serve the community. As part of the annual Park(ing) Day celebration, ordinary parking spaces were transformed into temporary places to showcase how transportation, recreation, and public services intersect in everyday life. Miami-Dade TPO Deputy Director of Transportation, Maria T. Vilches-Landa, P.E., along with partners, encouraged residents to engage with their surroundings in new and meaningful ways.



Safe Routes to School Site Visits

Miami-Dade TPO continued its Safe Routes to Schools site visits in the City of Hialeah, focusing on Henry H. Filer Middle School and Mae M. Walters Elementary School. These activities help identify where improvements are needed to make it easier and safer for students to walk or bike to school. By studying neighborhood connectivity, traffic patterns, and crossing conditions, Miami-Dade TPO aims to create practical recommendations that make daily travel more efficient and secure for families.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INITIATIVES

Rail Safety Week "See Tracks? Think Train"

As part of "See Tracks? Think Train" during Rail Safety Week, SFRTA/Tri-Rail, Miami-Dade TPO, FDOT District Six, and Operation Lifesaver, co-hosted outreach events at both the Metrorail/Tri-Rail Transfer Station and Opa-Locka Tri-Rail Station. The initiative focused on educating pedestrians, cyclists, and commuter train passengers about the importance of obeying safety signals, maintaining a safe distance from tracks, and staying alert near rail crossings, consistent with Rail Safety Week.



20th Anniversary Walk to School Day

UM Miller School of Medicine's WalkSafe Program hosted its 20th Anniversary Walk to School Day event at Ben Sheppard Elementary School. Alongside transportation partners, Miami-Dade TPO Deputy Director of Administration, Zainab Salim, MPA, provided an inspirational message to the children promoting safe and active walking practices. National Walk to School Day is celebrated annually across the United States to encourage a fun, healthy, and active way to get to school while teaching the importance of crosswalk and pedestrian safety.



TPO Municipal Grant Program Promoting Safety

Safe Streets Palmetto Bay Action Plan

Village of Palmetto Bay kicked off its Safe Streets Palmetto Bay Action Plan to introduce the Village's first comprehensive transportation plan aimed at advancing Vision Zero: with the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries. This Plan will inventory, analyze, and bring together the Village's previous transportation plans and studies, informed by a detailed crash and community-based analysis, to identify priority projects and action items related to five Plan "spheres": the bicycle and pedestrian network (including trails), Safe Routes to School, traffic calming, transit connectivity, and barriers to transportation Village-wide (including physical barriers, like U.S.1).

South Miami Linking Ludlam Project

City of South Miami hosted a walking/biking audit for the "Linking Ludlam - A Connectivity Study for SW 64th Street" project. The site visit involved a thorough assessment of walking and biking conditions to evaluate existing infrastructure and identify opportunities to enhance safety along the corridor for pedestrians and cyclists.

STUDENT PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY INITIATIVES

TPO Transportation Safety Influencers Activity Book – Volume 1

The Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board passed a motion in 2024 to promote educational opportunities and exchanges with Miami-Dade County School Board. As a result, in 2025 TPO partnered with NWSA for a second year to begin the development of an activity book utilizing mascots "TPO Transportation Safety Influencers" they developed in 2024. The activity book will contain a cover, coloring book section, activity section, and comic book section promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety across all age groups, while also encouraging students to consider career opportunities in transportation.

TPO Transportation Safety Influencers Animated Video – Episode 1

An animated video was developed utilizing the Transportation Safety Influencers, developed by NWSA students.



Scan the QR Code to Watch the Video



The fully animated video introduces each mascot along with the goal for future episodes to educate students of all ages about the importance of transportation safety initiatives.

Public Service Announcement Contests

Upon the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board's unanimous Resolution #33-2024, TPO staff reinstated a PSA Contest in coordination with Miami-Dade County Public School's Career Technical Education (CTE) to conduct a yearly PSA contest from October to December amongst applicable public schools.

Bicycle Safety PSA Contest – 2024/2025

This PSA contest focused on bicycle safety, providing critical information for a solid foundation for safe urban cycling. On February 27, the TPO Governing Board recognized the PSA Contest winners, administered under the direction of Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP. TPO Deputy Director of Administration, Ms. Zainab Salim, MPA, along with Miami Dade College Professors, judged the PSA entries awarding a first, second, and third prize representing Hialeah Gardens High School, Young Men's Prep Academy, and Felix Varela Sr. High School, respectively. Also, an Honorable Mention was recognized by Young Men's Prep Academy.

Scan the QR Code to Watch the Videos



Railroad Safety PSA Contest – 2025/2026

This PSA Contest was a collaborative effort with SFRTA/Tri-Rail focused on railroad safety, providing critical information to the community regarding how to remain safe around railroad tracks and intersections. PSAs were judged under the "TV Film Production" category during the day long CTE "Innovate Competition."

Mobility Maverick

Mobility Guardian

Mobility Maven

Transportation SAFETY INFLUENCERS

QUICK SAFETY TIPS!

WEAR A HELMET

Make sure your helmet is properly fitted to protect your head in case of a crash. This simple step can be lifesaving.



FOLLOW TRAFFIC LAWS

Remember that bicycles are considered vehicles. Stop at traffic signals, stop signs, and pay attention to lane markings.



STAY CAUTIOUS AT INTERSECTIONS

Most cycling crashes occur at intersections. Slow down, make eye contact with drivers, and be ready to stop if needed.

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MIAMI-DADE TPO AGENCY INITIATIVES

YADAY Connect

Honorable Oliver G. Gilbert III, Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board Member, and Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director, presented at YADAY Connect during the session, "Miami, the New Tech Hub: The Rise of a Bold Ecosystem Bridging North America, Latin America, and the World." The session highlighted the role of technology in Southeast Florida and the position of the region as a global crossroads where innovation, culture, and commerce converge. YADAY Connect, part of the VivaTech Conference, brought together a selected group of the brightest minds in technology for open dialogue and meaningful collaboration.

Trans Canada Trail Peer Exchange

Miami-Dade TPO hosted a peer exchange with trail experts from Trans Canada Trail, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS), and The Underline to explore innovative strategies for trail implementation, funding, and partnerships as well as discuss how trails can serve as economic catalysts for the communities they connect. This hands-on experience sparked conversations on best practices for trail development, placement of non-motorized traffic count stations, maintenance programs, and long-term sustainability.



Consul General of Ireland Peer Exchange

Miami-Dade County ITC hosted a delegation from Ireland, including His Excellency Darragh O'Brien, Ireland's Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy, and Minister for Transport, as well as Honorable Sarah Kavanagh, Consul General of Ireland in Miami. Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director Aileen Bouclé, AICP, participated in the Peer Exchange alongside the MDAD and PortMiami to provide key updates on transportation projects, emphasizing ongoing efforts to enhance mobility, sustainability, and international trade in Miami-Dade County.



Bike Bus World Peer Exchange

A Peer Exchange and Lessons Learned session was held at the Miami-Dade TPO office in collaboration with Bike Bus World. This event brought together key stakeholders to discuss expanding Bike Bus World initiatives across Miami-Dade County. Discussions focused on strategies to enhance safety and participation, with a strong emphasis on route planning, community engagement, and school partnerships. Through these collaborative efforts, TPO and its partners aim to make biking to school a safer, more accessible, and sustainable option for families. Participating partners included FDOT District Six and UM's Bike Safe Program.

MIAMI-DADE TPO AGENCY INITIATIVES

PortMiami Peer Exchange with Palm Beach MPO

As part of continuous and cooperative peer exchanges within the Southeast Florida region, a delegation from Palm Beach MPO was received by Miami-Dade TPO for an in-depth site visit of PortMiami. This example of an interagency technical peer exchange represents one of the highest levels of commitment on behalf of the Miami-Dade TPO to advance the implementation of a connected and regionally comprehensive transportation network.

City of Cape Town, South Africa Peer Exchange

Miami-Dade TPO hosted an exchange with a delegation from the City of Cape Town, South Africa, led by the Miami-Dade County ITC. Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, provided an overview of Miami-Dade County's transportation network and led an exchange of ideas regarding planning for multimodal infrastructure projects. Discussions also focused on lessons learned and how Miami-Dade County has moved forward major infrastructure projects such as the South Corridor and South Dade Metro Express BRT, S.R. 25/Okeechobee Road Reconstruction Project, and I-395/S.R. 836/I-95 Design-Build Project.



Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) 2025 Developers Forum

Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, presented at the GMCC 2025 Developers Forum during the session "Breaking New Ground: Why Developers are Investing Big in Downtown Miami's Transit-Oriented Developments (TOD)." Discussions highlighted downtown Miami's appeal for mixed-use TODs as well as Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) emphasizing community-building through live-work-play environments and improved regional connectivity. Discussions focused on current and future TODs/TOCs, infrastructure planning, and public transit updates across Southeast Florida.



Fourth Annual Infraday Florida Conference

Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, presented during the "Solving Florida's Transportation Puzzle" session at the Fourth Annual Infraday Florida Conference. The discussion focused on strategies to reduce congestion, expand mobility options, and modernize infrastructure. The session also highlighted innovative solutions, funding options, and collaboration for Florida's future transportation needs.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

TPO on the Go!

“TPO on the Go!” are short videos produced by the Miami-Dade TPO and posted on the TPO’s YouTube Channel. The clips showcase citizen comments and requests during outreach events and the corresponding responses from partner agencies.

February 2025 - University of Miami Annual Safety Fair



March 2025 - Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus Health Fair



August 2025 - Florida International University Panthers on the Move



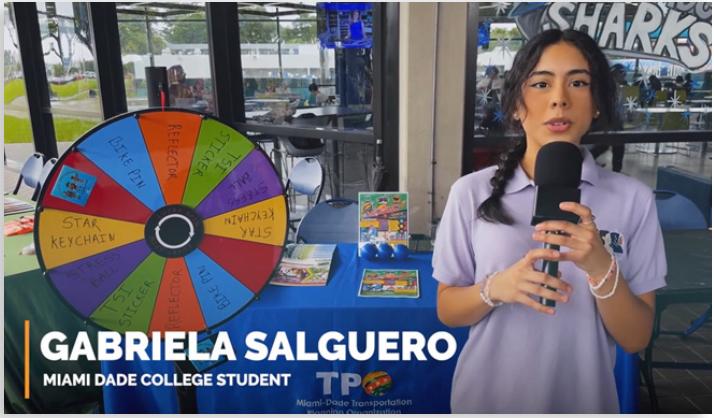
September 2025 - University of Miami Rosenstiel School Safety Day



September 2025 - Miami Dade College Medical Campus Safety Day



September 2025 - Miami Dade College North Campus Safety Day

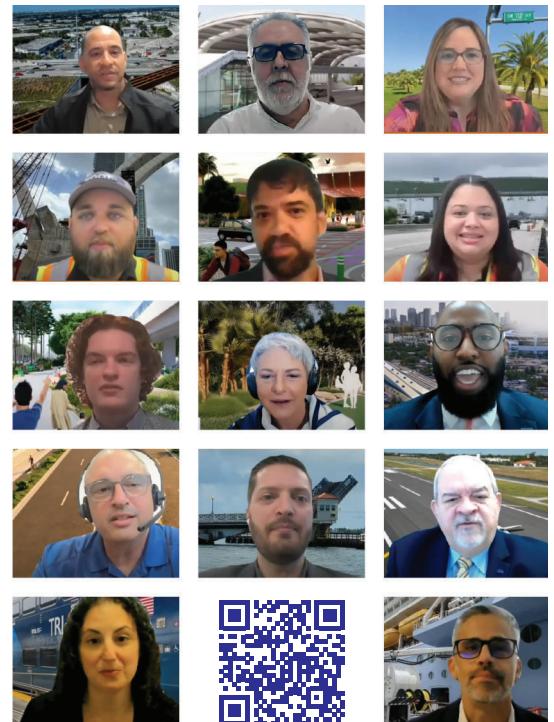


"In the Know with the TPO"

"In the Know with the TPO" is a video series designed to keep the community informed and engaged regarding the latest transportation projects throughout Miami-Dade County. Episodes featured TPO Anchors, Chris Rosenberg and Fran Taylor, discussing projects with transportation expert correspondents from partner agencies including the GMX, FDOT District Six, Miami-Dade County, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Miami International Airport (MIA), SFRTA/Tri-Rail, and PortMiami. Throughout the three episodes, viewers were encouraged to provide feedback regarding the agencies' various projects listed within the FYs 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) during the 45-day Public Review Period.



Partner Agency Reporters



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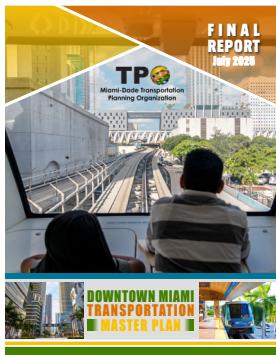
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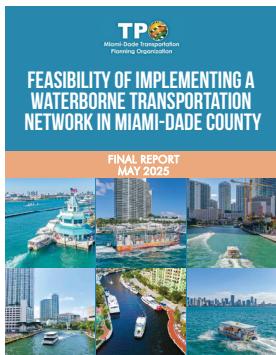
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STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS



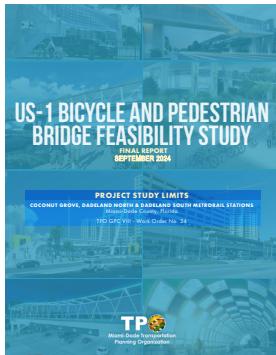
Downtown Miami Transportation Master Plan

This updated Plan revisits the original 2003 effort and addresses significant transformations that have taken place in Downtown Miami. These include rapid development growth, shifts in population and travel patterns, and emerging transportation technology options. The plan provides recommendations to support a modern, efficient, and connected transportation future for Downtown Miami.



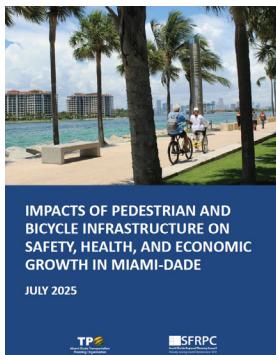
Waterborne Transportation in Miami-Dade

This study explored a sustainable water transit system to improve mobility and reduce congestion. Using the waterways, coastal layout, and favorable climate, six routes were proposed in two phases to connect waterfront destinations with transit hubs. The plan aims to expand commuter options, boost tourism, and enhance multi-modal connectivity. The study assessed dock access, ridership, traffic flow, and proximity to population centers.



U.S. 1 Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study

The U.S. 1 Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study explored alternatives to enhance safe mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists across U.S. 1 at the Coconut Grove, Dadeland North, and Dadeland South Metrorail Stations. Proposed improvements include pedestrian-bicycle bridges, upgraded infrastructure, enhanced signalization, and improved crosswalks. The study aimed to (1) prioritize safety, mobility, and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists crossing U.S. 1 and (2) promote transit use by offering safer and more accessible connections for pedestrians and bicyclists to the Metrorail system.



Impacts of Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure on Safety, Health and Economic Growth Study

This study highlights how bike lanes, paths, and trails, particularly those located near transit hubs, schools, and parks, can enhance safety, promote public health, and support economic development. The study estimates that a 2% increase in bike commuting could generate \$3.1 billion over 25 years, prevent 10.4 deaths annually, and deliver a \$2.50 return for every \$1 invested. The report recommends prioritizing projects within the High-Injury Network (HIN) and advancing full implementation of the 2050 Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.

TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS



Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

South Dade Metro Express: Transforming the Way Miami-Dade County Moves

With the launch of South Dade Metro Express, the County's first-ever BRT system and longest all-electric BRT in the country, a new era of mobility has begun for South Dade residents. This milestone marks the first major rapid transit expansion in over a decade, delivering on a key promise of the SMART Plan: to move more people to more places with greater comfort, efficiency, and reliability. Spanning 20 miles from Florida City to Dadeland South, South Dade Metro Express operates on dedicated bus lanes along the newly completed South Corridor. Its sleek, all-electric buses glide past intersections with rail-like signal priority, ensuring fewer delays and a safer ride. With 14 signature air-conditioned stations, streamlined service, and enhanced passenger amenities, riders can travel more conveniently than ever, whether commuting to work, heading to class, or connecting to Metrorail.

South Dade Metro Express is a statement of Miami-Dade's commitment to sustainability and smart growth. The system features zero-emission buses, ADA accessible level boarding, free Wi-Fi, bike-friendly storage, and real-time information displays. Recognized nationally by the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure with the prestigious Envision Award, South Dade Metro Express represents innovation, investment, and impact. The \$300 million project, jointly funded by Miami-Dade County, FDOT, and the FTA, advances a cleaner, more connected future for over 200,000 residents and 11,500 businesses along the South Corridor.

"Metro Express represents the future of transit in Miami-Dade. Every element - from our electric fleet to the thoughtfully designed stations - reflects our focus on delivering reliable, comfortable, and sustainable service."

- Stacy L. Miller, P.E., DTPW Director and CEO

The Underline: Multimodal Corridor, Urban Trail, and Public Art Destination

The Underline's Segment 3 is being completed, spanning 0.88 miles from SW 19th Avenue to SW 27th Avenue. This phase introduces the Inter Grove Gallery, an Arts + Crafts incubator dedicated to art, culture, and community engagement. Designed as a Marketplace connected to Coconut Grove,

it supports entrepreneurs by offering opportunities to launch and grow businesses while engaging with the community. The area reflects Miami-Dade's diversity through a network of mobility, recreation, and cultural amenities that redefine how infrastructure shapes community life.



Resting areas with oolitic limestone seating, hydration stations, bike racks, and repair stations support active transportation, while dog-friendly spaces, trash and recycling bins, and free Wi-Fi enhance convenience. Native landscaping, including new trees, micro-forests, bioswales, and other green infrastructure, help manage stormwater naturally and foster habitats for pollinators. Curated public art and flexible spaces host community events, cultural activities, educational programs, and wellness initiatives, transforming underutilized land into a vibrant public asset celebrating mobility, nature, and community.

TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS



Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6

State Road (S.R.) 826/Palmetto Expressway Capacity Project

Completed in Summer 2025, this project enhanced safety, capacity, and mobility on S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway, one of Miami-Dade County's most heavily travelled corridors, from south of NW 36th Street to north of NW 154th Street. The project totaled \$66 million and included the widening of southbound S.R. 826 to add a lane through the NW 103rd Street interchange, reconstruction of bridges and ramps, relocation of the southbound express lane entrances, upgraded drainage, new lighting, signage, and pavement markings, and the addition of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) features.



Moving Florida Forward Project at Golden Glades Interchange (GGI)

The GGI Project began in March 2024 under Governor DeSantis' vision of *Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative* to expedite congestion relief at the interchange and connecting corridors and remains on schedule for completion in Fall 2031. It will deliver 32 new bridges and provide upgrades that will improve traffic flow, safety, and regional mobility at one of Southeast Florida's most critical transportation hubs where five major roadways converge, including I-95, S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway, Florida's Turnpike, S.R. 9, and S.R. 7/U.S. 441/NW 7th Avenue.



I-395/S.R. 836/I-95 DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

FDOT District Six and GMX are partnering to transform the I-395 corridor. Progress is underway on the six-arched Signature Bridge and a new high-capacity mainline. Two bridge arches are complete, and all 86 segments for the tallest 330-foot arch have been installed. Mainline foundations are finished, and precast segments are being placed. Additional work continues on footers and piers.

On S.R. 836, day and night operations are advancing to build foundations and piers for the new double-deck roadway from NW 12th Avenue to I-95. Crews are using a 488-foot gantry to install bridge caps and beams between NW 17th Avenue and the Miami River. Work continues on the second of three large straddle bents that will support parts of the double-deck structure. Work is more than 90% complete between NW 8th Street and NW 17th Street. The project is anticipated for completion in late 2029.



TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE)

Widening from NW 106th Street to Interstate 75 (I-75)

This \$369.1 million project is anticipated for completion in 2026 and continues expanding Florida's Turnpike from six to ten lanes between NW 106th Street and I-75. Ramp connections, bridge widenings, a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI), and upgrades to lighting, signage, and drainage are included. This year, the project opened additional capacity along northbound Turnpike between NW 106th Street and Okeechobee Road and southbound Turnpike between I-75 and NW 106th Street and a dedicated southbound Turnpike entrance ramp from eastbound Okeechobee Road.

Widening from Campbell Drive/SW 312th Street to Tallahassee Road/SW 137th Avenue

This \$99 million project is anticipated for completion in 2028 and expands Florida's Turnpike from four to six lanes between Campbell Drive and Tallahassee Road. Improvements include a northbound Turnpike entrance ramp from Tallahassee Road, bridge widenings, construction of new sound walls, and upgrades to lighting, signage, and stormwater drainage. Intelligent transportation systems components will be added to enhance real-time traffic monitoring and safety.

Improvements Project from Hainlin Mill Road/SW 216th Street to U.S. 1

This \$37 million project, anticipated for completion in mid-2027, enhances safety and connectivity along Florida's Turnpike between Hainlin Mill Road and U.S. 1 in southern Miami-Dade County. The project also includes widening the Turnpike bridge over Caribbean Boulevard, constructing new noise walls along qualifying residential areas, and providing lighting and signalization upgrades for improved travel and safety. These improvements will enhance access, reduce congestion, and strengthen emergency evacuation routes.



CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)

Miami-Dade's South Dade Metro Express BRT Service: A Major Milestone in the People's Transportation Plan (PTP)

CITT members and staff joined Miami-Dade County residents and local officials in celebrating the launch of the new South Dade Metro Express BRT service along the South Corridor. PTP surtax dollars contributed to one third of the funding for construction of the new stations and upgrades along the South Corridor, as well as the purchase of the all-electric buses.

The new South Dade Metro Express service is providing residents in south Miami-Dade better connections to jobs, schools, healthcare and other essential destinations.

South Dade Transit Operations Center

To ensure long-term success of the South Dade Metro Express BRT service, PTP surtax revenues also funded the construction of a new South Dade Transit Operations Center (TOC). This facility will serve as the operational hub for the County's electric bus fleet, housing charging infrastructure, maintenance bays, dispatch, and support services.



TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS



Miami-Dade County Aviation Department (MDAD)

Miami International Airport's (MIA) economic impact has reached a record \$181.4 billion in statewide business revenue and now supports 842,703 jobs, reaffirming its vital role as one of Florida's largest and most powerful economic engines. MIA's record-breaking growth continues to boost the local community with more tourism spending, job creation, trade, and commerce, generating \$41.2 billion in business revenue and 311,291 direct, indirect, and induced jobs in Miami-Dade County alone.

MIA was North America's most-improved mega airport in customer satisfaction last year. MIA's ranking moved from 10th to 8th place among the busiest airports in the study from July 2024 through July 2025. MIA improved while also serving 3.5 million more travelers in 2025 than the year before, for a new annual record of nearly 56 million passengers and the airport's third-consecutive record-breaking year. MIA's upward trend in customer satisfaction coincides with the ongoing progress of its \$9 billion Modernization in Action (M.I.A.) Plan, which includes major projects like the preventative maintenance and replacement of more than 600 escalators, elevators, and moving walkways; renovating nearly 200 public restrooms; upgrading 75% of the airport's passenger boarding bridges; completing the new 2,240-space Ibis garage in December 2025; and completing the new Concourse K in 2029.



PortMiami Miami-Dade Seaport Department

PortMiami welcomed 8.56 million passengers in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025, for its third consecutive record-breaking FY. Up 4.02% from the previous FY, it is the highest annual passenger count in the seaport's history. The Port celebrated several milestones, including its busiest cruise passenger day on April 20, 2025, with 72,401 guests; and welcoming a record-breaking 10 cruise ships on February 8, 2025. On the cargo side, the Port recorded 1.11 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU), a 2.35% growth and marking 11 consecutive years exceeding one million TEUs.

In April 2025, PortMiami unveiled its MSC Cruises Terminal AA. The 490,000-square-foot LEED Gold Certified terminal is the largest in the world. It can accommodate three ships simultaneously, process up to 36,000 passengers daily, and is shore power ready. The landmark project is a collaboration between the Cruise Division of MSC Group, PortMiami, and Miami-Dade County.



PortMiami and MIA, in collaboration with the Mandich Group, Cold-Link Logistics and Reveam, commenced development of a state of the art Phytosanitary Treatment and Cold Chain Processing Facility in July 2025. The future-ready perishables facility, which will be located at 7449 NW 12th Street, will be the first center of its kind in the state of Florida and the largest in the U.S.



TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS



South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA/Tri-Rail)

Tri-Rail achieved an all-time ridership record, logging 4.5 million rides from July 2024 through June 2025. Tri-Rail was also reported as leading the nation in ridership recovery among commuter rail systems, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report.

Tri-Rail partnered with the City of Opa-Locka in a promotional event to encourage train ridership and highlight cultural destinations such as the Opa-Locka Heritage Journey. Mayor John Taylor Jr. and Vice Mayor Joseph Kelley presented SFRTA with a proclamation naming "Tri-Rail Day" as part of the effort.



brightline Brightline

Brightline continued to increase ridership on the higher-speed passenger train system connecting Southeast Florida and Orlando. The company celebrated two years of operating service to Orlando, and also opened *Central Fare*, a new food collective in the thriving MiamiCentral station. The rail service connected millions of guests to



In partnership with Miami-Dade County DTPW, Broward County Transit (BCT), and Palm Tran, SFRTA launched SoFloGO, a regional mobile app integrating trip planning and mobile fare payment across Southeast Florida's major transit systems. The app unites Tri-Rail, Metrorail, Metrobus, Metromover, BCT, and Palm Tran into a single platform offering real-time information and multimodal trip planning.

SFRTA also completed more than \$2 million in grade crossing, signal safety, and wayside improvements at five crossings in Miami-Dade County.



sporting events, concerts, and music festivals, and also launched new partnerships with travel partners with more to be announced. In 2025, Brightline added 30 new coaches to its fleet to help address capacity constraints and continued its work with state and federal partners to enhance corridor safety.



2025 SAFE STREETS SUMMIT

Mobility at the Heart of it All

On February 6th and 7th, the Palm Beach MPO led the 2025 Safe Streets Summit in collaboration with Miami-Dade TPO and Broward MPO. The event brought together national speakers, public officials, technical staff, and community partners to elevate efforts on how to design and implement safe and accessible transportation facilities. The theme was "Mobility at the Heart of it All," focusing on how investing in mobility enhances quality of life and fosters economic development.

Miami-Dade TPO staff participated in six workshops throughout Palm Beach County as follows:

- **Complete Streets Walking Tour:** Participants experienced downtown West Palm Beach's Complete Streets and learned about TOD.
- **Innovations & Autonomous Vehicles:** Participants started with a visit to the Boca Raton Innovation Campus (BRiC), followed by an opportunity for participants to experience autonomous vehicles.
- **TOD Walking Workshop:** Participants visited Boca Raton's Mizner Park and learned about the City's TOD and mobility initiatives.
- **Bicycle Network Workshop:** Participants explored urban trails and bicycle infrastructure with a guided bicycle ride through the heart of Downtown West Palm Beach.
- **New District & Urban Connections Workshop:** Participants began with a Ride Circuit tour of Nora, Downtown West Palm Beach's emerging adaptive reuse and Development District.
- **NACTO Bikeway Design Guide Workshop:** Participants were provided with an overview of the latest updates to the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide. The session explored protected bike lanes, intersection treatments, signalization, and emerging micromobility trends.
- **Blue Zones and Livable Communities Workshop:** Featuring Dan Burden, Blue Zones' Director of Inspiration and Innovation, participants gained valuable insights into Blue Zones principles and strategies for creating more livable communities.



SAFE STREET AWARDS

The annual Safe Streets Awards ceremony recognized local Champions from each county. Those honored in Miami-Dade County were as follows:

- **Complete Streets Champion Award:** Honorable Esteban Bovo, Jr., Miami-Dade TPO immediate past Governing Board Chairman
- **Complete Streets Community Award:** City of South Miami
- **People's Choice Award for Best Complete Streets Project:** The Underline for Completion of Phase 2



2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Southeast Florida 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Adopted



During the June 27th meeting, the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Board adopted the 2050 RTP.

The 2050 RTP is a 25-year horizon long-range plan that identifies the most significant transportation investments needed to meet growing travel demands of the region covering Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

With over \$24.27 billion in planned regional investments, the 2050 RTP ensures SEFTC is planning for a future with 20% more residents and jobs, addressing the evolving needs of Southeast Florida communities.

Updated every five years, the RTP is designed to support a connected, efficient, and resilient transportation system for all who live and work in Southeast Florida.

SEFTC is a formal partnership between Miami-Dade TPO, Broward MPO, and Palm Beach MPO as all three agencies are within the U.S. Census designated Miami Urbanized Area.

Since February 23rd, 2023, Miami-Dade TPO has officially led the administration of the SEFTC Board and continued hosting responsibilities into 2025 as part of a national best practice representing a model of regional cooperation to collaborate and rotate responsibilities among the three MPOs every five years.

Responsibilities include the development of the 2050 RTP, as well as supporting the SERPM 9.0 travel demand model update for the Southeast Florida region. SEFTC has also accomplished regional efforts in the areas of freight, non-motorized planning, modeling, public involvement, as well as other regional initiatives.

Pictured left to right: Gregory Stuart, Broward MPO Executive Director, Honorable Eric Diaz-Padron, SEFTC Board Member, Honorable Beam Furr, SEFTC Chair, Honorable Chelsea Reed, SEFTC Vice Chair, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director, and Valerie Neilson, AICP, Palm Beach MPO Executive Director.





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