



*Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.*

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**June 2, 2016**



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## Board of Directors Meeting

**June 2, 2016**  
**The Sea View Hotel**  
**9909 Collins Avenue**  
**Bal Harbour, FL 33154**

**6:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting**

*Village of Bal Harbour*  
*Town of Bay Harbor Islands*  
*Town of Surfside*

#### WELCOMING REMARKS:

*President Francis X. Suarez,*  
Commissioner, City of Miami

#### 1. INVOCATION:

*Councilman Seth Salver,*  
Village of Bal Harbour

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Councilman Robert Yaffe,*  
Town of Bay Harbor Islands

#### 3. MINUTES: May 5, 2016

#### Immediate Past President

Hon. Jon Burgess  
Councilman, Homestead

#### Past Presidents

Hon. Cindy Lerner  
Mayor, Pinecrest  
Hon. Luis Gonzalez  
Council Vice-President, City of Hialeah  
Hon. Isaac Salver  
Councilman, Town of Bay Harbor Islands  
Hon. R.S. Shiver  
Commissioner, City of Florida City  
Hon. Wilfredo "Willy" Gort  
Commissioner, City of Miami

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Monthly Disbursement

5. HOST MUNICIPALITIES PRESENTATIONS:

*Mayor Martin Packer,*  
Village of Bal Harbour

*Second Vice President, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard,*  
Town of Bay Harbor Islands

*Vice Mayor Barry Cohen,*  
Town of Surfside

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

*The Honorable Don Cohn,*  
County Court Judge

7. STATE AGENCY FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY:

*Mr. William O'Steen,*  
Distribution Supervisor, Florida Department of Management Services

*Mr. Michael Weber,*  
Director/State Coordinator, Florida Department of Management Services

8. STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN:

*Ms. Aileen Bouclé*  
Executive Director, MPO

9. JACKSON BOND CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD REPORT:

*Mr. Chad Friedman, Esq.,*  
Attorney, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman

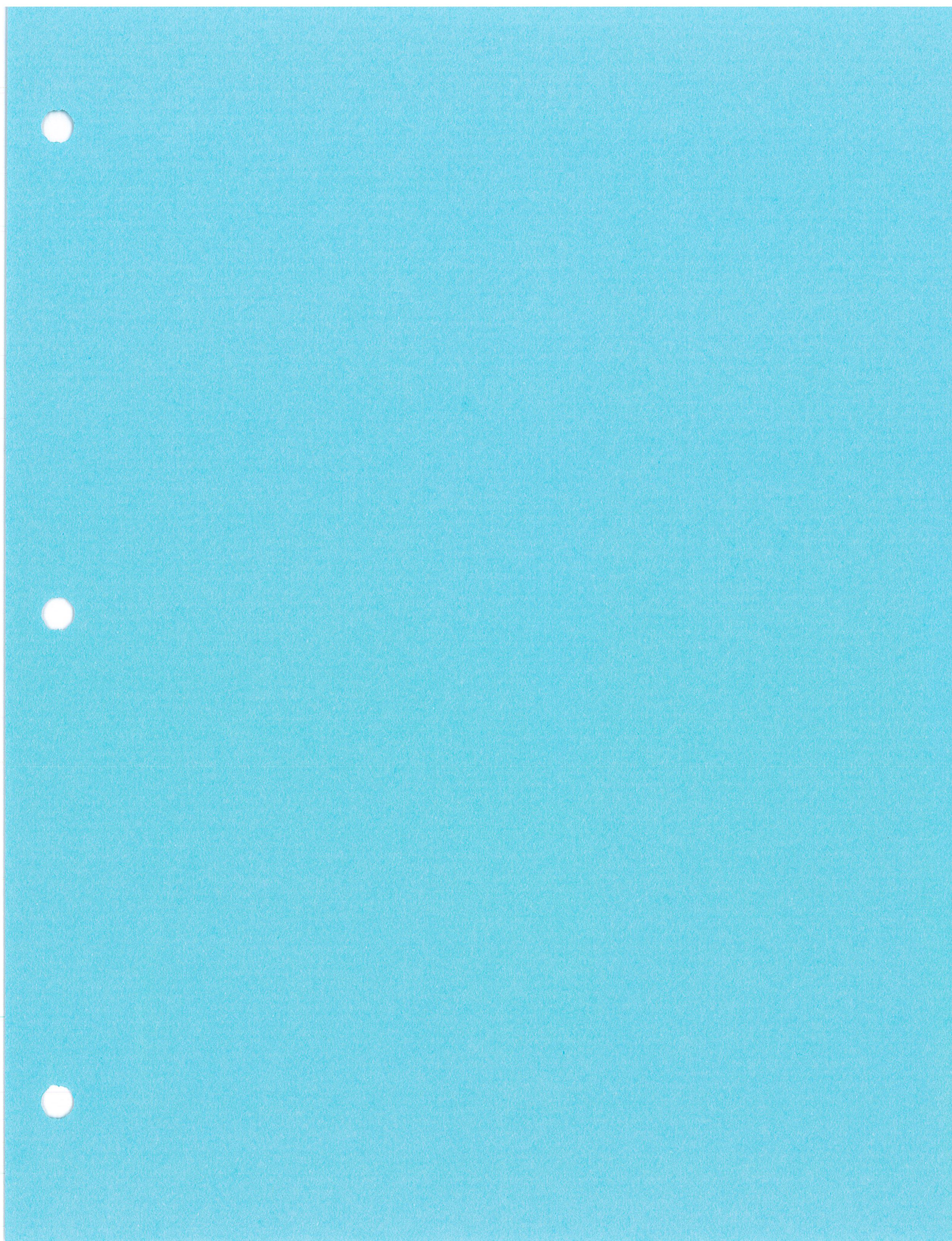
## 10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

*Richard Kuper, Esq.*

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **MDCLC-Attorney Luncheon Seminar: *Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.***  
Location: 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant  
1395 NW 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33126
- **No Meeting in July: *Happy Independence Day***
- **Board of Directors Meeting: *Thursday, August 4, 2016***  
Location: Grand Bay Club  
425 Grand Bay Drive North  
Key Biscayne, FL 33149
- **Board of Directors Meeting: *Thursday, September 1, 2016***  
Location: Miami Auto Museum  
2000 NE 146<sup>th</sup> St.,  
North Miami, FL 33181
- **Best Practices Conference: *Friday, October 7, 2016***  
Location: T.B.A
- **Board of Directors Meeting: *Thursday, November 3, 2016***  
Location: Miami Outboard Club  
1099 MacArthur Causeway  
Miami, FL 33132
- **Board of Directors Meeting: *Thursday, December 1, 2016***  
Location: T.B.A

## 12. ADJOURNMENT





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#### Minutes

May 5, 2016

Melreese Country Club

President, **Francis X. Suarez**, Commissioner, City of Miami, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., he welcomed the guests to the Melreese Country Club. Vice Mayor **Felicia Robinson**, City of Miami Gardens gave the invocation. Mayor **Peggy Bell**, Town of Cutler Bay led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **municipalities represented** at the Board Meeting: Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Coral Gables, Cutler Bay, Doral, El Portal, Homestead, Key Biscayne, Medley, Miami, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Miami Shores, Miami Springs, North Miami Beach, Opa-Locka, Pinecrest, Sunny Isles Beach, Virginia Gardens, West Miami. **Associate Members** and guests: American Traffic Solutions, Orlando Torres, Sandy Mickey, ATKINS, Humberto Alonso, Ruben Hernandez, Berger Singerman, Javier Vazquez, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Carlos Penin, Raul Rodriguez, Jose Miranda, Monica De Castro, Maria Alvarez, Sonia LeCounte, Carmelo Pifano, Oscar Guerrero, Chen Moore and Associates, Dr. Ben Chen, Greenberg Traurig, Albert Del Castillo, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Brenda Westthorp, Robert M. Levy & Associates, Jose Diaz, Samantha Laurel, The Corradino Group, Joseph Corradino, Waste Management, Henry Sori, Weiss Serota Helfman, Mitch Bierman.

President **Suarez** asked for a motion to approve the minutes and the consent agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

President **Suarez** introduced Immediate Past President **Jon Burgess**, Councilman, City of Homestead, and MDCLC Executive Director, **Richard Kuper** to remember Mr. Robert "Bob" M. Levy. Councilman Burgess asked everyone to please stand for a few words and a moment of silence. Councilman Burgess stated, "Bob wasn't only a friend of the League and everybody in the county, Bob was a decorated War Veteran.

And he did a lot of good for us all before we even knew him. So let's give Bob a moment of silence in his honor."

Moment of silence.

Councilman **Burgess** thanked everyone and asked everyone to please be seated. Burgess then shared that himself and Mr. Kuper were reflecting on Bob, all of the good that he has done, and all of the elected official's he has helped. Not only did he help elected official's, but he did a lot of pro-bono work that stands out. There are so many causes that Bob stood up for. One thing that was near and dear to Burgess was PATCHES. PATCHES offers parents the peace of mind brought about by a program staffed by health care professionals who are expertly trained in the care of children with both sub-acute and chronic conditions. There are about fifty kids that show up to PATCHES everyday to be cared for. This PATCHES movement was spearheaded by Bob and was one of his many accomplishments.

Burgess and Mr. Kuper came up with the idea to give an annual award to a League member who goes up to Tallahassee and represents the things that Bob would stand for and work in honor of Bob. Burgess asked for everyone's support in honoring him and brought it to the Executive Board's attention. Mr. Kuper then spoke of various awards that Bob has been honored with and mentioned that Bob always made himself available to assist and support others. He then thanked everyone for taking the time to honor him.

President **Suarez** introduced CITT Executive Director, **Charles Scurr**, for the Sponsor presentation. Mr. Scurr thanked President Suarez and Mr. Kuper for allowing him to host tonight's League meeting. Mr. Scurr then spoke of the updated *People's Transportation Plan 2.0 (PTP 2.0)*. The PTP 2.0 will feature multiple technologies such as Metrorail, Metromover, Light Rail, Commuter Rail, Full BRT, and Express Bus. As opposed to PTP 1.0 that features a single technology: Metrorail. PTP 2.0 will build rapid transit lines to West Dade, Kendall, Florida City, Miami Beach, and North Dade; expanding bus service; adding 635 buses; improving traffic signalization to reduce traffic backups; improving major and neighborhood roads and highways, including drainage; and funding to municipalities for road and transportation projects by levying a ½ percent sales surtax whose proceeds will be overseen by the CITT. Mr. Scurr asked that everyone in their municipalities actively participate and support state legislation. He thanked everyone for their time and consideration.

President **Suarez** introduced **Judge Laura Ann Stuzin** of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit and thanked her for attending tonight's meeting to swear in a few Board Members who were not able to attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala. Judge Stuzin thanked the League, President Suarez, and Executive Director, Richard Kuper for honoring and allowing them to install the following board members: Commissioner Vince Lago, Coral Gables, Mayor Jeff Porter, Homestead, Mayor Luigi Boria, Doral. Judge Stuzin then congratulated them.

President **Suarez** introduced Immediate Past President **Jon Burgess**, Councilman, City of Homestead to inform everyone of the Florida League of Cities (FLC) candidacy for Second Vice President. Every August the FLC elects their board, the league is currently seeking someone for the position of Second Vice President. There are currently two candidates: Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral and Commissioner Tom Shelly, Town of Belleair. It is important for us to be informed and support the right candidates. Next month there will be a nominating committee meeting, if anybody has any questions or concerns that you would like Councilman Burgess to ask the candidates please e-mail him. Councilman Burgess will gladly

take the questions forward to the nominating committee. In August he will give a recommendation for the position deemed on what he has learned through the committee meetings and by speaking to the candidates personally. Councilman Burgess hopes that as a league they can come to a consensus that will support one of the two individuals in August. Councilman Burgess thanked everyone for their time.

President **Suarez** introduced Legislative Director **Scott Dudley**, Florida League of Cities for the Florida League of Cities award presentation and legislative briefing. Mr. Dudley presented awards to Council Member Anthony DeFillipo, City of North Miami Beach, Council Member Joshua Fuller, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Council Member Manny Cid, Town of Miami Lakes, Council Member Robert Yaffe, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Mayor Claudia Cubillos, Village of El Portal (accepted by Councilman Harold Mathis on behalf of Mayor Cubillos), Mayor George Vallejo, City of North Miami Beach, Mayor Peggy Bell, Town of Cutler Bay. Mr. Scott Dudley then mentioned that there is now an 82.3 billion dollar budget, a 5% increase from last year making it the largest budget in the history of the state of Florida. The legislature delivered by giving more money for transportation related issues (MDCLC League priority). 9.8 billion dollars are for DOT (Department of Transportation) work plan. He then discussed key issues such as funding for seaport, economic development, and tax cuts.

President **Suarez** introduced MDCLC- Transportation Committee Chair, Vice Mayor James **McDonald**, Village of Pinecrest for the Transportation Committee report. Two years ago our Dade Transit became aware that the Federal government had a Tiger grant. 15 million dollars could be available to the county should we apply for a project. The Metropolitan Organization (MPO) and Transit agreed to apply and plan to use the funds for a bus way in South Dade to be converted to a BRT (Bus Rapid Transit). Vice Mayor McDonald informed everyone that the grant was not applied for and nobody is sure why. This year he plans to assist in the reorganization of the MPO and looks forward to the opportunities that will arise during the restoration and improvement of our transit issues. Vice Mayor McDonald thanked everyone for their time.

President **Suarez** introduced City Attorney Craig **Leen**, Coral Gables. Mr. Leen spoke of a Coral Gables resolution declaring principles of inclusion for individuals with autism and other special needs and urging action by national, state, and local governments, businesses, and residential communities consistent with these principles. Mr. Leen urged everyone to adopt this resolution. The MDCLC has adopted Resolution NO. 2016-87.

President **Suarez** asked for a motion to approve Resolution NO. 2016-87. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

President **Suarez** introduced Executive Director, **Richard Kuper** for the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Kuper introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: President Francis X. Suarez, Commissioner, City of Miami, First Vice President Oliver Gilbert III, Mayor, City of Miami Gardens, Second Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Secretary George Vallejo, Mayor, City of North Miami Beach. **Board Members** present: Councilman Seth Salver, Bal Harbour, Councilman Robert Yaffe, Bay Harbor Islands, Commissioner Vince Lago, Coral Gables, Mayor Peggy Bell, Cutler Bay, Councilman Harold Mathis, El Portal, Mayor Jeff Porter, Homestead, Mayor Mayra Peña Lindsay, Key Biscayne, Vice Mayor Jack Morrow, Medley, Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Miami Beach, Vice

Mayor Felicia Robinson, Miami Gardens, Councilwoman Herta Holly, Miami Shores, Councilwoman Roslyn Buckner, Miami Springs, Councilman Anthony DeFillipo, North Miami Beach, Mayor Myra Taylor, Opa-Locka, Vice Mayor James McDonald, Pinecrest, Commissioner Isaac Aelion, Sunny Isles Beach, Councilman Richard Block, Virginia Gardens, Mayor Eduardo Muñiña, West Miami. **Past Presidents** present: Council President Luis Gonzalez, Hialeah, Councilman Isaac Salver, Bay Harbor Islands, Former State Representative Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, Former Commissioner Richard Steinberg, Miami Beach. **City Attorney's** present: Mitchell Bierman, Pinecrest, Craig Leen, Coral Gables, Victoria Mendez, Miami, Guillermo Cuadra, Sweetwater. **City Manager** present: Yolanda Aguilar, West Miami. **Judges** present: Don Cohn, County Court, Diana Vizcaino, County Court, Laura Ann Stuzin, County Court, Michaelle Gonzalez-Paulson, County Court, William Altfield, County Court, Carroll Kelly, County Court, Yvonne Colodny, Circuit Court, Monica Gordo, Circuit Court, Reemberto Diaz, Circuit Court, Robert Luck, Circuit Court, Jason Bloch, Circuit Court, Fred Serafin, County Court. **Candidate for Judge** present: Carol "Jodie" Breece, Circuit Court. **Candidate for State Representative** present: Fayola Delica, District 108. **Senator** present: Gwen Margolis, District 35. **New Associate Member** present: SFM Services, Christian Infante. **Associate Members** present: American Traffic Solutions, Orlando Torres, Sandy Mickey, ATKINS, Humberto Alonso, Ruben Hernandez, Berger Singerman, Javier Vazquez, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Carlos Penin, Raul Rodriguez, Jose Miranda, Monica De Castro, Maria Alvarez, Sonia LeCounte, Carmelo Pifano, Oscar Guerrero, Chen Moore and Associates, Dr. Ben Chen, Greenberg Traurig, Albert Del Castillo, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Brenda Westhorp, Robert M. Levy & Associates, Jose Diaz, Samantha Laurel, The Corradino Group, Joseph Corradino, Waste Management, Henry Sori, Weiss Serota Helfman, Mitch Bierman.

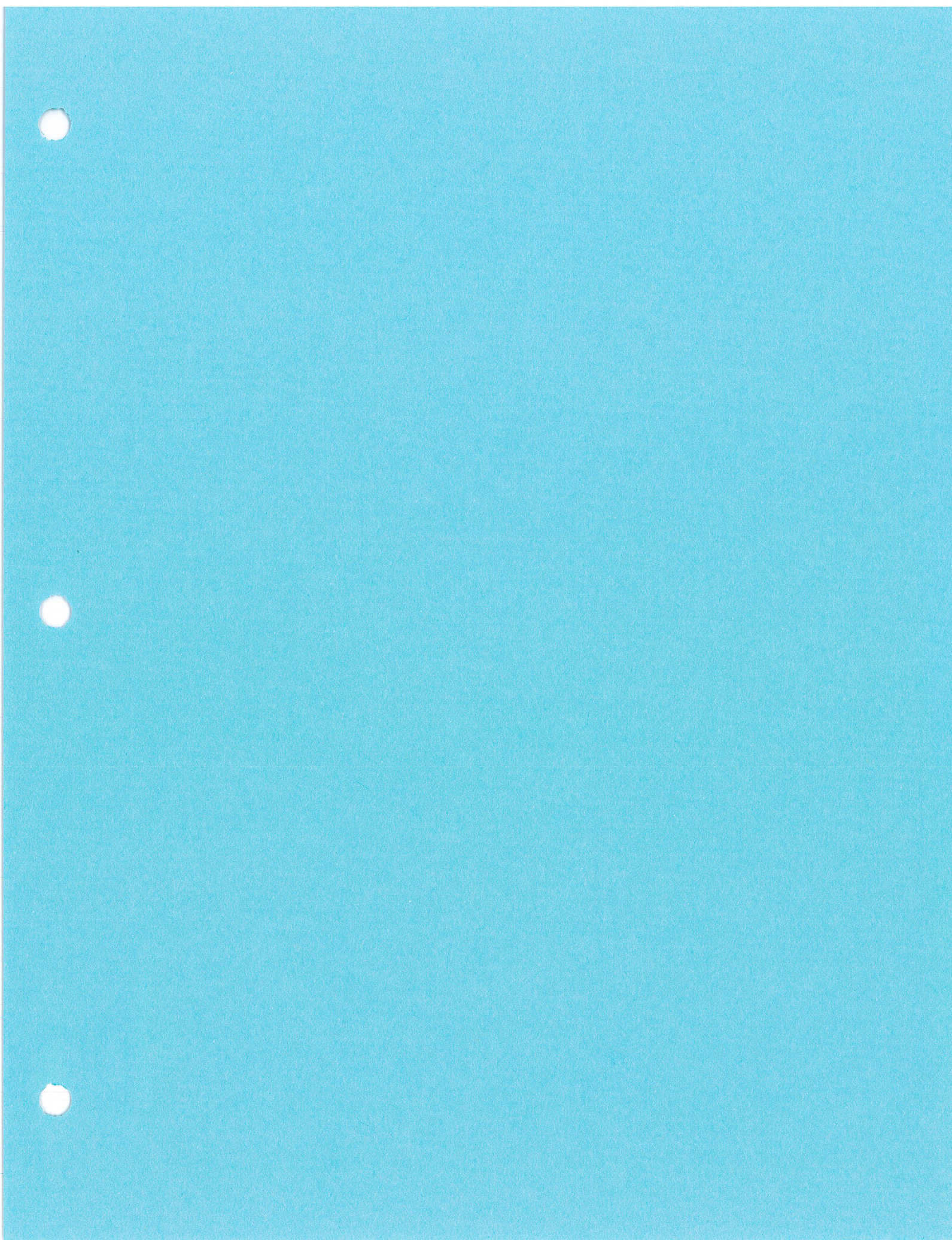
Executive Director, **Mr. Richard Kuper** thanked everyone for attending this evening's board meeting. He then reminded everyone that League of Prosecutors will be held Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., MDCLC Ethics Training Course: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Coral Gate Community Center, Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2016, and the MDCLC-Attorney Luncheon Seminar: Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant. He asked that everyone include these dates on their calendars.

Mr. Kuper introduced Mr. Brian **Andrews** of The News Director, to speak about an upcoming event regarding Essential and Social Media skills. He encouraged everyone to attend on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Village of Palmetto Bay's Village Hall. He then announced that he was so moved by the passing of Resolution NO. 2016-87 that he plans to contact all major news station to help promote the resolution.

President **Suarez** thanked everyone for attending this evening's board meeting and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*Summarized minutes*





## What We Do

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## Our Story

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*"Services and equipment acquired through the Bureau of Federal Property Assistance have been essential to the functions of this museum, as well as other non-profits and local fire & police departments, by supplementing their needs in an environment of consistently reducing budgets."*

*-The McClain Museum, Joe McClain, Director*



*"We can attest without reservation that this program, indeed, well serves the citizens of the State of Florida, their political subdivisions and special taxing districts, their schools, universities and the like."*

*-D. Jones, Compass Rose Foundation*

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Eligible state and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations can obtain personal property that the federal government no longer needs through the Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program.

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Our agents search daily to provide approved agencies with the property they need. We want to help you acquire property that will help your organization grow.



## Do You Qualify?

Are you a...

- state or public agency
- nonprofit educational or public health institution (including programs for the homeless and impoverished)
- nonprofit and public program for the elderly
- public airport
- educational activity of special interest to the US Armed Services or
- Special category?

### Basic Criteria

Participants must submit an application for approval and

- (a) Conform to the definition of one of the categories of eligible entities;
- (b) Demonstrate that you meet any approval, accreditation or licensing requirements for operation of your program;
- (c) Prove that you are a public agency or a nonprofit and tax-exempt organization under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (d) Certify that you are not debarred, suspended or excluded from any federal program, including procurement programs; and
- (e) Operate in compliance with applicable federal nondiscrimination statutes.

Once you are an approved agency, there are

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1. Visit our location in Stark, Florida, and choose from the inventory onsite.
2. Direct donation with a service charge: you contact us to request and hold property, and you will be responsible for picking up the property.

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Occasionally, we will pick up property in state and out of state for donees who need assistance (based on business plans and travel).



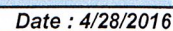


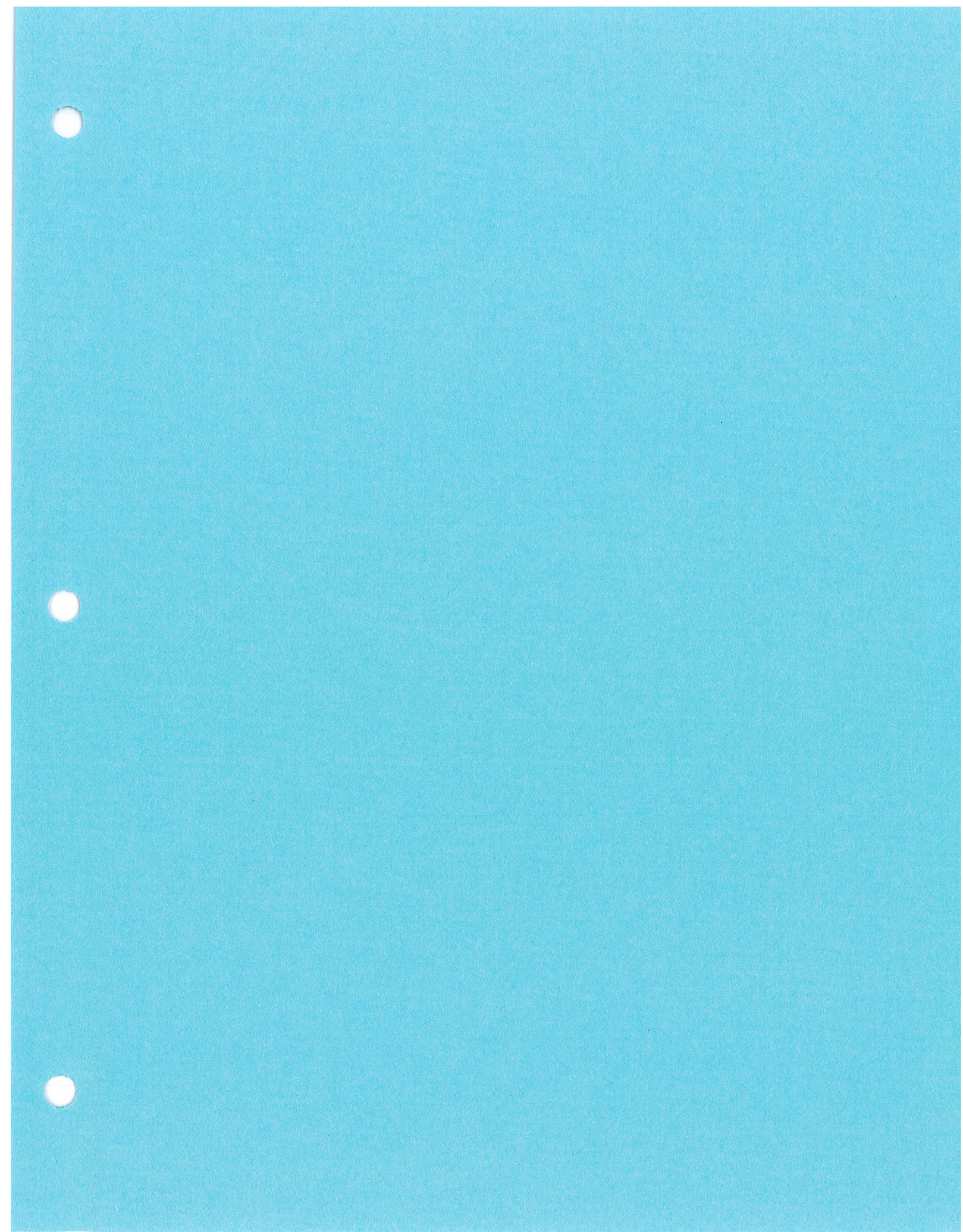
## FYs 2017 AND 2018 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

### Task 5.15: Implementation of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan

#	CORRIDOR	STATUS	ESTIMATED COST	
			ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT	SMART PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1	North Corridor (NW 27 <sup>th</sup> Ave.)	Planning and Environmental Phase In-Progress	\$4.2M	\$840,000
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MPO Resolution #01-15 authorized the development of the PD&amp;E</li><li>• FDOT-6 lead agency</li><li>• Funding Source: 100% State</li><li>• Start Date: March 2016</li><li>• Completion Date: February 2018</li></ul>		
2	Beach Corridor	Planning and Environmental Phase to commence in 2016	\$10.0M	\$2.0M
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding Source:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ FDOT-6 (\$5.0M)</li><li>✓ CITT (\$3.75M)</li><li>✓ Miami-Dade County (\$417,000)</li><li>✓ City of Miami (\$417,000)</li><li>✓ City of Miami Beach (\$417,000)</li></ul></li><li>• City of Miami Beach is moving forward with the environmental study for the South Beach segment to the Convention Center</li></ul>		
3	East-West Corridor (SR-836)	Planning Phase	\$9.0M	\$1.2M
		It is anticipated that project development and environmental studies will commence for this corridor in 2016.		
4	South Dade TransitWay	Planning Phase	\$7.0M	\$1.2M
		It is anticipated that project development and environmental studies will commence for this corridor in 2016.		
5	Tri-Rail Coastal Link (Northeast/FEC Corridor)	Planning and Environmental Phase In-Progress	\$5.7M	\$1.14M
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FDOT-4 lead agency for the Tri-Rail Coastal Link (TRCL)</li><li>• All Aboard Florida (AAF) project is under construction (private sector)</li><li>• DTPW is improving transit services along Biscayne Blvd.</li></ul>		
6	Kendall Drive	Planning and Environmental Phase In-Progress	\$4.0M	\$800,000
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MPO Resolution #01-15 authorized the development of the PD&amp;E</li><li>• FDOT-6 lead agency</li><li>• Funding Source: 100% State</li><li>• Start Date: June 2016</li><li>• Completion Date: May 2018</li></ul>		
7	Total		\$39.9M	\$7.18M
The purpose of these funds are to conduct any activity/effort necessary to support the implementation of the SMART Plan, including but not limited to: corridor transportation and land-use vision plan, economic development plan, financial plan and funding profiles, ridership, first and last mile, complete streets, etc.				

This Plan is consistent with the FDOT Vision Element as updated in August 2015.







On Friday May 20, 2016 the MDCLC hosted the State Ethics Training Course at the Coral Gate Community Center. Close to 40 local elected officials, in addition to municipal clerks, managers, assistant city attorney's, and members of the police force attended this course. The MDCLC City Attorney's Committee chaired by City Attorney Sonja Dickens, City of Miami Gardens along with City Attorney's Hans Ottinot, City of Sunny Isles Beach, Craig Leen, City of Coral Gables, Victoria Mendez, City of Miami, Robert Meyers, former Executive Director of the Commission on Ethics and Attorney with Weiss Serota Helfman, et al., spoke on Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, Part III, Chapter 112 Florida Statutes (code of Ethics), Public Records, and Public Meeting (Sunshine Law). Each of the instructors were extremely knowledgeable on the subject matter and together were able to discuss and answer questions from the participants. A special thank you to our instructors who made this training possible. The MDCLC will be hosting another State Ethics Training course in October 2016 in the city of Miami Gardens and another course in Homestead, late November, early December.



**MDCLC recognized the Instructors of the State Ethics Course that also serve on the MDCLC Attorney's Committee for their invaluable support.**

(left to right) MDCLC Executive Director Richard Kuper, Esq., MDCLC City Attorney's Committee Chair, Miami Gardens City Attorney Sonja Dickens, Coral Gables City Attorney Craig Leen, Robert Meyers, Attorney with Weiss Serota Helfman Cole and Bierman, City of Miami City Attorney Victoria Mendez, Sunny Isles Beach City Attorney Hans Ottinot,



**Ethics Training attendees.**

## **2016 Law Day Theme:**

The 2016 Law Day theme — **Miranda: More than Words** — explored the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.

On May 6, 2016 the Judges of the Hialeah Courthouse, Judge Victoria Ferrer and Judge Don Cohn hosted “Law Day” at the Hialeah Branch Courthouse. Many Local elected official’s attended and spoke to the students present about the importance of this day. MDCLC Second Vice President Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Town of Bay Harbor Islands presented the Judges with a beautiful proclamation and his words inspired the students. MDCLC Executive Director Richard Kuper represented the League, spoke to the students, and presented the elected official’s present, such as; Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Clerk of Courts Harvey Ruvin, Public Defender Carlos Martinez, Hialeah Mayor Carlos Hernandez, Council President and MDCLC Past President Luis Gonzalez, former Hialeah Councilman and Former State Representative, MDCLC Past President Eduardo “Eddy” Gonzalez, Councilwoman Roslyn Buckner, City of Miami Springs, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, along with special guests from different state and local agencies as well as Judges from the Eleventh Judicial Court.

On May 13, 2016 Judge Linda Singer Stein, Judge Myriam Lehr, Judge Caryn Canner Schwartz, Judge Betty Capote, Judge Jason Dimitris, Judge Spencer Multack and Judge Diana Vizcaino hosted “Law Day” at the North Dade Justice Center. MDCLC Executive Director represented the League and gave the introduction. Many of our elected official’s were in attendance and provided municipal proclamations to the court in honor of this day.



(left to right) Sunny Isles Beach Mayor George “Bud” Scholl, MDCLC Secretary, North Miami Beach Mayor George Vallejo, Surfside Vice Mayor Barry Cohen, MDCLC Second Vice President, Bay Harbor Islands Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Judge Myriam Lehr, Aventura Mayor Enid Weisman, MDCLC First Vice President, Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III, Judge Diana Vizcaino, Judge Jason Dimitris, Judge Edward Newman, Judge Linda Singer Stein, Judge Robert Luck, Judge Jason Bloch, Judge Fred Serafin, Judge Betty Capote, Judge Spencer Multack.



MDCLC Second Vice President, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Bay Harbor Islands presenting Judge Don Cohn and Judge Victoria Ferrer with a proclamation from his municipality.

**Miami Gardens State of the city address:**  
Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III delivered his 2016 state of the city address outside of the Miami Gardens City Hall on May 17, 2016. "We need a place to shop, eat, and recreate.", stated Mayor Gilbert and eagerly announced the coming of a performing arts and town center to host events, concerts and plays as well as the opening of stores like Marshalls and Burlington Coat Factory. Mayor Gilbert also expressed his excitement to soon be working together with the Miami Dolphins' stadium and the coming plans to bridge the gap between police and the community by hiring 10 new police officers and hosting programs like *Coffee with a cop*. Mayor Gilbert is proud of the programs that are afforded to the youth in the city of Miami Gardens. We congratulate Mayor Gilbert, the Miami Gardens Council and administration for their hard work and the tremendous progress that they have demonstrated throughout the years.

**Broward League of Cities Gala:**

MDCLC Executive Director Richard Kuper and MDCLC Second Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands represented the MDCLC at the Broward County League of Cities Gala on Saturday, May 7, 2016. It was a wonderful gala; we thank Broward League Executive Director Mary Lou Tighe and staff for being such great hosts and for the special recognition to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. Congratulations to Mayor Greg Ross of Cooper City on his installation as President of the Broward County League of Cities and the 2016- 2017 Board of Directors. We look forward to working with him and the Broward League.

**Palm Beach League of Cities Luncheon Gala:**

MDCLC Executive Director Richard Kuper attended and represented the MDCLC at the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Palm Beach County League of Cities Luncheon Gala on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. We thank Palm Beach League Executive Director Richard Radcliffe and staff for being such great hosts and for the special recognition to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. Congratulations to Mayor Robert Shalhoub of Lake Clarke Shores for becoming President of the Palm Beach County League of Cities and the 2016- 2017 Board of Directors. We look forward to working with him and the Palm Beach League.



**MDCLC First Vice President, Mayor Oliver Gilbert, City of Miami Gardens giving his fourth state of the city address**



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