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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 April 2024 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 consisting of LSN Partners and consultants from Ballard Partners, Continental Strategies, and Emprise Consulting.

Each month, this report will be updated with the team's activities and provided to Miami-Dade County.

**April 2024 Activity**

**1. General Government Updates:**

- **Actions Taken:** LSN Partners maintains contact with Alina Gonzales and Phillip Drujak to ensure that we are on top of issues of importance to the County as they arise. We have kept the County up to date on congressional and Executive Branch activities.
- **Outcomes:** The team works together daily to ensure that Miami-Dade County leaders are always up to date on actions in DC that could impact that County or State of Florida.

**2. FAA Reauthorization Bill Monitoring:**

- **Actions Taken:** The federal team continued through April to keep the Miami International Airport officials, through Mike McKay from Empire Consulting, informed about the progress of the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization bill.
- **Outcomes:** We have kept MIA leadership up to date on possible amendments and changes to FAA programs as final negotiations took place in April.
- **Next Steps:** Members of the federal team had the opportunity to meet with Ralph Cutie and his time while they were in DC during the month of April.

**3. FY2024 Federal Appropriations Wrap-Up:**

- **Actions Taken:** The federal team continued to aid Phillip Drujak as he finalized the County's FY2024 spending bill priorities.
- **Outcomes:** As of the end of April, all appropriations priorities have been submitted to Capitol Hill.

#### 4. House Appropriations Committee Meeting

- **Actions Taken:** The federal team set up a meeting for Commissioner Higgins, Eulois Cleckley and their teams to meet with the Republican and Democratic staffs of the House Appropriations Committee's Transportation/HUD Subcommittee.
- **Outcome:** The purpose of the meeting was to provide the committee's professional staff with an update on the Northeast Corridor project and discuss future funding.

#### 5. Discussion with Department of Transportation and Public Works:

- **Actions Taken:** Discussion with Eulois Cleckley and his team to discuss priorities and introduce the larger federal team.
- **Next Steps:** The Federal Team is available to Eulis and his team for whatever they need. We will be working with them on transportation funding issues over the coming weeks.

#### 6. NSF Engines Update

- **Actions Taken:** The team prepared a comprehensive memo for the County on the NSF Engines funding opportunity that just became available.
- **Next Steps:** For the first time, local governments are able to lead NSF Engines proposals. We look forward to working with the County on this initiative.

#### 7. Vice Chair Anthony Rodriguez's visit to Capitol Hill

- **Actions Taken:** The Vice-Chairman met with Congressmen Carlos Gimenez and Rep. Mario Diaz Balart and other career professional staff. The Vice-Chairman advocated for funding and financing for all corridors in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan. He also discussed increased funding for accelerated review of East-West Bus Rapid Transit Project and Northeast Commuter Rail Corridors currently in the FTA evaluations process, and how to better increase ridership numbers within the county for a more comprehensive view on public transportation in the county.
- **Next Steps:** The Team is working with Capitol Hill offices and Committees to secure funding for these projects.

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