

DISTRICT 6 SUB-AREA FREIGHT PLANNING EFFORTS

District 6 of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is home to many diverse communities with unique freight mobility and transportation needs. These needs can most likely be traced back to some of the State's leading freight facilities and international trade gateways such as Miami International Airport (MIA) and PortMiami. With significant investments made to these facilities in order to compete globally for new cargo opportunities stemming from the expansion of the Panama Canal, increased use of the Suez Canal, and growing North/South trade, these facilities are expected to increase demand for regional warehouses, distribution centers, cold treatment facilities, foreign trade zones, and truck parking facilities. With an anticipated doubling in cargo activity handled at PortMiami, Port Everglades, and MIA, these investments will be critical to the overall freight transportation network.

Hence, it is essential that District 6 and industrial based communities identify and invest in infrastructure improvements to position themselves for economic development and growth in cargo. Key developments and tools should be incorporated such as ITS/technologies, truck parking needs, economic impact analyses, innovative funding programs, and land use and redevelopment opportunities – helping market these industrial based communities as competitive global logistics service center.

District 6 has identified a strategy to help advance its freight and logistics system focused on partnering with local communities to develop subarea freight plans; these freight focused plans will help identify freight mobility strategies at the project level. The Town of Medley, one of the leading freight hubs in Miami-Dade County and South Florida, is the first area scrutinized through this process due to its long history as a leader in the industrial sector; providing services to PortMiami, Port Everglades, MIA, Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway, and the South Florida business community. With access to SR 826, I-75, Florida's Turnpike, and US 27, and connections with the region's major freight activity centers, Medley is accessible to local, regional, and state markets.

These planning level studies will assess freight accessibility to and from each sub-area and will develop strategies to enhance access and improve freight mobility. Table 1 lists all the sub-area freight planning efforts currently programed by District 6 and Figure 1, on the other side of this factsheet, displays the location of each study. The Miami River Freight Improvement Plan is unique amongst the sub-area freight planning efforts as it does not focus on a specific town or city. Instead, this study will develop viable options to improve intermodal freight movement and assess the potential of short sea shipping along the Miami River.

Table 1: Sub-Area Freight Planning Efforts					
Name	Financial Management No.	FDOT FY Contract Execution	Contract No.	Consulting Firm	Status
Town of Medley Freight Improvement Plan	435754-2-22-01	2015-2016	C-9076	CTS Engineering, Inc.	COMPLETED
Opa-Locka Freight Improvement Plan	435754-3-22-01	2015-2016	C-9P92	Cambridge Systematics, Inc.	COMPLETED
Miami River Freight Improvement Plan	437946-1-22-01	2016-2017	C-9R48	Atkins North America, Inc.	COMPLETED
Doral Freight Improvement Plan	437945-1-22-01	2016-2017	C-9S79	Marlin Engineering, Inc.	COMPLETED
Miami Gardens Freight Improvement Plan	439483-1-12-01	2017-2018	C-9X11 (BDI)	PE Consulting Engineering, Inc.	In Progress
Hialeah Freight Improvement Plan	437949-1-22-01	2018-2019	C-A200	Transystems Corporation	In Progress
Homestead Freight Improvement Plan	437999-1-22-01	2019-2020	-	-	TBD
Freight Village Analysis Study (Countywide)	437947-1-22-01	2020-2021	-	-	TBD





