

# 2023 Miami-Dade TPO Staff Highlights

## PROMOTIONS



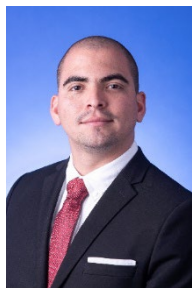
**Maria Teresita Vilches-Landa, P.E.**, was promoted to Program Administrator – Transportation. Ms. Vilches-Landa has worked in the transportation field for over 20 years in both the private and public sector. She began at the Miami-Dade TPO in 2016 as the Transit and Regional Manager and has served as the Deputy Administrator of Mobility Management & Implementation since 2020. In this capacity, she has successfully overseen the advancement of the Miami-Dade TPO’s Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Program including the SMART STEP, STOPS, SERPM development, and other supporting activities. Ms. Vilches-Landa graduated from Florida International University with a bachelor’s in science in Civil Engineering and a Master in Science in Environmental Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer.



**Oscar Camejo** was promoted to Chief–Contracts Compliance Officer for the Miami-Dade TPO. Mr. Camejo has over 33 years of public service in the field of procurement, transportation, and finance. His responsibilities include procurement of goods and services, project management of transportation planning studies, Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee (TARC) Coordinator, Continuing of Operations Plan (COOP) manager, General Planning Consultant contract administrator and procurement of architectural and engineering services. Mr. Camejo held various positions in the private sector before joining government and has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Florida International University.



**Jeannine Gaslonde, FCCM, E.I.** was promoted to Chief-Mobility Management & Implementation Officer for the Miami-Dade TPO. Ms. Gaslonde has over 17 years of experience in the transportation industry, and in her new role, she will lead efforts to advance TPO SMART Plan 2.0, NEXTGEN, emerging technologies, and regional travel demand modeling, among other high-profile mobility projects. Previously, she held the position of TPO Transit & Regional Manager, overseeing transit planning and regional activities under the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC). Beyond planning, Ms. Gaslonde coordinates TPO sponsored conferences, summits, and technical exchanges, enhancing interagency and transportation partner collaboration in the industry. She holds a bachelor's in civil engineering from Florida Atlantic University and a certification in project management from Florida International University. As a Florida Certified Contract Manager (FCCM), she combines her skills and experience to drive impactful transportation planning initiatives in Miami-Dade County.



**Dachel Payrol, CPA** was promoted to Finance Manager for the Miami-Dade TPO. Mr. Payrol began at the TPO in 2020 as the Budget Coordinator assisting with the agency’s budget and administration, managing federal and state grants, procurement activities, contracts, and all accounting duties. In his current capacity, he will be managing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a federally required 5-year transportation plan, in coordination with all responsible transportation agencies. Mr. Payrol will also assist the Program Development Manager to update and adopt the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). In addition, he is responsible for preparing and monitoring the agency’s budget. Prior, Mr. Payrol worked two years at the Miami-Dade County Finance Department where he served as an Accountant II, adding to his previous experience of over two years in the private sector. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting from Florida International University (FIU) Magna Cum Laude. Mr. Payrol is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with the State Board of Accountancy in Florida.



**Tawana Parker** was promoted to Manager of the Miami-Dade TPO Intergovernmental Affairs section for the Miami-Dade TPO. In this position, as the Clerk of the Governing Board, she is a liaison between TPO executive staff and the TPO Governing Board, as well as federal, state, and local governmental entities. Ms. Parker is responsible for scheduling and coordinating meetings for the TPO Governing Board members, attending all board meetings, and composing a full and accurate account of all actions taken. She also develops and monitors follow-up reports, prepares, and coordinates orientation materials for new TPO Governing Board members, and assisting with the review and analysis of submitted agenda items. Ms. Parker has over twenty-five years' experience in various divisions of the Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from FIU.

## RETIREMENT



**Wilson Fernandez** retired after 35 years of public service and was officially recognized for his service by the TPO Governing Board. Mr. Fernandez worked at the Miami-Dade TPO for over 22 years and held the position of TPO Program Administrator-Transportation. He previously worked at Miami-Dade Transit and Broward MPO for ten and three years, respectively. He oversaw the TPO's technical program including the preparation of several core TPO documents: Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), as well as the implementation activities for the SMART Program. During his career, Mr. Fernandez served as Project Manager for countless multi-modal transportation projects including major transit corridor projects, the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Southeast Florida, and the 2015 Regional Travel Survey. Additionally, he Chaired the Florida Model Task Force (FMTF), Transportation Planning Council (TPC), Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC), and the RTTAC Model Subcommittee. Mr. Fernandez also worked as an adjunct professor at Florida International University (FIU) to share his extensive transportation planning knowledge with students. Miami-Dade TPO Staff's Retirement.

## NEW HIRES



**Hector Di Donato**, P.E., joined the Miami-Dade TPO as the Transit and Regional Manager. Mr. Di Donato has worked in the transportation field for over 10 years in both the private and public sector. He honed his transportation-related expertise while working within the Traffic Engineering Division of Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW). Prior, during his tenure at the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six, he managed a wide array of roadway design projects such as, safety improvements, resurfacing, major reconstruction, capacity improvements and project developmental studies. Mr. Di Donato graduated from Florida International University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer and Florida Certified Contract Manager.



**Malcolm Moyle Jr.** joined the Miami-Dade TPO as the Mobility Planner 3 under the Mobility Management & Implementation section. Mr. Moyle has 10 years of experience with a focus on land-use, zoning, housing, and community-based planning. Prior to the TPO, he worked in the Zoning Development Division in the Miami-Dade County Regulatory & Economic Resources Department. His passion for transportation planning began as a teenager when he began attending the TPO's Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) meetings where he provided citizen input into the transportation planning process. Eighteen years later, he is now part of the TPO team. Mr. Moyle graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a Bachelor of Urban & Regional Planning.

## EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS



**Bradley Woodson** was recognized for completion of his Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Marketing from Nova Southeastern University. He currently serves as the Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator for the Miami-Dade TPO. In this position, Mr. Woodson assists with the administration of TPO Governing Board meetings, including but not limited to workshops, sunshine meetings, and TPO technical committees. He coordinates with Governing Board members, appropriate staff, and other interested parties regarding dates and times of meetings of the TPO Governing Board, their committees, Task Forces, and the Transportation Planning Council. He also coordinates with TPO Governing Board Members in the appointments of Miami-Dade County constituents to the four TPO citizen advisory committees: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC), and Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee (TARC). In addition to his newly obtained MBA, Mr. Woodson holds a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Central Florida.



**Aleah Smith** was recognized for completion of her Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Data Analytics from Florida International University. She currently serves as the Senior Administrative Coordinator and Departmental Personnel Representative (DPR) for the Miami-Dade TPO. In this position, Ms. Smith organizes the administrative responsibilities associated with supporting the office of the Executive Director. She conducts executive-level administrative duties and manages confidential administration of the agency's Human Resources activities and other critical administrative support. Prior to the TPO, she worked at the Miami-Dade County's Community Action and Human Services Department. In addition to her newly obtained MBA, Ms. Smith holds a bachelor's degree in Health Management from Howard University.