



The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) updates the Miami-Dade County Freight Plan on a regular basis in alignment with the TPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. In addition to developing a list of projects for funding consideration within the LRTP, this report highlights the importance of freight mobility in Miami-Dade County and documents how the county's freight industry has evolved over time.

Miami-Dade County's freight transportation infrastructure has continued to undergo significant investment to position the region for future growth opportunities.



PortMiami is pursuing a NetZero: Cargo Mobility Optimization and Resiliency Project, which includes a range of waterside, terminal, and land-side investments.



The **Miami International Airport (MIA)** continues to expand its air cargo operation through innovations like its planned vertical cargo facility.



The **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** is planning and has funded major infrastructure projects to support goods movement and a robust supply chain.



Industrial developers have constructed millions of square feet of warehouse and distribution center capacity throughout the county.



The **Florida East Coast (FEC)** Railway and **CSX** provide freight rail service to Miami-Dade County, including intermodal and carload services that connect the county to the North American rail network.



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RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

As global shifts continue and Florida advances its global logistics competitiveness, Miami-Dade County must continue to develop and implement strategies that ensure it remains competitive and positioned for growth. The following highlights key short-term and ongoing strategies that can be undertaken to help advance Miami-Dade County’s freight program:

- Monitor and support PortMiami’s inland port development activities at the Opa-locka West site.
- Monitor and incorporate planned capital investments at PortMiami and Miami International Airport, at key master plan milestones, as well as private sector rail investments
- Coordinate and partner with FDOT District on the implementation of the countywide freight program
- Coordinate with the Federal Railroad Administration to update the county’s grade crossing inventory.
- Actively participate in updates to the Florida Mobility and Trade Plan to effectively compete for NHFP resources and promote South Florida freight needs.
- Coordinate and engage with local stakeholders on the development of truck parking facilities
- Promote preservation of industrial land for freight usage.
- Promote economic contributions of the freight and logistics industry
- Continue to fund the freight set aside program to help promote priority freight projects.
- Maximize use of available funding programs including identification of opportunities for grant funding for freight projects, and use of public/private partnerships.
- Support the State Metropolitan Planning Organizations Advisory Committee (MPOAC) Freight Priorities Program.
- Monitor performance of the freight system
- Engage the freight community in the identification of freight bottlenecks, including first/last mile connections.
- Ensure trade and logistics remains a targeted industry.
- Support work force development programs.
- Advance best practices by continuing to develop, test and expand innovation pilot programs designed to address international trade regulations and operations bottlenecks.
- Monitor large master planned Intermodal Logistics Center (ILC) developments and engage as appropriate.
- Evaluate the economic and operational feasibility of developing a rail line on US 27.
- Promote regional freight mobility.
- Monitor global supply chain and geopolitical trends to support effective competitive positioning.



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