

Memorandum



Date: July 14, 2011

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Release of ARRA Funding and Feedback on Corrective Action Plan

I am pleased to announce that today we received notification from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that the County's \$72.6 million allocation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding would be exempt from the current suspension of funds. This includes \$12.7 million, which represents the municipal project portion as allocated by the Metropolitan Planning Organization. This is welcome news as the County has been carrying expenditures associated with these ongoing projects in an effort to maintain this national and regional priority program.

Specifically, the letter indicates approval from the FTA of the standard operating procedure that had been previously submitted for ARRA reimbursements, and staff has been instructed to prepare a drawdown package for prompt reimbursement on all eligible expenditures to date.

A second letter received today recommends enhancements to our corrective action plan and I have instructed staff to address these accordingly. As you are aware, this progress is a result of many months of dialogue with the FTA and represents a significant step in restoring MDT's full drawdown privileges.

I have attached both letters for your review and I will continue to provide the Board with any updates as soon as they are available.

Please call me directly should you have any other questions.

Attachments

c: Dr. Yvette Taylor, FTA Regional Administrator, District IV
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