

Perspectives on RER and Utilities Improvements and Upgrades

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



February 21, 2025, Friday
8:30 am – 9:45 am



Holland and Knight
701 Brickell Ave, 33rd Fl
Miami, FL 33131

Guest Speaker:

Roy Coley

Chief Utilities and RER Officer

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XIII. Welcome – Chairman Joe Goldstein, Esq.

XIV. Introduction of Special Guest: Mr. Roy Coley, Chief Utilities and RER Officer, Miami-Dade County

a. Overview of new responsibilities including:

i. RER, WASD, Solid Waste, and Parks & Recreation

b. Working together to help reduce regulatory “speed-bumps” and promoting a more collegial culture

XV. “Sinking Buildings” – New “building monitoring device” developed by Smart Core Systems – see Miami Herald item attached re: new device for high-rise buildings to monitor shifting, sinking, etc.

<https://www.smartcore-systems.com/>



XVI. Miami-Dade Proposed School Impact Fee Increase – Update by participating members and staff

- a. Next Working Group meeting: Monday, February 24, 2025, 2:00 PM on Zoom
- b. Next steps: take working group issues and meet with School Board staff and Consultants

XVII. Recent County Commission Items Submitted at Wednesday, February 19, 2025 Meeting

- a. First Reading Item – Proposed Changes to CZABs – 54-page item by Commissioner Gonzalez – FAILED by 7–5 vote
 - Proposed renaming to “Resident Zoning Boards”
 - Appointed (not elected) members
 - Limited powers/duties
 - BCC comments included: “These boards need to be ‘restructured’”
- b. Second Reading item by Commissioner Cabrera – For developments of 20 units or less, doubles “payment in lieu of” requirement for workforce/affordable units
- c. Solid Waste Memo – Mayor includes report putting decision back to BCC

XVIII. City of Miami

- a. Tree Ordinance – Sunshine meeting report by attendees; item being revised to align with Miami-Dade’s Urban Forestry concept
- b. Proposed Interim Parking Ordinance – In-house Working Group to meet Thursday, February 20, 2025, 10:00 AM on Zoom
- c. Zoning in Progress Ordinance – Update by participating members
- d. Building Permit Waivers – New state law requires applicants to sign waivers or face double fee payments; waiver allows bypassing 10-day issuance rule

XIX. Recent and Upcoming Meetings

- a. DERM Quarterly Meeting Held – Monday, February 3, 2025
 - i. Combined agendas into a single 1.5-hour meeting
 - ii. Next Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025, 10:00 – 11:30 AM on Teams

XX. Updates re Ongoing & Pending DERM Issues – From February 3, 2025 meeting

County staff has not responded or made progress on these items:

- i. Soil Re-Use Guidance – Revised memo expected in ~3 months (originally promised by end of 2024)
- ii. FEMA Maps – DERM responded to FEMA’s reply on Aug 8th
 - 1. New FIRM maps likely by mid-summer 2025
 - 2. Municipalities must adopt maps within 6 months of release

- iii. Wetlands Mitigation Banking – DERM could not facilitate requested meeting
- iv. SB 1532 now law – Allows purchase of stormwater credits & public-private partnerships
- b. Wellfield Modeling – Pulled from BCC agenda; COI maps under internal review
- c. Manatee Protection Plan – No updates from staff
 - i. BASF submitted comments nearly 10 years ago
 - ii. Received only outdated FWC documents in response

XXI. WASD-DERM-BASF Quarterly Meeting

- a. Next Meeting: March 17, 2025, 1:30 PM at WASD-Douglas Offices, 3017 SW 38th Ave, Miami, FL
- b. WASD Workshop – E-Builder Program (now Trimble) – Update by participating members and staff

XXII. ACOE's Revocation of FDEP Delegation for 404 Permitting

Legal process progressing slowly

- a. Any updates to report?

XXIII. FHBA Legislative Conference – March 24–26, 2025, AC Marriott Hotel, Tallahassee

- a. Meetings with State Legislators to discuss:
 - i. BASF / FHBA Live Local Act Amendments
 - ii. Bill to permit mitigation in adjacent basins
 - iii. Encourage legislation similar to SB 1532
- b. FHBA call with Senate President's Legislative Director
- c. Update by participating members and staff

XXIV. Next Meeting – March 14, 2025

Location: Holland and Knight, 701 Brickell Avenue, 33rd Floor

Parking available in building



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3277820389>

