Miami River Commission
Public Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2026

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) public meeting convened at noon, November 2, 2026, in the Downtown Library Auditorium, 101 W Flagler. Sign in sheets are attached.

Miami River Commission (MRC) Policy Committee Members and/or Designees attending:
Horacio Stuart Aguirre, Chairman, Appointed by the Governor
Jim Murley, Vice Chairman, designee for Miami-Dade County Mayor Cava
Jon Fernandez, designee for City of Miami Mayor Higgins
Martha Garay, designee for City of Miami Commissioner Escalona
Philip Everingham, designee for Miami Marine Council
Spencer Crowley, Member at Large Appointed by the City Commission
Eileen Broton, Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City of Miami Commission
Richard Murphy, designee for Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City Commission
Gary Gunness, Miami River Marine Group
John Michael Cornell, designee for Member at Large Appointed by the Governor
Nathan Taveras, designee for Miami-Dade County Member at Large
Wanda Mendez, designee for Downtown Development Authority
Theodora Long, Appointed by the City Commission Neighborhood Representative
Tere Garcia, designee for Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

MRC Staff:
Brett Bibeau, Managing Director

I. Chair's Report and "Voluntary Improvement Plan" (VIP) Update

MRC Chairman Horacio Stuart Aguirre provided the following report:

The Miami River Commission unanimously adopted their October 5 public meeting minutes.

The free 28th Annual Miami Riverday will be held April 3, 2027, 1-6 PM, Lummus Park, 250 NW North River Drive, featuring free boat rides, live music, environmental education, historic reenactors, children's activities, food and drinks. If you would like to sponsor Miami Riverday, or advertise in the MRC's 24th Annual Miami River Map & Guide, please contact MRC Managing Director Brett Bibeau.

The Miami River Commission 2026 Annual Report was distributed.

MRC Vice Chairman Jim Murley - Voluntary Improvement Plan (VIP) Update:

The Miami River Commission has been actively assisting the efforts of the City, County, State, and private sector to keep the Miami River District clean. The MRC pays professional maintenance companies every day to remove litter, invasive plant species, graffiti and provide landscaping, pressure washing, and Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel services along the Miami River. We remove 3 large 30 cubic yard dumpsters full of garbage every week.

The MRC thanks the Hands-on-Miami volunteers for picking up garbage along the shoreline in Curtis Park on October 11 and in Sewell Park on October 25.

II) Update Regarding City Owned 20 SW North River Drive

Attendees reviewed and discussed the City of Miami's 2022 awarded Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) grant application to replace the collapsed shoreline at City owned 20 NW North River Drive. The grant was not used in 3 years, therefore was retracted by FIND. The MRC unanimously recommended the City of Miami resubmit the FIND grant application in order to make the necessary improvements to this City owned riverfront public greenspace along the Miami River Greenway, which is needed to connect to the adjacent Casa Neo Riverwalk. The MRC thanked DDA Chairman Rosado and the DDA which is expected to appropriate the $50,000 match this month.

III) Update Regarding Illegal Charters

Brad Burke, Miami Dade Sherriff Office, provided an update regarding the County's Marine Patrol. The Miami River from 27 Ave to the salinity dam, and Tamiami Canal, are located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.

Captain Corey Couto, City of Miami Marien Patrol, provided an update regarding the City of Miami's Marine Patrol.

Attendees viewed pictures and videos of current conditions.

The MRC unanimously adopted the following:

"Miami River Commission's Recommendations Regarding Marine Patrol

The Miami River's federal navigable channel is a designated idle – no/wake speed zone, which needs increased Marine Patrol for enforcement to provide public safety, protect private property and manatees. Over the past three years, there have been 4 tragic human fatalities on illegal charters on the Miami River, boat accidents, damaged docks and seawalls, etc. Therefore, the Miami River Commission respectfully recommends:

City of Miami Marine Patrol

Please assign the Sergeant needed to utilize the free slip and office at Merrill-Stevens (approved by City Commission) 7 days a week.

Please apply for grant funding to purchase an additional Marine Patrol Vessel. Police Chief is increasing "Patrols", and the MRC recommends this ongoing effort includes increased "Patrols" by Marine Patrol along the Miami River.

Miami-Dade Sherriff's Office Marine Patrol

The Miami Dade County / Miami Dade Sherriff Office's current FY 26-27 Budget includes approved funding for 4 Officers, but currently there are only 2 filled positions and 2 funded vacancies, which need to be filled for a marine patrol officer and a diver.

In addition, the MRC recommends the Miami-Dade Sherriff Office accept the offered free slip at Hurricane Cove Marina."

IV. Miami River Greenway Update

MRC Director Bibeau and Vice Chairman Murley presented the attached PowerPoint used at Commissioner Rosado's recent "Miami Loop Summit". The presentation features aerials showing the entire public Riverwalk route with notes of information. Spencer Crowley encouraged the MRC to continue working together on the following public Riverwalk connectors:

- Under Brickell Bridge South Shore to connect with Miami Circle Park to the east and development under construction to the west
- Connection between existing public Riverwalks at Latitude on the River and beneath the 2 Ave Bridge
- City owned 20 SW North River Drive

V. Subcommittee Reports

a. The Miami River Commission's Miami River Enhancements Subcommittee's October 13, 2026 public meeting minutes were distributed.

b. The Miami River Commission Stormwater Subcommittee's September 2, 2026 public meeting minutes were distributed.

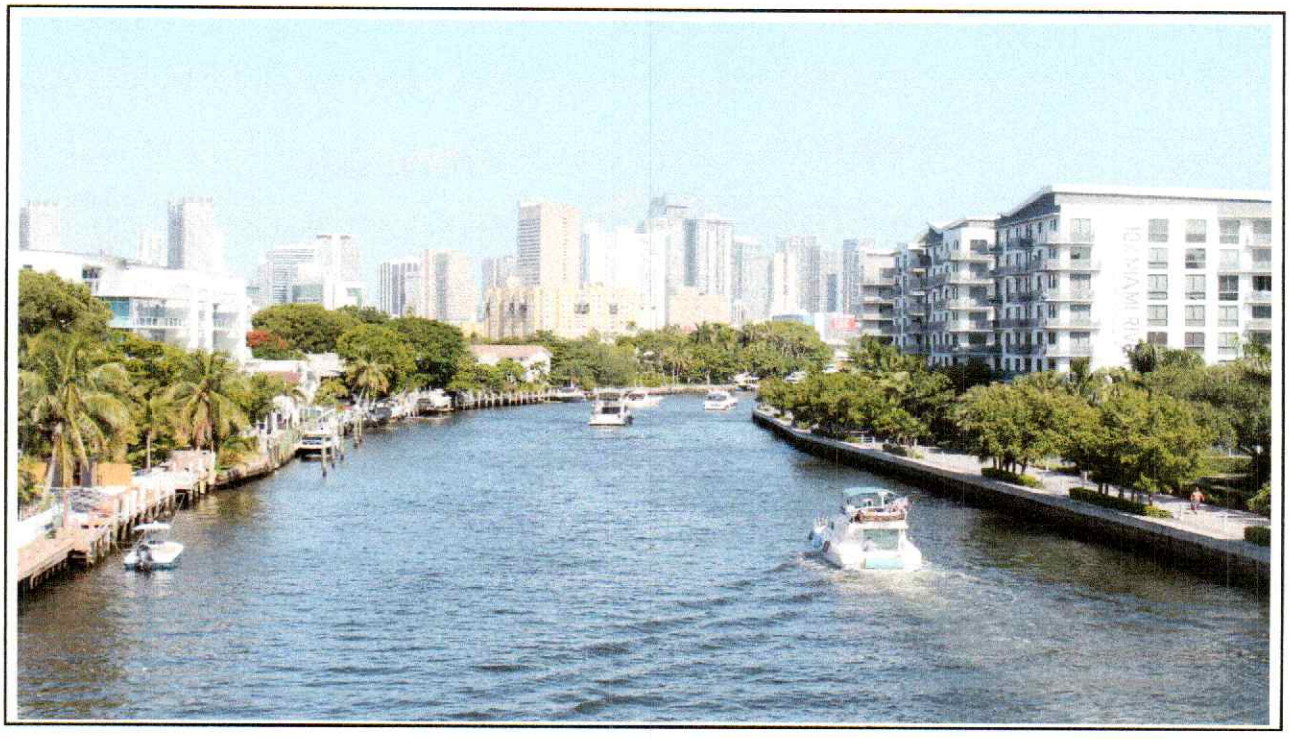
V. New Business

The public meeting adjourned.


Miami River Greenway
Action Plan
Miami, Florida
Prepared for:
The Miami River Commission
Prepared by:





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WHAT IF IT ALL GOES RIGHT?



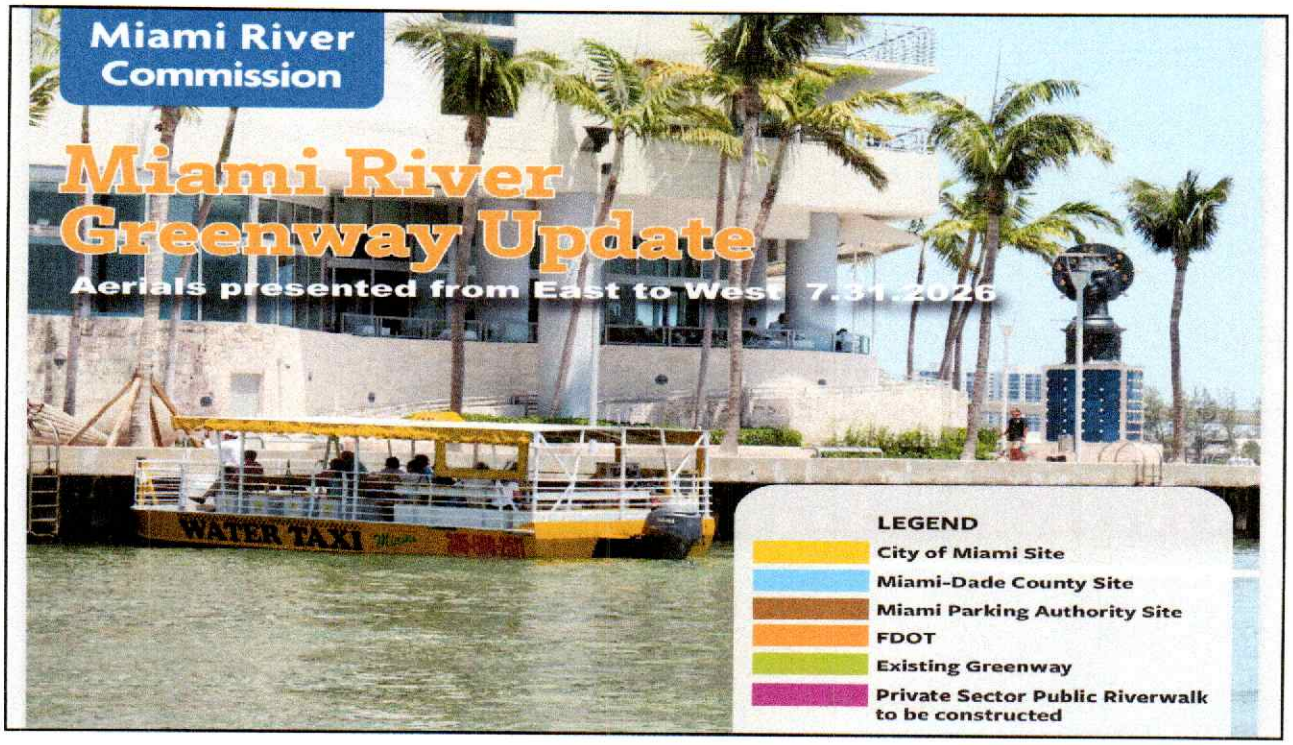
The City of Miami's adopted Comprehensive Plan states:

"Policy CM-2.1.3:

The City shall continue development of the river walk and bay walk along City owned property as funds become available and shall continue to require development of the bay walk and river walk along private property through its land development regulations."

"Policy CM-2.1.4:

The City shall continue to implement design guidelines along the baywalk and riverwalk in accordance with the Miami River Greenway Action Plan and other adopted plans as appropriate."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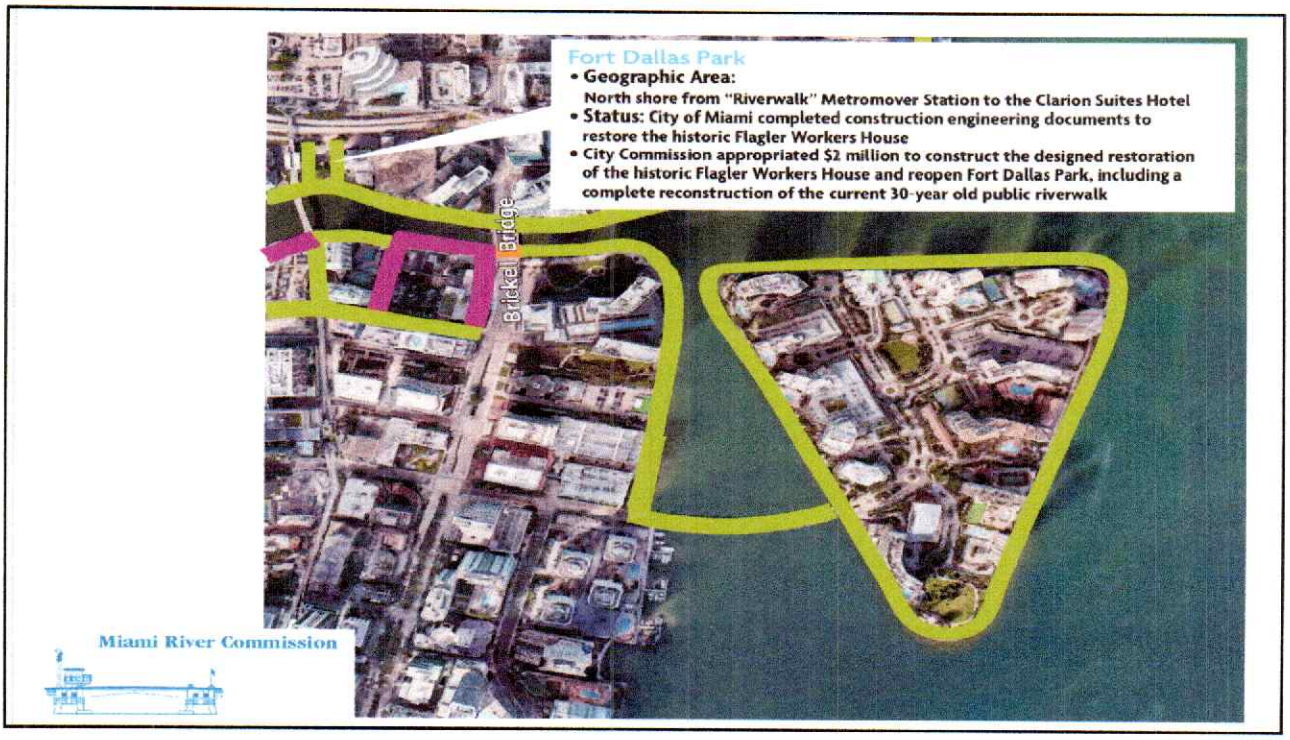
Miami River Greenway Update
Aerials presented from East to West 7.31.2026
WATER TAXI
LEGEND
City of Miami Site
Miami-Dade County Site
Miami Parking Authority Site
FDOT
Existing Greenway
Private Sector Public Riverwalk to be constructed


Fort Dallas Park
• Geographic Area:
North shore from "Riverwalk" Metromover Station to the Clarion Suites Hotel
• Status: City of Miami completed construction engineering documents to restore the historic Flagler Workers House
• City Commission appropriated $2 million to construct the designed restoration of the historic Flagler Workers House and reopen Fort Dallas Park, including a complete reconstruction of the current 30-year old public riverwalk
Brickell Bridge
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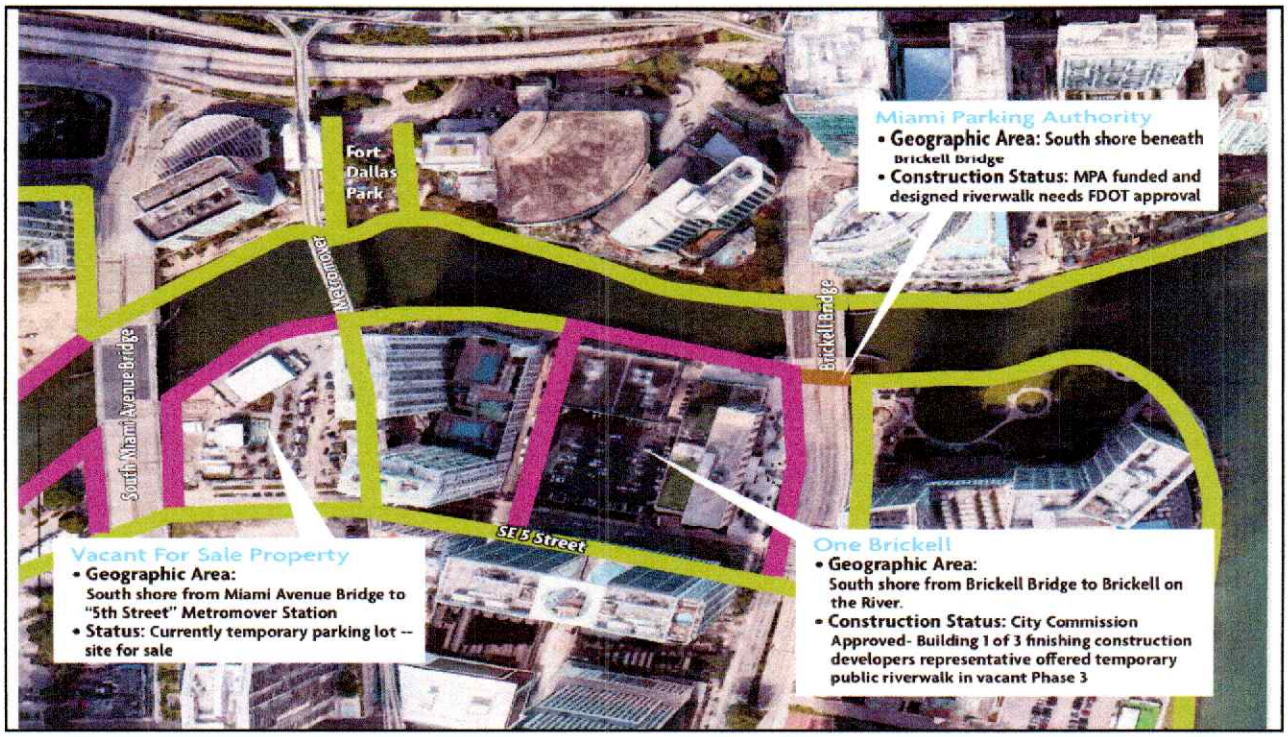
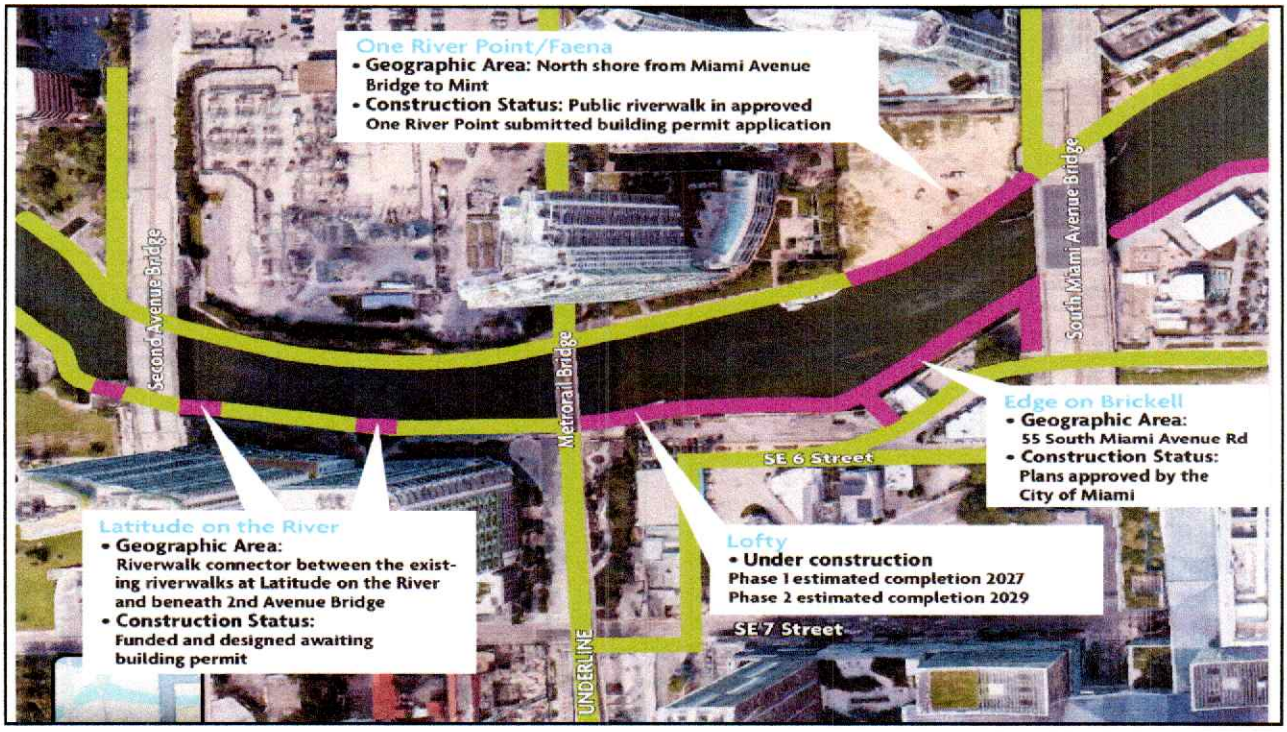
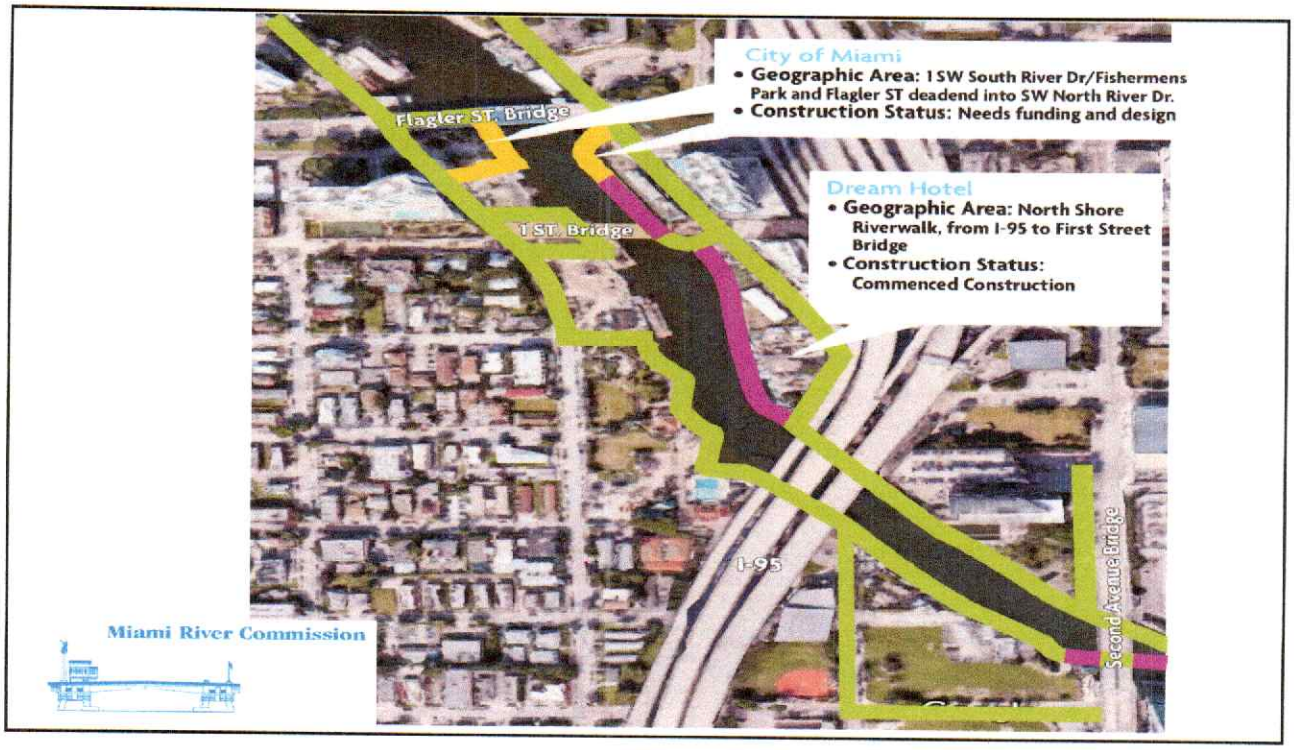

Fort Dallas Park
Metromover
South Miami Avenue Bridge
Brickell Bridge
SE 5 Street
Miami Parking Authority
• Geographic Area: South shore beneath Brickell Bridge
• Construction Status: MPA funded and designed riverwalk needs FDOT approval
Vacant For Sale Property
• Geographic Area: South shore from Miami Avenue Bridge to "5th Street" Metromover Station
• Status: Currently temporary parking lot -- site for sale
One Brickell
• Geographic Area: South shore from Brickell Bridge to Brickell on the River.
• Construction Status: City Commission Approved- Building 1 of 3 finishing construction developers representative offered temporary public riverwalk in vacant Phase 3


One River Point/Faena
• Geographic Area: North shore from Miami Avenue Bridge to Mint
• Construction Status: Public riverwalk in approved One River Point submitted building permit application
Second Avenue Bridge
Metrorail Bridge
South Miami Avenue Bridge
SE 6 Street
SE 7 Street
UNDERLINE
Edge on Brickell
• Geographic Area: 55 South Miami Avenue Rd
• Construction Status: Plans approved by the City of Miami
Lofty
• Under construction
Phase 1 estimated completion 2027
Phase 2 estimated completion 2029
Latitude on the River
• Geographic Area: Riverwalk connector between the existing riverwalks at Latitude on the River and beneath 2nd Avenue Bridge
• Construction Status: Funded and designed awaiting building permit


City of Miami
• Geographic Area: 1 SW South River Dr/Fishermens Park and Flagler ST deadend into SW North River Dr.
• Construction Status: Needs funding and design
Flagler ST. Bridge
1 ST. Bridge
Dream Hotel
• Geographic Area: North Shore Riverwalk, from I-95 to First Street Bridge
• Construction Status: Commenced Construction
I-95
Second Avenue Bridge
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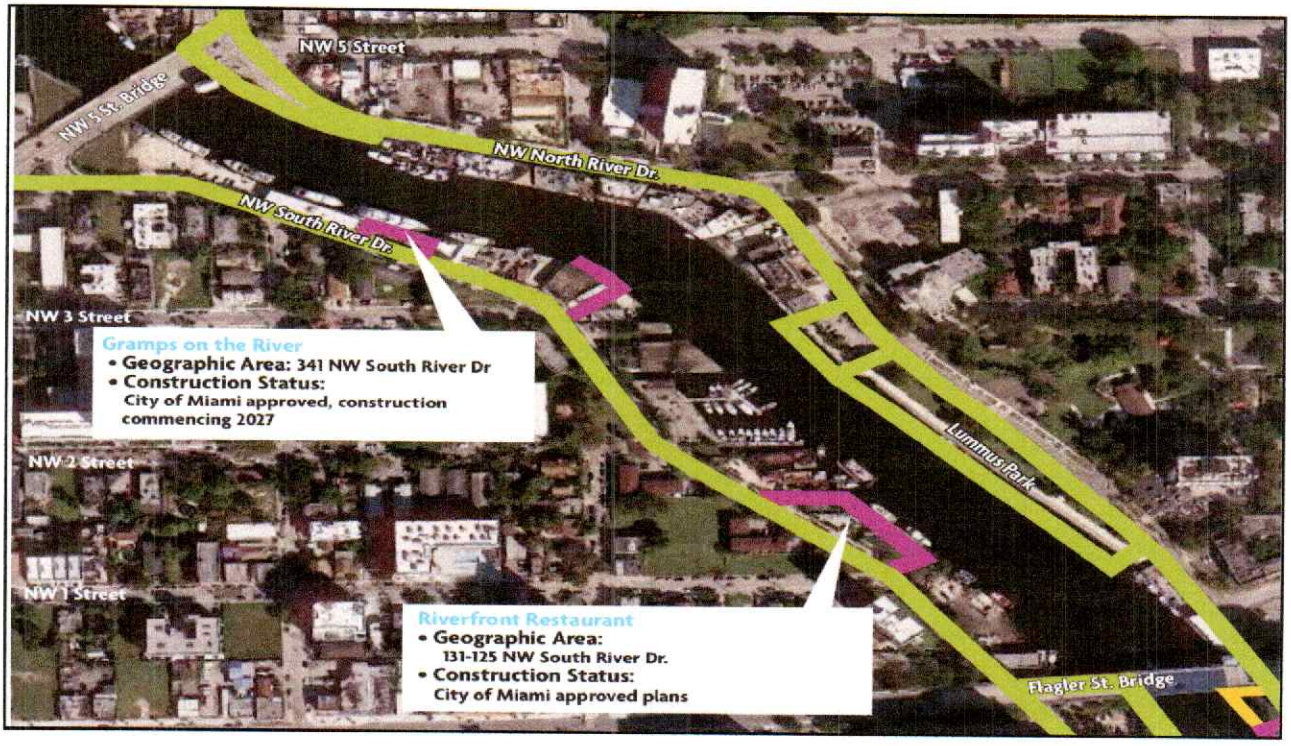
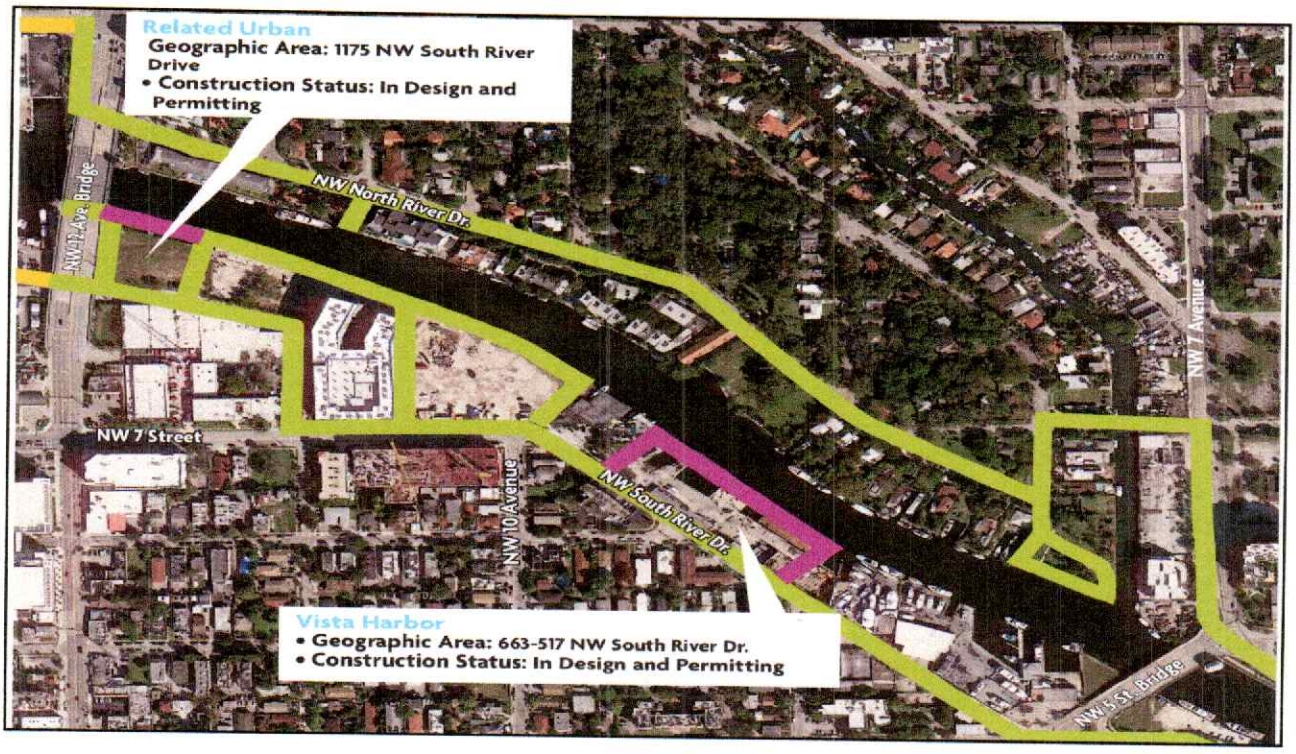
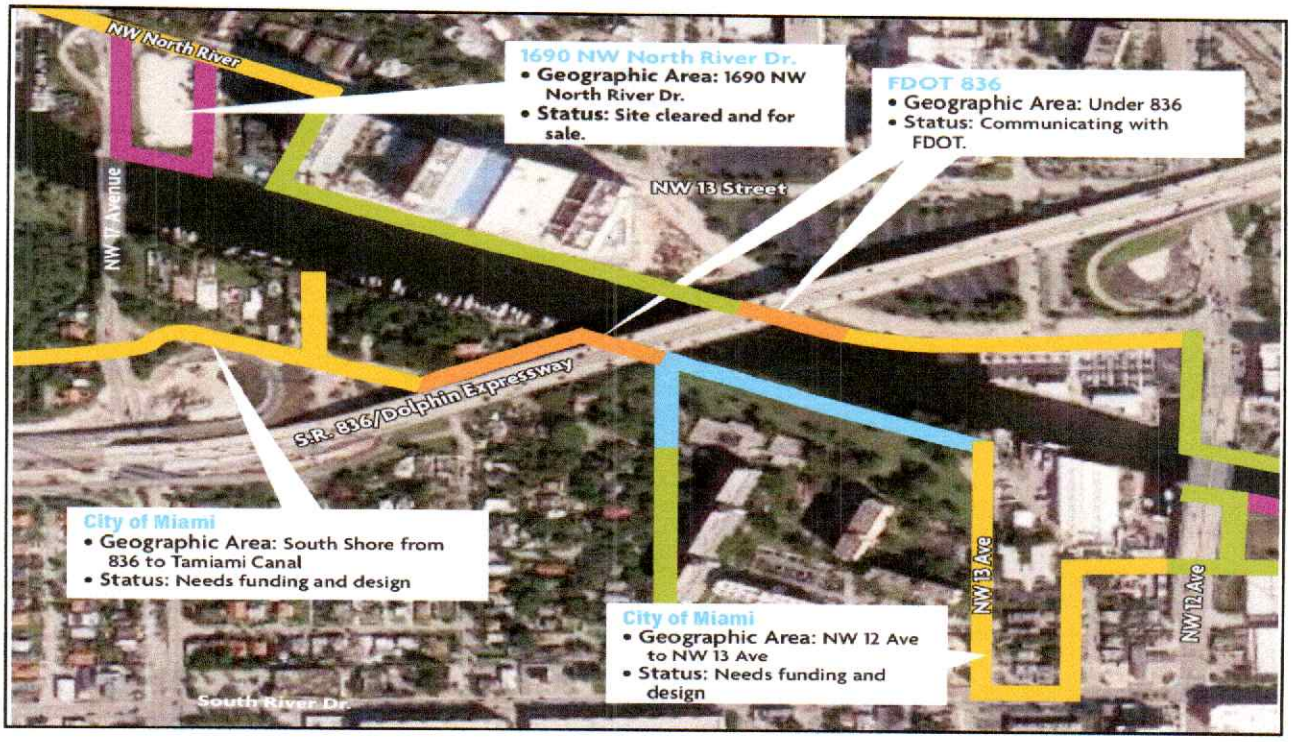
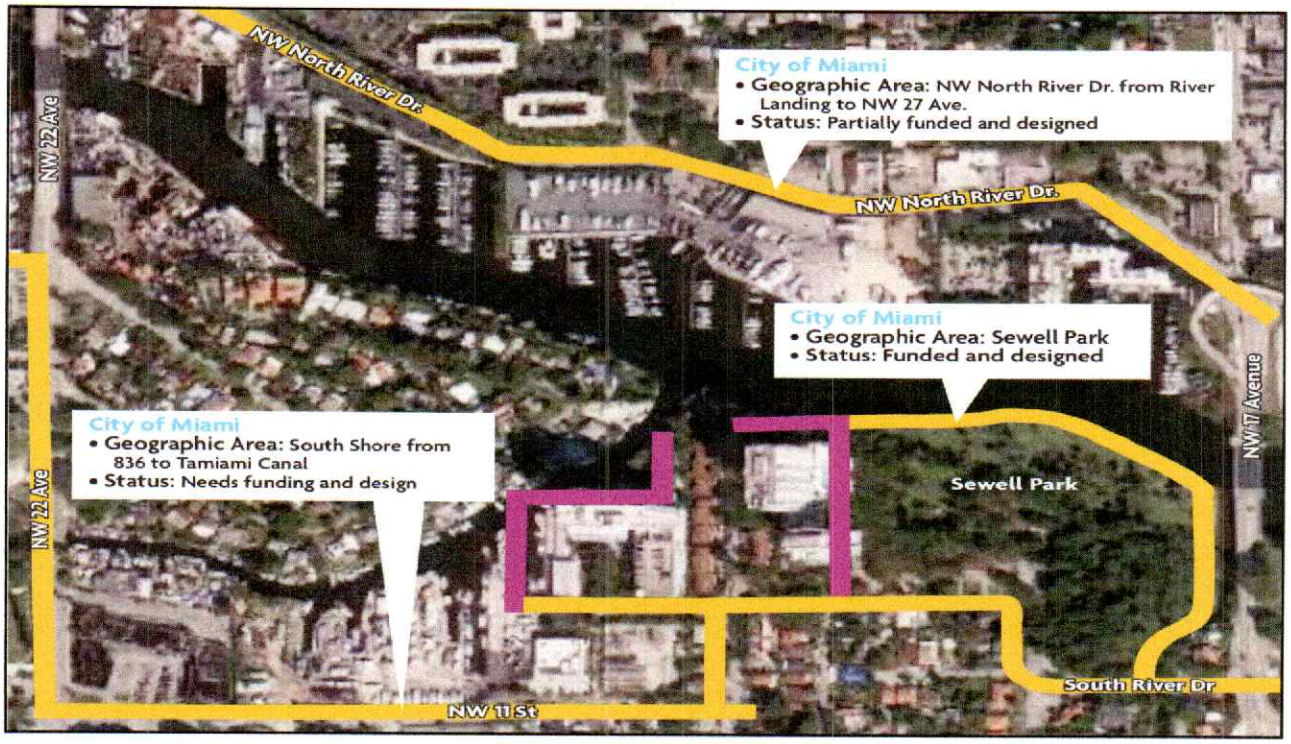

NW 5 Street
NW 5 St. Bridge
NW North River Dr.
NW South River Dr.
NW 3 Street
Gramps on the River
• Geographic Area: 341 NW South River Dr
• Construction Status: City of Miami approved, construction commencing 2027
NW 2 Street
NW 1 Street
Lummus Park
Riverfront Restaurant
• Geographic Area: 131-125 NW South River Dr.
• Construction Status: City of Miami approved plans
Flagler St. Bridge


Related Urban
Geographic Area: 1175 NW South River Drive
• Construction Status: In Design and Permitting
NW North River Dr.
NW 1 Ave. Bridge
NW 7 Street
NW 10 Avenue
NW South River Dr.
NW 7 Avenue
NW 5 St. Bridge
Vista Harbor
• Geographic Area: 663-517 NW South River Dr.
• Construction Status: In Design and Permitting


NW North River
1690 NW North River Dr.
• Geographic Area: 1690 NW North River Dr.
• Status: Site cleared and for sale.
FDOT 836
• Geographic Area: Under 836
• Status: Communicating with FDOT.
NW 7 Avenue
NW 13 Street
S.R. 836/Dolphin Expressway
City of Miami
• Geographic Area: South Shore from 836 to Tamiami Canal
• Status: Needs funding and design
NW 13 Ave
NW 12 Ave
City of Miami
• Geographic Area: NW 12 Ave to NW 13 Ave
• Status: Needs funding and design
South River Dr.


NW North River Dr.
NW 22 Ave
City of Miami
• Geographic Area: NW North River Dr. from River Landing to NW 27 Ave.
• Status: Partially funded and designed
NW North River Dr.
City of Miami
• Geographic Area: Sewell Park
• Status: Funded and designed
NW 17 Avenue
City of Miami
• Geographic Area: South Shore from 836 to Tamiami Canal
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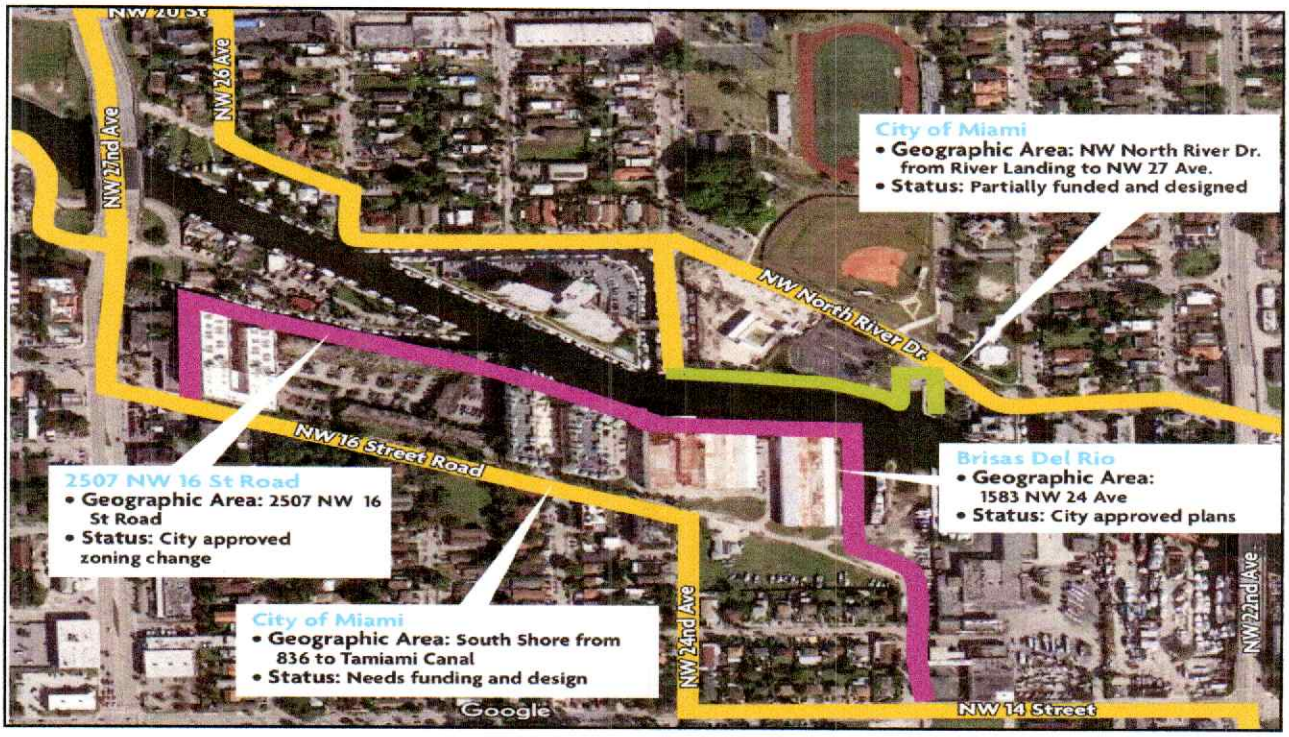
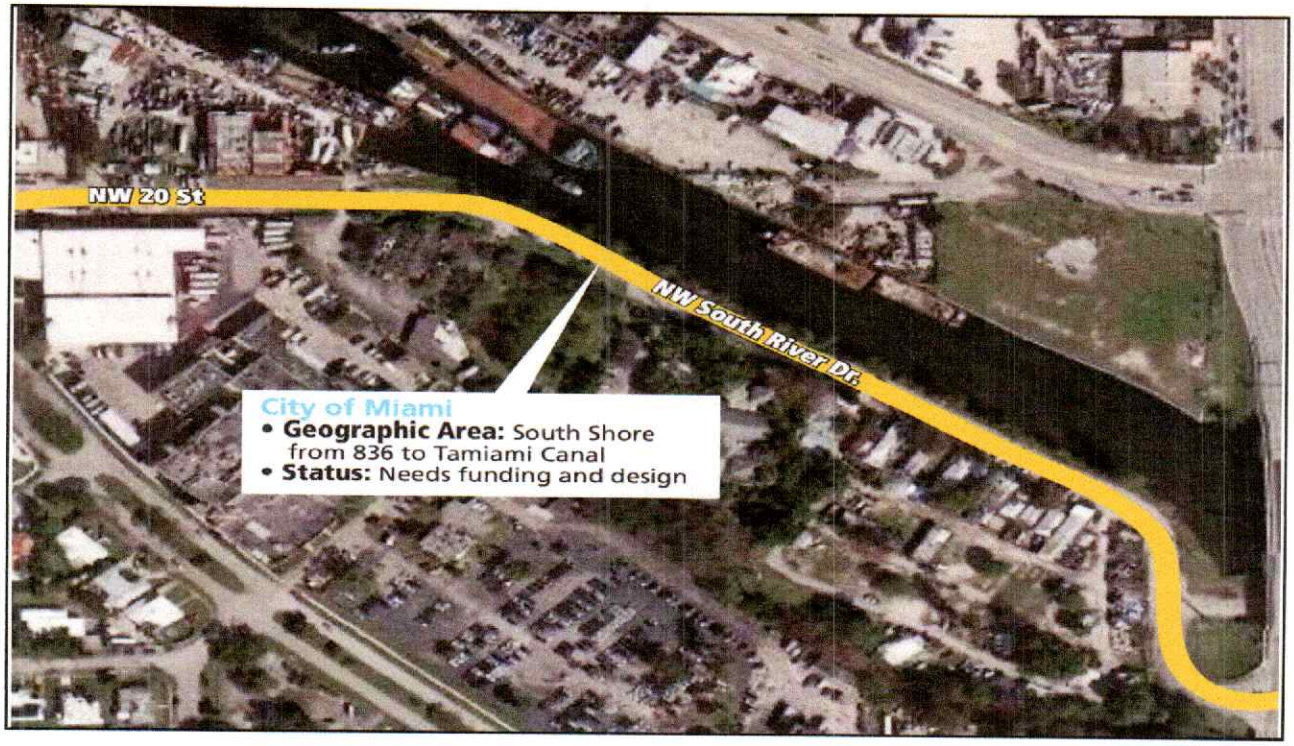
NW 22 Ave
Sewell Park
South River Dr
NW 11 St


NW 20 St
NW 26 Ave
NW 22nd Ave
City of Miami
• Geographic Area: NW North River Dr. from River Landing to NW 27 Ave.
• Status: Partially funded and designed
NW North River Dr.
NW 16 Street Road
2507 NW 16 St Road
• Geographic Area: 2507 NW 16 St Road
• Status: City approved zoning change
Brisas Del Rio
• Geographic Area: 1583 NW 24 Ave
• Status: City approved plans
City of Miami
• Geographic Area: South Shore from 836 to Tamiami Canal
• Status: Needs funding and design
NW 24nd Ave
NW 22nd Ave
Google
NW 14 Street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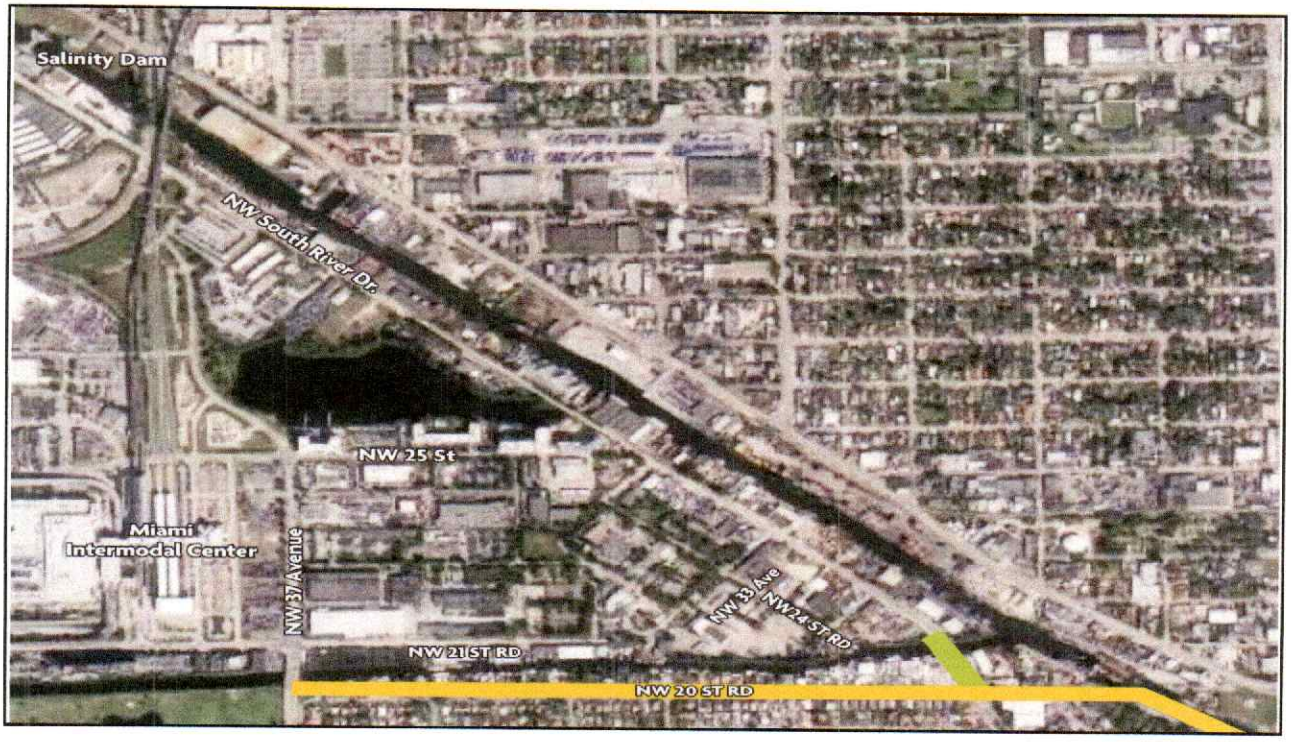
Salinity Dam
NW South River Dr.
NW 25 St
Miami Intermodal Center
NW 37 Avenue
NW 33 Ave
NW 24 ST RD
NW 21ST RD
NW 20 ST RD


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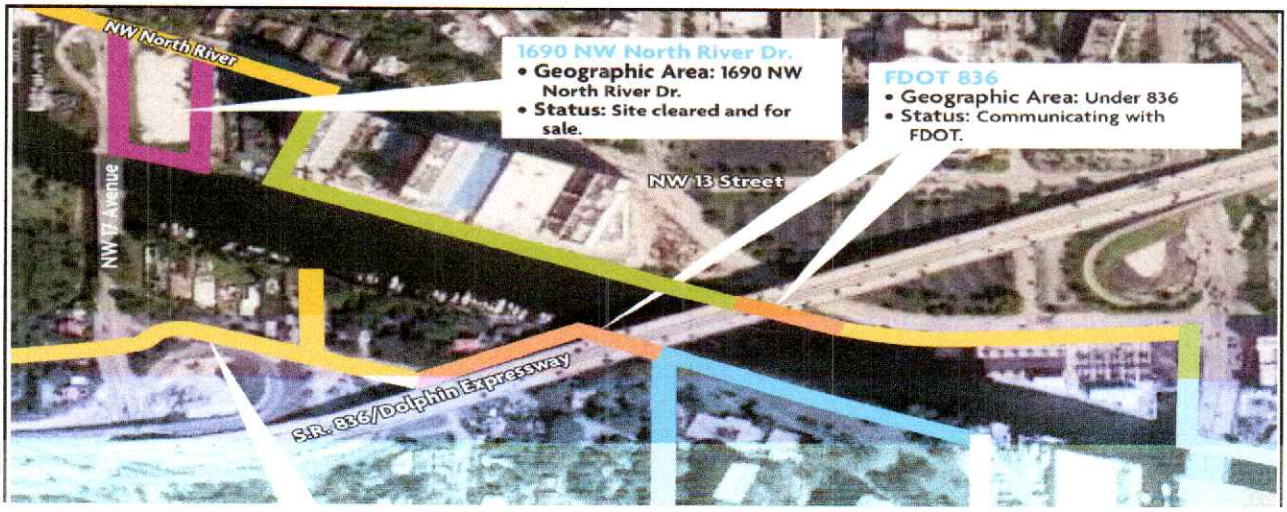
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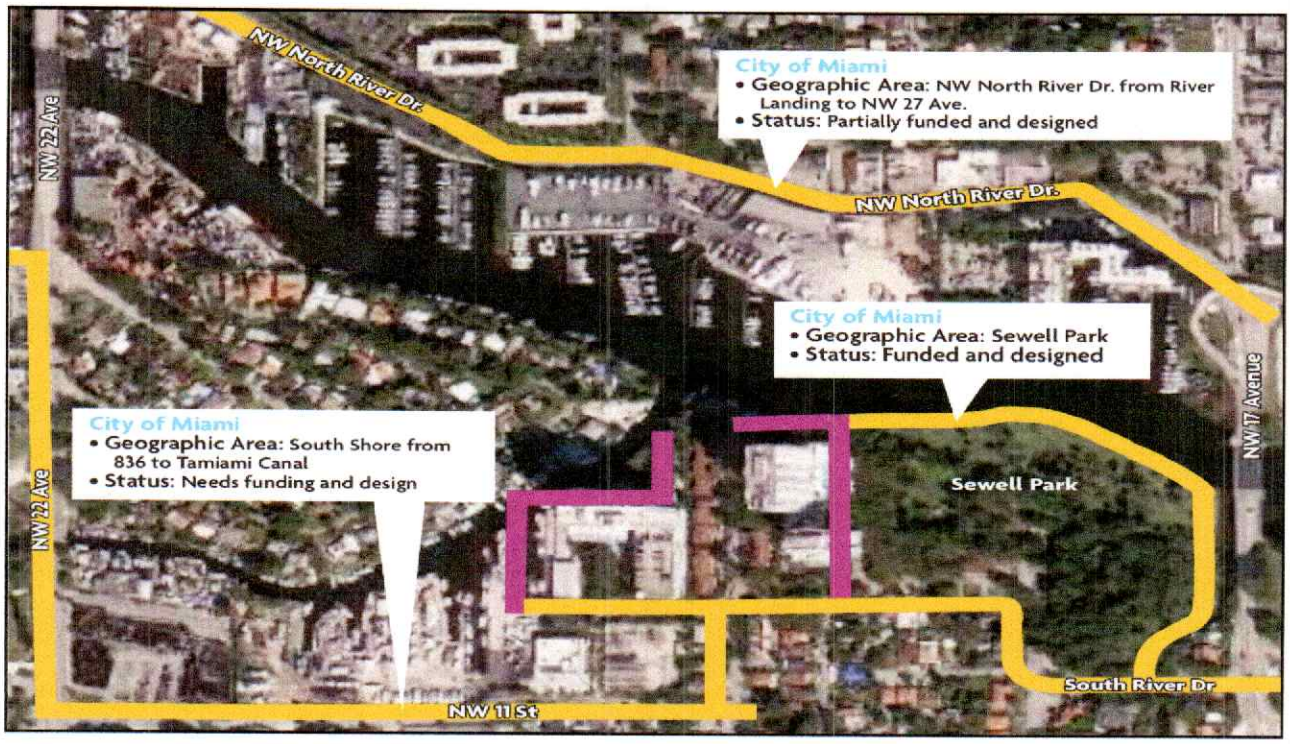
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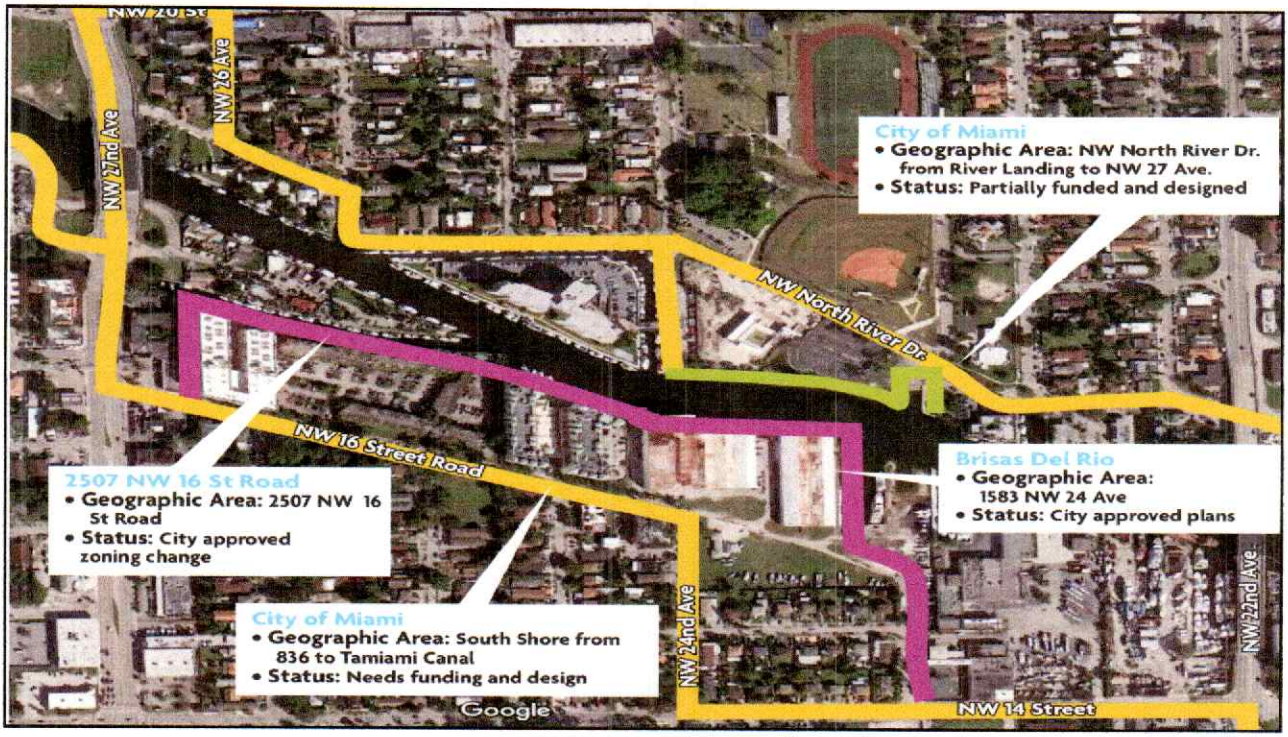
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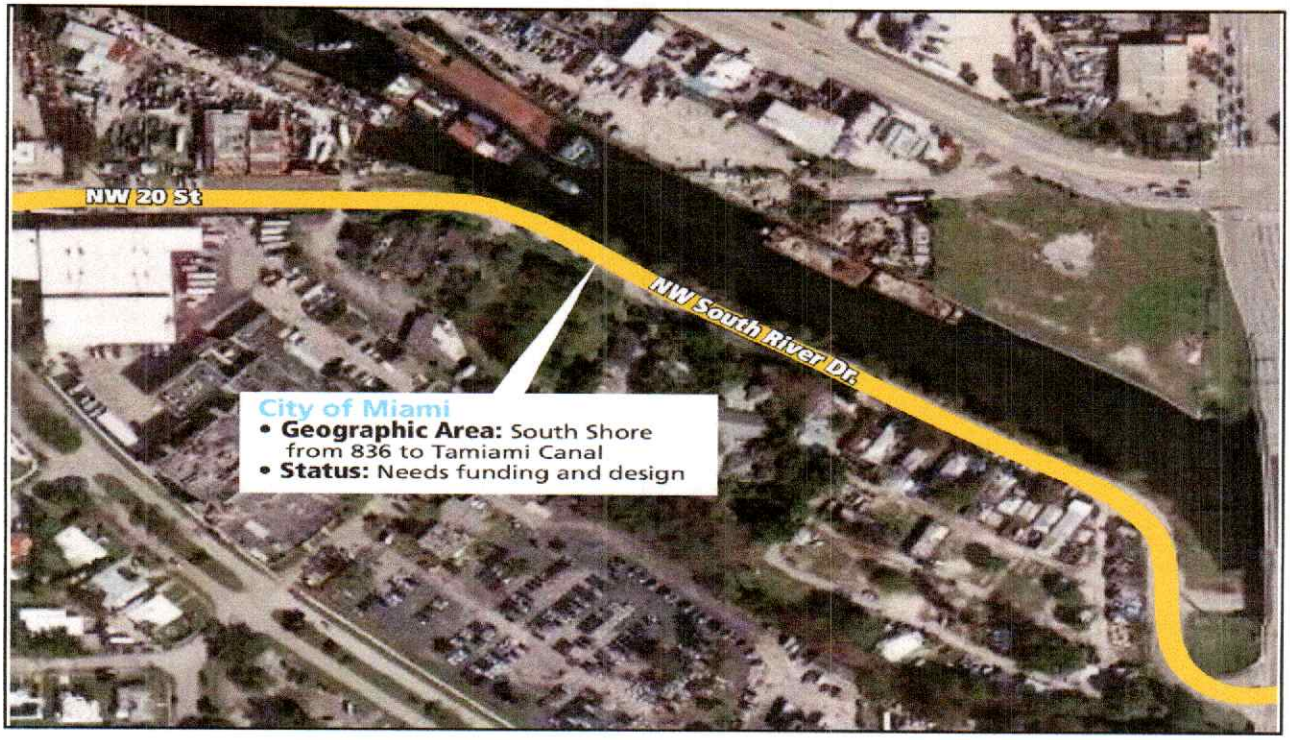
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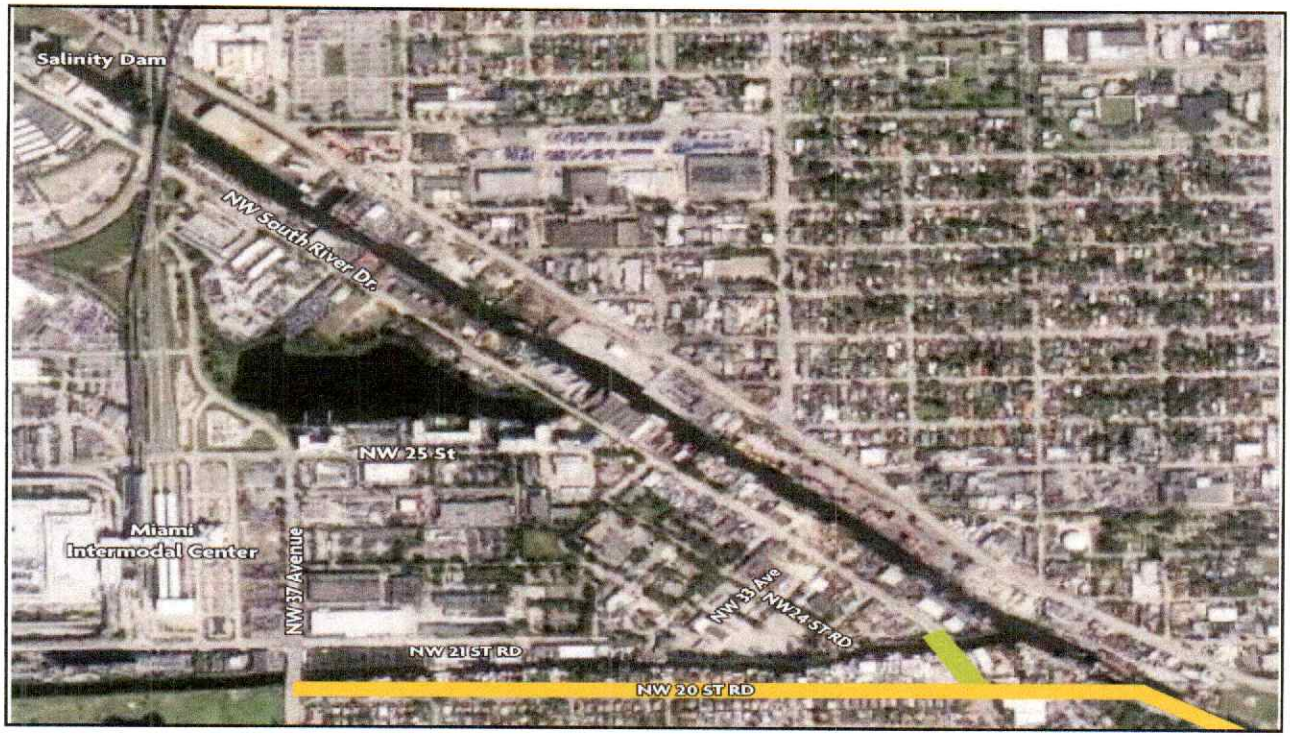
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November 2, 2026 – 12:00 PM

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