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Epicenter of the Americas
2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan

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Leverage Our Beautiful and Iconic Tropical Waterfront

GOALS

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2. Leverage our beautiful and iconic tropical waterfront

2.1 Redevelop Bicentennial Park into a **Major International Waterfront Park and Museum Complex**



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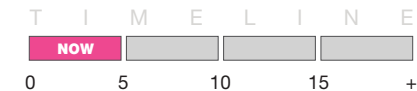
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Museum Park Miami

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- Implement Museum Park Plan by Cooper Robertson
- Support the development of two major cultural institutions, the Miami Art Museum and the Miami Museum of Science at Museum Park, and integrate them into Downtown Miami.
- Establish the park as a landmark public space for the City of Miami and a catalyst for downtown and waterfront development.
- Emphasize the recreational and event lawns, passive space, gardens, water features and pedestrian promenades as a complete park program which offers multiple uses and amenities.
- Connect Museum Park to Downtown's other waterfront parks (Margaret Pace Park, "Parcel B", Bayfront Park, Miami Circle Park and Brickell Park) to create a linear greenway for Biscayne Bay.
- Reopen Bicentennial Park Metromover Station.



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2.2 Complete **Baywalk & Riverwalk**



Riverwalk

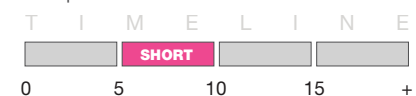
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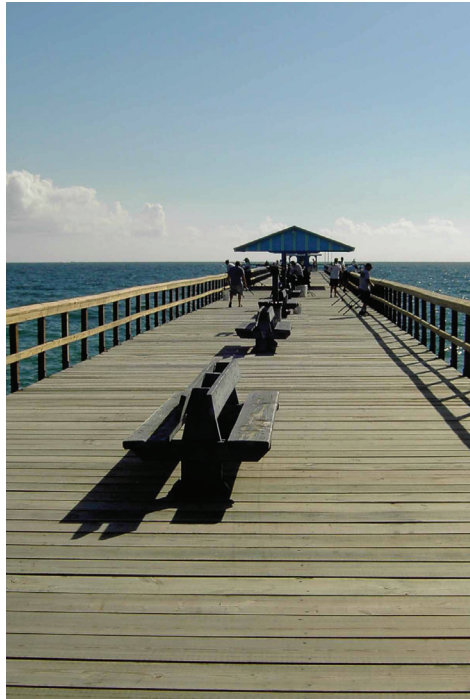
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- Implement Miami River Greenway Action Plan to carry out plans for open space along Miami River.
- Complete Riverwalk along the Miami River to further establish the multiple uses and character of the river
- Highlight archaeological significance and recreational opportunities of Miami Circle.
- Complete Baywalk along Biscayne Bay to create a consistent Biscayne Bay greenway.
- Promote public art and bicycle/pedestrian amenities along the Riverwalk and Baywalk.
- Incorporate environmental enhancement and educational component where appropriate.
- Develop consistent wayfinding along Baywalk.
- Support the development of a Baywalk connection under I-395 to connect Museum Park to the Miami Herald complex.



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2.3 Create an **Iconic Waterfront Element** at Flagler Street & Biscayne Bay



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Proposed Iconic Landmark: "Eternal Dance"

Julian Romero, Student, SCAD



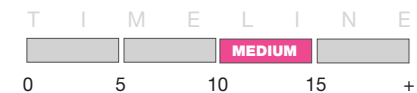
Eiffel Tower, Paris

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- Create an iconic element at Bayfront Park to draw attention to Downtown Miami's waterfront and create a vivid association between the landmark and the City of Miami.
- Utilize the landmark as a revenue-generator in order to pay for its own construction, maintenance and parks operation.

- Iconic elements can vary from a historic pier to a monumental structure. Similar landmarks throughout the world inspired the idea for an iconic element for Miami. These world famous sites serve to unite communities, attract visitors, and promote a greater quality of life, which are all key objectives of this Master Plan.

- Hold an open, international competition to select the proposed iconic landmark.



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2.4 Improve **Inland Connections** to Waterfront



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- Use well marked signage and wayfinding system to direct people to and from the waterfront along east-west connections
- Create gateways or arrival points on east-west streets that lead to the waterfront.
- Create well marked entry points or landmarks that establish a public node or gathering place which act as a transition to the waterfront.
- Create connections from downtown streets to Baywalk and Riverwalk pedestrian promenades.
- Ease pedestrian connectivity across Biscayne Boulevard.
- Create a stronger visual and physical connection between Flagler Street and Biscayne Bay.



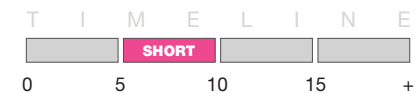
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2.5 Activate Waterfront by Providing Greater **Daytime Dockage** Opportunities

- Provide daytime dockage along Biscayne Bay and the Miami River to make downtown accessible by watercraft so the boating public can access important public destinations from the waterfront.
- Avoid, consider and mitigate environmental impacts of docking and increased boat traffic on manatee populations, coral, sea grass and other sensitive oceanic concerns.
- Consider adjusting MiaMarina at Bayside dock space allocations in favor of more recreational, daytime dockage.
- Promote Downtown as an easy, safe and exciting boating destination.
- Incorporate environment enhancement and educational components into new projects (planters for native wetland plants, environmental education signage).
- Promote connectivity by advocating for daytime dockage at Watson Island, Virginia Key and Miami Beach.



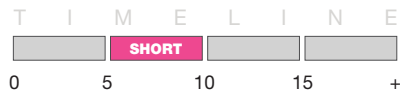
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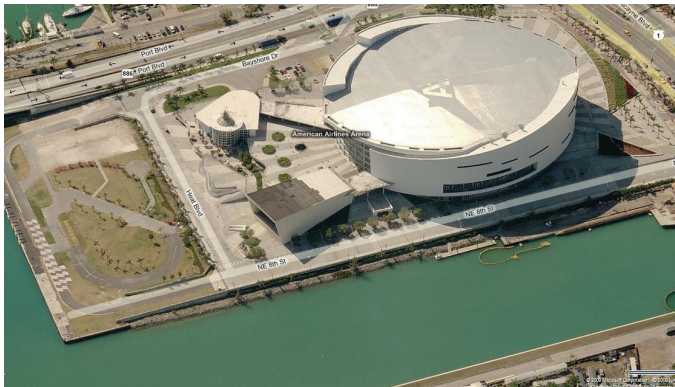
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2.6 Provide **Tall Ship Berths and Amenities** at FEC Slip



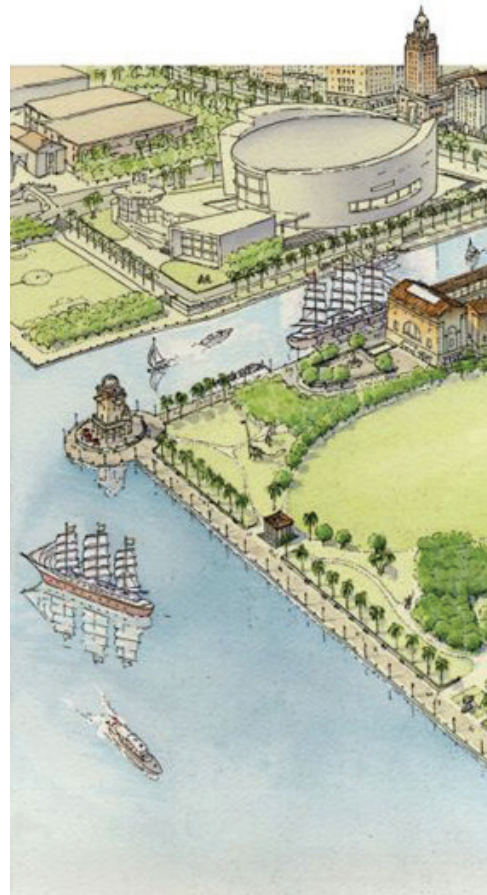
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FEC Slip

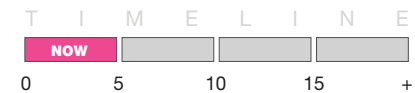
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Bicentennial Park

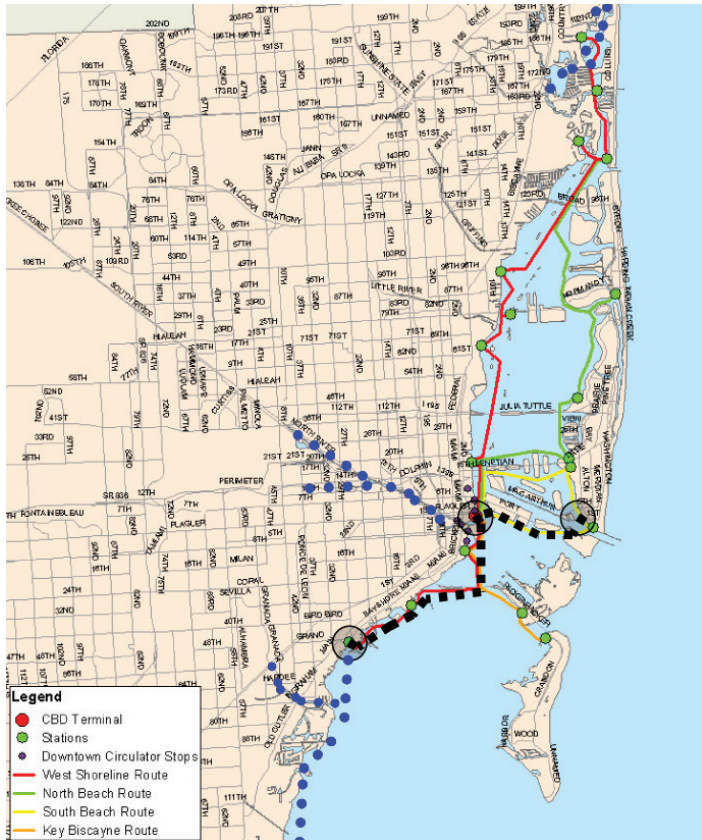
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- The new Museum Park will provide a captive audience for tall ship berths at the FEC Slip and another reason for people to visit the park.
- Promote tall ship berths at the FEC slip to enliven that area of Downtown and create additional waterfront visual identity and tourist amenities.
- Promote aggressive programming schedule that attracts major historic ships, military vessels and other seafaring attractions to the area.
- Implement the Burle Marx Plaza design where the FEC Slip meets Biscayne Blvd.



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2.7 Develop **Waterborne Transportation** System linking Downtown to Major Waterfront Destinations



Proposed Water Taxi Route

Miami-Dade MPO



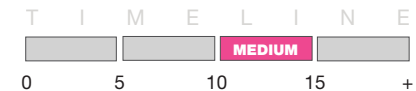
Bainbridge Ferry, Seattle

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New York, NY: Water Taxi

- Implement a waterborne transportation system as a tourist draw, as well as an alternate mode of transportation for Downtown residents and business entities.
- Promote a waterborne transportation system to include water taxis, water buses and/or ferries to link Downtown to other major waterfront destinations.
- Potential downtown destinations could include: Bayfront Park, Museum Park, Watson Island, Brickell, the Port of Miami, the Miami Circle and points along the Miami River.
- Expand route to connect to Miami Beach, Virginia Key and Coconut Grove, and other nearby cities in order to draw tourists and residents to Downtown Miami.
- Consider and mitigate environmental impacts of docking and increased boat traffic on manatee populations, coral, sea grass and other sensitive oceanic concerns.



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2.8 Enhance Access & Connectivity to **Watson Island** as a Unique Public Amenity



Proposed BayLink Transit Route

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Jungle Island

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- Ensure that a waterborne transportation system connects to Watson Island to access its public amenities.
- Promote the planned “BayLink” transit route to provide connections to Watson Island, as it continues on to Miami Beach.
- Enhance and support existing attractions on the island, such as the Children’s Museum and Jungle Island.
- Should Island Gardens project not move forward, promote a different vision for the area as a public amenity.
- Promote an iconic element on the island to act as a visual draw from Downtown, the MacArthur Causeway, cruise ships and the Port of Miami.



Water Bus

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Miami Children's Museum

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