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Port of Miami Tunnel Study**

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Subject: **Downtown Miami megaplan gets 2nd 'yes' vote**

Miami city commissioners, acting as the city's Community Redevelopment Agency, on Thursday cast their second vote in favor of a joint city/county \$3 billion plan that includes money for a new Florida Marlins stadium, a port tunnel, and other big-ticket items.

Thursday's 3-1 yes vote followed commissioners' 4-1 vote of approval on Dec. 13. Given that previous support, Thursday's vote contained little suspense -- though it was a key approval required for the public works plan to move forward.

City commissioners, who also serve as CRA board members, had to hold a second vote on the spending plan because the use of CRA money -- property taxes that come from some downtown Miami neighborhoods -- is the financial glue holding the proposal together, though other funding sources are used as well.

County government signed off on the spending plan last week. While some future government votes will be needed to make specific projects happen, Thursday's CRA vote means the general funding framework has received all necessary approvals.