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Written legislative analyses for the below listed items are attached for your consideration in this Legislative Analysis.

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Legislative Notes

Agenda Item: 3(C)
File Number: 110506
**Committee(s)
of Reference:** Recreation and Cultural Affairs
Date of Analysis: April 5, 2011
Type of Item: Resolution

Summary

This resolution authorizes a Local Agency Program Supplemental Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for \$900,000 in grant funds for Black Creek Trail Segment A.

Black Creek Trail contains two parts; Segment A and Segment B. Segment A of Black Creek Trail is comprised of three (3) phases and Segment B does not have phases established.

The \$900,000 in FDOT grant funds will allow for construction of one mile of trail within Black Creek Trail Segment A. According to the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR), no new trail miles are being added as a result of this grant fund transfer.

Background and Relevant Legislation

The Black Creek Trail is one of ten (10) proposed new trails or proposed improvements to existing trails in Miami-Dade County's South Dade Greenway Network Master Plan (SDGNMP). The SDGNMP is an organized system of interconnecting linear corridors, crossing south Miami-Dade County from Kendall Drive at the north to Monroe County at the south, and from the Everglades to Biscayne Bay. The ten distinct corridors that make up SDGN include the following: Biscayne Trail, Black Creek Trail, Princeton Trail, Mowry Trail, Everglades Trail, Krome Trail, South Dade Trail, Southern Glades Trail, and Tallahassee Connector.

The SDGNMP calls for the development of 194 total trail miles; 147.4 miles of paved trails and 46.6 miles of unpaved trails. Within the 194 total trail miles, 36 miles comprise the use of wide shoulder or shared lanes on roadways, and the remaining 158.8 miles will be off-road, separated from automobile traffic.

The Black Creek Trail is a canal trail that crosses from the northwest to the southeast. The portion of the trail west of Krome Trail is to remain unpaved for hikers, mountain bikes and equestrians. Trail users on this portion of the trail will pass farms, cut through the eastern parts of farmland where crops are grown, and pass the Hammocks community, which has its own bike paths. The Black Creek Trail is the

closest connection of the SDGN to the West Kendall residential area. The south part of the canal is located at the western edge of the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport and the remainder of the trail travels through residential developments, the Cutler Ridge area, past the South Dade Government Center, and then into Black Point Park and Marina. The Black Creek Trail has a total of 17 trail miles and will be located in or impact several Miami-Dade County Commission Districts (District 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11).

On January 20, 2011, the BCC approved Resolution R-21-11, authorizing a Declaration of Trail Maintenance Responsibilities (DOTM) of MDPR for improvements to the Black Creek Trail within South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) property.

Budgetary Impact

According to the Park and Recreation Department, the total project budget to design, permit and construct the Black Creek Greenway Trail, Segment A, which consists of three phases, is \$3,973,000.

The funding source is comprised of the following:

- \$1,880,000 of Surface Transportation Program Grant funds; and
- \$2,093,000 of Building Better Communities General Obligation Bonds (BBC-GOB) Project No. 51.

The proposed resolution is providing \$900,000 in addition to the \$3,973,000 project budget.

Additionally, the annual expenditure to maintain the facility (Segment A only) is \$69,552 funded through the General Fund.

The cost of future trail maintenance is calculated per mile and on an annual basis (mi/yr) as follows:

Trail Maintenance	Cost
<u>Landscape</u> - (16 cycles/year to include mowing, pruning, tree care, mulching and litter removal)	\$7400/mi/yr
<u>Hardscape</u> - Annually includes trail patching & crack filling, graffiti removal and sign repair)	\$1800/mi/yr
Total	\$9200/mi/yr

Segment A of Black Creek annual expenditure is calculated as follows: \$9200 / mile/ yr x 7.56 miles = \$69,552.

According to the Park and Recreation Department, an additional 9.5 miles is envisioned in the SDGNMP for the remaining portion of Black Creek Trail (Segment B). However, no funding is currently available for Segment B. Additionally, the current development of Segment A does not require the future development to be functional.

Questions

The following questions were posed to MDPR followed by their response:

- The \$900,000 FDOT grant transfer is derived from funds allocated to Black Creek Trail Segment B to pay for Segment A; will this adversely affect the future of Segment B construction?

MDPR has not secured all the funding necessary to begin Segment B so this transfer will not affect the project.

- Is it possible that Segment B will be eliminated if funding is not available?
No, this project is considered to be a part of a long range development.
- Is funding established for all three phases in order to complete Segment A?
Information not available at time of printing this analysis.

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Agenda Item: 3(D)
File Number: 110582
Committee(s) of Reference: Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee
Date of Analysis: April 5, 2011
Type of Item: Resolution

Summary

This resolution approves a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Amendment No. 1 with URS Corporation (URS) for Zoo Miami Improvements. The amendment transfers \$500,000 from Dedicated Allowances to Basic Services within the PSA, resulting in no net contract increase for time or money.

The funding for this PSA is derived from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (GOB) Project No. 47.

Background and Relevant Legislation

On February 6, 2007, the Board approved Resolution R-120-07, authorizing a significant modification to GOB Project No. 46. This significant modification revised the project description to: "Construction of Amazon and Beyond Project and Lakes and Australia Exhibit "and maintained a \$31 million allocation.

On December 7, 2010, the BCC approved Resolution R-1148-10, authorizing a significant modification to (GOB) Program Projects No. 46 and No. 47 in the following manner:

- change project description for GOB Project no. 46 to only read: "Construction of Amazon and Beyond" and deleting the "Lakes and Australia Exhibit" portion of the project;
- reduce GOB project no. 46 allocation from \$31 million to \$18,718,870;
- add \$31 million allocation to GOB project no. 47 (Florida Exhibit).

According the Capital Improvements Information System (CIIS), Zoo Miami GOB projects include the following:

GOB No.	Name	Allocation
46	Zoo Miami-Construction of Amazon and Beyond	\$18,719,000
47	Zoo Miami-Florida Exhibit	\$43,281,000
48	Zoo Miami-Zoo-wide improvements and entry	\$12,000,000
313	Zoo Miami-Additional improvements to Metro Zoo	\$13,000,000
	Total	\$87,000,000

Based on the above-listed GOB project allocations, GOB project no. 47 represents fifty (50%) percent of the total GOB allocations for Zoo Miami.

Zoo Miami PSA

Currently, the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR), has two PSA contracts for design consultants for the Zoo Miami Improvements. The two PSA contracts include the following:

Zoo Miami PSAs	Contractor	GOB Project	Award Amount	Goals
592500-06-003-01	URS	47	\$5,551,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBE Goal of 14% • Small Business Development (SBD) confirms that based on the paid to date amounts reported by URS, 1% has been paid to CBE firms and therefore in compliance. • Based on the paid to date amounts the project is 19% complete and CBE's have been paid \$9,975 or %0.9 percent
592500-06-003-02	Forbes Architects	47 & 48	\$6,698,249	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBE Goal of 14% • Small Business Development (SBD) confirms that based on the paid to date amounts reported by Forbes Architects, 15% has been paid to CBE firms and therefore in compliance.

Questions

The following question was posed to MDPR followed by their response:

- Will the Outdoor Themed Park Attraction Development be adversely affected from the \$500,000 transfer of dedicated allowance?

No, funding capacity will continue under the Forbes Architects PSA allowance to perform the services needed for the development.