

Memorandum



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To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Significant Modification to *Building Better Communities* General Obligation Bond (BBC-GOB) Program Project No. 297 – “Construction of the New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/HistoryMiami” bifurcating it into two projects, Project Numbers 297a – “Construction of the New Miami Science Museum Facility” and 297b – “HistoryMiami - Cultural Center Renovation and Expansion;” and Significant Modification to Project No. 268 – “Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library” delineating two projects, Project Numbers 268a – “Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library” and 268b – “Main Library Exterior and Plaza Renovation work”

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) adopt the attached resolution, which approves the significant modification to Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (“BBC-GOB”) Project Number 297 – “Construction of the New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/HistoryMiami” (formerly the Historical Museum of Southern Florida) and Project Number 268 - Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library from Appendix A to Resolution No. R-919-04 (“Authorizing Resolution”) following a public hearing. The significant modification to Project 297 bifurcates the two museums included in Project No. 297 into the following two separate projects that will continue to accomplish the objectives of the original project and better serve the needs of the community: Project Number 297a – “New Miami Science Museum Facility;” and Project Number 297b – “HistoryMiami - Cultural Center Renovation and Expansion.” The significant modification to Project No. 268 delineates the improvements to be accomplished explicitly as two components: Project Number 268a - Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library; and Project Number 268b – “Main Library Exterior and Plaza Renovation work,” that will continue to accomplish the objectives of the original project and better serve the needs of the community.

Item	Original BBC Project	Modified BBC Project
Project Number and Project Name	297 - New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/ Historical Museum of Southern Florida	297a - New Miami Science Museum Facility 297b - HistoryMiami - Cultural Center Renovation and Expansion
Project Description	“Construct a new 250,000 sq. ft. science and technology museum and planetarium offering participatory exhibits, educational programs and collections; and a 4-acre outdoor science park and wildlife center. Cultural Affairs will assist the Museum of Science and the Historical Museum of Southern Florida to develop 25,000 sq. ft. of exhibition and educational spaces in this facility for exhibits and programs showcasing South Florida’s history, as part of the Museum Park project. The museum project includes all on-site and off-site improvements as	297a - “Construction of a new 250,000 sq. ft. science and technology museum and planetarium offering participatory exhibits, educational programs and collections; and a 4-acre outdoor science park and wildlife center. The museum project includes all on-site and off-site improvements as required by regulatory agencies and any mitigation required for Pump Station #2.” 297b - “A connecting structure will be built between the two existing museum buildings to allow access to both museum spaces in anticipation of

	required by regulatory agencies and any mitigation required for Pump Station #2.”	expansion and adaptation of the Miami Art Museum’s (MAM) current facility for use by HistoryMiami, and redesign and construction of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center located at 101 West Flagler Street..”
Street Address	1075 Biscayne Boulevard	297a – 1075 Biscayne Boulevard 297b - 101 West Flagler Street
Allocation	\$175.0 Million	297a - \$165.0 Million 297b - \$6.0 Million

Item	Original BBC Project	Modified BBC Project
Project Number and Project Name	268 - Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library	268a – Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library 268b - Main Library Exterior and Plaza Renovation work
Project Description	“Major interior and exterior renovations to include renovating existing bathrooms and removing architectural barriers for ADA compliance; upgrading lighting in public areas; and reconfiguring third floor offices to allow public access to the Wolfson Media Archives. Enhance electrical/data infrastructure to support additional computers.”	268a - “Major interior and exterior renovations to include renovating existing bathrooms and removing architectural barriers for ADA compliance; upgrading lighting in public areas; and reconfiguring third floor offices to allow public access to the Wolfson Media Archives. Enhance electrical/data infrastructure to support additional computers.” “ 268b - Main Library Exterior and Plaza Renovation work - redesign and construction of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center located at 101 West Flagler Street. The project includes a new, redesigned main entrance from Flagler Street, covered walkways connecting the Miami -Dade County Public Library, HistoryMiami, and the Miami Art Museum building, a renovated concession area and improvements to the northern façade along NW 1st street. A new elevator on Flagler Street will address accessibility issues to the Cultural Center.”
Street Address	101 West Flagler Street	268a – 101 West Flagler Street 268b - 101 West Flagler Street

Allocation	\$1.765 Million	268a - \$1.765 Million 268b - \$4.0 Million
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Scope

The current plan called for Project No. 297 - New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/HistoryMiami to be located in Bicentennial (Museum) Park in District 3 and was to include approximately 25,000 square feet of space as a “satellite” location for HistoryMiami. The new proposed plan is to bifurcate the two museums into two separate projects by: a) constructing the new Miami Science Museum as originally described in Bicentennial (Museum) Park in District 3; and b) expanding and renovating HistoryMiami at its current location at the Miami-Dade Cultural Center (101 West Flagler Street) in District 5, which includes redesigning the entrances and plaza at the Cultural Center, expanding HistoryMiami and adapting the current Miami Art Museum building for use by HistoryMiami.

The current plan for Project No. 268 - Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library located at 101 West Flagler Street in District 5 is to incorporate major interior and exterior renovations to include: renovating existing bathrooms and removing architectural barriers for ADA compliance; upgrading lighting in public areas; reconfiguring third floor offices to allow public access to the Wolfson Media Archives; and enhancing electrical/data infrastructure to support additional computers. The new proposed plan is to implement two separate projects explicitly: Project No. 268a as originally described in Project No. 268 in District 5; and new Project No. 268b which, as a component of constructing the Library project as originally described in Project No. 268, specifically addresses Main Library exterior and plaza renovation work which encompasses the redesign and construction of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center located at 101 West Flagler Street in District 5, and includes redesigning the entrances and plaza at the Cultural Center.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact on the existing BBC-GOB allocation due to these modifications. The original allocation of \$175 million for Project 297 would be allocated as follows: \$165 million for Project No. 297a - New Miami Science Museum Facility; and \$6 million for Project No. 297b - HistoryMiami - Cultural Center Renovation and Expansion and \$4 million for Project 268b - Main Library Exterior and Plaza Renovation work.

Track Record/Monitor

The entities responsible for implementing these projects are the Miami Science Museum for Project No. 297a, HistoryMiami for Project No. 297b, and the Miami-Dade County Public Library for Project No. 268a and Project No. 268b. The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs Department is responsible for managing the BBC-GOB grant agreements for Projects 297a, 297b and 268b.

Background

On November 2, 2004, voters overwhelmingly approved the eight (8) referendum questions to fund more than 300 capital improvements throughout the County over the next 15 to 20 years. Appendix A to Resolution R-919-04 (Attachment 1) lists projects eligible for funding from the BBC-GOB Program by number, name and project description. All additions, deletions and significant modifications to individual projects require a majority vote of the Board following a public hearing.

Project Number 297 – “New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/HistoryMiami” with the project description of “Construction of a new 250,000 sq. ft. science and technology museum and planetarium offering participatory exhibits, educational programs and collections; and a 4-acre outdoor science park and wildlife center. Cultural Affairs will assist the Museum of Science and HistoryMiami to develop 25,000 sq. ft. of exhibition and educational spaces in this facility for exhibits and programs showcasing South Florida’s history, as part of the Museum Park project. The museum project includes all on-site and off-site improvements as required by regulatory agencies and any mitigation required for Pump Station #2.” This project contains an allocation of \$175 million for the design and construction of the Miami Museum of Science and HistoryMiami to be located in Museum Park.

In order to provide a more centralized, expanded and efficient Historical Museum facility, it is in the best interest of the County to bifurcate the two museums included in Project No. 297 into two separate projects: Project No. 297a – “New Miami Science Museum Facility,” and Project No. 297b – “HistoryMiami - Cultural Center Renovation and Expansion.” It was originally contemplated that the Historical Museum would utilize 25,000 square feet of space for satellite programming and operations in the new Miami Museum of Science facility in Museum Park and that the Historical Museum would maintain its current facility at the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center. The benefit of the new proposed project is that the Historical Museum will be able to consolidate its expansion at its current location by building an addition to its current facility and adapting the current Miami Art Museum facility to accommodate expanded spaces for exhibitions, educational programs and collections. This renovation and expansion of the Cultural Center will provide the Historical Museum with approximately 10,000 square feet of additional space for exhibition, educational and collections activities. In addition, the Historical Museum and the Main Library will collaborate on renovations to the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center to make the entire complex more accessible and visitor-friendly to the community as a whole with the establishment of Project No.268b. The Miami Science Museum can utilize the 25,000 square feet of space in its new facility that originally was being included for the Historical Museum for additional Miami Science Museum exhibition and programming initiatives and has the opportunity to develop additional programming activities that are consistent with its science, technology and educational mission. Both of these projects will continue to serve the needs of the community as originally contemplated and allow each museum to optimize its operations.

This proposed significant modification to Project Number 297 – “New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/HistoryMiami” creating Project Nos. 297a – “Construction of the New Miami Science Museum Facility” and 297b – “HistoryMiami - Cultural Center Renovation and Expansion,” and the proposed significant modification to Project Number 268 – “Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library” creating Project Nos. 268a – “Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library” and 268b – “Main Library Exterior and Plaza Renovation work,” is supported by the Commissioners of the affected Districts (3 and 5). This recommendation was presented to the BBC-GOB Citizens’ Advisory Committee (“CAC”) at its meeting of June 10, 2010. This item was forwarded to the Board with a [favorable/unfavorable] recommendation by the CAC.

Attachment

Alex Muñoz
Assistant County Manager

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No.

RESOLUTION NO _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER 297 – “NEW MIAMI MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & PLANETARIUM FACILITY/ HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA” AND PROJECT NUMBER 268 – “RENOVATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE MAIN LIBRARY” IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION R-919-04 AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the significant modification to Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program Project No. 297 – “New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/ Historical Museum of Southern Florida” and Project No. 268 – “Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library” identified in Appendix A to Resolution No. R-919-04 after a public hearing, all as more particularly described in the accompanying memorandum.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	
Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa

Sen. Javier D. Souto

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this . This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by the County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. _____