

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 reallocating interest proceeds from Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (BBC-GOB) Project No. 322 – “Northside Police Station” to fund a budget shortfall for Project No. 44 – “Trail Glades Range” and also modifying funds allocated to each of these projects.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution authorizing the use of interest earnings, previously allocated on July 21, 2009 to cover a projected budget shortfall for Project 322 – “Northside Police Station” via Resolution No. R-944-09, for the purpose of funding an estimated \$1.1 million budget shortfall for Project No. 44 - “Trail Glades Range”, in accordance with Implementing Order 3-47 (IO). The IO, which establishes the process for the allocation of BBC-GOB surplus funds, was approved by the Board on March 17, 2009. These interest earnings are now available for reallocation due to lower construction costs realized after receipt of bids and subsequent award of the construction contract for Project 322. In concert with authorizing the use of interest earnings, the attached resolution amends Appendix A to Resolution Nos. R-913-04 and R-915-04, adopted on July 20, 2004, which respectively authorized the holding of a bond election for the construction and improvement of park and recreational facilities and public safety facilities (“Authorizing Resolutions”), to revise the BBC-GOB funds allocated to each project. Additionally, this resolution revises the project description of Project No. 44, “Trail Glades Range”, to include infrastructure restoration.

Item	Original BBC Project	Modified BBC Project
Project Name	Northside Police Station	No change
Project Number	322	No change
Project Description	“Expansion and renovation of the Northside Police Station”	No change
BBC funding allocation	\$13.52 Million (Original project allocation of \$10 million plus \$3.52 million in interest proceeds approved by the Board on July 21, 2009 via Reso R-944-09)	\$11.02 Million (Reduction of \$2.5 million from previously-allocated interest proceeds [\$1.1 million to be reallocated to Project No. 44 and \$1.4 million to be returned to GOB Interest fund])

Item	Original BBC Project	Modified BBC Project
Project Name	Trail Glades Range	No change
Project Number	44	No change
Project Description	“Area-wide park improvements including building and range construction and renovation,	“Area-wide park improvements including building and range construction and renovation, mitigation,

	mitigation, and land acquisition”	<u>infrastructure restoration and land acquisition”</u>
BBC funding allocation	\$8.0 Million	\$9.1 Million

Scope

The Trail Glades Range is a county-wide facility located in Commission District 12. The park is located at 17601 S. W. 8th Street. The Northside Police Station is located in Commission District 2 and will primarily serve residents within Commission District 2 and small portions of Commission Districts 3 and 5. The station is located at 799 NW 81st Street.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The BBC-GOB proceeds currently allocated to Project No. 44 – “Trail Glades Range” and Project No. 322 – “Northside Police Station” are \$8 million and \$13.52 million, respectively. On July 21, 2009, the Board approved the allocation of \$5 million in BBC-GOB interest earnings, including \$3.52 million to cover a projected budget shortfall for Project No. 322. This action revised the original allocation for Project No. 322 from \$10 million to \$13.52 million. Subsequent to the approval of this interest allocation, bids were received for Project No. 322 and, due to the competitive nature of the current construction market, these bids were lower than anticipated thereby negating the need for all of these interest earnings. Miami-Dade Park and Recreation (MDPR) has identified a projected budget shortfall for Project No. 44. The tables above reflect the recommended funding for these two projects, including the amounts that would be utilized from BBC-GOB Program interest earnings.

Track Record/Monitor

The implementing entities for these projects will be MDPR for Project No. 44 and the General Services Administration (GSA) for Project No. 322. The monitoring entity will be the Office of Capital Improvements (OCI), George Navarrete, Assistant Director.

Background

On November 2, 2004 voters overwhelmingly approved the referendum to fund more than 300 capital improvements throughout the County over the next 15 to 20 years. Appendix “A” to Resolution R-913-04 (Attachment 1) lists projects eligible for funding from the BBC GOB Bond Program by number, name and project description. All additions, deletions and significant modifications to individual projects require a majority vote of the BCC following a public hearing.

Trail Glades Range is a regional special activity park and an asset to Miami-Dade County. The BBC-GOB allocation of \$8 million is funding significant range improvements, a clubhouse building, supporting improvements to the roadway, parking and sewer and the acquisition of approximately 20 acres of land to expand the park.

In 2007, the culvert structure spanning the Tamiami Canal and bearing the only access road to the range was found to be structurally degraded. MDPR designed reinforcement of the culvert structure. However, during permitting through the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), MDPR was informed that the existing culvert, composed of two 72” pipe culverts, did not meet current SFWMD standards, and required replacement with a bridge or a box culvert. The estimated total project cost for the selected alternate, a box culvert, is \$1.1 million. Additionally, MDPR will design and construct water control slide gates and other elements for the benefit of the SFWMD. These elements will be funded by

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the SFWMD. Since the original discovery of the degradation of the culvert structure, MDPR has had to reduce the width of the roadway from two lanes to a single lane,

The culvert replacement project was not within the scope of the BBC-GOB project, and the funding necessary to design and construct the project is not within the capacity of the original BBC-GOB allocation. Further, no other funding is presently available to MDPR. Therefore, increasing the BBC-GOB allocation with interest earnings and modifying the project description is appropriate. Additionally, the allocation is consistent with the intent of Implementing Order 3-47 by supporting the following priority evaluation factor: Positive Impact on Safety (Factor 3) – the existing culvert has been reduced to one lane for access off of US-41/Tamiami Trail, creating a risk of vehicle accidents. Development of the project will restore two-lane access and eliminate an unsafe condition.

This item was reviewed by the BBC-GOB Citizens' Advisory Committee at their meeting on May 3, 2010 and was forwarded for consideration by the Board with a favorable / unfavorable recommendation.

Attachments

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