

Memorandum



Date:

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 Program Project Nos. 126 – “Miami River Greenway” and 127 – “Improve and Extend the Commodore Bike Trail”

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approve the attached resolution authorizing a significant modification to the allocations for Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program (BBC GOB Program) Project Nos. 126 – “Miami River Greenway” and 127 – “Improve and Extend the Commodore Bike Trail” following a public hearing pursuant to Resolution No. R-914-04 (Authorizing Resolution). The table below reflects the requested significant modification:

Project No.	Project Name	Original Allocation	Revised Allocation
126	Miami River Greenway	\$7,500,000	\$6,650,000
127	Improve and Extend the Commodore Bike Trail	\$1,000,000	\$1,850,000

Scope

The scope of this resolution impacts the Miami River Greenway located at along the Miami River within the City of Miami (Commission District 7) and the Commodore Bike Trail located within the City of Coral Gables and the City of Miami (Commission District 7).

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The total BBC GOB Program allocations assigned to Project Nos. 126 and 127 are \$7,500,000, and \$1,000,000, respectively. There is no fiscal impact to the County as the overall BBC GOB Program funding will not be impacted as a result of this modification.

Track Record/Monitor

The implementing agency for this project is the Public Works Department (PWD), and the project manager responsible for monitoring this project is Lana Moorey, P.E.

Background

On November 2, 2004, voters overwhelmingly approved eight (8) referendum questions funding more than 300 capital improvement projects throughout the County over the next 15 to 20 years. Each ballot question included a list of projects identified in Appendix A that were approved as part of the program. Appendix A to Resolution No. R-914-04, which authorized the referendum to construct and improve walkways, bikeways, bridges, and neighborhood infrastructure improvements, 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 BCC following a public hearing.

One of the projects included in the BBC GOB Program is Project No. 126 - "Miami River Greenway". The original allocation for this project is \$7,500,000. The project consists of construction at six (6) separate County-owned parcels which will provide continuity to the Miami River Greenway Network. The project includes the construction of a 25'-0" wide pedestrian/bicycle shared use riverwalk including lighting, landscaping, and hardscape elements such as benches and trash receptacles. Scope of the work includes, but is not limited to: seawall design, drainage, lighting, landscape and architecture details, and all of the necessary incidental items for a complete project. It is estimated that the costs for these improvements is \$6,650,000. As such, the available \$7,500,000 in GOB funds for the Miami River Greenway project exceeds the estimated cost for the project. It is recommended that the remaining \$850,000 be moved to the Commodore Bike Trail (Project No. 127). This project consists of construction of a bicycle and pedestrian shared-use bridge over the Coral Gables waterway, resurfacing of the existing trail, widening portions of the trail to meet current design standards, construction of appropriate bicycle facility compliant curb ramps, pavement markings and signage. The Commodore Trail will increase efficiency of cycling as a transportation mode by improving interconnectivity of the bike path; will reduce traffic congestion on existing roads; will save energy by increasing the number of miles ridden on bicycles, thereby reducing the usage of petroleum-based fuels; will provide recreational opportunity for Miami-Dade residents and visitors, and provide a safe way for children to travel from their homes to their schools by supporting the Safe Paths to School Program. The original allocated amount (\$1,000,000) for this project is not sufficient to fund the estimated project cost (\$1,850,000). PWD is therefore requesting the significant modification of the allocation for BBC GOB Program Project No. 126 - "Miami River Greenway" to \$6,650,000 and the reallocation of the remaining \$850,000 to BBC GOB Program Project No. 127 - "Improve and Extend the Commodore Bike Trail" thereby increasing the allocation for Project No. 127 to \$1,850,000 which will assist in funding for the completion of the project. Transferring the remaining \$850,000 funding allocation from Project No. 126 - "Miami River Greenway" to Project No. 127 - "Improve and Extend the Commodore Bike Trail" will ensure the most successful utilization of these funds and address the potential budget shortfall for Project No. 127. In accordance with I.O. 3-47 - "Process for Allocation of Surplus and Other Funds from the Building Better Communities-General Obligation Bond Program", this potential budget shortfall does not exceed the available surplus funds to cover other project budget shortfalls to the projects identified in Exhibit A to the Authorizing Resolution because, currently, no other project budget shortfalls have been identified. Notwithstanding this, in the abundance of caution, staff reviewed the evaluation factors listed in I.O. 3-47 that govern the use of surplus funds to fund budget shortfalls and determined that this project complies with two of these evaluation factors in that (1) Project No. 127 will have a positive impact on the safety of a particular facility or area since it will provide a safe way for children to travel from their homes to their schools by supporting the Safe Paths to School Program and (2) Project No. 127 will have a positive impact on the environment of the County since it will reduce traffic congestion on existing roads and save energy by increasing the number of miles ridden on bicycles, thereby reducing the usage of petroleum-based fuels.

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Pursuant to I.O. 3-47, this recommendation regarding the use of surplus funds to cover a budget shortfall was presented to the BBC-GOB Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) so that they could advise the Board regarding the use of said surplus funds. This recommendation was forwarded with a favorable recommendation by the BBC GOB Program Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) at their meeting of March 22, 2010.

Assistant County Manager

Approved _____ Mayor

Agenda Item No.

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NOS. 126 – “MIAMI RIVER GREENWAY” AND 127 – “IMPROVE AND EXTEND THE COMMODORE BIKE TRAIL,” EACH IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-914-04 – 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 this reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recital is incorporated in this resolution and is approved.

Section 2. The significant modification to: (a) Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program (“BBC GOB Program”) Project No. 126 – “Miami River Greenway” to reduce the allocation from \$7,500,000 to \$6,650,000 and (b) BCC GOB Program Project No. 127 – “Improve and Extend the Commodore Bike Trail” to increase the allocation from \$1,000,000 to \$1,850,000, each identified in Appendix A to Resolution No. R-914-04, after a public hearing, all as more particularly described in the accompanying memorandum, is approved.

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
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this day
of _____ 2010. 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 County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. _____

Geri Bonzon-Keenan