

# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY

**Date:**

**To:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Significant Modification of Building Better Communities (BBC) Bond Program to Project No. 130 – “Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk Repair” and Addition of New BBC Project No. 130(a) – “Repair of Fishing Piers at Old William Powell Bridge at Key Biscayne”, After a Public Hearing.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopt the attached resolution authorizing a significant modification to the Project Description and Allocation for the Building Better Communities (BBC) General Obligation Bond Program Project No. 130, “Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk Repair” following a public hearing pursuant to Resolution No. R-914-04. Since the Public Works Department (PWD) has determined that the Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk is beyond repair, the new description will read “Demolish the existing Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk” and the new Allocation will equal \$400,000. In addition, it is recommended that the BCC approve the addition of new BBC Project, No. 130(a) - “Fishing Piers at Old William Powell Bridge at Key Biscayne” and the reallocation of \$1.1 million from Project No. 130 to new Project No. 130(a).

## **Scope**

The scope of this resolution is limited to the Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk and the Old William Powell Bridge at Key Biscayne, located within Commission District 7.

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact to the County, as the existing BBC allocation remains the same.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

The implementing agency is the Public Works Department and the Project Manager is Marcos Redondo, P.E., Public Works Department.

## **Background**

On November 2, 2004, voters overwhelmingly approved eight (8) referendum questions funding more than 300 capital improvements 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, lists projects eligible for funding from the BBC Bond Program to construct and improve bridges, public infrastructure and neighborhood improvements 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 County projects included in the Bond Program as Project No. 130 is “Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk Repair” with an allocation of \$1,500,000. The original description for this project, states that GOB funds will “Restore structural integrity of the [Bear Cut] fishing pier and re-open the facility to the public.” Because of the severity of deterioration, the Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk is now beyond repair and considered unsafe. Although closed, it remains a liability to the County. The PWD is proposing to demolish and remove the fishing catwalk completely instead of rehabilitating it.

In coordination with OCI, the PWD has developed a strategic approach for maximizing the public benefits of their Bond Program funding. Subsequently, PWD is requesting the proposed change to the

Project Description and Allocation. The new Project Description and Allocation will state “Demolish the existing Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk” and “\$400,000” respectively. This change in description and scope of the project will result in the reallocation of \$1.1 million to new BBC Project No. 130(a) – “Fishing Piers at Old William Powell Bridge at Key Biscayne.” This new project complies with the original intent of the voters in providing fishing piers to the public in the same vicinity. The Project Description will read “Restore structural integrity of the fishing piers at Old William Powell Bridge and re-open the facility to the public.” The location of the new project is 3301 Rickenbacker Cswy located in Commission District 7 within the City of Miami.

This recommendation is to be presented to the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) at their meeting of January 8, 2008.

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Assistant County Manager

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 130 – “BEAR CUT FISHING CATWALK REPAIR” IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-914-04 AND APPROVING ADDITION OF NEW PROJECT NO. 130A – “REPAIR OF FISHING PIERS AT OLD WILLIAM POWELL BRIDGE AT KEY BISCAZYNE” TO 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. This Board hereby approves a significant modification to Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program Project No. 130 - “Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk Repair” identified in Appendix A to Resolution No. R-914-04 after a public hearing, all as more particularly described in the accompanying memorandum. Section 2. This Board hereby approves the addition of Project No. 130A – “Repair of Fishing Piers at Old William Powell Bridge at Key Biscayne” to Appendix A to Resolution R-914-04 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:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008. 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