



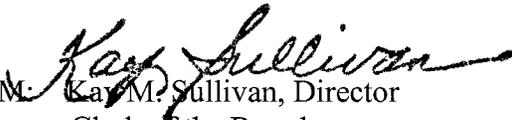
**MEMORANDUM**  
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TO: Honorable Chairperson Dennis C. Moss      DATE: January 15, 2004  
And Members of the Transportation  
Committee

FROM:   
Kay M. Sullivan, Director  
Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Transportation Committee  
Minutes – December 2, 2003

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The following Clerk's Summary of Minutes are submitted for approval by the Transportation Committee:

December 2, 2003

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**CLERK'S SUMMARY OF AGENDA ACTION  
AND OFFICIAL MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
DECEMBER 2, 2003**

**I. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Transportation Committee convened at 2:20 p.m. in Conference Room No. 2, Concourse A, Fourth Floor, Miami International Airport, there being present Chairperson Dennis Moss and Vice Chairperson Bruno Barreiro, (Commissioners Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Betty Ferguson, Joe Martinez and Jimmy Morales were absent); Assistant County Manager Bill Johnson; Assistant County Attorney Abigail Price-Williams; Aviation Director Angela Gittens; and Deputy Clerk Judy Marsh.

The following support staff members were present:

Messrs. Narinder Jolly, Assistant Aviation Director, Facilities Development and Steve Baker, Deputy Aviation Director.

Chairperson Moss welcomed staff and members of the audience to today's Transportation Committee meeting.

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**(a) Aviation Current Events**

Ms. Angela Gittens, Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, reported on current aviation events, which included the following:

- appointment of Mr. Richard Thomas as Federal Security Director of Miami International Airport;
- the Department's efforts to seek resources through its Congressional Delegation to maintain certain federal processes implemented during the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) summit and to work with the Delegation on electronic explosive system installation issues;
- Transportation Security Administration staffing;
- Food and Drug Administration's regulatory role at Miami International Airport (MIA) regarding food shipment;
- Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) recommendation relating to the new runway designation

Ms. Gittens stated the FAA's reauthorization funding bill was approved; however, the Department of Transportation's (DOT) appropriations bill would not be final until January 2004. She noted the TSA had issued a strategic plan for securing air cargo.

Chairperson Moss commended representatives of the Aviation Department and other entities who were involved in the coordination of the FTAA process. He noted the successful coordination efforts would affect any future decisions relating to the location of the FTAA Secretariat.

Ms. Gittens commended staff and the federal agencies for their participation in the FTAA process.

Chairperson Moss asked that funding for security checkpoint modifications be included in the County's Congressional Legislative Package.

**(b) CIP Update – Deferred from 10-27-03**

Mr. Narinder Jolly, Assistant Aviation Director, Facilities Development, provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a copy of which was submitted for the record. He reported on the status of projects contained within the CIP and discussed the following issues: passenger traffic expectations, CIP Phase I funding sources, cost per enplaned passenger (CEP) targets, annual employment benefits from CIP, reduction in construction change orders, system support master plan, environmental engineering, current CIP challenges, terminal improvements, west side fuel tender facility, chiller plant, the midfield program and Total Airport Management Systems (TAMS).

Chairperson Moss stated he was hopeful that staff would utilize the skilled labor workforce at the Airport on projects in Miami-Dade Transit.

Chairperson Moss spoke in support of the landscape master plan included in the CIP.

In response to Chairperson Moss' inquiry regarding the overpopulation of rabbits on the runways, Ms. Gittens stated the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) was monitoring this situation.

Ms. Gittens expounded on the Explosives Detection System (EDS) and the baggage reconciliation/explosion containment rooms listed under Current CIP Challenges.

Mr. Jolly advised that staff would issue the Notice to Proceed with the MIA mover in February 2006 and the project was expected to be completed in mid 2008.

In response to Commissioner Barreiro's inquiry whether there were similar pending issues for the north and south terminals, Ms. Gittens stated the south terminal was more generic and did not include the enhancements contained within the north terminal.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Jolly's presentation, Commissioner Barreiro directed questions to Ms. Gittens regarding the MIA mover and the chiller plant.

Ms. Gittens noted the possibility of potential revenue being realized from some of the wireless systems contained within the CIP.

Chairperson Moss commended staff on the progress being made at MIA. He noted he had invited members of the community for a presentation and tour of the Airport tomorrow morning (12/3/03).

**(c) Discussion of Airline Fares (American, United and Delta Airlines invited)**

Ms. Gittens advised that representatives of the airline industry had declined the Aviation Department's invitation to make a presentation on airline fares. She read a letter from one of the airlines that was invited which indicated that it would be inappropriate to discuss its pricing strategies in a public forum or in a medium with competitors present; however, they would respond to any inquiries from individual commissioners. Ms. Gittens noted this letter encapsulated the other airlines' responses. She noted the Department would facilitate meetings between individual commissioners and individual airlines.

Discussion ensued among Chairperson Moss, Commissioner Barreiro and Ms. Gittens regarding airline fares.

Chairperson Moss stated that the lack of competitive airfares for domestic flights from MIA would result in passengers utilizing neighboring airports, and the airlines had to look at being more competitive in terms of the market place. He noted he would like the Committee to discuss efforts to attract low-fare carriers to MIA at a future meeting.

**(d) Status Report – MIA Zoning Ordinance Community Outreach**

Ms. Gittens presented a status report on the Aviation Department's efforts to educate affected municipalities on the requirements of state law and the impact of the proposed MIA land use zoning ordinance and its corresponding zoning map ordinance.

**(e) Federal Legislative Update – TSA and ITI Issues**

Ms. Gittens made an oral report on the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and International-to-International (ITI) flight issues the Department was reviewing with its Congressional Delegation; however, she noted there were many federal unfunded mandates.

Chairperson Moss asked that staff prepare a comprehensive list of federal unfunded mandates and details on the life safety improvements for the central terminal for the next Committee meeting at MIA. He also asked that staff continue discussion on attracting low-cost air carriers to MIA at that meeting.

With regard to the cost of the MIA mover, Commissioner Barreiro stressed the importance of transportation service delivery. He noted he would address the cost as staff presented proposals.

Ms. Gittens stated the delays associated with the MIA mover related to physical and financial capacity.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Dennis C. Moss, Chairperson  
Transportation Committee