Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: December 15, 2005

RTC
AGENDA ITEM NO. 7(K)

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Report on the Utilization of Road Impact Fee Funds for Mass Transit Projects

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Resolution No. 1196-05, approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on October 18, 2005, directed me to take steps necessary to allow for the expenditure of Road Impact Fees (RIF) for mass transit roadway capacity enhancement projects in certain infill and redevelopment areas.

In order to accomplish this directive, it is necessary to amend Chapter 33-E of the Miami-Dade County Code which governs the collection and expenditures of Road Impact Fees. We are proceeding to prepare such an amendment to Chapter 33-E to allow for the expenditure of Road Impact Fees for mass transit under certain conditions. As it presently exists, Chapter 33-E specifically limits said expenditures to physical improvements of arterial and collector roadways, including new construction or re-construction of items such as thru lanes, turn lanes, bridges, drainage, traffic signalization, sidewalks, resurfacing and other structural improvements. In addition, Chapter 33-E allows for the expenditure of RIF funds on capacity improvements along local roads within a RIF District where all programmed capacity improvements to arterial and collector roads have been encumbered.

Both the utilization of RIF funds for mass transit and any reconfiguration of the RIF Districts will have a profound effect on the future viability of the RIF program, which at this time represents the single largest funding source for roadway construction and expansion projects in the entire County, including roads within all municipalities. As such, these issues were discussed at the Municipal Roundtable Quarterly Meeting of October 12, 2005, and as result of that meeting, a joint committee of both County staff and municipal representatives was established in order to study these issues, their implications and recommend a future course of action. The Committee includes representatives from the cities of Miami, Coral Gables, Miami Beach and Sweetwater, as well as the Public Works Department (PWD). PWD has also conferred with Dr. James Nicholas, the County's Impact Fee Consultant, concerning this issue. Dr. Nicholas will assist the Department as necessary in the development of any amendments to the current RIF Ordinance. In addition, PWD will coordinate with the Planning and Zoning Department (P&Z) so that P&Z will formally present the amendment to their Chapter 33-E at the earliest possible date.

It is my intent to continue to work with the Cities, as well as with the County's Impact Fee Consultant, to develop a consensus plan.

12/18/05

Assistant County Manager — Date