Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: January 25, 2007

Agenda Item No. 3(G)(1)(A)

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Application for a Metrorail and Metromover Guideway Inspection Flexible Funding Grant Agreement of $3,750,000 for Fiscal Years 2006 through 2010

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the filing and execution of grant applications on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of $3,750,000 for inspections of structural elements of the Metrorail and Metromover guideways for Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, for $750,000 per year. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the execution of these grant agreements pursuant to the application, as well as the receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the grant agreement. A public hearing is required in accordance with FTA regulations.

BACKGROUND

Miami-Dade Transit's (MDT) Guideway Bridge Inspection Program was initiated in 1986 to identify deficiencies of a critical nature and perform preventive inspections on the 22 miles of Metrorail and 8.5 miles of Metromover elevated guideway superstructures. Flexible Federal highway funds for these inspections over the past several years have been programmed and authorized by the Board.

In accordance with Florida Statute 335.074 and regulations of the American Association of the State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), a total of $3,750,000 for the next five (2006-2010) years will fund the inspections of the Metrorail and Metromover guideways and secondary structural elements.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will provide the local match in the amount of $187,500 per year using State of Florida Toll Revenue Credits (TRC's) as a "soft match" for the Federal guideway bridge inspection funding. Soft matches are not actual dollars, but rather an accepted accounting device that allows the State to provide a local match for Federal funds upon request. This enables MDT to apply for Federal appropriations without committing additional local funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

No County match is required for this grant. Federal funding totaling $3,750,000 will be matched with $937,500, or $187,500 per year, of TRC's provided by FDOT as a "soft match". The funding for the Guideway Bridge Inspection Program is included as part of MDT's Operating budget.

Assistant County Manager

10/23/06
Date

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: January 25, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(G)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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01-25-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMNISTRATION (FTA) FOR METRORAIL AND METROMOVER GUIDEWAY INSPECTION FLEXIBLE FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $3,750,000 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2010; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATIONS; TO UTILIZE FLORIDA STATE TOLL REVENUE CREDITS AS MATCHING FUNDS; AND TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1994, that the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirement thereunder,

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

Section 1. That this Board authorizes the filing and execution of a grant application and of future grant applications between Miami-Dade County and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for up to $3,750,000 in Guideway Bridge Inspection funds for Fiscal Years 2006 through 2010 and to utilize the State Toll Revenue Credits totaling $937,500 from the State of Florida as a "soft match".

Section 2. That the County staff is authorized to furnish such additional information as the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) may require in connection with the grant applications for the project.

Section 3. That the County Manager is authorized to set forth and execute disadvantaged business enterprises policies in connection with the projects should such funds become available.

Section 4. That this Board further authorizes the County Manager or the Miami-Dade Transit Director to execute such contracts and agreements as are approved by the County Attorney's Office, to receive and expend funds in accordance with such aforementioned contracts and agreements, and to file and execute any additional agreements, revisions, or amendments as required to carry out the projects for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25th day of January, 2007. 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

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Bruce Libhaber

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Regional Transportation Committee of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in the Commission Chambers, second floor, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida, during a meeting to begin at approximately 9:30 a.m., on November 16, 2006, to consider projects for which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration. The project is as follows:

> **Grant Applications for Flexible Funding Grant Funds**: A total of $3,750,000 in Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 for inspections of structural elements of Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade Transit's Metrorail and Metromover guideways.

At the hearing, the Regional Transportation Committee will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of this project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by any board, agency, or commission with respect to any such matter considered at its meeting or hearing, will need a record of all proceedings. Such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

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George M. Burgess
County Manager