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Agenda Item No. 2A

MEMORANDUM

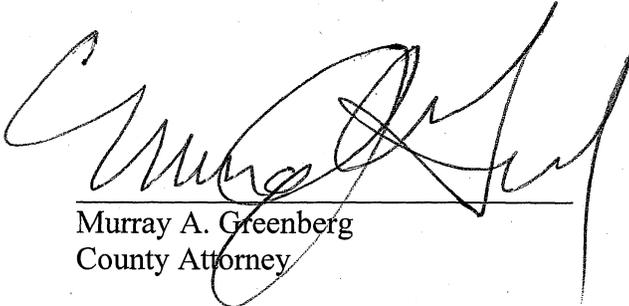
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 9, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
U.S. Congress and
Florida Legislature
To fund the Everglades
Skyway

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez.



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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

Agenda Item No.

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO FUND THE EVERGLADES
SKYWAY

WHEREAS, the Everglades Skyway is a plan to elevate eleven miles of Tamiami Trail starting one mile west of Krome Avenue and continuing westward to near the ValuJet Flight Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades Skyway would help to restore the natural sheet water flows into Everglades National Park that existed before the construction of Tamiami Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades Skyway promises not only to provide environmental benefits, but also tourism, economic development and evacuation benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau has endorsed the Everglades Skyway because it would provide a scenic vista across the Everglades that would be a significant tourism draw, which would include scenic overlooks and access for bicycles; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades Skyway would benefit the fisheries of Florida Bay and would generate thousands of construction jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Skyway also could assist in disaster evacuation by providing a flood-free route with up to four lanes if both the travel lanes and full shoulders are used; and

WHEREAS, the federal government currently has authorized \$145 million for a smaller alternative to the Skyway that would provide two bridges, two miles and one mile in length, respectively; and

WHEREAS, while the full cost of the eleven-mile Skyway is estimated at \$317 million, which is more than double the smaller alternative, the Tamiami Trail project should be built properly to reinstate the sheet water flow blocked by the original Tamiami Trail construction, rather than build a new project that continues to partially block such water flow,

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

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature to fund the Everglades Skyway.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation, the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the funding identified in section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 federal and state legislative packages.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and 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
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of May, 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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Jess M. McCarty