Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: November 6, 2007

Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)(B)

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Homeland Security to Provide for Basic Mass Transit Security Training Program Funds in the Amount of $2,568,798

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the filing of a grant application on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) to provide a basic mass transit security training program to ensure frontline employees are prepared, equipped, and trained for any situation in response to a terrorism attack, natural disaster or other large-scale emergency. A total of $2,568,798 in Fiscal year 2007 Infrastructure Protection Program Grant funds are available for this project. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the execution of this grant agreement pursuant to the application, and the receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the agreement.

SCOPE

The impact of this project benefits the riding public, and is therefore, countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

No County funds are required as part of this grant application. It is being funded at a 100% level by the USDHS.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) has entered into numerous funding agreements with the USDHS over the course of several years. The Project Manager for this grant application is Doug Greist, Manager, MDT Budget and Management Services.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Infrastructure Protection Program (IPP) is designed to strengthen the nation's ability to protect critical infrastructure facilities and systems. The IPP is comprised of five separate grant programs: 1) Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP); 2) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP); 3) Intercity Bus Security Program (IBSGP); 4) Trucking Security Program (TSP); and 5) Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP). Together, these grants fund a range of preparedness activities, including strengthening infrastructure against explosive attacks, preparedness, planning, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and security management and administration costs. Most of MDT's funding has been provided through the TSGP.

Recent assessments and evaluations have highlighted the fact that security training for frontline employees (bus/train operators, maintenance workers, senior management, central control staff, and security guards) of transit systems is a critical vulnerability that must be addressed as soon as possible. Therefore, to elevate the level of training generally, bring greater consistency, and assist agencies in developing and implementing training programs, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) produced and disseminated a Mass Transit Security Training Program. As part of this training program, critical training will be provided for MDT's frontline employees. Courses will include managing counterterrorism programs, prevention and mitigation of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), transit terrorist tools and tactics, and incident management for chemical, biological radiological, nuclear, and explosives (CBRNE).

Transit employees are part of America's first line of defense. Their actions taken in critical moments immediately after an attack or an emergency can significantly reduce the severity of injuries and the number of deaths that may result. Previously, MDT received $1,667,768 for initial security awareness and emergency response training for its employees. With this emphasis on training, it is DHS' intention to ensure that all transit systems remediate security training weaknesses utilizing the appropriate funding sources.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: November 6, 2007

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)(B)

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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11-06-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (USDHS) INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PROGRAM (IPP) GRANT TO PROVIDE FOR BASIC MASS TRANSIT SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,568,798; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF ANY ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS, REVISIONS OR AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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 USDHS 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 1994, and the USDOT 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 County Mayor, his designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Director to file a grant application with the USDHS to provide a basic mass transit security training program to ensure frontline employees are prepared, equipped, and trained for any situation in response to a terrorism attack, natural disaster or other large-scale emergency.

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 application for this project.

Section 3. That this Board further authorizes the County Mayor, his designee, or the MDT 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 6th day of November, 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.

Bruce Libhaber

By:_____
Deputy Clerk