Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: March 4, 2008

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 Amendment Application on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the Construction of a Park and Ride Facility at the Southern Terminus of the South Miami-Dade Busway (SW 344th Street) in Florida City and for Bicycle Racks Enhancements at Metrorail Stations in the amount of $2,289,500 in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Funds and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Funds

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the execution and filing of a Grant Amendment Application on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a total of $2,289,500 in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Transportation Enhancements (TE) Funds. These funds will be used to cover costs related to the construction of a park and ride facility at the southern terminus of the South Miami-Dade Busway (SW 344th Street) in Florida City and for bicycle parking racks and lockers installation at existing and new Metrorail Stations and park and ride sites. 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.

A public hearing is required in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations.

SCOPE

The park and ride lot to be built at SW 344th Street is physically located within Commission District 8. However, the impact of this project, as well as the impact of installation of bicycle racks at numerous Metrorail Stations, benefit the riding public, and is, therefore countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

Federal funds in the amount of $2,289,500, will be matched with State Toll Revenue Credits (TRC's) provided by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as a "soft match" for the CMAQ funds and with Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) funds for the TE funds.

FDOT will provide a "soft match" in TRC's in the amount of $464,375 to match the $1,857,500 in Federal CMAQ funds for the park and ride project. Soft matches are not actual dollars, but an accepted accounting device that allows the State to provide a local match for Federal funds upon receipt. This enables MDT to apply for federal appropriations without committing additional local funds. The $432,000 for the bicycle TE project will be matched by $23,000 in LOGT funds, which are the only County funds required as part of this grant application.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

MDT has entered into numerous funding agreements with the USDOT over the course of 25 years. The Project Manager for this grant application is Doug Greist, Manager, MDT Budget and Management Services.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 2-8.3 of the Miami-Dade County Code related to identifying delegation of Board authority, there are no authorities beyond that specified in the resolution which include authority for the Mayor or designee to execute the agreement and expend funds.

BACKGROUND

The CMAQ Improvement Program was established by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-240). Under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(2)(B), each state was apportioned funding based

on county populations residing within ozone and carbon monoxide non-attainment and maintenance areas and the severity of an area's air quality problems.

Flexible federal highway formula funds have been programmed by FDOT through the use of CMAQ funds to provide financial support for land acquisition and construction of a park and ride facility at the southern terminus of the South Miami-Dade Busway (SW 344th Street) in Florida City. On June 5, 2007, the Board approved the execution of a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with FDOT for $300,000 under Resolution No. R-672-07, which allowed for land acquisition and construction at that location. This site will require demolition of several existing commercial and residential structures. Existing utilities will also need to be relocated or re-routed prior to development. The proposed park and ride facility will require the acquisition of several properties of different zoning and usage types, vacating of public rights of way and granting easements for utilities in the area. The estimated design fees and construction costs are $3.9 million. Land acquisition is estimated at $4 million, for a total estimated project cost of $7.9 million. Federal guidelines allow for costs related to design and administration, but State funds are generally limited to right-of-way acquisition and construction. Funds to cover the overall project costs will be provided primarily either from other State or Federal sources without any requirement for a local match other than the "soft match" of toll revenue credits and the LOGT funds for the above referenced JPA. If any additional State funds are provided in the future, it may be necessary to use future year LOGT funds to match these additional State contributions. This park and ride is scheduled to be completed by 2011.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Public Law 105-175, created the "transit enhancements" (TE) provisions in the Urbanized Area Formula Program administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). TE activities offer funding opportunities to help expand transportation choices and enhance the transportation experience through projects related to surface transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety programs, scenic and historic highway programs, landscaping, and scenic beautification, historic preservation, and environmental mitigation. Under a related provision, projects providing bicycle access to mass transportation funded with the enhancement set aside should be funded at a 95% Federal share. This bicycle project qualifies under that provision.

The addition of bicycle racks at more Metrorail stations and park and ride sites is part of an overall bicycle plan in conjunction with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The park and ride lots that were identified in the MDT Bike Parking Plan are: Golden Glades, Hammocks Town Center, S.W. 152nd Street Busway, Miami-Dade College South Campus, Coral Reef, Cutler Ridge, Harris Field, Metrobus Downtown, S.W. 72nd Street & S.W. 88th Ave, and the Sunset Strip. Other site improvements will be made where necessary at the specific bicycle rack locations. New bicycle racks have been installed at Metrorail stations from Dadeland South to Earlington Heights in 2006. The Metrorail Stations sites where Bicycle racks will be installed are: Brownsville, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, Northside, Tri-Rail, Hialeah, Okeechobee and Palmetto. Additionally, Bicycle lockers will be replaced at all 22 Metrorail Stations. The Federal TE funds are provided at a ninety-five (95%) percent level, with the remaining five percent ($23,000) to be provided by LOGT funds. The park and ride site and the bicycle improvements will both be included in an amendment to an existing Federal Formula 5307 grant.

This funding is identified in the 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Governing Board.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: March 4, 2008

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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03-04-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS AND TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT (TE) FUNDS WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) FOR $2,289,500 IN SECTION 5307 FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PARK AND RIDE FACILITY AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE BUSWAY (SW 344TH STREET) IN FLORIDA CITY AND FOR BICYCLE PARKING RACKS AND LOCKERS AT METRORAIL STATIONS AND PARK AND RIDE SITES; AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT IN THE INTERLOCAL 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 USDOT 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 USDOT requirement thereunder; and

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted a public hearing on Miami-Dade County's Section 5307 flexible funding grant amendment application as described in the County Manager's accompanying memorandum; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is authorized to enter into agreements to provide State Toll Revenue Credits (TRC's) as a soft match for federal funding for transportation programs and projects, when available,

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 amendment application with the USDOT for $2,289,500 in CMAQ Improvement Program funds and TE funds for land acquisition and construction of a park and ride facility at the southern terminus of the South Miami-Dade Busway (SW 344th Street) in Florida City and for bicycle parking racks and lockers at Metrorail Stations and park and ride sites, and to utilize TRC's totaling $464,375 as a soft match for the park and ride facility and $23,000 in Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) as the match for the bicycle project.

Section 2. That the County staff is authorized to furnish such additional information as the 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 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 4th day of March, 2008. 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.

Bruce Libhaber