

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

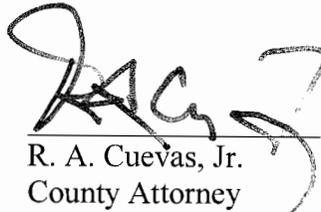
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 18, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to utilize an
independent financial consultant
to examine the development of
New Starts North Corridor
application

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan.


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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
Veto _____
Override _____

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03-18-08-

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO UTILIZE AN INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL CONSULTANT TO EXAMINE DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING FINANCIAL PLANS USED TO PREPARE THE NEW STARTS NORTH CORRIDOR APPLICATION AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SECURE THE REQUIRED LOCAL FUNDING NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) NEW STARTS REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, the citizens of Miami-Dade County voted overwhelmingly to levy a one-half of one percent sales tax increase in order to improve transportation in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2002, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 02-116 which established the People's Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, from its inception, the People's Transportation Plan identified the North Corridor, extending along N.W. 27th Avenue from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Metrorail Station to the Miami-Dade/Broward County line, as the recipient of top priority to go into the final design and construction phase; and

WHEREAS, obtaining accurate and verifiable financial data and sound financial analysis are essential components to receiving federal funds for the North Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of federal funds is a crucial element to the successful construction and development of the North Corridor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor and/or his designee to utilize an independent financial consultant to examine the capital financial plan, the operating financial plan, and all supporting documents used to prepare the New Starts North Corridor application, and provide recommendations to secure the required local funding necessary to satisfy the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts requirements within fifteen (15) days. The County Mayor and/or his designee is further directed to ensure that recommendations that depict Miami-Dade County's commitment, including those formulated by the independent financial consultant's review, will be timely submitted to the FTA for its review and approval in order to seek an improved rating.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan and 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 18th 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