Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: March 12, 2008

EDHS
Agenda Item No. 7(A)

To: Honorable Chairperson Audrey M. Edmonson and Members, Economic Development and Human Services Committee

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Report Regarding Taxicab Stands on Land Owned by the County

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On January 10, 2008, the Board adopted Resolution R-60-08 (attached), sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, requiring a report regarding the feasibility and advisability of designating taxicab stands on land owned by Miami- Dade County. The Consumer Services Department (CSD) evaluated this issue, in conjunction with the General Services Administration (GSA), Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), and the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR).

The creation of additional taxicab stands, and retaining existing stands, has been a concern of CSD and the industry for many years. To ensure on-going emphasis and continuity on this issue, a designated CSD staff member has coordinated taxicab stands since January 2007. In that time period, 43 new taxicab stands with 82 spaces countywide have been established. This brings the total number of known taxicab stands to 125 with 364 spaces, excluding the Port of Miami and Miami International Airport. A listing of taxicab stands throughout the County is attached for your information. This list, which is posted on the CSD's website and frequently updated, is distributed to taxicab drivers attending CSD training programs.

GSA has identified seven County facilities where taxicab stands are being established. Those locations are Coral Gables Courthouse, Joseph Caleb Center, Medical Examiner's Office, North Dade Justice Center, Overtown Transit Village North, Elections Department, and South Dade Government Center. Other locations were not considered suitable due to security and access issues, or the lack of need from an industry perspective. CSD provided "No Parking Taxi Zone" signs to GSA for installation.

It is not presently feasible to install a taxicab stand on NW 1 Street in front of the Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC); however, CSD met with the Miami Parking Authority (MPA) to explore the possibility of using the parking lot located east of and adjacent to the SPCC. As a result, a pilot program will begin on March 1, 2008 with two reserved parking spaces designated in the lot as taxicab stands. Taxicabs using these spaces will be required to pay a $2 parking fee. CSD will monitor the success of this arrangement and will continue to examine options for NW 1 Street.

Currently, MDT has a two car stand at the Coconut Grove Metrorail Station, and a one car stand at the Dadeland North Metrorail Station. MDT is experiencing congestion at 15 of the 22 Metrorail stations; however, MDT will implement a pilot program at seven additional Metrorail stations to ascertain the public's level of interest. The seven stations are Hialeah, Okeechobee, Allapattah, Northside, Brownsville, Vizcaya, and Dadeland South. MDT has designated five parking spaces at Dadeland South for taxicabs, and two parking spaces in the Kiss-N-Ride areas at the other stations. CSD provided "No Parking Taxi Zone" signs to MDT for installation.

MDPR determined that having taxicab stands at County parks is not feasible at this time due to access, security and operational concerns, including park hours of operation, displacement of limited parking for residents using parks, and additional maintenance impacts. Additionally, the Taxicab Study conducted by Tennessee Transportation & Logistics Foundation (TTLF) did not identify a need for taxicab stands at County parks. MDPR does and will continue to permit the establishment of temporary taxicab stands supporting high volume events, such as the Sony Ericsson Open Tennis Tournament and events at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, among others.

The cost associated with establishing a taxicab stand is minimal. A "No Parking Taxi Zone" sign purchased from the Public Works Department is $25. A 10 foot pole costs up to $20 and the installation of the pole ranges from $100-$150. Taxicab stands requiring a curb cut out have a greater fiscal impact and cost approximately $9,550. None of the stands identified in this report involve curb cuts.

We will continue to keep the Economic Development and Human Services Committee apprised of our on-going efforts to create and retain taxicab stands throughout Miami-Dade County and at County facilities.

Assistant County Manager

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

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

DATE: January 10, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County Manager to prepare report regarding designating taxicab stands on land owned by Miami-Dade County

R-60-08

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)
1-10-08

RESOLUTION NO. **R-60-08**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF DESIGNATING TAXICAB STANDS ON LAND OWNED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, taxicabs provide an important transportation service in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, taxicab stands provide a convenient and visible location for members of the public to obtain taxicab services, and provide taxicabs a designated location from which they can serve the public; and

WHEREAS, the Taxicab Study issued by the Tennessee Transportation and Logistics Foundation on January 14, 2007 found that there was a need for additional taxicab stands in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that increasing the number of taxicab stands will enhance our transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Metrorail users, for example, may benefit from having taxicab stands located at Metrorail stations to provide them with a convenient transportation option to connect them with their final destination; and

WHEREAS, the Commission believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Miami-Dade County to explore the feasibility and advisability of designating taxicab stands on County-owned land including, but not limited to, Metrorail stations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is

directed to prepare a report regarding the feasibility and advisability of designating taxicab stands on land owned by Miami-Dade County. The County Manager shall present a copy of this report to the Economic Development and Human Services Committees within sixty (60) days from the adoption of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and offered by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman aye
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman aye

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of January, 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: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. GKS

Gerald K. Sanchez

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TAXI SERVICES

TAXI STAND LOCATIONS

Consumer Services Department
Passenger Transportation Regulatory Division
Ivan J. Cotayo/ Taxi Stand Coordinator
140 West Flagler Street Suite 904
Miami, Florida 33130
(305) 375-4251
cotayo@miamidade.gov

MIAMI DADE COUNTY
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
Collins Ave. & South Pointe Dr. (Joe's Stone Crabs)	5	Behind Joe's Stone Crabs
1st Street & Ocean Drive. (South Beach Marriott & The Bentley)	2	Corner of 1 St. & Ocean Dr.
2nd Street & Collins Ave. (Opium Night Club)	2	
5th Street & Jefferson Ave. (Walgreens)	2	
10th Street & Ocean Drive. (Hotels & Rest.)	2	
10th Street & Alton Road. (Wild Oats)	5	
11th Street & Washington Ave. (Best Western)	2	Next to MBPD
12th Street & Collins Ave. (Marlin Hotel)	1	Across the street from the Marlin Hotel
14th Street & Bay Road. (Waverly Condominium)	2	(TS) located on Bay Road
15th Street & Bay Road. (Flamingo Apartments)	3	
16th Street & Collins Ave. (Loew's Hotel)	2	Hotel allows two (2) additional cabs inside
16th Street & Washington Ave.	1	
Lincoln Road & Collins Ave. (Ritz Carlton)	3	
Lincoln Road & Collins Ave. (Wings)	3	
Washington Ave. & Lincoln Road. (Lincoln Road Mall)	3	
Lincoln Road & Alton Road. (Lincoln Road Mall)	5	West of the Lincoln Center/ Movie Theater
Meridian Ave. & Lincoln Road. (Lincoln Road Mall)	**1**	**A one (1) car stand from 6 pm to 7 am.**
1680 Meridian Ave. (Building Offices)	1	West Side of Macy's
17th Ct. & Meridian Ave. (Macy's)	1	East Side of Macy's
17th Street & Collins Ave. (Delano)	2	
17th Street & Drexel Ave. (Jackie Gleason)	2	South of the Jackie Gleason
1787 Purdy Ave. (Joe Allen Restaurant)	2	A one (1) cab stand from 6 pm to 7 am and second one (1) cab stand from 12 mid. to 9 am.
18th Street & Collins Ave. (Shelborne & Continental Hotel)	2	Across the Street from the Shelborne Hotel.
19th Street & Washington Ave. (M.B Conv. Center Hall A)	2	City Provides Temp. Taxi Stands on Spec. events
19th Street & Bay Road. (Publix)	4	West of Publix
1045 Dade Blvd. (Publix)	2	North of Publix
21st Street & Collins Ave. (Days Inn)	2	(TS) located on 21st Street
23rd Street & Liberty Ave. (M. Dade County Library)	2	
29th Street & Collins Ave. (Seville Hotel)	2	Future Ritz Carlton Club
31st Street & Collins Ave. (RIU Florida/ The Palms)	3	
39th Street & Collins Ave. (The Cadillac/Courtyard by Marriott)	2	
4000 Prairie Ave. (CVS Pharmacy)	3	
41st Street & Sheridan Ave. (Business District)	2	
42nd Street & Collins Ave. (Days Inn)	1	
4300 Alton Road. (Mt. Sinai Hospital)	2	In front of the Medical office Bldg
43rd Street & Collins Ave. (Four Points by Sheraton)	1	
4441 Collins Ave. (Fontainebleau Hilton)	7	(TS) located on 43 St. & Indian Creek Dr.
4525 Collins Ave. (Eden Roc Hotel)	3	
4700 Collins Ave. (Miami Beach Spa & Resort)	4	(TS) located South of the Mimosa Condominium
5300 Collins Ave. (LOT) Next to Fire Station # 3	1	Inside the City parking Lot.
65th Street & Collins Ave.	2	
67th Street & Collins Ave. (Deauville Hotel)	4	

As of February 25, 2008

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH cont.

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
69th Street & Collins Ave. (Publix)	3	North of Publix
69th Street & Harding Ave. (Publix)	1	West of Publix
71st Street & Rue Versailles (Shopping Area.)	3	Shopping Area
74th Street & Collins Ave. (Shopping Center)	3	Between Collins & Harding Ave. Behind Walgreens & CVS
87th Street & Collins Ave. (Howard Johnson)	3	Across the Street from the Hotel

CITY OF SURFSIDE

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
95th Street & Harding Ave. Surfside	3	

CITY OF BAL HARBOUR

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
97th Street & Collins Ave. (Bal Harbour Shops)	2	

CITY OF SUNNY ISLES

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
18001 Collins Ave. (Trump Sonesta Beach Resort)	3	Inside the Garage.
16701 Collins Ave. (Newport Beachside & Resort)	1	
17875 Collins Ave. (Acqualina a Rosewood Resort)	1	
19201 Collins Ave. (Ramada Inn / Marco Polo)	1	

CITY OF AVENTURA

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
19501 Biscayne Blvd. City of Aventura (Aventura Mall)	4	A two (2) cab stand by the food court and a two (2) cab stand by the Cheesecake Factory. Additional cabs stage on the east side of the lot to feed the taxi stand.

CITY OF MIAMI

DOWNTOWN

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
1633 N. Bayshore Drive. (Biscayne Bay Marriott)	5	Entrance by NE 16 St. also provides service to Doubletree hotel 1717 N. Bayshore Drive.
NE 13th Street & Biscayne Blvd. (Miami Performance Art Center)	4	(TS) located south side of art center
NE 2nd Ave. & NE 14th Street. (Miami Performance Art Center)	3	(TS) located West side of Art Center
1601 Biscayne Blvd. (Radisson Hotel)	8	(TS) located inside hotel
34 NE 11th Street. (Club Space / Night Clubs)	5	Sign posted 9PM to 7AM
401 Biscayne Blvd. (Bayside Market Place)	5	A two (2) car stand by the front of bayside and a three (3) car stand on the south side
100 Chopin Plaza (Intercontinental Hotel)	6	
400 SE 2nd Ave. (Hyatt Regency)	6	(TS) Located on City Property serving hotel.
200 SE 2nd Ave. (Courtyard by Marriott)	1	(TS) Located across the Street.
SE 3rd Ave. & SE 1st Street. (West of Walgreens)	2	(TS) located between Flagler St.& SE 1 St
NE 3rd Ave. & NE 2nd Street (Shopping Area)	3	

DOWNTOWN / BRICKELL cont.		
LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	**# OF VEHICLES**	**COMMENTS**
SW 1st Street & Miami Ave. (Behind Macy's Store)	2	
SW 1st Ave. & Flagler Street (In front of Cacique's Rest)	3	
Flagler Street & W. 12th Ave. (Old Firestone)	3	North side of Walgreens
4400 Rickenbacker CSWY. (Seaquarium)	3	
SE 8th Street & Brickell Bay Drive. (Four Ambassador)	5	801 Brickell Bay Dive
500 Brickell Key Drive. (Mandarin Oriental)	1	Hotel Allows one (1) cab the hotel ramp.
SE 12th Street & Brickell Ave. (JW Marriott)	3	
1395 Brickell Ave. (Conrad Miami Hotel)	1	(TS) Located inside hotel ramp.
CIVIC CENTER / ALLAPATTAH		
NW 9th Ave. & NW 17th Street (Bascom Palmer)	1	
NW 12th Ave & NW 14th Street (Cedar Medical Center)	1	
NW 13th Ct. & NW 14th Street (M-D Correction Facility)	1	(TS) Operational from 3pm to 4am.
NW 12th Ave. & NW 16th Street. (V.A. Hospital)	1	Corner of NW 12 Ave. & NW 16 St
NW 17th Ave. & NW 30th Street (La Mia Supermarket)	1	
NW 19th Ave. & NW 21st Street (Allapattah Center)	2	
NW 24th Ct. & NW 20th Street (Shopping Center)	2	
COCONUT GROVE		
3000 Florida Ave. (Mayfair Hotel & Spa)	2	(TS) Located on Virginia St.
2849 S. Bayshore Dr. (Doubletree Hotel)	1	(TS) Located on Darwin St.
3300 SW 27th Ave. (Ritz Carlton Hotel)	1	(TS) Located on SW 27 Ave.
2780 SW 27th Ave. (Metro-Rail Coconut Grove Station)	2	Metro-Rail Coconut Grove Station.
CENTRAL MIAMI		
3805 NW 7th Street. (Central Shopping Plaza)	4	
1201 NW LeJeune Road. (Courtyard by Marriott)	5	
950 N.W LeJeune Road. (Crowne Plaza)	2	
1000 NW LeJeune Road. (Airport Regency Hotel)	2	
5101 Blue Lagoon Drive. (Hilton by M.I.A)	5	
SW 36th Ave. & SW 8th St. (Versailles Restaurant)	1	Adjacent to the Versailles Restaurant.

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
50 Alhambra Plaza. (Hyatt Hotel)	4	
180 Aragon Ave. (Omni Colonnade Hotel)	3	
700 Biltmore Way. (David Williams Hotel)	1	
1200 Anastasia Ave. (Biltmore Hotel)	6	
358 San Lorenzo Ave. (Village of Merrick Park.)	2	A one (1) car stand by Nordstrom & a one (1) car stand by the Neiman Marcus

VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
415 Grand Bay Drive (Ritz Carlton Hotel)	13	Hotel has provided 13 spaces for Taxi/limo

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
3974 NW South River Drive. (Embassy Suites & Hotel)	1	
1111 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd. (Holiday Inn Airport)	2	
5001 NW 36th Street. (Airways Airport Inn & Suites)	2	Posted on De Soto Drive.
5301 NW 36th Street. (Comfort Inn & Suites)	1	

CITY OF HIALEAH

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
8303 NW 37th Ave. (AMTRAK Station)	10	
1675 West 49th Street (Westland Mall)	2	
1950 West 49th Street (Ramada Inn)	3	

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
7707 NW 103rd Street (Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel)	**2**	

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
480 ALI BABA Ave. (Tri-Rail Station)	2	

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
6842 Main Street. (Don Shulas Hotel)	5	

CITY OF DORAL

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
4400 NW 87th Ave. (Doral Golf Resort & Spa)	15	Establishment has provided an area of the parking lot for cabs. It also serves as a call point.
1455 NW 107th Ave. (Miami International Mall)	6	A two (2) car stand by the main entrance and a four (4) car stand by the food court entrance.
3929 NW 79th Ave. (Courtyard by Marriott)	**2**	

TOWN OF CUTLER BAY

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
10710 SW 211th St. (South Dade Government Center)	3	Miami Dade County South Dade Government Center
20505 South Dixie Highway. (Southland Mall)	2	A one (1) car stand by the main entrance and a second one (1) car stand by the Regal Cinemas.

CITY OF HOMESTEAD

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
975 Baptist Way. (Baptist Health Homestead Hospital)	2	Baptist Homestead Hospital

FLORIDA CITY

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
250 East Palm Drive (Prime Outlets Florida City)	2	

UNINCORPORATED / MIAMI DADE COUNTY

LOCATION/MUNICIPALITY	# OF VEHICLES	COMMENTS
Biscayne Blvd. & Port Blvd. (SEAPORT)	Approx. 400	Taxi stage in front of arrival terminals
Miami International Airport. (Taxi Lot)	Appox.350	Taxicab holding lot
3797 NW 21st Street. (Tri-Rail Airport Station)	3	M.I.A Tri-Rail Station
4111 NW 27th Street (Greyhound Airport Station)	3	Greyhound Airport Station
16000 North State Road 9 (Tri-Rail Golden Glades Station)	1	Tri-Rail Golden Glades Station
3900 NW 21st Street. (Wyndham Hotels & Resorts)	2	Near M.I.A
5800 Blue Lagoon Drive. (Sofitel Miami Hotel)	3	(TS) Located on the east side of the parking lot.
711 NW 72nd Ave. (Sheraton Hotel)	6	
NW 79th Ave. & Flagler Street. (Mall of the Americas)	2	(TS) Located by the Main Entrance
11481 NW 12th Street. (Dolphin Mall)	7	(TS) Located by the Main Entrance
8300 South Dixie Highway. (Metro-Rail Station)	1	Inside the garage lower level/ Drop off / pick
7535 N. Kendall Drive (Dadeland Mall)	2	
8560 SW 124th Ave. (Best Western-Kendall)	**1**	
8888 SW 136th Street. (The Falls)	**3**	**A one (1) car stand between Bloomindale's & Bice Grand Café, a one (1) car stand by TGI Friday, and a one (1) car stand by Los Ranchos Restaurant.**

Bold entries are new or relocated taxi stands since last report.
(TS) Taxicab Stand