Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: January 22, 2009

Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(A)

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Execution of a Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Snake Creek Trail, Phase I

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing execution of a Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement for up to $3.7M in grant funds from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for preliminary engineering, design and construction of Snake Creek Trail Phase I and amenities along the trail, and further authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to receive and expend funds and execute contracts and amendments as required.

Scope

Snake Creek Trail begins at NW 17 Avenue/Florida turnpike in the west and ends at NE Miami Gardens Drive in the east. The project will benefit all residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County; therefore, the project impact is County-wide.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The grant will contribute up to $3.7M toward the estimated $4,228,571 total project cost. The grant match of up to $528,571 will come from available funds in the Building Better Communities Bond Program.

Track Record/Monitor

Rahul Shrivastava, Grants Administrator, Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) will administer the grant. MDPR has trail projects totaling over $10M from FDOT in progress.

Background

FDOT provides federal funding to local agencies for the planning, design and construction of greenways and trails to improve recreational opportunities, enhance the environment and provide health benefits. Snake Creek Trail Phase I is a 3.5 mile non-motorized, shared-use, multi-purpose trail that will include benches, playgrounds, interpretative signs and information kiosks. Grant funds are expected to become available in July, 2009.

Alex Muñoz
Assistant County Manager

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: December 16, 2008

To: George M. Burgess
County Manager

From: Jack Kardys, Director
Park and Recreation Department

Subject: Execution of a Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Snake Creek Trail Phase I Project

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- The grant is for up to $3,700,000 and covers the following:
  1) Preliminary engineering and design - $350,000
  2) Construction and amenities - $3.35M

- Estimated total project cost is $4,228,571. The match of up to $528,571 will be funded from the Building Better Communities Bond Program. This match amount is as per contractual requirements of the Florida Department of Transportation.
- There are GOB funds in the amount of $2.2M available for this project.
- Estimated trail maintenance cost is $89,000 per year. This is in today's dollars.
- Project is currently in preliminary design phase and is expected to be completed in the year 2011.
- This project is part of the North Dade Greenways Network. The project connects to the future Gold Coast Trail and the Atlantic Trail and the existing Snake Creek Trail in the City of North Miami Beach. The project is in Commission Districts 1 (Honorable Barbara J. Jordan) and 4 (Honorable Sally A. Heyman).
- If the grant is not awarded, amenities and/or other future phases would likely not get completed, unless alternate funding can be acquired by application to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Items would have to be cut to fund the preliminary engineering and design, such as the number of canal bridges connecting north and south sides or number of trail amenities such as benches. It could also potentially mean having the trail only on the south side of Snake Creek Canal and elimination of the trail on the north side of the Canal for future Phase II and Phase III Development.
- This property begins at NW 17 Avenue/Florida Turnpike in the west and ends at NE Miami Gardens Drive in the east.

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 22, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(A)

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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1-22-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR UP TO $3.7 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SNAKE CREEK TRAIL PHASE I PROJECT; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT, EXPEND FUNDS, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purpose outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board authorizes the execution of an agreement for up to $3.7 million in grant funds from the Florida Department of Transportation, for preliminary engineering, design and construction of the Snake Creek Trail Phase I Project; and further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute such contracts and amendments as are required by this governmental body following approval by the County Attorney's Office; to receive and expend all monies for the purposes described in the agreement; and to file and execute any necessary amendments to the agreement 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:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2009. 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. MR

Monica Rizo