Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 11A9

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Fiscal impact – Senate Bill 630/Senate Bill 360

Senate Bill 630 which would result in a three-year moratorium on all impact fees will have an estimated fiscal impact of $117.6 million to Miami-Dade County (through FY 2011-12). The proposed legislation will impact revenues to Miami-Dade Fire Rescue ($9 million), Miami-Dade Police Department ($3.6 million), Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department ($3 million), Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department ($62 million), and the Miami-Dade Public Works Department ($40 million). It should be noted that the projection of revenues is adjusted for the impacts of the current recessionary economy and is not typical of the actual revenues received during the past three years, which were substantially higher.

In addition to the revenue impact stated above, this moratorium would impact capital projects currently underway. A roadway improvement project along Northeast 2 Avenue, from NE 91 Street to NE 105 Street in Road Impact Fee District (RIF) 2 would be impacted ($3 million). Construction of the Miami Lakes and Doral North Fire stations would be impacted ($2.216 million). Two projects that are critical to our 20 year consumptive use permit - the City of Hialeah reverse osmosis water treatment plant ($6.7 million) and the South Miami-Dade Wastewater Treatment Plant high level disinfection project ($6 million) would also be impacted by this moratorium. Other funding would be required to support current contractual obligations.

Future projects that would be delayed include a multitude of county and local (municipal) roadway improvement projects in all eight RIF districts, acquisition of fire rescue vehicles and life support equipment, and equipment used for crime control and prevention. Additionally, although RIF revenues are not pledged to any bond issuance, an annual principal and interest payment of $1.4 million is paid from RIF for the N.W. 97 Avenue Flyover, which would have to be made from a yet to be identified funding source during the moratorium. The impact fee administration unit in the Planning and Zoning Department would be eliminated ($ 952,000 annual cost) which includes four full-time positions.

A moratorium on impact fees such as what is included in SB 630 is also being considered for other bills, including SB 360, which is an omnibus growth management bill. These cost estimates would also apply to impact fees moratoria that may be amended into other bills.

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