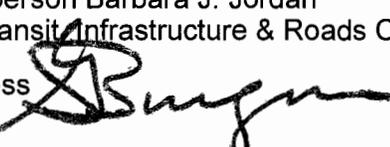


Memorandum



Date: March 11, 2009

To: Honorable Chairperson Barbara J. Jordan
and Members, Transit Infrastructure & Roads Committee

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager 

Subject: Monthly Orange Line Update

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Agenda Item No. 5A

Attached is the Monthly Orange Line Update Report as requested during the February 7, 2008, Board meeting. This synopsis on the status of the three phases of the Orange Line will continue to be provided on a monthly basis in accordance with the Board's request.


Assistant County Manager

**MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT
MONTHLY BRIEFING REPORT
FEBRUARY 2009
ORANGE LINE PHASE 1: MIC-EARLINGTON HEIGHTS CONNECTOR**

PROJECT PHASE: Alternatives Analysis Preliminary Engineering Final Design Bid & Award for Construction Construction

MDT PROJECT DIRECTOR: Ahmed Rasheed, P.E.

CORRIDOR CONSULTANT: URS Corporation Southern
COMMISSION DISTRICTS: 2, 3, 5 & 6

SCOPE

- ◆ The Orange Line Phase 1: MIC-Earlington Heights Connector Metrorail Extension consists of a 2.4-mile elevated heavy rail extension of the existing Metrorail System.
- ◆ It will extend from the existing Earlington Heights Metrorail Station to the proposed Miami Intermodal Center (MIC).
- ◆ The Project includes one station at the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC).
- ◆ In October 2004, the decision was made to implement this Project with State and Local funds only.

SCHEDULE

◆ Obtain Titles for All Parcels	February 2009
◆ Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) Construction Contract	April 2009
◆ Revenue Operation Date	1 st Qtr CY* 2012

* Calendar Year (CY)

BUDGET

	2006	YEAR-OF-EXPENDITURE
Project Cost**	\$440,000,000	\$526,000,000

FOUR (4) FDOT MIC COMPONENTS BUDGET

	2008
Project Cost**	\$22,858,368

** Excluding Finance Charges

CURRENT STATUS: Construction award recommendation is currently under review by the General Services Administration (GSA) Risk Management Division for approval of the contractor's insurance and bonds. Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) is anticipating beginning construction in April 2009.

ISSUES/HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2009

- ◆ Construction award recommendation: insurance and bonds are under review by GSA Risk Management Division;
- ◆ The 4th Demolition Contract (Parcels 197, 198 and 311) – Parcel 198 demolition work is completed. Parcels 197 and 311 are 90% complete;
- ◆ Utility relocation continued;
- ◆ Parcel 155 was approved by Full CITT on February 2, 2009. Real estate closing is scheduled for early March 2009;
- ◆ Parcel 260: FDOT is proceeding with environmental clean-up. The non-exclusive perpetual easement with FDOT is scheduled for February 27, 2009;
- ◆ Parcel 261: The non-exclusive perpetual easement with FDOT is scheduled for execution on February 27, 2009;
- ◆ Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CE&I) team was given NTP on February 6, 2009.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009

- ◆ Continue utility relocation;
- ◆ Continue permitting process;
- ◆ Continue demolition of parcels acquired.

**MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT
MONTHLY BRIEFING REPORT
FEBRUARY 2009**

ORANGE LINE PHASE 2: NORTH CORRIDOR METRO RAIL EXTENSION

PROJECT PHASE: Alternatives Analysis Preliminary Engineering Final Design Bid & Award for Construction Construction

MDT PROJECT DIRECTOR: Richard Pereira, P.E.

CORRIDOR CONSULTANT: PTG
COMMISSION DISTRICTS: 1 & 2

SCOPE

- ◆ The proposed North Corridor Metrorail Extension consists of a 9.2-mile elevated fixed guideway extension of the existing Metrorail System from north of the existing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Station at N.W. 62nd Street to a terminus at NW 215th St. just south of Florida's Turnpike;
- ◆ There are seven (7) stations within the Project and seven (7) park-ride lots proposed for this Project.

SCHEDULE*

◆ New Starts Preliminary Engineering Design (Control Point No. 1) Submittal	November 2007
◆ Begin FTA Risk Assessment	April 2008
◆ Approval to Enter Final Design (FD)	4th Qtr CY 2009
◆ Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA)	4th Qtr CY 2010
◆ Complete Final Design	4th Qtr CY 2011
◆ Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) Construction Engineering & Inspection Consultant	4th Qtr CY 2012
◆ Right-of-Way Acquisition Completion	2nd Qtr CY 2013
◆ Begin Construction	2nd Qtr CY 2013
◆ Revenue Operations Date	4th Qtr CY 2017

* Calendar Year (CY) -These dates represent a working timeline that will very likely be affected by the resolution of the financial plan and policy/administrative decisions made by BCC and FTA.

BUDGET

	2008	YEAR-OF-EXPENDITURES
Project Cost**	\$1,106,380,000	\$1,333,000,000

**Based on FY2010 New Starts Criteria Report Submittal to FTA; excludes Finance Charges.

CURRENT STATUS: The New Starts Preliminary Engineering plans were submitted to FTA for Risk Assessment in April 2008. Right-of-Way (ROW) survey / engineering documents are substantially complete to allow the ROW acquisition phase to commence. Preliminary Engineering (PE) design effort was focused on maintaining the Project's cost effectiveness. In February 2008, Project received a Medium-Low New Starts rating from the FTA based on a budgetary shortfall identified in the financial plan. MDT submitted the FY2010 New Starts Criteria Report & Financial Plan (FP) to FTA on September 19th. On January 16, 2009 FTA informally notified MDT that the Project received a FY2010 Medium-Low New Starts rating due to the budgetary shortfall identified in the financial plan. FTA has indicated that the Quarterly Review Meeting of February 13 will be the last until the outstanding issues are resolved such that the project is ready to advance. MDT is working with the CMO, OSBM, MPO, PWD, FDOT and MDX in evaluating affordable, cost effective operational and capital improvement opportunities for Miami-Dade Transit.

ISSUES/HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2009

- ◆ FTA informally notified MDT on January 16th that the New Starts rating for FY 2010 will be Medium-Low. At the Quarterly Review Meeting on February 13th FTA indicated that MDT may be able to skip the FY2011 New Starts submittal since nothing has changed. This would give the BCC time to re-assess long term financial decisions. A warning from FTA is likely if these issues are not resolved by February 2010. A "warning" is a letter from FTA putting the county on notice that there will be a fixed amount of time to resolve the Financial Plan issues so that the project can continue to advance or the Project will fall out of preliminary engineering (PE) status.
- ◆ Published Notice-of-Availability advertisements in local newspapers on the Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (SEA/FONSI).
- ◆ Continued initial contingency planning for FY 2011 New Starts reporting.
- ◆ Completed and distributed summary response to draft findings of FTA risk assessment. Next steps, including development of Risk Mitigation and Contingency Management measures, are on hold pending resolution of financial planning issues.
- ◆ Developed technical information on feasibility of minimum operable segmentation (MOS) to Miami-Dade College North Campus.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009

- ◆ Continue discussions with CMO, OSBM, MPO, PWD, FDOT and MDX regarding development and distribution of scope of work for evaluation of affordable, incremental opportunities for MDT within two-, five- and 10-year timeframes.

**MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT
MONTHLY BRIEFING REPORT
FEBRUARY 2009**

ORANGE LINE PHASE 3: EAST-WEST CORRIDOR

PROJECT PHASE: Alternatives Analysis Preliminary Engineering Final Design Bid & Award for Construction Construction

MDT PROJECT DIRECTOR: Ernesto Polo, P.E.

CORRIDOR CONSULTANT: HNTB Corporation
COMMISSION DISTRICTS: 6, 10, 11 & 12

SCOPE

- ◆ The proposed East-West Corridor Project consists of a 10 to 13 mile fixed guideway extension of the existing Metrorail System from the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) at the Miami International Airport (MIA) to Florida International University (FIU) and points west to SW 137th Avenue;
- ◆ There are a maximum of 10 stations within the Project;
- ◆ In addition to the stations there are park-ride lots proposed for this Project.

SCHEDULE *

◆ Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) selection	1st Qtr 2012
◆ New Starts Application/Request to enter Preliminary Engineering (PE)	1st Qtr 2013
◆ PE completion	4 th Qtr 2014
◆ Record of Decision (ROD)	4 th Qtr 2014
◆ Final Design (FD) complete	3 rd Qtr 2017
◆ Obtain Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA)	3 rd Qtr 2017
◆ R/W Acquisition complete	2 nd Qtr 2019
◆ Project Completion (Calendar Year)	4 th Qtr 2023

* *Calendar Year (CY) -- These dates represent a working timeline that will very likely be affected by the resolution of the financial plan and policy/administrative decisions made by BCC and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).*

BUDGET

	2007	YEAR-OF-EXPENDITURE
Project Cost**	\$1.5 Billion	\$2.5 Billion

***Excluding Finance Charges*

CURRENT STATUS: MDT has studied various heavy rail alignment options along the East-West Corridor. Limited work will continue on activities needed to support the planning process. MDT is working with the CMO, OSBM, MPO, PWD, FDOT and MDX in evaluating affordable, cost effective operational and capital improvement opportunities for Miami-Dade Transit.

ISSUES/HIGHLIGHTS IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2009

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009

- ◆ Continue discussions with CMO, OSBM, MPO, PWD, FDOT and MDX regarding development and distribution of scope of work for evaluation of affordable incremental opportunities for MDT within two-, five-, and 10- year time frames.