

Memorandum



Date: April 15, 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. 6(B)

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.

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Assistant County Manager

**MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT
MONTHLY BRIEFING REPORT
MARCH 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-Earlinton 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 Earlinton 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	March 2009
◆ Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) Construction Contract	April 2009
◆ Revenue Operation Date	2nd 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: Notice to Proceed to the Contractor is scheduled for April 30, 2009 and a groundbreaking is scheduled for May 1, 2009.

ISSUES/HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009

- ◆ The 4th Demolition Contract (Parcels 197, and 311) – Parcels 197 and 311 demolitions have been completed;
- ◆ Utility relocation continued;
- ◆ Parcel 260: FDOT completed remediation work on 3/20/09. FDOT will need to install monitoring wells for the testing of the groundwater in order to obtain DERM permit for the installation of the French drains;
- ◆ Dry – Run Permit completed.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2009

- ◆ Continue utility relocation;
- ◆ Contractor to pull building permit;
- ◆ Continue demolition work;
- ◆ Start Construction – Notice-to-Proceed to the Contractor is scheduled for April 30, 2009. Groundbreaking is scheduled for May 1, 2009.

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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) - This schedule is not current and will be updated at such time as the financial plan and policy/administrative issues are resolved by the county 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. Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) submitted the FY2010 New Starts Criteria Report & Financial Plan (FP) to FTA on September 19, 2008. 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. MDT is working with the CMO, OSBM, MPO, PWD, FDOT and MDX in evaluating affordable, cost effective operational and capital improvement opportunities for MDT.

ISSUES/HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009

- ◆ Continue to evaluate short- and long-range modal alternatives.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2009

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

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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

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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 MARCH 2009

- ◆ Continue to evaluate short and long range modal alternatives.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2009

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