

Memorandum



Date: May 19, 2009
To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)(A)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Building Better Communities – General Obligation Bond Program
Project Acceleration - Project No. 143 – “Metrorail Bike Path”

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached resolution amending Resolution No. R-1154-08 to add Building Better Communities – General Obligation Bond (BBC-GOB Program) Project No. 143 – “Metrorail Bike Path” to the list of projects itemized in that Resolution in order to accelerate funding for such project. Funding for this project was originally slated for FY2012-13. The acceleration of these funds will not delay or defund any other BBC-GOB Program project. This item is in accordance with Implementing Order 3-47 approved by the Board on March 17, 2009.

Scope

The scope of this item is limited solely to the Metrorail Bike Path located in Commission Districts 5 and 7.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to the County as the existing BBC-GOB Program allocation remains the same. This project is being partially funded by the BBC-GOB Program. Other funding sources for this project include Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The \$700,000 for this acceleration will be temporarily re-allocated from GOB Project 138 – “Tamiami Swing Bridge”, which is not moving forward as quickly as expected. This temporary re-allocation will not delay Project 138. The \$700,000 will be made available to Project 138 as required in order to prevent any delays to Project 138.

Track Record/Monitor

The agency responsible for implementing this project is Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and the project manager is Orlando Capote, MDT Design and Engineering Division.

Background

On November 2, 2004 voters overwhelmingly approved the referendum to fund more than 300 capital improvements throughout the County over the next 15 to 20 years. Appendix “A” to Resolution R-913-04 lists projects eligible for funding from the BBC-GOB Program by number, name and project description, including Project No. 143, Metrorail Bike Path, with an allocation of \$1,400,000.

The Metrorail Bike Path, also known as the M-Path, is a nine-mile multi-use path in urban Miami-Dade County. The M-Path was built in 1983 by MDT as part of the original Metrorail construction. The path meanders within MDT right-of-way under the elevated Metrorail guideways. The M-Path provides a course of travel from SW 67 Avenue in South Miami to the Miami River in downtown Miami and generally runs contiguous to US1-South Dixie Highway and SW 1st Avenue.



Due to budget restrictions, there has been little or no maintenance done to the M-Path for over twenty

years. Additionally, increases in vehicular traffic have impacted the manner in which pedestrians and bicycle riders cross the streets along the M-Path. The BBC-GOB funding acceleration requested at this time will allow for short-term safety improvements with high visual impact. These improvements to the M-Path will include, but are not limited to:

1. Repair and resurfacing of critical sections of the M-Path;
2. Installation of advance warning signs;
3. Re-striping crosswalks;
4. Providing pavement signage; and
5. Installation of directional signage.

On November 20, 2008, the Board approved Resolution No. 1154-08 which itemized the list of projects that will be funded from the second BBC-GOB bond series (Series 2008B). This list did not include Project No. 143 since it was not programmed to receive its funding allocation until later in the program. Due to recent concerns raised by the public, MDT has requested that \$700,000 in BBC-GOB funding for this project be accelerated to allow for the work to begin this fiscal year. In order for this funding to be accelerated, the project must be added to the list of projects approved by the Board and to be funded by Series 2008B. This acceleration requires Board action.

The Building Better Communities Citizens' Advisory Committee forwarded this item with a favorable recommendation at its meeting held on April 27, 2009.



Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: May 19, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(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 Mayor'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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5-19-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AMENDING APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-1154-08 TO ADD BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT NO. 143 – “METRORAIL BIKE PATH” TO LIST OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING FROM SERIES 2008B BOND PROCEEDS AND APPROVING ACCELERATION OF FUNDING FOR SUCH PROJECT

WHEREAS on July 17, 2008 the Board adopted Resolution No. R-853-08 which approved projects eligible for funding from the Series 2008B Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond proceeds (the “Project List Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2008 the Board adopted Resolution No. 1154-08 which among other things amended the Project List Resolution to update the list of projects eligible for funding from the Series 2008B Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond proceeds (the “Series 2008B Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the list of projects eligible for funding from the Series 2008B bond proceeds are listed in Appendix A to the Series 2008B Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Appendix A to the Series 2008B Resolution did not include Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program Project No. 143 - “Metrorail Bike Path” (“Project No. 143”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference, including amending Appendix A to the Series 2008B Resolution to include Project No. 143 in order to accelerate funding for the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The matters contained in the foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

Section 2. This Board approves the amendment to Appendix A of the Series 2008B Resolution to add Project No. 143 to the list of projects eligible for funding from Series 2008B bond proceeds and the acceleration of funding for such project.

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:

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| 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 19th day of May, 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.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan

