

# Memorandum



**Date:** October 14, 2009

**To:** Honorable Barbara Jordan, Chair  
and Members of Transit, Infrastructure & Roads  
Committee

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

Joe Rasco  
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs

**Subject:** Review of State and Federal Intergovernmental Items of jurisdiction to the  
Transit, Infrastructure & Roads Committee

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Agenda Item No:  
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Pursuant to Resolution 1004-09, sponsored by Commissioner Sosa and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on July 21, 2009, attached please find a copy of the 2010 State and Federal Legislative Agendas for your review. The resolution calls for the Mayor and or his designee to present departmental requests at the different October committee meetings of jurisdiction.

The attached legislative agendas have been approved by the County Manager after meetings between the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Assistant County Managers, and Department Directors.

A copy of Resolution 1004-09 has also been attached for your review.

## STATE

### TRANSIT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ROADS

#### PUBLIC WORKS

**Intergovernmental Transfers of Title to Roads:** *AMEND Florida Statutes to permit transfers of right-of-way between local governments by deed or by right-of-way transfer map.*

**Venetian Causeway:** *SUPPORT funding for design and construction costs for the complete replacement of the 12 bridges on the Venetian Causeway.*

**Tamiami Canal Swing Bridge:** *SUPPORT funding for design and construction costs to replace the Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge.*

**Advanced Traffic Management System:** *SUPPORT funding to complete the Miami-Dade County Advanced Traffic Management System.*

**Eminent Domain:** *SUPPORT legislation that would allow a local legislative body to approve multiple takings by eminent domain in a single item.*

## FEDERAL

### TRANSIT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ROADS

#### PUBLIC WORKS

**Venetian Causeway Bridges:** SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for design and construction for Venetian Causeway Bridges, which serve and link the City of Miami and Miami Beach. The new bridges will have a life expectancy of 75 years. The new bridges will be designed for new American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials highway loading and which will allow unlimited emergency and construction vehicle access. (Public Works)

**Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge:** SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for design and construction of the Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge. The existing bridge has a 22 ton load restriction that impacts daily commerce. The structural condition of the bridge is serious and must be addressed. The operational system of the bridge is also in critical condition and may prevent operation of the bridge in the near future; MDCPWD has allocated a portion of funds from general obligation bonds for temporary repairs. Additionally, the current bridge geometry does not allow for the required hydraulic water flow or the anticipated increase in both navigational and vehicular traffic. (Public Works)

**Advanced Traffic Management System:** SUPPORT request for a communication subsystem conversion Project for the Advanced Traffic Management System. This funding is to hire a design/build team to design and install a new communication subsystem based on a hybrid wireless and fiber-optic technologies in order to bring back the amount of data (real-time video) needed for the optimization of traffic flow on the arterial network. (Public Works)

#### MPO

**Active Transportation:** ADVOCATE for the inclusion of the new 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation as a new federal funding program within the upcoming transportation reauthorization bill to support bicycling and walking. This new funding program will provide \$50 million to each of 40 communities throughout the U.S. (including Miami-Dade County) for non-motorized transportation projects like trails, bike lanes and sidewalks. This new program builds on the current "Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program" that was created by Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act-LU and is providing \$25M to four communities. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is assisting the selected communities with public outreach and legislative education to raise awareness of this opportunity. (MPO)

**M-Path Trail/Bikeway and Trails:** SUPPORT a \$5.6 million funding request for safety and operational improvements to the M-Path Trail, including intersection treatments (crosswalks, pedestrian signals, warning signs), widening to 12 feet to meet current design standards, lighting, path realignment to improve visibility and security, and user amenities such as

wayfinding and informational signage, and a bridge over the Coral Gables Waterway. (MPO)

## **TRANSIT**

**Modernization and Safety: SUPPORT** a \$17 million request for federal investment in rail modernization. Miami-Dade County's continued population growth increases the need for the expansion of the transit systems. The systems cannot expand without investing in the safety of existing systems. Miami-Dade Transit has identified critical projects which require federal investment in the state of good repair such as train control track circuit redundancy safety alarm, high cycle switch logic cabinets, Metrorail HVAC system, and the purchase of traction power cable equipment. Without safety improvements, riders of Miami-Dade County's public transportation could be at potential risk for harm. (Transit)

**Park and Ride Facilities: SUPPORT** funding request of \$20 million for land acquisition and construction of Park and Ride Facilities strategically located throughout Miami-Dade County. These facilities will be used to enhance transit services and reduce congestion along the busway as transit ridership continues to increase due to high gas prices and the eventual extension of the Metrorail system. The park and ride activity centers will enhance passenger safety while encouraging new riders to use the system. (Transit)

**Transit Security: SUPPORT** funding request of \$8.5 million for transit security. The project will enhance security and service delivery to riders by deploying and installing electronic signs throughout our bus-stop grid that will assist in providing our riders with timeliness of service in order to facilitate an efficient travel alternative using transit services. Enhancements include: installation of real-time surveillance system throughout transit operations and maintenance facilities, upgrading onboard bus surveillance to real time, and placing digital monitoring and recording on revenue vehicles. The system will provide enhanced operational security for our patrons. This feature enables first responders to rapidly locate any bus that could potentially be involved in a security related incident. (Transit)

**Orange Line Metrorail Extension Incremental Improvements: SUPPORT** funding request of \$36 million for purchase of hybrid diesel-electric buses. NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue is one of the few continuous north-south arterials in Miami-Dade and serves as an alternative to the severely congested north-south highways, I-95 and State Route 826 Palmetto Expressway. Incremental service envisioned for the corridor would range from enhanced bus service to full premium bus service distinct from the heavy rail extension project. MDT is beginning the introduction of distinctly branded environmentally friendly BRT sixty foot hybrid diesel-electric buses that have 2010 Cummins ISL 330hp engines coupled with Allison EP40 electric drives which meet EPA 2010 Heavy-Duty Emissions Standards for Urban Bus Engines. (Transit)



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(36)

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

DATE: July 21, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor or  
Designee to present departmental  
state and federal legislative requests  
at October committees

Resolution No. R-1004-09

**This substitute differs from the original item in that it includes both state and federal legislative items, while the original item consisted only of state legislative items.**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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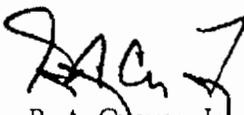


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(Revised)

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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

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(36)  
7-21-09

RESOLUTION NO. R-1004-09

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO  
PRESENT DEPARTMENTAL FEDERAL AND STATE  
LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS AT OCTOBER COMMITTEES

**WHEREAS**, committee meetings for the Florida Legislature's 2010 legislative session will begin in the fall of 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, member of the Florida House are limited to only six bill slots per member, and these bill slots are in high demand; and

**WHEREAS**, bills filed during the fall and early in committee weeks have a far better chance of passage than bills filed later in the process; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2009 session, Miami-Dade County saw successes with its legislative issues by including some of them in the Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities legislative packages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities hold their legislative policy conferences beginning in the fall; and

**WHEREAS**, to best pursue our legislative agenda for the 2010 session, it is important that Miami-Dade County have its legislative agenda in place no later than the end of October, so as to give our issues the best chance of passage,

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

**Section 1.** This Board directs the Mayor or Designee to present all departmental legislative requests for the 2010 state legislative session >>and the 2010 federal legislative

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package<sup>1</sup> at the October, 2009 committee meetings, including both changes to statutes and appropriations requests. The Mayor or Designee shall present such requests to the applicable committee that has jurisdiction over the department from which the request originated.

**Section 2.** During October committee meetings, committees shall consider such items, prioritize them and recommend items for approval by the full Board in the County's ~~>>2010 federal and~~ state legislative package~~>>~~.

**Section 3.** The Board shall consider, prioritize and approve the ~~>>federal and~~ state legislative package~~>>~~ at the October 20 Board meeting based on committee recommendations. The Board also shall identify no more than eight County departmental priorities ~~>>for the 2010 federal legislative package and no more than eight County departmental priorities~~ for the 2010 state legislative session, along with guiding principles.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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|                      | Dennis C. Moss, Chairman        | aye |
|                      | Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman | aye |
| Bruno A. Barreiro    |                                 | aye |
| Carlos A. Gimenez    |                                 | aye |
| Barbara J. Jordan    |                                 | aye |
| Dorin D. Rolle       |                                 | aye |
| Katy Sorenson        |                                 | aye |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto |                                 | aye |
|                      | Audrey M. Edmonson              | aye |
|                      | Sally A. Heyman                 | aye |
|                      | Joe A. Martinez                 | aye |
|                      | Natacha Seijas                  | aye |
|                      | Rebeca Sosa                     | aye |

<sup>1</sup> The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or »double arrowed« constitute the amendment proposed.

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 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: **DIANE COLLINS**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

**JAM**

Jess M. McCarty