Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: March 2, 2010

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

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Application for Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program Funds in the Amount of $1,336,500

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the execution and filing of a grant application on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for $1,336,500 in Fiscal Year (2007) Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program funds. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the execution of this grant agreement pursuant to the application, as well as the receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the agreement.

No public hearing is required for this grant application.

SCOPE

These funds will provide support to continue and expand existing routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County. Therefore, impact of this grant will be countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The total Federal participation is $1,336,500. An equal match of $1,336,500 will be provided through the Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) operating budget.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

MDT has entered into numerous funding agreements with USDOT over the course of more than twenty-five (25) years. The project manager for this grant application is Patricia Barry, Administrative Officer 3, MDT Governmental Affairs and Grants

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 2-8.3 of the Miami-Dade County Code related to identifying delegation of Board Authority, there are no authorities beyond that specified in the resolution which include authority for the Mayor or designee to execute the agreement and receive and expend these and any additional funds should they become available.

BACKGROUND

The JARC program was established as part of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) to address the unique transportation challenges faced by welfare recipients and low-income persons seeking to obtain and maintain employment. Many new entry-level jobs are located in suburban areas and low-income individuals have difficulty accessing these jobs from their inner city, urban, or rural neighborhoods. In addition, many entry level-jobs require working late at night or on the weekends when conventional transit services are either reduced or non-existent. Finally, many employment-related trips are complex and involve multiple destinations, including reaching childcare facilities or other services.

Funds from this grant program will be used to help MDT facilitate capital planning and with operating expenses that support the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to meet the needs of low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment, healthcare, food service, customer service, and retail.

The goals and objectives of this program are to improve the service delivery of transportation services to low income people, through the coordination of agencies and services, while utilizing public outreach strategies, marketing strategies, training, and performance measures to provide a more effective and efficient transportation network. Through these improvements, the under and unemployed, seniors, those with disabilities, and the transit pubic will also be served by gaining access to targeted sectors and services along the project alignments. To ensure a cohesive and comprehensive transportation system throughout the County, routes were designed to connect with each other. This includes routes that serve major job sites, including Miami International Airport (MIA), the Doral Center (formerly Koger Center), and Miami Beach areas. Descriptions of the routes are as follows:

Route 36

Route 36 currently travels along the east-west corridor of NW 36th and NW 41st Street and serves Miami-Dade County's major job sites, including Miami International Airport (MIA) and the surrounding hotels, the Doral Center (formerly Koger Center) office/complex area, the Miami Springs neighborhood, the Doral neighborhood including the Miami-Dade College West Campus, Miami International Mall and the Dolphin Mall.

Route 302 – Card Sound Express

The Card Sound Express currently provides service within two counties. The route serves Miami-Dade County and Monroe County (Key Largo). The service originates in Florida City at City Hall and terminates at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo. The service was originally implemented in December 1998 to provide mobility for individuals transitioning from welfare to work and low-income workers who live in South Miami-Dade to the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo. Due to a transportation barrier which affected a stable entry level workforce in Key Largo, the Card Sound Express was created. The service operates 7 days a week with 3 trips in the AM and 3 trips in the PM to accommodate the work schedules of the Ocean Reef workforce.

Route 238

Route 238 currently travels along the major East-West Corridor of Miami-Dade County and serves Miami-Dade County's major job sites, including MIA and the Airport Cargo City area along with the surrounding hotels, Metrorail, Tri-Rail, the Blue Lagoon executive office park, the Airport West commercial area, Miami International Mall and the Dolphin Mall.

Route 136

This route serves two Metrorail Stations (Dadeland South and Douglas Road) and provides connection to the Busway. Route 136 also serves employment sites within the Hammocks Boulevard area, including the Beckman Coulter Technology Center and a satellite immigration office at SW 147th Avenue and SW 120th Street. This route also serves the Falls Shopping Center and many other businesses in the South Dade area.

Route 248/Brickell Key Shuttle

The Brickell Key Shuttle provides service between the Brickell Metrorail and Metromover Station and Brickell Key. It also stops along Brickell Bay Drive and other locations in the Brickell area. Service is provided to the International Banking offices along the Brickell Avenue corridor in addition to the offices located on Brickell Key.

Route 252/Coral Reef MAX Extension

The Coral Reef MAX Extension was designed to provide mobility for welfare clients and others who wish to obtain entry-level jobs along Coral Reef Drive, the nearby Deerwood Business Park and Metrozoo. This extension to existing service requires an additional bus to the Coral Reef MAX for four hours a day during weekdays. The service was designed in conjunction with employers along Coral Reef Drive and the business park.

Route 35 Extension

Route 35 currently serves employment sites and residential areas in the cities of Kendall, Richmond Heights, Perrine, Cutler Bay, Goulds, Naranja, Princeton, Homestead, and Florida City. Specific job sites include the Miami-Dade College Kendall Campus, Southland Mall, the South Miami-Dade Government Center, Prime Outlet Mall in Florida, and Homestead High School and the recently opened Homestead Hospital.

Route 150 Airport Flyer (Airport to South Beach Express)

The new route 150 Airport Flyer began service on December 13, 2009. This route will provide premium express bus service between MIA and South Beach with a stop at Earlington Heights Metrorail Station. Prior to this route, there was no direct transit service between the Airport and Miami Beach south of 41st Street.

The limited stop express service to South Beach is scheduled to operate daily, every ½ hour from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The route provides tourists and commuters travelling to employment areas with premium transit service between MIA, Tri-Rail, Metrorail and South Beach that is faster and more direct than current local service. The new express route will serve the MIC when it opens in 2012.

This service is the result of requests and recommendations from MIA management and South Beach businesses to initiate a limited-stop express transit service that would provide
commuters between South Beach and Metrorail with premium service that is faster than current local service.

MDT will use these funds to continue and expand existing routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County. The job sectors that will benefit include aviation, healthcare, food service, customer service, and retail. JARC funds will also be used to market the new and expanded transit services through radio, print and on-line advertising.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: March 2, 2010

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

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

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"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**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 SECTION 5316 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,336,500 WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21); AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purpose outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is authorized to enter into agreements to provide State funding for transportation programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights of 1964, and the USDOT requirements thereunder,

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

Section 1. That this Board authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Director, to file a grant application with the United States

Department of Transportation (USDOT) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program funds to provide support for routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. That the County staff is authorized to furnish such additional information as the USDOT and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) may require in connection with the grant application for the project.

Section 3. That the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the MDT Director is authorized to set forth and execute disadvantaged business enterprises policies in connection with the projects should such funds become available.

Section 4. That this Board further authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the MDT Director to execute such contracts and agreements as are approved by the County Attorney's Office, to receive and expend these or any additional funds in accordance with such aforementioned contracts and agreements; and to file and execute any additional agreements, revisions, or amendments as required to carry out the projects for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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:

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 2nd day of March, 2010. This resolution shall become effective as follows: (1) 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, and (2) either i) the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has approved same, or ii) in response to the CITT's disapproval, the County Commission re-affirms its award by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Commission's membership and such reaffirmation becomes final.

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.

Bruce Libhaber