

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. **2(D)**

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

DATE: **June 7, 2010**

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to conduct an analysis of the potential impact on tourism caused by construction of the Port of Miami Tunnel and to report to the Board of County Commissioners within 90 days

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



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(Revised)

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

DATE: July 8, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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 _____

Agenda Item No.
7-8-10

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON TOURISM CAUSED BY CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT OF MIAMI TUNNEL AND TO REPORT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITHIN 90 DAYS

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation is currently expected to begin construction of the Port of Miami Tunnel Project ("Tunnel Project") in May of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Tunnel Project includes the construction of a tunnel connection between Watson Island and Dodge Island and the widening of the MacArthur Causeway bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Tunnel Project will redirect cargo and cruise traffic from congested downtown Miami streets onto the MacArthur Causeway; and

WHEREAS, tourism is of paramount importance to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami ("Port") annually services more cruise passengers than any other port in the world; and

WHEREAS, providing efficient access to the Port for both cruise and cargo traffic is essential to maintaining the Port's status as a important regional economic engine and keeping cruise line and cargo line business at the Port; and

WHEREAS, this Board intends to mitigate potential impacts to cruise and cargo traffic from construction of the Tunnel Project by creating a plan that: (1) considers and includes the input of local stakeholders such as the Port's cruise lines and cargo lines, the hospitality industry, and others relying on tourism-related revenue; and, (2) protects to the greatest extent possible accessibility to the Port for cruise patrons and cargo-dependent businesses; and

WHEREAS, the tourism industry relies heavily on access to the Port and the MacArthur Causeway for the transportation of tourists within Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor or designee is hereby directed to complete and provide to the Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution: (1) an analysis of the potential impacts on tourism in the Port, Miami Beach, and downtown Miami (including Bayside and PAC/Omni) areas, resulting from the construction of the Tunnel Project both within the Port and on the MacArthur Causeway, including changes to the Port's ingress and egress and accessibility to the Port for cruise patrons and cargo-dependent businesses; and, (2) a mitigation plan to minimize any such potential impacts to tourism, hotel, hospitality, and related industries. To facilitate these directives, the Mayor or his designee is further directed to meet with and incorporate into this analysis and mitigation plan the input received from: (1) the Florida Department of Transportation; (2) the Port's cruise lines and cargo lines, including but not limited to Azamara Cruise Lines, Carnival Cruise Lines, Celebrity Cruises, Crystal Cruises, Fred Olsen Cruise Lines, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean International Cruise Lines, and Oceania Cruises; and, (3) any other tourism and hospitality industry representatives necessary to fully implement the intent of the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It 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
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Dorin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of July, 2010. 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.

Jorge Martinez-Esteve

