


# Memorandum



**Date:** January 20, 2011

**To:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 5(E)

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

**Subject:** Significant Modification to *Building Better Communities* General Obligation Bond Program (BBC-GOB) Project No. 297 – “New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/Historical Museum of Southern Florida” and to Project No. 268 – “Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library and the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center”

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) adopt the attached resolution, which approves a significant modification to BBC-GOB Project No. 297 – “New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/ Historical Museum of Southern Florida” and Project No. 268 – “Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library” listed in Appendix A to Resolution No. R-919-04 (“Authorizing Resolution”) following a public hearing. The Historical Museum of Southern Florida is now known as “HistoryMiami.” The significant modification to Project Nos. 297 and 268 reflected in the tables below will continue to accomplish the original objectives of both projects and better serve the needs of the community. The location of HistoryMiami will be revised back to its current location at the Miami-Dade Cultural Center (Cultural Center) and \$4 million will be transferred to Project No. 268 for exterior and plaza renovation work at the Cultural Center associated with HistoryMiami and other common elements of the plaza.

Item	Original BBC Project	Modified BBC Project
Project Number and Project Name	297 - New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/ Historical Museum of Southern Florida	297 - New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/HistoryMiami
Project Description	“Construct a new 250,000 sq. ft. science and technology museum and planetarium offering participatory exhibits, educational programs and collections; and a 4-acre outdoor science park and wildlife center. Cultural Affairs will assist the Museum of Science and the Historical Museum of Southern Florida to develop 25,000 sq. ft. of exhibition and educational spaces in this facility for exhibits and programs showcasing South Florida’s history, as part of the Museum Park project. The museum project includes all on-site and off-site improvements as required by regulatory agencies and any mitigation required for Pump Station #2.”	“Construction of a new 250,000 sq. ft. science and technology museum and planetarium offering participatory exhibits, educational programs and collections; and a 4-acre outdoor science park and wildlife center. The science museum project includes all on-site and off-site improvements as required by regulatory agencies and any mitigation required for Pump Station #2. Also, renovation and expansion of HistoryMiami which shall provide approximately 30,000 sq. ft. of new indoor and outdoor exhibition space, to include the redesign and construction of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center and adaptation of the current Miami Art Museum building for use by HistoryMiami.”
Street Address	1075 Biscayne Boulevard	- 1075 Biscayne Boulevard (Miami Science Museum) - 101 West Flagler Street (HistoryMiami)
Allocation	\$175.0 Million	\$171.0 Million (\$6 million of which is for HistoryMiami and \$165 million for the new Miami Museum of Science)

Item	Original BBC Project	Modified BBC Project
Project Number and Project Name	268 - Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library	268 - Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library and the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center.
Project Description	"Major interior and exterior renovations to include renovating existing bathrooms and removing architectural barriers for ADA compliance; upgrading lighting in public areas; and reconfiguring third floor offices to allow public access to the Wolfson Media Archives. Enhance electrical/data infrastructure to support additional computers."	"Major interior and exterior renovations to include renovating existing bathrooms and removing architectural barriers for ADA compliance; upgrading lighting in public areas; and reconfiguring third floor offices to allow public access to the Wolfson Media Archives. Enhance electrical/data infrastructure to support additional computers and renovations to the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center including work related to HistoryMiami in the Miami-Dade Cultural Center Plaza."
Street Address	101 West Flagler Street	No change
Allocation	\$1.765 Million	\$5.765 Million (includes \$4 million transferred from Project 297)

**Scope**

The original plan was for BBC-GOB Project No. 297 to be located in Bicentennial (Museum) Park in District 3 and to include approximately 25,000 square feet of exhibition and educational space within the building footprint as a "satellite" location for HistoryMiami. The new proposed plan is to proceed with the New Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility and HistoryMiami as follows:

- 1) Construct the new Miami Science Museum (MSM), as originally described, but excluding the 25,000 square feet of exhibition and educational space for HistoryMiami, at Bicentennial (Museum) Park in District 3
- 2) Revise Appendix A of the Authorizing Resolution to reflect HistoryMiami's location as its current location at the Miami-Dade Cultural Center (101 West Flagler Street) in District 5
- 3) Expand and renovate HistoryMiami at its current location which includes construction of a connecting structure built between the two existing museum buildings in anticipation of expansion and adaptation of MAM's current facility for use by HistoryMiami.

The original plan for BBC-GOB Project No. 268 located at 101 West Flagler Street in District 5 was to incorporate major interior and exterior renovations to include: renovating existing bathrooms and removing architectural barriers for ADA compliance; upgrading lighting in public areas; reconfiguring third floor offices to allow public access to the Wolfson Media Archives; and enhancing electrical/data infrastructure to support additional computers. The new proposed plan is to allocate additional funds to fund additional exterior and plaza renovation work. This work encompasses the redesign and construction of the Cultural Center, including redesigning of the entrances and plaza.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact to the existing BBC-GOB allocations as a result of these modifications. Four million dollars from Project 297 will be re-allocated to Project 268 for additional redesign and construction of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Center. The reduced allocation of \$171 million for Project 297 will be designated as follows: \$165 million will remain allocated to the Miami Science Museum, and \$6 million will be used for renovation and expansion of HistoryMiami.

**Track Record/Monitor**

The entities responsible for implementing these projects are the Miami Science Museum, GSA in collaboration with HistoryMiami, the Miami-Dade County Public Library and the General Services Administration Department (GSA). The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs is responsible for managing the BBC-GOB grant

agreement for the Miami Science Museum and for providing cultural policy guidance to both museums. GSA will be responsible for managing the construction for Project 268 and the HistoryMiami portion of Project 297.

**Background**

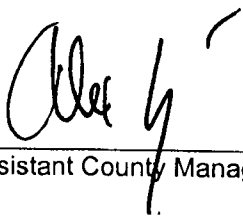
On November 2, 2004, voters overwhelmingly approved the eight referendum questions to fund more than 300 capital improvements throughout the County over the next 15 to 20 years. Appendix A to Resolution R-919-04 lists projects eligible for funding from the BBC-GOB Program by number, name and project description. All additions, deletions and significant modifications to individual projects require a majority vote of the Board following a public hearing.

In order to provide a more centralized, expanded and efficient HistoryMiami facility, it is in the best interest of the County to implement the MSM and HistoryMiami at two separate locations. It was originally contemplated that HistoryMiami would utilize 25,000 square feet of space for satellite programming and operations in the new Miami Museum of Science facility in Museum Park and that HistoryMiami would also maintain its current facility at the Cultural Center. The benefit of the new proposed project is that HistoryMiami will be able to consolidate its expansion at its current location by building an addition to its current facility and adapting the current Miami Art Museum facility to accommodate expanded spaces for exhibitions, educational programs and collections.

The proposed renovation and expansion of the Cultural Center will provide approximately 12,200 square feet of usable programmatic covered spaces on the plaza and approximately 17,800 square feet of additional enclosed space for a total of approximately 30,000 square feet combined indoor and outdoor exhibition space, as well as access to an additional 25,000 square feet of space upon the Miami Art Museum vacating the facility. In addition, HistoryMiami and the Main Library will collaborate on renovations to the Cultural Center to make the entire complex more accessible and visitor-friendly to the community as a whole.

The Miami Science Museum will utilize the 25,000 square feet of space in its new facility, originally allocated for HistoryMiami, for additional MSM exhibition and programming initiatives consistent with its science, technology and educational mission. Both of these projects will continue to serve the needs of the community as originally contemplated and allow each museum to optimize its operations.

This recommendation was presented to the BBC-GOB Citizens' Advisory Committee ("CAC") on October 26, 2010 and was forwarded to the Board with the consensus of all the members present.



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Assistant County Manager



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 20, 2011

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 5(E)

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. 5(E)  
1-20-11

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBERS 297 – “NEW MIAMI MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & PLANETARIUM FACILITY/ HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA” AND 268 – “RENOVATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE MAIN LIBRARY”, BOTH IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION R-919-04 AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board approves the significant modification to Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program Project Nos. 297 – “New Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium Facility/ Historical Museum of Southern Florida” and 268 – “Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Main Library”, both identified in Appendix A to Resolution No. R-919-04, after a public hearing, all as more particularly described in the accompanying memorandum.

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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2011. 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