

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

Date: March 01, 2011

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager 

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funding on behalf of Miami-Dade County from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Fiscal Year 2009 Section 5307 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Flexible Funding in the amount of \$1,764,985

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the acceptance of grant funding on behalf of Miami-Dade County from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Section 5307 Flexible funding in the amount of \$1,764,985 to provide operating assistance for the I-95 Dade-Broward Express Bus service. It is further recommended that the Board authorize this grant agreement pursuant to the application, as well as the receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the agreement.

A public hearing is required in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations.

SCOPE

As these funds provide support for a major bus corridor along I-95, the impact of this grant will be countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

There will be no fiscal impact to the County. The FTA funding of \$1,764,985 provided by this grant represents 80% of the total project cost. The local match of \$441,246 required for this grant is provided by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and represents the remaining 20% required for this project.

The current and future annual net operating cost of the I-95 Dade-Broward Express Bus service is approximately \$2,206,231 and is borne 100% between the FTA and FDOT.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

MDT has entered into numerous funding agreements with the FTA over the course of more than 25 years. The Project Manager for this grant application is Patricia Barry, Grants Manager, MDT Financial Services.

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, his designee or the MDT Director to execute the agreement and receive and expend these and any additional funds should they become available.

BACKGROUND

Chapter 341 of the Florida Statutes provides State Transit Corridor Funding to relieve traffic congestion and improve road capacity within identified transportation corridors by increasing people-carrying capacity of the systems through the use and facilitated movement of high-occupancy conveyances.

In August 2007, the USDOT announced the selection of five cities as Urban Partners and committed more than \$400 million in discretionary bus program funds to support the transit elements of its Urban Partnership Program; which also included elements involving toll (congestion pricing), technology, and telecommuting. The other urban areas selected to participate in the transit element of the Urban Partnership Program were San Francisco, Minneapolis, New York, and Seattle.

The Miami-Area Urban Partner Agreement is comprised of FDOT, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO), MDT, Broward County Transit (BCT), the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX), and the Florida Turnpike Enterprise. The Urban Partnership project is the conversion of 21-miles of two high-occupancy (HOV) lanes (in both directions) along I-95, from I-395 in Miami to I-595 in Fort Lauderdale into variably priced high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved Resolution No. R-677-09 authorizing \$441,246 through a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with the FDOT. This JPA provided partial funding needed to implement new express Bus/BRT service within the portion of the newly opened I-95 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) or "Special Use" lanes. The state funding provides the local match for the CMAQ funds transferred from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and provided to Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) through an FTA grant. The FTA funding provided by this grant in the amount of \$1,764,985 represents 80% of the total project cost. The remaining 20% balance of \$441,246 is provided by FDOT. The current and future annual net operating cost of the I-95 Dade Broward Express bus service is approximately \$2,206,231 and is borne 100% by the FTA and FDOT.

On January 25, 2010, MDT implemented a new I-95 express Bus/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service extending service between downtown Miami and the Golden Glades Park-n-Ride lot in Broward County at Broward Boulevard and Sheridan Street. The BRT is a strategy to offer an alternative to automobile travel to accommodate peak-period commuters. As a result, the principal goal of this express BRT component is to provide one seat, seamless regional express connection (without transfers) bus service between Miami-Dade County and Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood, Broward County along I-95.

Currently, the I-95 Express Bus service uses the HOT lanes along I-95 up to the Golden Glades Park and Ride lot. Until the HOT lanes are completed in Broward County, buses will use the existing HOV lanes north of the Golden Glades Interchange.

The grant application for funding in the amount of \$1,764,985 was submitted to FTA on July 12, 2010 and awarded on August 10, 2010. The funding provided by this grant represents 80% of the total project cost for the operating and maintenance expenses for the I-95 Express Bus Service project.

This project will be funded over the next two years (FY2011 through FY2012) from future CMAQ funds to be transferred from FHWA to FTA and applied for through a separate grant. The local matching funds will be provided by FDOT from Toll Revenues. Additionally, approximately \$3.1 million per year in future Toll Revenue funds, with the concurrence from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is currently programmed by FDOT to fund this project at 100% for fiscal years 2013 through 2016.


Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: March 1, 2011

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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3-1-11

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY IN SECTION 5307 FLEXIBLE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,764,985 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR THE I-95 DADE -BROWARD EXPRESS BUS SERVICE; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT; 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 Act of 1964, and the USDOT requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted on Miami-Dade County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) in Section 5307 Flexible funds grant application as described in the accompanying memorandum; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is authorized to enter into agreements to provide State Toll Revenue Credits as a soft match for Federal funding for transportation programs and projects, when available,

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

Section 1. That the Board authorizes the County Mayor, his designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit Director (MDT), to accept funding from the USDOT in the amount of \$1,764,985 in FY 2009 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Section 5307 Flexible funds to provide operating assistance for the I-95 Dade-Broward Express Bus Service.

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 project should such funds become available.

Section 4. That the 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 and 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	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of March, 2011. This resolution shall become effective as follows: 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

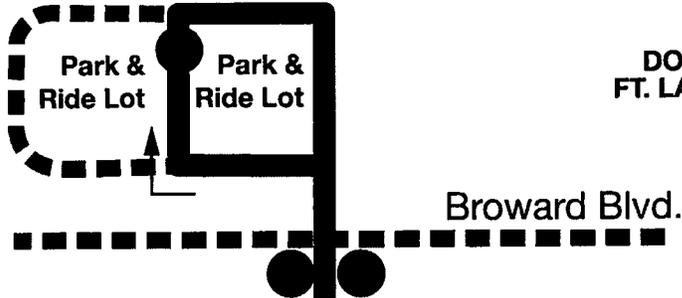
By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Bruce Libhaber

95 EXPRESS



DOWNTOWN
FT. LAUDERDALE

 Ft. Lauderdale
Tri-Rail Station

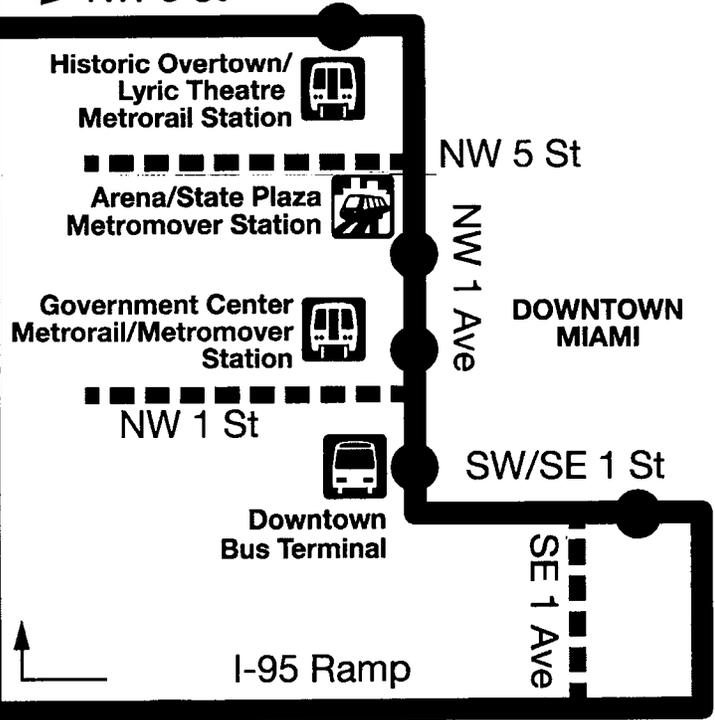
Flyover

Route I-95 Dade Broward Express Broward Boulevard (Ft. Lauderdale Station)

BROWARD COUNTY
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

I-95

NW 8 St



NORTH
MAP NOT TO SCALE
01/10



LIMITED STOP

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Route I-95 Dade Broward Express

Sheridan Street

Sheridan Street
Tri-Rail Station
Park & Ride Lot



N 29 Ave

Sheridan St

DOWNTOWN
HOLLYWOOD

I-95

 **95 EXPRESS**

BROWARD COUNTY
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

I-95

NW 8 St

Historic Overtown/
Lyric Theatre
Metrorail Station



Arena/State Plaza
Metromover Station



Government Center
Metrorail/Metromover
Station



NW 1 St



Downtown
Bus Terminal



NW 5 St

NW 1 Ave

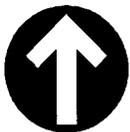
DOWNTOWN
MIAMI

SW/SE 1 St

SE 1 Ave

SE 2 Ave

I-95 Ramp



NORTH
MAP NOT TO SCALE
01/10



LIMITED STOP

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AUDITOR



Legislative Notes

Agenda Item: 8(J)1(A), 8(J)1(C), 8(J)1(D), and 8(J)1(E)

File Number: 110069, 102791, 110066, and 110082

**Committee(s)
 of Reference:** Board of County Commissioners

Date of Analysis: February 3, 2011

BCC Agenda No.	8J1A 110069	8J1C 102791	8J1D 110066	8J1E 110082
Transit Corridor	I-95 Dade-Broward ¹ Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)	Dade-Monroe	South Miami-Dade	Flagler Max
Proposed Resolution	<i>Grant funding for FY 2009 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality for operation assistance for the I-95 Dade-Broward Express Bus Service</i>	<i>Authorizes the execution of a Joint Participation Agreement with FDOT to provide funding from its Commuter Assistance Program</i>	<i>Authorizes the execution of a Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement to provide additional State funding</i>	<i>Authorizes the execution of a Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement to provide additional State funding</i>
Funding	\$1,764,985 from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. This is the expected funding from the FTA to operate the route for a total of \$2.2 million. (See R-677-09)	\$250,000 from FDOT and a local match by MDT of \$250,000 from its operating budget.	\$467,500 from FDOT; no local match is required.	\$467,500 from FDOT; no local match is required.
Service per day	FY 2009 Broward County Transit (BCT) – 24 trips per day FY 2009 MDT Service (No service in 2009) FY 2010, MDT-80 trips per day, BCT – 30 trips per day	Service is provided seven days a week between 5:15 am to 1:20 am.	Weekday 645 trips Saturday 281 trips Sunday 157 trips All these trips are one-way trips.	Provides weekday services with limited stops.
Bus Trips and Route Information	According to MDT staff, the BRT routes from MDC into Broward originate from Downtown Miami to Sheridan Street (40 trips) and to Broward Blvd (40 trips).	17 trips operate between the Super Wal-Mart in Florida and Mile Marker 98 in Key Largo; all but one of these trips serves Tavernier; 13 trips are extended to serve Islamorada; and six trips are further extended to provide service all the way to Marathon.	Coral Reef MAX (Route 252) Saga Bay MAX (Route 287) Busway Local (Route 31) Route 1 Busway MAX (Route 38)	The Flagler Max Route stops between the western portion of MDC, primarily along West Flagler Street and Downtown Miami.
Boardings	According to MDT staff: FY 2010, 134,341 boardings FY 2011, (Oct thru Dec 2010) – 55,465 boardings FY 2011 Projected – 220,000 boardings	This route averages 26,000 boardings.	These routes currently average approximately 12,000 weekday boardings.	The current average weekday boarding is 3,200.
Fare Rates	According to MDT staff: FY 2010-11 MDT fares 1 way - \$2.35, roundtrip - \$4.70	Miami-Dade Transit Fares Schedule Effective December 13, 2009	Miami-Dade Transit Fares Schedule Effective December 13, 2009	Miami-Dade Transit Fares Schedule Effective December 13, 2009

Source: MDT Staff

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¹ According to MDT staff, there are 16 60ft. diesel electric hybrid buses, used on the routes, which were paid for by FDOT and FTA.

In response to questions from the Office of the Commission Auditor pertaining to how much has been expended on outreach activities and marketing materials, since the inception of the Dade-Monroe route service, MDT provided the information below:

Outreach and Marketing Activities	Description	Costs
Dade-Monroe Express Route Guides	386,000 total in 14 printings since 2000	\$37,000
Rider Alerts announcing the service and changes	Produced in-house 2000, 2002, 2006, 2007	Cost not included.
Initial signage for bus stop decals where the route goes in Florida City	Produced 2,000 signage for bus stop decals	\$180
Flyers informing riders of new fareboxes and EASY Cards	2,500 printed in November 2010	\$2,056
Posters informing riders of new fareboxes and EASY Card	Nine posters produced in-house November 2010	\$315
Fare media board for American Coach to distribute to drivers	Delivered electronically November 2010	\$ 70
New signage with destinations and fareboxes	186 vinyl decals produced 2011	\$1,200

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