

# Memorandum



**Date:** March 1, 2011

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

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

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

**Subject:** Resolution Ratifying the Application and 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 2008 and 2009 Federal Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program in the Amount of \$4,015,142

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) ratify the application and 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) 2008 and FY 2009 Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program in the amount of \$4,015,142. The total amount requested includes \$1,976,782 in FY 2008 and \$2,038,360 in FY 2009. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the grant agreement. No public hearing is required for this grant application.

## **SCOPE**

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

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

The total Federal participation under this grant is \$4,015,142. An equal match of \$4,015,142 will be provided through MDT's Operating budget. The current and future on-going annual operating cost of the routes funded by this grant is approximately \$8,030,284, and is budgeted within the 29.2 million revenue miles.

## **TRACK RECORD/MONITOR**

MDT has entered into numerous funding agreements with FTA over the course of more than 25 years. The Project Manager for this grant 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**

The JARC program was established as part of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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 are used for capital planning and 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 and 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 public will also be served by gaining access to targeted sectors and services along these route alignments.

To ensure a cohesive and comprehensive transportation system throughout the County, routes were designed to connect with each other (see attached map). This includes routes that serve major job sites, including Miami International Airport (MIA), the Doral Center (formerly Koger Center), and Miami-Beach areas. This funding will assist MDT in making improvements in FY 2011 to existing routes 7, 71, 87, 132, 136 and 150. Implementation of the new routes (SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street Enhanced Bus/SR 836 Express and NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Enhanced Bus Service) is planned for FY 2012. Descriptions of the routes are as follows:

#### Route 7

Route 7 currently travels along an East-West Corridor between Downtown Miami and the Dolphin Mall. Major employment sites served along the alignment are Bayfront Park, Miami-Dade College (Wolfson Campus), American Airlines Arena, Downtown Miami, the Metropolitan Hospital and the Magic City Casino along NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street, the Mall of Americas, and Miami International Mall. This route will also serve the new Marlins Stadium along NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Residential areas served are Little Havana and Overtown. The route will be extended to serve the Miami International Airport (MIA) and the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) that is currently under construction.

#### Route 71

Route 71 currently provides service along a North-South Corridor in west Miami-Dade. Northbound service begins from the Miami Dade College (Kendall Campus) and ends at the Dolphin Mall. Major employment, educational, and activity sites served along the route are the Dolphin Mall, Miami International Mall, Florida International University (University Park Campus), Concord Shopping Center and Miami Dade College (Kendall Campus). Residential areas served are Kendall, Westchester, and Sweetwater. The route will be extended along NW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street to serve the Palmetto Metrorail Station in Medley.

#### Route 87

Route 87 currently provides service along NW/SW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a North-South Corridor in west Miami-Dade. Northbound service begins at the Dadeland North Metrorail Station and ends at the Palmetto Metrorail Station. Major employment and activity sites served along the route are the Dadeland Mall and Mall of the Americas. Residential areas served are Kendall, Westchester, Doral, and Medley. The route will be extended to serve the Medley Industrial area in Medley (along 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue up to NW 103<sup>rd</sup> Street).

#### Route 132 (Tri-Rail Doral Shuttle)

The Tri-Rail Doral Shuttle currently provides connecting service for Tri-Rail passengers between the Hialeah Marketplace Tri-Rail Station and the Doral Executive Center. The majority of the alignment travels along NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street. Major employment and activity sites served along the route include

various businesses (hotels, restaurants, banks), MIA-related businesses along NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street, the Atrium Shopping Center, and the Doral Executive Center. The residential areas served are Hialeah, Miami Springs, Virginia Gardens, and the area near the Doral Country Club. The route currently operates to NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. It will be extended west to NW 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### Route 136

Route 136 currently provides service in the South Dade area, serving both the Douglas Road and Dadeland South Metrorail Stations and the South Miami-Dade Busway. Major employment and activity sites served along the route are the Falls Shopping Center, the Gloria M. Floyd Elementary School, the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport, the Immigration & Naturalization Office, and Coconut Grove. The residential areas served are Coconut Grove, Pinecrest, Coral Gables, Kendall, and Cocoplum Plaza.

#### Route 150 Airport Flyer (Airport to South Beach Express)

Route 150 Airport Flyer began service on December 13, 2009. This route provides premium express bus service for tourists and commuters traveling between MIA, Tri-Rail, Metrorail, and South Beach, with a stop at the Earlington Heights Metrorail Station. Prior to this route, there was no direct transit service between the Airport and Miami Beach south of 41<sup>st</sup> Street. The planned extension is from Lincoln Road to South Pointe on Miami Beach. This route will serve the MIC when it opens in 2012.

#### SW 8 Street Enhanced Bus/SR 836 Express

The new SW 8 Street Enhanced Bus/SR 836 Express will provide premium service from west Miami-Dade (the proposed new park-ride lot at SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street/SW 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to the MIC. Bus stops or stations will be spaced approximately every mile, including Florida International University (University Park) and another park-ride lot at NW 107 Avenue and 12 Street. Commuters will have direct access to Metrorail, Tri-Rail and the Miami International Airport from the MIC. This new enhanced route will be implemented in FY 2012.

#### North Corridor Enhanced Bus Service

This enhanced premium route will provide service from the MIC to the Broward County Line (NW 215<sup>th</sup> Street) along NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The northern terminus would be a planned transit center/park-ride lot at NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 215<sup>th</sup> Street. The North Corridor Enhanced Bus Service would provide frequent and rapid service along the corridor to Metrorail and the MIC. The major employment and activity sites served along this route are the Martin Luther King Metrorail Station, Brownsville Station, Miami Dade College North Campus, SunLife Stadium, and Calder Race Track. Residential areas served by this route are Liberty City, Opa-Locka, Bunche Park and Miami Gardens. This new enhanced route will begin implementation in FY 2012.

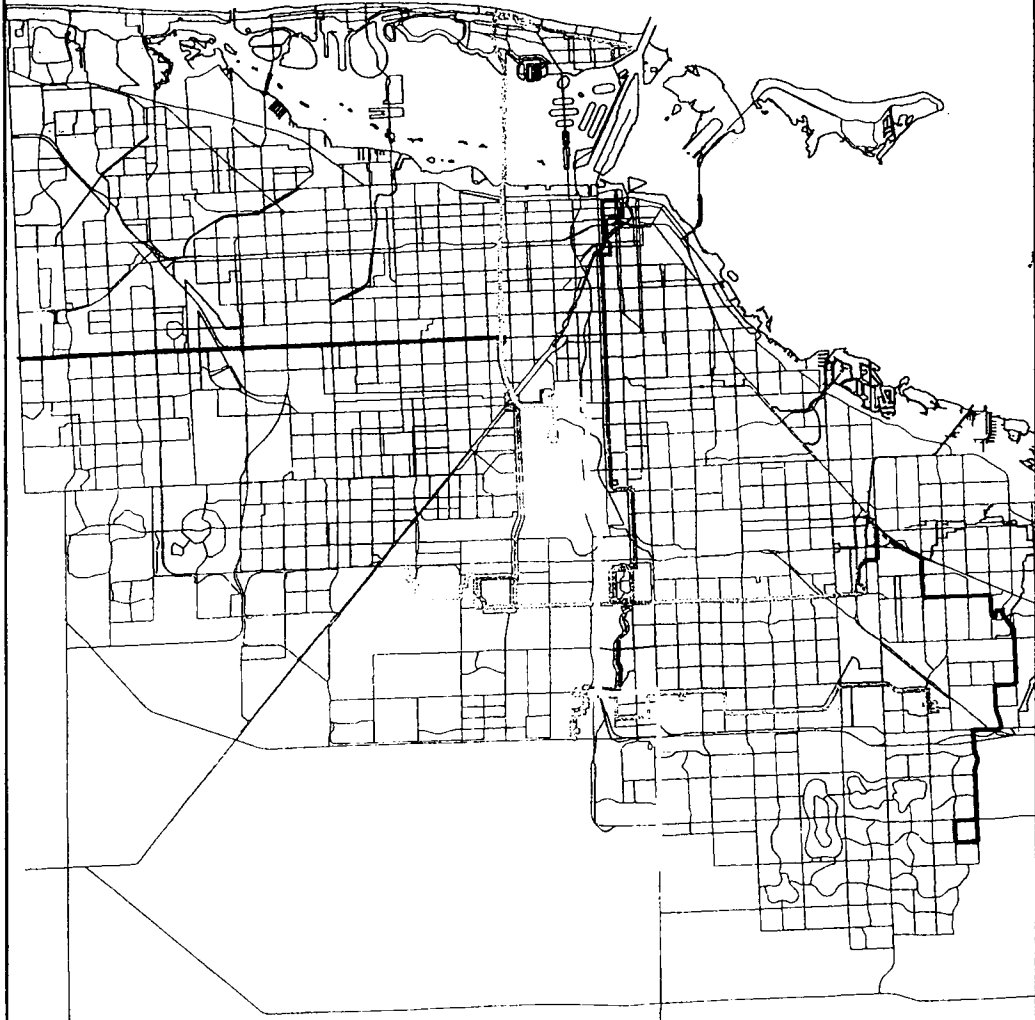
This grant application was submitted to FTA on June 7, 2010 and awarded on August 9, 2010. The application was for \$1,976,782 from FY 2008 funds and \$2,038,360 from FY 2009 funds. MDT will use these funds to continue and expand routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County. The job sectors that will benefit include aviation, healthcare, food service, customer service, and retail.

  
Assistant County Manager



# Miami-Dade Transit

## JARC Routes



**LEGEND**

	Trunk Routes		Major Road
	27th Ave Enhanced Bus		Proprietary A983
	SW 8 St Enhanced Bus		Route 71
	SW 838 Express		Route 87
	Route 7		Route 132
	Route 71		Route 136
	Route 87		Route 150

\*Routes based on current A983 data from Miami-Dade Transit

This map was prepared by Miami-Dade County, Florida  
 Information Systems Services  
 Geographic Information Systems  
 www.miamidade.gov/ITS  
 October 21, 2010



# 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)(G)

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. 8(J)(1)(G)  
3-1-11

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

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND FISCAL YEAR 2009 SECTION 5316 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,015,142 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY (TEA-21); AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; AND AUTHORIZING USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS

**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,

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

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Section 1. That the Board ratifies the application and authorizes the County Mayor, his designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit Director (MDT), to accept grant funding from the USDOT for FY 2008 and FY 2009 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 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 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.



Bruce Libhaber





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



Legislative Notes

**Agenda Item:** 8(J)1(G)  
**File Number:** 110201  
**Committee(s) of Reference:** Board of County Commissioners  
**Date of Analysis:** February 4, 2011  
**Type of Item:** Grant Application (Federal)

**Summary**

With the approval of this item the County Mayor or his designee, or the Director of Miami-Dade Transit will have the authority to apply for and expend grant funds from the Job Access and Reverse Commute program. These grant funds, which require a local contribution, will support the implementation of new and the expansion of existing Metrobus routes.

**Background and Relevant Legislation**

The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program funds transportation projects designed to help low-income individuals access to employment and related activities where existing transit is either unavailable, inappropriate, or insufficient. The JARC program also funds reverse commute transit services available to the general public. A reverse commute is a round trip, regularly taken, from a metropolitan area to a suburban one in the morning, and returning in the evening.

Miami-Dade County Transit annually applies for and receives JARC grant funding to underwrite the continuation or expansion of existing transit bus routes. The routes identified to be impacted by this current grant application include:

Route	Major Job Sites Serviced by this Route
Rt. 7	Bayfront Park, Miami-Dade College (Wolfson Campus), American Airlines Arena, Downtown Miami, the Metropolitan Hospital and the Magic City Casino along N.W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, the Mall of Americas, and Miami International Mall.  Future use includes the new Marlins Stadium, Miami

	International Airport (MIA) and the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC).
Rt. 71	Dolphin Mall, Miami International Mall Florida International University (University Park Campus), Concord Shopping Center and Miami Dade College (Kendall Campus).  Future use includes the Palmetto Metrorail Station in Medley.
Rt. 87	Dadeland Mall and Mall of the Americas.  Future use includes the Medley Industrial area in Medley.
Rt. 132 (Tri-Rail Doral Shuttle)	Various businesses (hotels, restaurants, banks), MIA-related business along N.W. 36 <sup>th</sup> Street, the Atrium Shopping Center and the Doral Executive Center.
Rt. 136	The Falls Shopping Center, the Gloria M. Floyd Elementary School, the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport, the Immigration and Naturalization Office and Coconut Grove.
Rt. 150 Airport Flyer (Airport to South Beach Express)	Express bus service provided between MIA, Tri-Rail, Metrorail, and South Beach.  Future use is from Lincoln Road to South Pointe on Miami Beach, and the MIC.
Rt. S.W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Enhanced Bus/SR 836 Express	This new route will provide service from west Miami-Dade to the MIC, including Florida International University (University Park Campus). Direct access will be provided to the Metrorail, Tri-Rail, and MIA from the MIC.
Rt. North Corridor Enhanced Bus Service	Martin Luther King Metrorail Station, Brownsville Station, Miami Dade College North Campus, SunLife Stadium, and Calder Race Track.

**Policy Change and Implication**

Application and execution of this grant are actions consistent with the County's current policy regarding federal grants.

**Budgetary Impact**

This item represents a \$4,015,142 in federal grant funds. A local match of \$4,015,142 will be provided through Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) operating budget.

**Questions**

*Although the current and future on-going annual operating costs of the routes funded by this grant are budgeted within the 29.2 million revenue miles as stated in the memorandum, has the local match*

**of \$4,015,142 been allocated in the adopted budget for FY 2010-11, since this item is ratifying FY 2008 and FY 2009 grants?**

*According to MDT, the funds are programmed to reimburse the Bus Division in FY 2010-2011.*

**Why is the County ratifying this item now instead of during FY 2008 and 2009?**

*According to MDT, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) is the designated recipient for the funds for the urbanized area (UZA). Last February they sent out a competition for 2008 and 2009 funding. MDT was selected to be the recipient of the award; subsequently, we applied and were awarded on August 9, 2010. In general, these funds lapse three years after they are awarded.*

**Will FY 2010 also need ratification?**

*The 2010 funds will open for competition sometime this month, February 2011.*

**Prepared By:** Jason T. Smith and Elizabeth N. Owens



Memorandum

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

**From:** Charles Scurr, Executive Director

**Date:** February 17, 2011

**Re:** RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC), THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND FISCAL YEAR 2009 SECTION 5316 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,015,142.00 FROM 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 AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; AND AUTHORIZING USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS (**MDT – BCC Legislative File No. 110201**)

On February 16, 2011, the CITT voted to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the approval of the above referenced item, CITT Resolution No. 11-007. The vote was as follows:

Hon. Linda Zilber, Chairperson – Absent  
Paul J. Schwiep, Esq., 1st Vice Chairperson – Aye  
Hon. Anna E. Ward, Ph.D., 2nd Vice Chairperson – Aye

Christopher Benjamin, Esq. – Absent	Harold Braynon, Jr. – Aye
David Concepcion – Aye	Joseph Curbelo – Aye
Glenn J. Downing, CFP® – Aye	Peter L. Forrest – Aye
Miles E. Moss, P.E. – Aye	Hon. James A. Reeder – Aye
William Sancho – Aye	Marilyn Smith – Absent

cc: Ysela Llort, Assistant County Manager  
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney