



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno Barreiro
and Members of the Regional
Transportation Committee

DATE: April 14, 2011

FROM: Diane Collins, Division Chief
Clerk of the Board Division

Diane Collins

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Regional Transportation Committee:

March 07, 2011

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Attachment



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)**

Board of County Commissioners

Stephen P. Clark Government Center
Commission Chambers
111 N.W. First Street
Miami, Florida 33128

March 7, 2011
As Advertised

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes Regional Transportation Committee

Bruno A. Barreiro (5) Chair; Carlos A. Gimenez (7) Vice Chair; Commissioners
Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Sally A. Heyman (4), Dennis C. Moss (9), and Javier D.
Souto (10)

Monday, March 7, 2011

4:02 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS, SPCC

Members Present: Bruno A. Barreiro, Carlos A. Gimenez, Dennis C. Moss, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A. Heyman.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Jill Thornton, Commission Reporter
(305) 375-2505*

1A INVOCATION

Report: *The Committee convened in a moment of silence,
followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present:
Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort; Assistant
County Attorney Bruce Libhaber and Deputy
Clerks Doris Dickens and Jill Thornton.*

*Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber advised
that the only requested change to today's (3/7)
agenda was to revise language in Agenda Item 2B,
which could be addressed now or when the item
was considered by the Committee.*

*Chairman Barreiro noted the change would be
addressed when the item was considered.*

1D SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

1D1

110471 Service Awards **Joe A. Martinez**
 PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE **Presented**
 FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

STEVEN ALBRITTON- AVIATION- 30 YEARS
 FLOYD A. CLEARE- TRANSIT- 30 YEARS
 CYNTHIA D. DAWSON- TRANSIT- 30 YEARS
 RALPH E. MORRIS- TRANSIT- 30 YEARS
 MIKEAL B. PORTER- TRANSIT- 30 YEARS
 EULA M. SMITH- TRANSIT- 30 YEARS
 CHRISTOPHER TOBE- TRANSIT- 30 YEARS

1E DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1E1

110481 Discussion Item **Bruno A. Barreiro**
 METRORAIL CONTROL CENTER - RFP 725 **No Action Taken**

Report: *Chairman Barreiro noted the Inspector General (IG) advised that he was not ready to respond to the request that was made of him at the last committee meeting (02/07) regarding a letter that raised concerns about the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the Metrorail Control Center, and to investigate the status of this RFP 725 and find out how it got to the point it was at currently. He noted the IG would notify the Committee when the foregoing item should be placed on the agenda for a discussion.*

2 PUBLIC HEARING

2A

110389 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF SHARES OF STOCK OF FLORIDA MEDI-VAN AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. TO NATIONAL HEALTH TRANSPORT, INC. (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Barreiro opened the public hearing for those wishing to speak in connection with this resolution, and the following person appeared:

Mr. Jorge L. Navarro, Attorney, Lasarte Law Firm, 3470 NW 82nd Avenue, appeared on behalf of National Health Transport Inc. (NHT) and its principal, Mr. Raul Rodriguez, in support of this resolution. Mr. Navarro noted American Medical Response (AMR) submitted a letter objecting to this application, alleging that NHT had not complied with the Code; however, no evidence was submitted on the record to indicate this was true. He added that NHT submitted financial statements, credit references and a market plan showing its financial stability, as well as letters of support from other municipalities and a background check revealing the operator was in good standing. Mr. Navarro requested that the Committee deny AMR's request imposing a condition that NHT not be allowed to obtain additional permits, because it would place NHT at a competitive disadvantage.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak in connection with this item, Chairman Barreiro closed the public hearing, and the Committee proceeded to vote on the proposed resolution as presented.

2B

110394 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION TO DILLARD-LEWIS, INC. D/B/A HIGHLAND EXPRESS SHUTTLE SERVICE TO PROVIDE CONTRACT CARRIER SERVICE AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Consumer Services Department)

Amended

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2B Amended; Legislative File No. 110555 for the amended version.)*

2B Amended

110555 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION TO DILLARD-LEWIS, INC. D/B/A HIGHLAND EXPRESS SHUTTLE SERVICE TO PROVIDE CONTRACT CARRIER SERVICE AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 110394) (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 4-0

*Excused: Edmonson
, Heyman*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record, and a proposed revision to add language to the 4th line of the "Now Therefore" clause so that it would read, "...motor carrier for services as provided in the Transportation Agreement (Attachment A) to Dillard Lewis, Inc. d/b/a Highland Express Shuttle Service is approved."*

Chairman Barreiro opened the public hearing for those wishing to speak in connection with this resolution, and the following person appeared:

Mr. Ray Allen, Attorney, Carlton Fields Law Firm, 4221 West Boy Scout Road, Tampa, Florida, appeared on behalf of his client, Dillard Lewis, Inc., in support of this resolution. He advised that his client met all the criteria in the Code, and agreed to staff's recommendation and the proposed amendment.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak in connection with the foregoing resolution, Chairman Barreiro closed the public hearing and the Committee proceeded to vote on the resolution as amended to add the language "for services as provided in the Transportation Agreement (attachment A)" to the 4th line of the "Now therefore" paragraph on handwritten page 7, after the words "motor carrier."

Later in the meeting, Chairman Barreiro requested that staff prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that Chairman Martinez waive the Board of County Commissioners' rules and procedures and allow the foregoing resolution to be forwarded to the March 15, 2011 County Commission meeting for consideration.

2C

110301 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A REGIONAL EASY CARD LINK-UP PRODUCT AND
TRANSFER FARE FOR PATRONS TRANSFERRING
FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SFRTA)/TRI-RAIL
INTO THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) SYSTEM AND
INCORPORATING SAID FARES INTO THE MDT
SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES AND
CHARGES (Miami-Dade Transit)

Amended

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2C Amended; Legislative File
No. 110566)*

2C Amended

110566 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL EASY CARD LINK-UP PRODUCT AND TRANSFER FARE FOR PATRONS TRANSFERRING FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SFRTA)/TRI-RAIL INTO THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) SYSTEM AND INCORPORATING SAID FARES INTO THE MDT SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES AND CHARGES [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 110301] (Miami-Dade Transit)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Barreiro opened the public hearing and closed it after seeing no one wishing to speak in connection with this resolution.

Chairman Barreiro stated he believed that the proposed transfer fee policies were an issue and transit's ridership would increase in the coming months due to a continual increase in gasoline prices. He noted transit fares needed to be kept low to ensure the growth in ridership was sustained. Chairman Barreiro asked if any modifications were made to the original recommendations for the transfer fee policies.

Mr. Harpal Kapoor, Director, Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDTA), noted staff reviewed the transfer fee policies of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and found them to be similar to MDTA's internal policies. He also noted MDTA recommended maintaining SFRTA's transfer fee policies, which were to charge riders fifty cents (\$0.50) to transfer from bus to rail and one dollar (\$1.00) to transfer from Metrorail to Tri-Rail. He pointed out that MDTA charged riders nothing to transfer from bus to bus. Mr. Kapoor noted for non-frequent riders who purchased an Easy ticket, the recommended transfer fees were as follows: \$1.00 to transfer from SFRTA's Tri-rail to Metrorail, \$0.50 to transfer from Tri-Rail to buses at Golden Glades, and \$0.85 to transfer from Tri-Rail to the Broward or Dade I-95 express bus routes. Mr. Kapoor noted MDTA was working with the SFRTA to keep the fares simple and reasonable in order to sustain ridership.

Commissioner Souto agreed with Chairman

Barreiro's argument regarding the importance of mass transit. He noted he previously voiced his concern about some constituents being unable to drive a car, and the difficulty they had in traveling. He also noted staff should explore ways to connect different modes of transit to each other and ensure equitable transit services for everyone regardless of their economic standing.

Mr. Kapoor responded to Commissioner Gimenez' inquiry regarding whether the current cost of a monthly pass would increase from \$100 to \$140 under this proposal; and if so, how this proposal would impact riders who traveled only within MDTA's system. Mr. Kapoor noted the foregoing proposal would allow patrons to purchase a Regional EASY Card Link-up product for \$140 per month from either MDTA or SFRTA (\$100 fare for a monthly pass and \$40 for the link-up fee) to travel unlimited between both systems. He advised that the non-frequent riders would need to purchase an EASY ticket with a cash value stored on it and pay the appropriate transfer fees. Currently, he explained, no transfer fee policy existed for patrons transferring into MDTA's system from Broward or Palm Beach County; however, such a policy was needed in order to cover MDTA's operational costs.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Gimenez and Mr. Kapoor regarding patrons who transferred from Broward and Palm Beach counties into MDTA's system, and County taxpayers having to basically subsidize the cost of those patrons riding MDTA's system for free, at \$1.50 per boarding (the difference between the \$3.50 cost per boarding and the \$2.00 fee that MDTA charged those riders).

Mr. Clinton Forbes, Assistant to the Director, MDTA, clarified that currently, a Tri-Rail rider originating from Broward or Palm Beach County with a monthly pass could transfer into MDTA's system for free, but the occasional Tri-Rail rider without a monthly pass, had to pay \$0.50 to do so. Responding further to Commissioner Gimenez' inquiries, Mr. Forbes noted the State provided a small subsidy of \$2 million that was divided evenly among the three counties (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach) to pay for two connecting commuter routes (Route Nos. 132 and 133). He further noted the current proposal to require patrons to purchase a regional link-up monthly pass for an additional \$40.00 per month would cover all transfer costs throughout the tri-county

region, and would allow patrons to ride unlimited within the three systems.

Mr. Forbes responded to Commissioner Gimenez' question of what the cost was for riders with a monthly Tri-Rail Pass, originating from Broward and Palm Beach, to transfer to MDTA's system and travel back to their points of origin. He noted that currently, riders originating from those two counties who transferred to/from MDTA's system did so for free.

Responding to Commissioner Gimenez' comment that the number of riders who transferred from Broward and Palm Beach to MDC was greater than the number of riders who transferred from MDC to Tri-Rail, Mr. Forbes affirmed that this was the case. He noted approximately 20,000 transfers were made per month from Broward and Palm Beach Counties to MDC, and approximately 2,500 transfers were made per month from MDC to Tri-Rail (a difference of 17,500).

Later in the meeting, Assistant County Manager Ysela Llord clarified that the number of trips Mr. Forbes spoke of were made daily, not monthly. She noted 6,500 SFRTA passengers transferred daily from Tri-Rail stations to MDC, and 2,500 passengers transferred daily from MDC to Tri-Rail.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' comment that MDTA received no compensation for the difference of 17,500 trips, and his question regarding what the cost was for a patron with a monthly pass purchased in MDC to transfer to the Tri-Rail, Mr. Forbes noted that monthly pass was not valid on the Tri-Rail, but the patron would receive a \$1.75 discount off of a one-way \$6.90 Tri-Rail ticket to travel to the last Tri-Rail station. In response to Commissioner Gimenez' concern that this did not seem fair, Mr. Forbes pointed out that at the time the Tri-Rail system was created, all three counties agreed to allow Tri-Rail riders to transfer into their respective systems for free.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' inquiry regarding what impact this proposal would have on riders who transferred from MDTA's system to the Tri-Rail, Mr. Forbes noted SFRTA has committed to increasing the discount from \$1.75 to \$2.00 for the occasional rider to transfer from MDC to the Tri-Rail. Responding further, Mr. Forbes noted the proposed \$1.00 and \$0.50 transfer fees for the occasional rider were

consistent with Broward County's transfer fees. He also noted that under this proposal, riders qualifying for the Golden Passport could purchase a link-up Golden Passport for an additional \$20 per month that would allow them to ride unlimited on all systems. He noted that the Golden Passport holders currently pay the full fare discounted by \$1.75 to transfer from Metro-Rail to the Tri-Rail and back.

Following Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding whether this proposal would benefit the riders and taxpayers of MDC, and following Mr. Kapoor and Mr. Forbes response affirming that was correct, Commissioner Gimenez said he would support this proposal because it would provide MDC with funds to cover the cost of those riders who did not reside in or pay taxes to MDC, but used its system for free; and it would provide some savings for those MDC riders who traveled in the other direction.

Mr. Joseph Giuliatti, Executive Director, SFRTA/Tri-Rail, advised that MDC had the least amount of riders transferring to the Tri-Rail, and that Palm Beach County had the greatest number; however, the number of riders using the Tri-Rail without transferring to another transit system was almost evenly divided among the three counties. He noted that up to last Friday (03/04), riders could transfer to/from the Tri-Rail for free, but Palm Beach County implemented a fee of \$0.50 to transfer from the Tri-Rail to a bus and full fare to transfer back. Mr. Giuliatti noted MDC had fully cooperated with the SFRTA in developing a regional system and fare, but unfortunately Broward and Palm Beach had not, so Palm Beach would now charge its riders \$0.50 to transfer in one direction and full fare to transfer the other direction and Broward County would charge \$0.50 to transfer in each direction. He noted SFRTA was trying to find an equitable solution and, hopefully, would work out a regional fare between the three counties. In addition, Mr. Giuliatti noted SFRTA was still in the process of installing machines to process fare cards, and therefore requested the Committee make its transfer fare collection policy effective on May 1, rather than April 1, 2011.

Commissioner Moss asked if any consideration was ever given to allow riders living in and paying taxes to MDC to transfer to Tri-Rail for free, since they helped subsidize riders who transferred from Broward and Palm Beach Counties to MDC's

system for free. He also asked if residency requirements were included in this proposal, to prevent persons residing in other counties from purchasing a regional pass from MDC.

Mr. Forbes noted that SFRTA's Board would have to consider if MDC could be held harmless for its 2,500 riders that transfer to Tri-Rail, but noted that if SFRTA suggested this be done, the other two counties might want SFRTA to suggest a reciprocated agreement for them.

Commissioner Moss noted he understood that Broward County charged its residents \$0.50 to transfer one way and nothing for the return trip, in order to help them. He asked what the County could do to help its residents, who subsidized MDC's system to cover the cost of those riders originating from Broward and Palm Beach and transferred to MDC's system for free.

Mr. Giulietti noted, two years ago, MDC began charging riders \$0.50 to obtain a transfer, as a way to cover some fraud occurring within its system. He explained that the Director of Broward County's transit system was concerned that when that \$0.50 was collected from riders transferring into Broward's system, Broward could not collect it; therefore, in October 2009, he implemented a \$0.50 charge for anyone transferring into Broward's system, including Tri-Rail passengers. Mr. Giulietti noted that in response to Broward's action, Palm Beach County implemented a \$0.50 transfer charge. Mr. Giulietti emphasized that MDC was also being subsidized with federal funds, and the Federal government considered whether fares were charged equitably across the board and not just in one county.

Chairman Barreiro noted he disagreed with the reasons stated for why MDC began charging a \$0.50 transfer fee.

Mr. Forbes noted, pursuant to Florida State Statutes, the three counties provided a combined operational and capital subsidy of \$4.2 million to Tri-Rail.

Mr. Giulietti added that although \$3 million for operational support was allocated each year to each county through a special legislative session, none of the counties received additional funding to cover their losses. He stated that he personally committed to going before the SFRTA Board to recommend MDC riders receive an additional

\$0.25 discount off the Tri-Rail fare; however, he was not in a position to say whether SFRTA was able to give a greater discount. He noted SFRTA was truly meeting its budget, which was reduced by \$3 million, and only got the minimum amount mandated by the Legislature. He noted SFRTA had no other means to generate additional revenues, and was under a mandate to get fifty (50) trains running, or forfeit the full federal grant supporting it.

It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the County Commission with a favorable recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Souto, followed by more discussion.

Commissioner Souto asked whether the SFRTA Board had met regularly to discuss these issues, and had realized that MDC would not continue paying the cost for a vast number of riders who lived in other counties to transfer to MDTA's system. He noted he was quite certain that if a study was conducted on income per capita, it would reflect greater income in both Broward and Palm Beach Counties than in MDC.

Mr. Giulietti responded to Commissioner Moss' inquiry of whether an analysis was done to determine the reason for the 17,500 difference in riders who transferred to MDC compared to those who transferred out of MDC. Mr. Giulietti noted the last analysis done was the 2000 Census, which showed the number of travelers into MDC had doubled compared to the number of travelers out of MDC. He advised that members of this Committee would be receiving a report within the next few months reflecting a complete break down on the number of people crossing the counties' lines, and that this information had already been delivered to the Census Bureau.

Following Mr. Kapoor's comments that a prior study on the EASY card showed the number of riders entering MDC from the other two counties was the highest during rush hour (between 8 and 9 AM), Commissioner Moss asked Mr. Kapoor to review the study to see what could be learned about the difference in ridership.

Mr. Giulietti responded to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding whether support for the Tri-Rail was included in this year's State legislative package. He noted finding a dedicated source for Tri-Rail has always been a priority of the three

counties; the SFRTA Board was still wrestling with the current Administration on these matters, and agreed unanimously to represent all three counties in Tallahassee regarding these matters.

Chairman Barreiro noted the legislature, under the Sun Rail package, guaranteed SFRTA a certain amount for the next few years, which was like dedicated funds, but in reality, could be rescinded at any time.

Assistant County Manager Llorca noted that although Chairman Barreiro raised the issue of rising fuel prices being an opportunity to incentivize transit, MDTA was also a victim of higher fuel costs and its overhead operating expenditures continued to increase as a result. She also noted that nothing in this proposal would impact riders who currently purchase a \$100 monthly Metrorail pass and ride unlimited within MDC's transit system.

Hearing no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed motion on the floor, which passed 4-0 (Commissioners Edmonson and Heyman were absent).

Later in the meeting, the Committee, by motion duly made, seconded and carried, approved to reconsider the foregoing resolution for an amendment to reflect the effective date of the transfer fare collection policies as May 1, 2011 rather than April 1, 2011.

Chairman Barreiro asked members of staff if they were in agreement with the amended date, to which Mr. Kapoor responded "yes."

The Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution to the County Commission with a favorable recommendation, with committee amendment(s) to reflect May 1, 2011 as the effective date of the transfer fare collection policy rather than April 1, 2011, as requested by Mr. Joseph Giulietti, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail.

3 COUNTY COMMISSION

3A

110235 Resolution

Carlos A. Gimenez,

Sally A. Heyman, Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE UP TO EIGHTY (80) TRANSIT PASSES PER MONTH FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY THROUGH MAY, 2011 AND TO PROVIDE UP TO 125 TRANSIT PASSES PER MONTH FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, 2011 THROUGH MAY, 2012 TO CITY YEAR TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ITS VOLUNTEERS SERVING WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN EXCHANGE FOR NO LESS THAN 2,478 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES IN FURTHERANCE OF BEAUTIFICATION OR OTHER RELATED SERVICES AT OR NEAR TRANSIT FACILITIES

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on this resolution as presented.

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

110277 Resolution

RESOLUTION RELATING TO OPA-LOCKA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT; RATIFYING EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 TO THE "OTHER TRANSACTION AGREEMENT" WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE BY \$882,128 THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION PORTION OF THE AIRPORT'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on this resolution as presented.

4B

110404 Resolution

RESOLUTION RELATING TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; RATIFYING EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-285(6) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OF SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT NO. 1 (AGREEMENT NO. 42043419401) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) UNDER WHICH FDOT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$396,927 FOR THE ANTICIPATED EQUIPMENT COST INCREASES RELATED TO THE A380 GATE MODIFICATION PROJECT AT THE AIRPORT (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Commissioner Moss asked to hear a brief summary from the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) Director on what was needed at Miami International Airport (MIA) to accommodate the arrival of new, jumbo airplanes.

Mr. Jose Abreu, Director, MDAD, noted MIA's air field was ready to receive the new A380 Airbus and the Boeing 747-800 cargo plane; however, the A380 was a large, two-story aircraft that required three loading bridges. He noted the original plan was to have three gates ready for the A380, but now MIA was in the process of retrofitting Gate J-17 at the South Terminal to add a bridge on top of its two existing bridges, and this modification was near to being completed. Mr. Abreu noted he did not have a firm commitment from Lufthansa Airlines that it would be bringing the A380 Airbus to MIA, but hoped it would, once the Gate modification was completed.

Commissioner Moss stated the County needed to be proactive in making MIA ready for receiving larger aircrafts. He asked if all three bridges would serve passengers or cargo.

Mr. Abreu noted all three bridges would serve passengers; the upper level bridge would serve passengers flying first class, and the lower two bridges would serve passengers flying coach. He pointed out the correct type of holding area was also needed, and MIA would now operate one gate instead of three, until a commitment was received from Lufthansa Airlines.

Commissioner Souto noted, last year, he toured the factory in Toulouse, France where Airbuses were built, and found it to be quite impressive. He said he did not notice any planes being built by/for American companies at this facility. He also said he felt Airbuses were very important for MIA. Commissioner Souto asked what the ratio of Airbuses to Boeings was at MIA, to which Mr. Abreu noted the ratio was about 60/40, with Boeing being the greater number.

Commissioner Souto noted, for many years, Miami-Dade had little going for it than the MIA, which was now a jewel of this community. He noted it was crucial that MIA be maintained and modernized to ensure the A380 Airbus was workable there. Commissioner Souto commended Mr. Abreu on his efforts to ensure MIA was kept clean and well-lit. Responding to his question regarding whether Australia's Qantas Airline had a direct cargo flight to MIA, Mr. Abreu noted it did.

Commissioner Moss noted he had an opportunity to tour the Toulous Airbus factory while visiting France in the '90s to see the Paris Air Show. He also noted that since then, he has sponsored resolutions to conduct similar air shows in Miami-Dade County. He spoke in support of this resolution.

Hearing no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on this resolution as presented.

4C

110387 Resolution

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FY 2011 NATIONAL CLEAN DIESEL FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,956,539 AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,234; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND AMENDMENTS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE AND EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE APPLICATION AND EXERCISE AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, RENEWAL, CANCELLATION AND TERMINATION CLAUSE (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on this resolution as presented.

4D

110272 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,919 FOR THE OPERATION AND REALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 133 BUS FEEDER SERVICE TO HIALEAH MARKETPLACE TRI-RAIL STATION; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA (Miami-Dade Transit)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on this resolution as presented.

4E

110300 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,764.58 BETWEEN LEYRAM CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) RAMPS AND CONNECTORS CONTRACT, LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICT 3 (PROJECT MCC 7040 PLAN – CICC 7040-0/07, REQUEST FOR PRICE QUOTATION (RPQ) NO. 20100694) AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on this resolution as presented.

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7A

110483 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2011 MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

8 REPORTS

Regional Transportation Committee

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 07, 2011

8A

110403 Report

PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN 90-DAY REPORT
4TH QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (County
Manager)

Report Received

Mover: Gimenez

Secunder: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read
the title of the foregoing report into the record.*

8B

110469 Report

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE MIAMI
INTERMODAL CENTER (County Manager)

Report Received

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the title of the foregoing report into the record.*

Commissioner Souto asked Miami Dade Transit Agency (MDTA) Director Harpal Kapoor and Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to ensure all areas surrounding Miami-Dade County Public Transportation facilities, particularly the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC)-Earlington Heights station, remained clean, well-lit and secured at all times.

Chairman Barreiro noted last Friday (03/04), the Chairman of the House of Representatives Transportation Committee was in Miami showcasing the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC), MIA and MDTA's system to the delegation with him, and it appeared that he was very proud and excited about those projects. He also noted staff was considering conducting workshops, meetings and presentations at various project sites to allow others to see first hand the progress on these projects.

Commissioner Moss asked Assistant County Manager Llort to submit a report through the Committee process, updating the Committee on the status of all major on-going transit projects, including the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC)-Miami International Airport (MIA) North Terminal, and the Seaport Dredge Project, as well as the Interstate 395, State Road 836 and Palmetto Expressway Projects.

Commissioner Souto asked Ms. Llort to ensure that monthly updates on the status of these projects were presented to the Regional Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Gimenez expressed appreciation to Florida Governor Rick Scott for his \$75 million initiative to fund the Seaport Dredge, noting he believed this project was tremendously important for Miami-Dade County. He asked Mr. Gary Dunn, Florida Department of Transportation

(FDOT), to address this announcement and whether the funds identified by Governor Scott would come from the rail project fund or another fund.

Mr. Gary Dunn, FDOT, noted he was not sure if the funds would result from a state-wide or district allocation, but FDOT was directed by the Governor just last Friday to adjust its work program, and was awaiting further direction.

Commissioner Gimenez noted it was well-known that Governor Scott was opposed to using federal funds to construct a High Speed Rail in Florida. He asked if \$300 million was allocated by the State for this project and what the eligible uses of the funds were.

Mr. Dunn noted he believed \$300 million was the correct amount allocated by the State Legislature for this project; however, he was unsure of what the funds could be used for. He noted some of the funds were directed to begin operating the newly created Florida Rail Enterprise, and some may have been used to conduct a study to explore the routes from Orlando to Miami.

Commissioner Gimenez asked Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to work with Mr. Gary Dunn, Florida Department of Transportation, to prepare a report on the High Speed Rail project for review at the April 11th Committee Meeting. He asked that this report include information on whether or not the High Speed Rail project was still in the pipeline; how the \$300 million set aside for this project could be used; and for what type of projects this money could be used in Miami-Dade County, if the High Speed Rail Project was not implemented.

Commissioner Souto concurred with this request, and suggested the Miami-Dade Delegation be invited to report before this Committee on the designation and use of these funds.

Commissioner Moss noted he believed that no other county had as many transit-related projects in process as Miami-Dade County had, and that it was important that the County not lose track of them. He noted the County should be able to showcase its projects to the community to enlighten them on the progress.

Ms. Ysela Llort noted she was delighted in the Committee's interest to visit project sites and learn

about their progress. However, as to Item 8C, she noted staff was directed at the last Committee meeting (02/07) to provide a report on the MIC projects and was prepared to present it today or if the Committee desired, staff could present it later.

Chairman Barreiro said he felt a presentation made at the project site would have a greater impact, but asked that this report be placed on the April 11th RTC meeting agenda for staff to brief the Committee on the status of this project.

8C

110428 Report

MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER ORAL REPORT (County Manager)

Deferred to April 11, 2011

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

Report: Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the title of the foregoing report into the record.

(See Agenda Item 8B; Legislative File No. 110469 for the report.)

110773 Report

NON-AGENDA ITEMS REPORT FOR THE MARCH 07, 2011 RTC MEETING

Report: Commissioner Souto noted the Miami International Agricultural and Cattle Show was an important annual event that attracted many tourists, and generated funding to support the Autism Society. He noted this year's event was scheduled to be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 & 20, at the Tamiami Park, and should be promoted. He also noted the admission was free and everyone was invited.

Commissioner Souto asked Miami Dade Transit Agency (MDTA) Director Harpal Kapoor and Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to prepare signs welcoming the public to the 2011 Miami International Agricultural and Cattle Show and to ensure that posters and other materials promoting this event were visible throughout Miami International Airport, the Port of Miami, in bus and train stations, including the Amtrak train station, and in other county facilities.

9 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before this Committee, the Regional Transit Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.*