



MEMORANDUM
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RTC
Agenda Item No. 5(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Regional Transportation Committee

DATE: March 12, 2012

FROM: Christopher Agrippa
Division Chief, Clerk of the Board Division

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:

February 13, 2012 RTC Meeting

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

Meeting Minutes

Regional Transportation Committee

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

Monday, February 13, 2012

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Bruno A. Barreiro, Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A. Heyman, Xavier L. Suarez.

Members Absent: Javier D. Souto.

Members Late: Dennis C. Moss .

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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

1A MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were also present: Deputy Mayor/County Manager Alina Hudak; Deputy Mayor Jack Osterholt; Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jill Thornton.*

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber noted there were no changes to today's agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that today's (02/13) agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Souto was absent).

1F1

120023 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 30262 FROM KEY WEST ADVENTURES CORP. TO ADVENTURE LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Sustainability, Planning & Economic Enhancement)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

Report: *Hearing no objection, the Committee considered Agenda Items 1F1, 1F2, 1F3 and 1F4 simultaneously.*

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolutions into the record.

Chairman Barreiro opened the public hearing for persons wishing to speak in connection with these resolutions. He closed the public hearing after no one appeared wishing to speak.

Regarding Agenda Item 1F4, Commissioner Suarez inquired whether this resolution was related to an application for 15 new certificates. He also inquired whether the certificates applied to vehicles that resembled ambulances that were retrofitted to accommodate wheelchairs and stretchers. He further inquired what kinds of regulations applied to such vehicles, and if there were any guarantees that these vehicles would not be used as ambulances.

Responding to Commissioner Suarez' inquiries, Mr. Mario Goderich, Deputy Director, Sustainability, Planning and Economic Enhancement Department (SPEED), confirmed that the application was for 15 new certificates for non-emergency medical vehicles that primarily take patients to and from their homes to medical facilities, and in this particular case, the vehicles can accommodate wheelchairs and stretchers. Mr. Goderich noted these vehicles were regulated and inspected by the SPEED, and were not licensed to provide ambulance services since they have no life-sustaining devices as have regular ambulances.

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

1F2

120024 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 30300 FROM FLORIDA TRANSTOURS, INC. TO AIRPORT TRANSTOURS, LLC TO PROVIDE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Sustainability, Planning & Economic Enhancement)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto*

Report: See Agenda Item 1F1; Legislative File No. 120023 for the report.

1F3

120025 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE (1) CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO DEMARCO TRANSPORTATION, LLC TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Sustainability, Planning & Economic Enhancement)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto*

Report: See Agenda Item 1F1; Legislative File No. 120023 for the report.

1F4

120026 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FIFTEEN (15) CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO NATIONAL HEALTH TRANSPORT, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Sustainability, Planning & Economic Enhancement)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto*

Report: See Agenda Item 1F1; Legislative File No. 120023 for the report.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

120225 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan,

Sally A. Heyman, Audrey M. Edmonson, Dennis C. Moss
RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF
DEVELOPMENT AT OPA-LOCKA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

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.*

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

120147 Resolution

Bruno A. Barreiro

RESOLUTION RELATING TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; APPROVING RESTATED AIRLINE USE AGREEMENT AND ITS EXHIBITS (RESTATED AUA); CONFIRMING CONTINUING VALIDITY OF THE PREVIOUS AIRLINE USE AGREEMENT UNTIL AIRLINES SIGN THE RESTATED AUA; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE RESTATED AUA TO ANY SIGNATORY AIRLINE THERETO EVEN THOUGH ALL AIRLINES HAVE NOT EXECUTED THE RESTATED AUA; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH RESTATED AUA FOLLOWING EXECUTION BY AN AIRLINE AND TO EXERCISE TERMINATION PROVISIONS THEREOF; APPROVING A MODIFIED RESTATED AUA FOR AMERICAN AIRLINES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PROFFER SUCH MODIFIED RESTATED AUA TO AMERICAN AIRLINES FOR ITS EXECUTION; CONFIRMING THE VALIDITY OF AMERICAN AIRLINES' CURRENT AUA AND ITS FIRST AMENDMENT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AMERICAN SIGNS THE MODIFIED RESTATED AUA (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Edmonson

Secunder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

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

Commissioner Moss addressed his inquiry to the Legal Department. He noted at present, the Airline Use Agreement (AUA) required all airlines to sign off on any changes before they became effective. He inquired how the American Airlines (AA) bankruptcy process would affect this agreement, and whether at some point, AA would be required to sign the Restated AUA.

Assistant County Attorney Thomas (Tim) Abbott, Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD), noted the County Attorney(s) would have to wait for AA to announce when they were ready to sign on to the AUA. He noted this was a fairly significant matter for AA to deal with, and that it was too early in the bankruptcy proceedings for the airline to make a decision. Most likely, the airline would agree to sign the agreement, but would probably adjust the \$25 million, the Assistant County Attorney noted.

Commissioner Moss noted at some point, all the airlines would be expected to sign on to the Restated AUA, and that eventually, American

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Airlines would also need to sign on. He inquired whether from that point, there would still need to be a 100 percent agreement of the signatory airlines before any additional changes were made.

Mr. Abbott explained that back in the early 2000s, the airlines insisted on having a clause prohibiting any changes to the AUA unless every single signatory airline agreed to it, in order to protect them from the Legal Department working on a separate deal with any particular airline. On the other hand, it was a disadvantage to the airlines because changes could not be made to the agreement without 100 percent of the airlines agreeing to it. To bridge that gap, this resolution gave the County Mayor the authority to execute the Restated AUA and to apply the terms of that agreement to those airlines that had signed it. He also noted that MDAD made the decision to accommodate the airlines' request for proposed changes, and would apply those changes to the airlines that had signed the Restated AUA, although technically they were not legally effective. Mr. Abbott explained that this would be an accommodation during the interim period, until 100 percent of the airlines signed off.

In response to Commissioner Moss' inquiry, Mr. Abbott confirmed that in the interim, the previous AUA would apply to those airlines that had not signed on to the Restated AUA.

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

3B

120139 Resolution

RESOLUTION RELATING TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE OF GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA AIRPORTS COUNCIL FOR \$5,000 TO PROVIDE FOR STUDENT INTERNS (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Suarez
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

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

Commissioner Moss inquired whether the County had an agreement with Florida Memorial University (FMU) that was similar to the foregoing proposed agreement.

Ms. Bobby Jones-Wilfork, Assistant Director, Aviation Department, confirmed that the County had a similar program with FMU.

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

3C

120140 Resolution

RESOLUTION RELATING TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; RATIFYING ACTION OF MAYOR'S DESIGNEE IN APPROVING AND EXECUTING, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-285(6) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER FINANCIAL PROJECT NUMBER 42926519401 FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$841,250 TO PARTIALLY OFFSET THE COST OF THE CONCOURSE D (EAST) ROOF REHABILITATION PROJECT (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

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.

3D

120134 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERNSHIP AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE AND THE MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT FOR STUDENT INTERNS PURSUING CAREERS IN AVIATION; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE, AMEND AND EXTEND SUCH AGREEMENT AS REQUIRED (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

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.

3E

120034 Resolution

Bruno A. Barreiro

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MIAMI FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR, COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, OR MDT DIRECTOR TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Transit)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconded: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

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

Commissioner Edmonson inquired when the County could expect the City to provide a fee structure for public transportation services, pursuant to the foregoing proposed Interlocal agreement.

Mr. Albert Sosa, Director, City of Miami's Capital Improvements and Transportation Program, responded that the City Commission decided to provide a free service in the short to mid-term, but had not decided when a fee structure would be enacted for the long-term. However, they did not currently foresee the enactment of a fee structure within the next year, he added.

Chairman Barreiro pointed out that this was not really a free service, as it was paid for through other funding sources.

Commissioner Heyman concurred, adding that the service was free to passengers, but was paid for by the taxpayers. She expressed concern regarding who would assume the costs for special shuttle services to special events, noting it was her understanding that the County was restricted from having a special fee structure for passengers because it received federal funding. She inquired how the County would be able to recoup its costs; and whether the County would impose a fee to the riders or pay for the proposed service routes.

Director of Miami-Dade Transit, Ysela Llor, advised that the Department had applied for a \$234,000 'Job Access Reverse Commute' grant from the Federal Government that would fund 50 percent of the shuttle service from the Culmer Station to the Marlins Baseball Stadium; and staff would be working with the Department's advertising company to seek additional funding

for the remaining 50 percent. She stressed, however, that the County would not be providing free shuttle services.

Commissioner Heyman inquired why, if the City also received federal funding for transit, could it use its discretion and charge for some services and not for others, whereas the County could not.

Assistant County Attorney Libhaber explained that there was nothing prohibiting the County from having a fixed route like the City of Miami, provided it was clearly established as a fixed route, with a set fee that did not fluctuate. However, according to federal law, the County could not implement a special limited-use route and charge a higher price for that route.

Commissioner Heyman expressed appreciation to Mr. Libhaber for his explanation. She noted she had responded to concerns from her constituency and she wanted them to understand the reason for the fee for this service.

Chairman Barreiro inquired whether the City's trolley system was funded by the Peoples Transportation Plan (PTP) and therefore, would not receive federal funding, which was the reason the City could waive the fees (charge no fare for this service).

Responding to Chairman Barreiro's inquiry, Ms. Alice Bravo, Assistant City Manager, City of Miami, confirmed that no federal dollars would be used for operating the City's trolley services, that it would be entirely funded by the City's allocation of PTP funds, and that use of federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) would be limited to the purchase of a discrete number of trolleys.

Commissioner Moss inquired whether the County could provide transportation services to the Sun Life Stadium if it provided a fixed route with a set fare to that location.

Mr. Libhaber noted a fixed route to that location already existed, which was serviced by the No. 27 bus.

Commissioner Moss inquired whether the issue was with subsidized governmental entities that provided charter services and competed with the private sector.

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Mr. Libhaber concurred that part of the issue was with governmental entities using federally subsidized vehicles to provide charter services, and competing with the private sector. He added that another prohibition of the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) would be to ask a third party to pay for the route the County operated.

Commissioner Moss inquired whether anyone had attempted to modify the current legislation to provide that the government could offer shuttle services if they were not provided by the private sector.

Mr. Libhaber said he was unfamiliar with whether any attempt had been made to modify the legislation. He noted the prohibitions were part of the existing FTA regulations, and recently made clear by the FTA. He reiterated that the County could provide shuttle services, provided the County established a fixed route with a set fee that did not fluctuate for any special event.

Commissioner Moss inquired whether any transit services currently provided, or being contemplated by the County, were already provided by the private sector.

Ms. Llort noted she was not aware of any private services discontinued or substituted due to the provision of public services. In fact, the County was very careful to avoid overlaps and competition with the private providers, and some County routes were currently under contract and operated by private providers, she noted.

Commissioner Moss stated that he would like to take a closer look at this issue with the County Attorney(s). He questioned the Transit Department Director's position with regard to the proposed routes.

Ms. Llort explained that although this proposal would impact some areas, it would provide more services and be beneficial to the public overall. She also noted the services provided by the City were a type of service that targeted a different market.

Commissioner Moss noted a concern had been raised about the lack of parking spaces at the Marlins Baseball Stadium, although he felt the residents of the neighborhood, particularly the surrounding homeowners, would welcome the economic opportunity to provide additional

parking. He said that parking had never been an issue at the Orange Bowl, and he believed that if another parking lot was not built on site, the existing parking spaces would be sufficient.

Chairman Barreiro noted this issue was taken out of context in a newspaper article written a while back. He noted one of the County's objectives was to encourage people to use mass transit systems more, and all efforts would focus on achieving that goal, which was the intent of the proposed trolley system. He said he believed that riders should not be charged a fee, and that the costs should be paid for by taxes or from a general fund. He clarified that the trolley system would not only service the Marlins Stadium, but would be a city-wide trolley system.

Commissioner Suarez said he concurred with Commissioner Moss regarding the parking spaces, noting he used to live near the Orange Bowl, and whenever the residents were asked to move their cars during the games, they never complained that this was an infringement on their rights. With regard to the proposed trolley system, Mr. Suarez noted the local retailers in Midtown requested that one trolley service be provided from Brickell to Midtown. He also noted he would welcome anything that enhanced mass transportation at a low cost.

Ms. Barbara Walters, 5020 SW 72nd Avenue, appeared before the Committee in opposition to this proposed resolution. She explained that she was opposed to the proposed trolley system because it did not appear to be well thought-out. Apparently the plan was developed several years ago, but traffic patterns had changed since then, she noted. The residents were originally told that the trolleys would cease operating at 8:00 pm. She also noted the trolleys purchased thus far were not hybrid, but diesel guzzling vehicles. In addition, Ms. Walters argued that the proposed trolley would impact current bus routes and service the same area as the Metro Mover and thus, would compete with that system, which is funded based on ridership. She suggested the County use its surtax dollars to fix sidewalks rather than purchase trolleys.

Chairman Barreiro pointed out that this issue had already been decided by the City of Miami. He added that this proposal was proffered and approved by the City, and that the County Commission was doing its best to move it forward.

Mr. John Hopkins, Executive Director of Green Mobility Network, appeared before the Commission in support of the foregoing proposed resolution. He explained that his company advocates for the expansion and improvement of public transit as well as facilities for walking, bicycling and running. He noted they loved the idea of free trolleys, but shared Ms. Walters' concern that this system would draw riders away from the Metro Mover system. He inquired whether the City could select routes that did not duplicate County routes.

Chairman Barreiro noted he believed the Interlocal agreement and the services provided should be monitored substantially throughout the process.

Assistant City Manager Alice Bravo pointed out that in all the meetings with the citizens thus far, their response to the proposed resolution had been very positive. She explained that the idea behind this proposal was to provide more public transportation services, encourage people to use public transit services in lieu of their vehicles, and alleviate traffic congestion on downtown streets.

Commissioner Heyman said she did not believe the trolley system would be competitive with the County's existing transit system; that on the contrary, it would expand the system and make it easier for the riders. She asked whether the concerns for duplicated routes were addressed at the public meetings.

Ms. Llort advised that some duplication of services would occur, but the trolley system would compliment the County's existing transit system rather than compete with it. She noted it did not make sense to split a route in order to avoid duplication. She suggested the system be monitored closely with gradual improvements.

Commissioner Heyman agreed with Mrs. Llort, and noted the information gathered during the monitoring process would be useful. She noted this type of transit system was successful in other large cities, and she supported this proposal.

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

Vice Chair Edmonson requested that this

resolution be waived on to the next Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Chairman Barreiro asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that Chairman Martinez waive the Board's rules and allow this proposed resolution to be forwarded for consideration at the February 21, 2012, County Commission meeting.

3F

120171 Resolution

Xavier L. Suarez

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO GABLES STATION LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ACROSS PROPERTY OWNED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, KNOWN AS THE METRORAIL SOUTH CORRIDOR (FOLIO 03-4120-000-0210), ADJACENT TO GABLES STATION, LLC PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 251 SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Transit)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Suarez
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto*

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.

3G

120157 Resolution

RESOLUTION WAIVING BID PROTEST PROCEDURES BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.4 OF THE COUNTY CODE; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 (B) OF THE COUNTY CODE, AND SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AWARD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$951,841.45 TO H & J ASPHALT INC. FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT ENTITLED ROADWAY RESURFACING - COUNTYWIDE (PROJECT MCC 7360 PLAN - CICC 7360-0/08 REQUEST FOR PRICE QUOTATION (RPQ) NO. 20110035) AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works & Waste Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

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

Commissioner Heyman commented that the County would save an additional \$51,000 through this contract.

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

3H

120165 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE \$74,637 IN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS THEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works & Waste Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

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 COUNTY ATTORNEY

5 CLERK OF THE BOARD

5A

120206 Report

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
JANUARY 9, 2012 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

5B

120249 Report

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
DECEMBER 12, 2011 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

6 REPORTS

6A

120166 Report

PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN 90-DAY REPORT
THIRD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 (Mayor)

Report Received**Mover: Heyman****Seconder: Edmonson****Vote: 4-0****Absent: Souto, Suarez**

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

Commissioner Moss asked Deputy Mayor/County Manager Alina Hudak to ensure future quarterly reports on the Peoples Transportation Plan (PTP) included the funding amounts awarded to each prime Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contractor and sub-contractor. He also asked Ms. Hudak to provide this Committee with a report on whether the synchronization of traffic signals had been successful in reducing traffic congestion. He pointed out that for a long time the Public Works Department had worked on getting the County's traffic signals synchronized. He inquired what kind of impact this was having on traffic flow and whether it helped to reduce congestion. He advised that if this analysis had not yet been done, it should be done in the future. Commissioner Moss also expressed his gratitude for the efforts of the Public Works and Waste Management Department, which had made a big difference in his district (DIST 9).

6B

120228 Report

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE MIAMI
INTERMODAL CENTER

(Mayor)

Report Received

Mover: Edmonson

Secunder: Heyman

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Souto, Suarez

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

Chairman Barreiro inquired when the connection between the Miami Intermodal Center and the Metrorail could be expected to be opened.

Responding to Chairman Barreiro's inquiry, Miami-Dade Transit Director Ysela Llorc explained that the project was on schedule, and according to the schedule, the civil and electrical work would be completed by late April or early May, but another six to eight weeks would be necessary to test the system and train the operators. She indicated that by mid-summer, the connection should be ready for use.

Chairman Barreiro noted a lot of people were anxiously awaiting this connection, which would extend the Metrorail to the Miami International Airport.

Commissioner Moss requested an update on the process of the 27th Avenue Corridor project.

Ms. Llorc explained that the applications for the Federal Transit Authority's New Starts Program were halted upon the Federal Government's request because the funding in the 30 year Pro forma was insufficient to maintain and operate the service. She said the Department obtained some funding from the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to implement a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) type of service along the corridor, which was on schedule.

Commissioner Moss questioned whether the properties already acquired would be instrumental in moving this process forward.

Ms. Llorc explained that the Transit Department had purchased a large out-parcel near the County line for a park and ride that would be considered as they examined how to provide the BRT service.

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Commissioner Moss asked Ms. Llort to provide him with an update on the status of the park and ride at SW 184th Street, off of Highway US 1.

Ms. Llort assured the Commissioner that the Transit Department would give him a briefing on this issue.

Chairman Barreiro noted how unfortunate it was that the 27th Avenue Corridor project had to be halted. He asked Ms. Llort to explore the possibility of the County partnering with the University of Miami and other local educational institutions to develop architectural and engineering designs for the 27th Avenue Corridor transit project at no cost to the County. He pointed out that this would be a wonderful project for the students and professors to work on.

6C

120251 Report

QUARTERLY AIRPORTLINK (MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER - EARLINGTON HEIGHTS) UPDATE (Mayor)

*Report Received
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Souto, Suarez*

6D

120081 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2012 - AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT ADVISORY BOARD FOR MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

*Report Received
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Souto, Suarez*

120364 Report

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Report: *1. Chairman Barreiro asked the Miami-Dade Transit Director to place priority on preparing an Invitation to Bid (ITB), or other appropriate solicitation in compliance with the County's procurement processes, that would expedite the installation of Mast Arm supports for traffic signal devices in older communities, specifically in the coastal areas.*

He asked that the Administration use its discretion in determining the best methodology.

2. Chairman Barreiro noted his intent to conduct an RTC workshop at the Miami International Airport next month and hold a tour. He noted he would coordinate with the County Administration to determine the specific date, time, etc., and provide that information to members of the Committee and the County Administration as soon as possible.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Regional Transportation Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.*