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Agenda Item No. 5(B)

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

**DATE:** October 15, 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:

September 10, 2012 RTC Meeting

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Attachment



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

**Board of County Commissioners**  
Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
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111 N.W. First Street  
Miami, Florida 33128

September 10, 2012  
As Advertised

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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)

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Monday, September 10, 2012

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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**Members Present:** Bruno A. Barreiro, Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss, Xavier L. Suarez.

**Members Absent:** Audrey M. Edmonson.

**Members Late:** Javier D. Souto 10:25:00 AM.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

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

**1A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**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: Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak; Deputy Mayor Jack Osterholt; Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber; and Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw and Jill Thornton.*

*Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber noted the following changes were requested in Board of County Commissioners' Chairman Joe A. Martinez' Memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Regional Transportation Committee Agenda," dated September 10, 2012: add Agenda Items 1E1, 3D, 3E, and 3F to the agenda, and defer Agenda Item 1F3, as requested by the County Mayor. In addition, he noted a scrivener's error in Agenda Item 3B, under the heading "Fiscal Impact" on page one of the Mayor's memorandum that should be corrected to reflect the funding amount from the MDAD Capital Improvement Program as \$5,978,672.90 instead of \$5,978,627.90. He also noted a page including the names of the County Commissioners and a "Whereas" paragraph that reads: "Whereas, a partnership between the two transit agencies extending the Route 297 through Broward County along University Drive as one seamless, limited stop, jointly operated bus route would connect more people to population and employment centers in both counties, while potentially increasing ridership for both transit systems" was inadvertently omitted from Agenda Item 2B.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that today's (09/10) Regional Transportation Committee agenda be approved along with the changes noted in the BCC Chairman's Memorandum of Changes, and those noted by Assistant County Attorney Libhaber. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioners Edmonson and Souto were absent).*

**1D**      **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1D1

121693 Service Awards

Joe A. Martinez

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE  
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

*Presented*

JOHN W. ELLISON JR. - AVIATION - 30 YEARS

MARIO MARTINEZ - AVIATION - 30 YEARS

DUCAISSE BENOIT - MDT - 30 YEARS

DELLA R. MUHAMMAD - MDT - 30 YEARS

**Report:** *John W. Ellison, Jr. was not present to receive his  
service award.*

1D2

121727 Special Presentation

Lynda Bell

MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF BUDGETS FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

Presented

**Report:** *Ms. Jennifer Moon, Budget Director, Office of Management and Budget, noted the foregoing report contained the budget narratives for each department under this Committee's jurisdiction, and the most current information for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 Proposed Budget, except one change to reduce the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) Landing Fee from \$2.54 to \$1.75, which was tentatively adopted by the County Commission at the 1st Budget Hearing on September 6, 2012. She advised that this proposed budget was a continuation of last year's budget with the same level of services and no significant changes.*

*Commissioner Heyman asked Ms. Moon to provide this Committee with information on the following: the upgrade of the K-9 facility at Miami-International Airport; the status of the health clinic that Jackson Health System proposed to facilitate at Miami-Dade Aviation Department as a revenue source; and the current status of Opa-Locka Executive Airport, specifically the leasehold development agreements, performance bonds, breach of contracts, tenant occupancy, and existing 99 year leaseholds.*

*Ms. Anne Lee, Chief Financial Officer, MDAD, noted she would follow-up with Commissioner Heyman's request for a status report on the development of Opa-Locka Airport.*

*Commissioner Suarez noted he was interested in the status of the Opa-Locka Airport as well, and hoped to meet with Ms. Lee prior to the 2nd Budget Hearing.*

*Responding to Commissioner Suarez' inquiry, Ms. Moon confirmed that the 2nd Budget Hearing was scheduled for September 20th, 2012.*

*Commissioner Moss asked Ms. Moon to also provide this Committee with information on a long-term plan to replace Miami-Dade Transits' secondary (redundant) control room and white board at the William Lehman Center with state-of-the-art technology that would automate current manual processes.*

**1E      DISCUSSION ITEM**

1E1

121794 Report

Bruno A. Barreiro

MIAMI DADE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP ORAL REPORT

Presented

**Report:** *Chairman Barreiro noted the foregoing discussion item was an oral report pursuant to a request he made that staff provide a report on transit ridership. He also noted that staff prepared a graph reflecting monthly transit ridership, and handed it out to each Committee member today. He asked Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Director Ysela Llorc to ensure the graph on ridership entitled "Miami-Dade Transit Monthly Boarding Comparisons" was made a permanent part of the reports provided to this Committee on a monthly basis. He said he welcomed comments from Committee members on how to improve this graph.*

*Commissioner Suarez noted he read that the total daily users of transit systemwide was approximately 60,000, and asked if that number was correct.*

*Ms. Ysela Llorc, MDT Director, clarified that the total daily boardings for Metrorail was approximately 60,000; but the total daily boardings for Metrobus was approximately 260,000, which represented the bulk of MDT ridership. Referring to the graph on ridership, she noted the average increase in ridership, overall, was 3%, compared to last July 2011, and was as follows: Metrobus increased by 3%; Metrorail increased by 5.38%, excluding boarders at Miami Central Station to Miami International Airport (MIA); Metromover decreased by 1.6%; and Special Transportation Services (STS) increased by 9.5%. She also noted the total monthly ridership in July 2012 for Metrobus was 6,206,639; for Metrorail was 1,475,744; for Metromover was 754,501; and for STS was 138,655, which totaled 8,575,539 systemwide.*

*Commissioner Suarez noted he was more interested in the percentile of total commuters countywide that used transit services on a daily basis, compared to other cities. He said he understood the figure was between 5% and 8%. He also noted he was totally opposed to any proposed increase in transit fares, and supported reasonable reductions in Metrorail and Metrobus fares, and no fare for Metromover. He expressed concern with regular commuters having to pay full*

fare, in addition to paying high gas prices and tolls on a daily basis. He noted, because the marginal cost per additional rider was minimal, he would fight to create more incentives and reduce fares to increase ridership.

Chairman Barreiro noted he felt it was important for the Commission to receive the precise numbers and information in order to make a well-informed decision. He suggested the monthly report include a graph on daily ridership as well.

Commissioner Moss noted, according to the graph, ridership seemed to spike during the month of March for each transportation mode, systemwide, and asked what caused that spike.

Ms. Llort explained that several local activities and cultural events occur in the month of March that attract tourism and contributed to the spike in ridership. She noted she would provide further information on the spike, including a breakdown on daytime, nighttime and weekend riders.

Commissioner Moss suggested that staff focus on the cause in spike during March, compared to other months.

Commissioner Heyman commended MDT staff for preparing a great graph on ridership. She said she would like to have a better understanding of the numbers, specifically the 6.6% drop in STS ridership, in addition to what caused the spike in ridership for March. She expressed concern that the Metromover averaged 600K to 800K riders per month, but produced no income. She noted, when campaigning for the Metromover, she did not envision the amount of development that would occur in the Downtown and Mary Brickell areas nor the number of people living and working there that would ride Metromover for free. She suggested the County Commission revisit the issue of charging a fare for Metromover, and asked Ms. Llort to conduct a feasibility study on charging a 25 or 50 cent fare for Metromover riders.

Chairman Barreiro pointed out that every transit system was subsidized substantially, at least 50%. He also pointed out that although no fare was charged for Metromover, it was not free, but paid for by some other means. He noted that studies have shown ridership to decrease when fares were charged or increased, and that the cost to collect and administer the fares exceeded the fare revenues. He said he believed that it would be

*more beneficial for staff to provide an analysis of the numbers and peak times in ridership so that the Commission could make an informed, positive decision.*

*Ms. Llorca expressed appreciation to the County Commissioners for their support of MDT. She assured Committee members that she would bring back an in-depth report on the numbers and diagnostics; and assured that this year's proposed budget did not include any proposals to increase transit fares. She advised, however, that should the Commission consider any reductions in transit fares, it would need to be offset by some subsidy or other means in order to maintain the current level of service. Ms. Llorca noted she would also provide this Committee with the analysis on Price Elasticity of Demand, and a report on the cost to eliminate the secondary control panel and white board at the Lehman Metrorail facility. She pointed out that unfortunately, the densities were low for the type of services MDT offered. She reminded Committee members of the following: that MDT's entire transit system was aging and cost more to maintain; that an infusion of investment was needed to keep the Metromover operating; and that both the Metrorail and the Lehman Yard infrastructures needed improvements.*

## **1F PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1F1

**121410 Ordinance** **Rebeca Sosa**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-2034 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS OF THE AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT ADVISORY BOARD FOR MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

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

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

1F2

**121579 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR TWO (2) CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO RAD MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

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

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

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

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

1F3

**121642 Resolution**

RESOLUTION DENYING AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ADVANCED AMBULANCE SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

*Deferred to October 15, 2012*  
*Mover: Heyman*  
*Seconder: Suarez*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Suarez, Edmonson*

**Report:** *During consideration of the changes to today's agenda, the foregoing proposed resolution was deferred to the next Committee meeting, as requested by the County Mayor.*

**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**121537 Resolution**

**Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE POSTED ON ALL MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT BUSES, METRORAILS AND METROMOVERS PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY'S DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE AND THE RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS OF AND VISITORS TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO DEVELOP JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH THE MIAMI BEACH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE FOR SIMILAR PURPOSES

*Deferred to no date certain*  
*Mover: Suarez*  
*Seconder: Moss*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Edmonson, Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber noted he received a request for a deferral of this resolution, from the Sponsor of this item.*

*Hearing no objection, the Committee deferred the foregoing proposed resolution to no date certain, as requested by the Sponsor.*

2B

## 121627 Resolution

Jean Monestime

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXTEND THE PROPOSED ENHANCED BUS SERVICE ALONG NORTHWEST 27TH AVENUE INTO BROWARD COUNTY IN ONE SEAMLESS SYSTEM AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT ALONG THIS CORRIDOR.

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation as corrected*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Second: Moss*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *During consideration of the changes to today's agenda, Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber noted a page that included the names of the county commissioners and a "Whereas" paragraph that read: "Whereas, a partnership between the two transit agencies extending the Route 297 through Broward County along University Drive as one seamless, limited stop, jointly operated bus route would connect more people to population and employment centers in both counties, while potentially increasing ridership for both transit systems" was inadvertently omitted from the foregoing proposed resolution.*

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

*Commissioner Moss asked for a brief update on the development of the 27th Avenue Corridor.*

*Mr. Albert Hernandez, Assistant Director, Division of Engineering and Planning Development, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), noted this project to extend enhanced bus services along the NW 27th Avenue Corridor was currently in the planning stages and would receive both State and Federal funding. He also noted the process required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) for a determination of the environmental impact of projects which seek federal funding should be completed by early next year for this project. Mr. Hernandez informed Committee members that construction would commence in either year 2016 or 2017, depending on when funding was received for the design, and would include constructing 9 to 10 bus stations with signal priority along the corridor. He noted MDT should acquire 10 or 11 articulated buses this quarter.*

*Commissioner Moss asked about the status of the*

process for acquiring 'right-of-ways' along the corridor.

Mr. Hernandez noted, last year, the County purchased a 14-acre parcel at NW 215th Street and NW 27th Avenue with the purpose of developing a commercial retail center, a transit hub and possibly a hotel at this location. He advised that staff was in the process of preparing an RFP (Request for Proposals) for this development, which should be advertised by year end. Mr. Hernandez added that the hub would include 6 to 8 bus bays and a 300-space park-n-ride lot.

Commissioner Moss asked if additional right-of-ways needed to be purchased for this project to move forward.

Mr. Hernandez noted the only piece of property acquired for the project to date was the 14-acre parcel at NW 215th St/27th Ave, which was needed the most to develop the park-n-ride lot; however, because the project was changed from heavy rail to enhanced bus services, less right-of-ways were needed. He noted the County would need to purchase partial parcels along the corridor to develop robust bus stations with 'next bus' signals and possible level boarding. He noted that process would not begin until after the NEPA process was completed next year.

Commissioner Moss inquired whether it was possible, in the interim, to begin bus operations along the corridor using bus stops, while waiting to acquire larger parcels for the bus stations.

Ms. Llort responded that MDT took steps to initiate bus services along this corridor, by running Bus Route 297 (27th Avenue Orange Express) with limited stops to MLA. She noted the bus route worked well, except for an issue with delivering passengers to the airport because of traffic congestion on State Road 112 when approaching the airport.

Hearing no further comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution, as corrected to include a page that was inadvertently omitted, which included the names of the County Commissioners and a "Whereas" paragraph that reads: "Whereas, a partnership between the two transit agencies extending the Route 297 through Broward County along University Drive as one seamless, limited stop,

*jointly operated bus route would connect more people to population and employment centers in both counties, while potentially increasing ridership for both transit systems"*

### 3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

#### 121572 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 42587419401 FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,176,578 TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT OF RUNWAY 12-30 AND ASSOCIATED TAXIWAYS "P", "Q", AND "R" (Aviation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Seconder: Barreiro*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

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

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

3B

**121574 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RELATING TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; RATIFYING ACTION OF MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE IN APPROVING AND EXECUTING, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-285(6) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, A SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER FINANCIAL PROJECT NUMBER 42048319401 FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,580,786 TO PARTIALLY OFFSET THE FINAL COST OF THE RUNWAY 8 RIGHT/26 LEFT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT (Aviation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation as corrected*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Seconder: Suarez*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *During consideration of the changes to today's agenda, Assistant County Attorney Libhaber noted a scrivener's error in the foregoing resolution, under the heading "Fiscal Impact" on page one of the Mayor's memorandum that needed to be corrected to reflect the funding amount from the MDAD Capital Improvement Program as \$5,978,672.90, instead of \$5,978,627.90.*

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

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution with the correction noted by Assistant County Attorney Libhaber.*

3C

**121684 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A WAIVER OF FORMAL BID PROCEDURES AND BID PROTEST PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND SECTIONS 2-8.1 AND 2-8.4 OF THE COUNTY CODE BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE CONTRACT FOR PARATRANSIT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL TIME AND SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DEPARTMENT (MDT) TO CONTINUE TO PURCHASE DEMAND RESPONSE PARATRANSIT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT REGULATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,980,000 WITH ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS, LLC, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN, AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS CONTRACT NO. TR04-TSB -- SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 5 (Miami-Dade Transit)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconded: Heyman*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

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

*Commissioner Heyman noted her concern for an ongoing extension of this contract; however, she said she would support it because the Special Transportation Services (STS) was needed and she did not want to interrupt this service. She also noted the RFP needed to move forward for new equipment. She expressed concern for the 6.6% drop in STS services, expressed by Ms. Llorc earlier.*

*Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak clarified that pursuant to the graph provided to this Committee; the STS ridership had increased, not decreased. She advised that staff was in the process of negotiating a new award for STS and would bring forth an item with a recommendation for the Board's approval.*

*Commissioner Moss asked for clarification on the STS ridership since the graph reflected an increase in ridership and was contrary to the comments made by staff earlier.*

*Ms. Llort apologized for not being clear in her statements, and explained that the graph reflected an increase in STS ridership by 9.5% this year, compared to last year. She said she would distinguish between an increase and a decrease in future charts to make it clearer.*

*Commissioner Moss noted he only wanted to clarify the record because the chart indicated an increase in STS ridership for each month.*

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

*Chairman Barreiro asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that the Board of County Commissioner's Chairman Joe A. Martinez waive the Board's rules and allow this proposed resolution to be forwarded for consideration at the September 18, 2012 County Commission meeting.*

3D

**121742 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING FOUR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS FOR THE MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REMOVAL CONTRACT, PROJECT NUMBER ITB NO. MDAD-03-11 TO CHEROKEE ENTERPRISES, INC., DPC GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC. DECON ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING, INC., AND MCO ENVIRONMENTAL, INC., FOR A MAXIMUM SHARED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$15,037,500, FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXERCISE THE TERMINATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Aviation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Second: Moss*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

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

*Commissioner Moss inquired of the status of these contracts and whether additional hiring would be done to conduct these services.*

*Mr. Pedro Hernandez, Division Director, Facilities Development Management, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, confirmed that additional hiring would be done on an as needed basis. He explained the intent of this resolution was to award four non-exclusive contracts to qualified contractors for the removal of hazardous materials at Miami International Airport (MIA), and some work would be subcontracted through a competitive bid process, to the extent such work was needed. He noted as soon as the bids were received for a source removal project near MIA's North Terminal, the awardee would proceed under the foregoing contract and hire additional workers to do that work.*

*Commissioner Moss noted he would like a better understanding of the hiring process for these contracts. He asked Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak to provide this committee with a report on the hiring process for the foregoing contracts outlined in this proposed item, and whether it would be inclusive countywide.*

*Mr. Hernandez stated he would follow-up with Commissioner Moss' request for a report on the hiring process pertaining to these contracts.*

*Hearing no further comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing*

*proposed resolution as presented.*

3E

**121738 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH UP TO \$1,319,213 IN TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OLD CUTLER TRAIL BICYCLE ROUTE FROM SW 136 STREET/SW 63 AVENUE TO CARTAGENA PLAZA; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY 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: Heyman*

*Seconder: Suarez*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**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 the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

3F

**121739 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH FUNDING UP TO \$6,720,517 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG NW 74 STREET FROM NW 114 AVENUE TO NW 107 AVENUE; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY 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: Heyman*

*Secunder: Barreiro*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

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

*Commissioner Suarez asked what this project entailed to warrant \$6.7 million in funding from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He noted the amount seemed much for only seven blocks of roadway improvements. He also asked if the District Commissioner had considered the amount of disruption in traffic and business a project involving the FDOT would cause.*

*Mr. Gaspar Miranda, Assistant Director, Public Works and Waste Management Department (PWWMD), explained that this project consisted of widening the existing roadway (NW 74th Street) from five lanes to six lanes, between NW 114 Ave and NW 107 Avenue, and would provide connections to the Homestead Extension of Florida Turnpike and the Palmetto Expressway (SR-826). He noted another portion of NW 74th Street, between NW 87th Avenue and the Palmetto Expressway, would eventually be converted from five lanes to six lanes once FDOT acquired the right-of-way. He indicated that the area was within Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz' District (Commission District 12).*

*In response to Commissioner Suarez inquiry regarding the condition of traffic on this roadway, based on Growth Management Criteria (GMC), and if it warranted \$6.7 million in FDOT funding to improve it, Mr. Miranda noted he presently did not know that information.*

*Commissioner Suarez asked Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak to provide him with the traffic condition*

rating, pursuant to Growth Management Criteria, that qualified this roadway for improvement with FDOT funding.

Chairman Barreiro noted he was unaware of the condition of this roadway based on GMC rating, but he was familiar with the area. He discussed his experiences driving there, noting the roadway was heavily congested and hazardous to drive on. He further noted it runs through a warehouse district where four lanes merge to two at an intersection and semi-tracker trailers/large trucks have a difficult time turning there.

Commissioner Sosa noted he frequents the area too because it borders with his district (Commission District 10). He asked Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak to ensure that PWWMD staff briefed him this week on the foregoing project and the condition/status of this roadway.

Commissioner Suarez noted he sent the County Mayor a memorandum regarding the traffic congestion on I-95 South and U.S. 1, where the two roadways merge together. He noted this section of roadway was virtually impassable at all times of the day, and was rated Condition F under GMC. He said he believed that \$7 million was enough to build a small overpass or underpass at 17th Avenue to resolve the bottle neck problem at this junction, without impeding the flow of traffic on I-95. Commissioner Suarez suggested the Commission find ways to keep FDOT from resurfacing roadways that did not need it, and to address traffic congestion countywide.

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

**4 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**5 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

5A

**121694 Report**

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

*Approved*  
*Mover: Heyman*  
*Seconder: Suarez*  
*Vote: 5-0*  
*Absent: Edmonson*

**6 REPORTS**

6A

**121557 Report**

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE MIAMI  
INTERMODAL CENTER FOR THE PERIOD ENDING  
JUNE 30 (Mayor)

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**121716 Resolution**

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121932 Report  
NON-AGENDA ITEM

**Report:** *Commissioner Souto noted Key Biscayne used electric golf carts for local transportation, and the County had many cluster communities with high density and large elderly populations that could benefit from adopting similar methods of transportation to get around. He asked MDT Director Ms. Llort to explore the possibility of permitting alternative modes of transportation, such as electric golf carts, in cluster communities countywide that was more economical and suitable for their lifestyles; and to review Code regulations, permitting requirements, etc for lane designations to accommodate such transportation.*

*Chairman Barreiro suggested "car2go"- a similar concept and a convenient service offered by the Off-Street Parking Authority that rents mini cars by the minute (about 39 cents per minute).*

*Commissioner Souto noted Miami-Dade County was a global city, but years behind in innovation. He noted Miami needed to move forward and should not be second to anyone.*

*Commissioner Suarez concurred with Commissioner Souto's comments and agreed that a feasibility study was needed to determine alternative transportation for cluster communities. He noted golf cart-type vehicles were greatly used in the Village of Key Biscayne and worked well without obstructing traffic because the speed limit for all vehicles in the entire village was 25 mph. Commissioner Suarez also noted the need for more neighborhood circulators that charged minimal fares and linked to the Metrorail/bus system. He advised that he was working with the Mayor on a proposal to purchase several neighborhood circulators through the sale of viable commercial property, owned or controlled by the County.*

*Chairman Barreiro noted his sponsorship of legislation, as a State Legislator, that permitted Key Biscayne residents to drive golf carts on or near the street, which worked well. He agreed this type of transportation was economical, efficient and should be expanded to cluster communities.*

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the Regional Transportation Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.*