

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

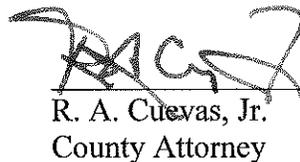
**DATE:** October 22, 2012

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida legislature to provide the necessary State funding to construct grade separation at the intersection of S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> street and 107<sup>th</sup> avenue at the Florida International University main campus; identifying this issue as a critical county priority for the 2014 session

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

10-22-13

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY STATE FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT GRADE SEPARATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF S.W. 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND S.W. 107<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AT THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS; IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2014 SESSION

**WHEREAS**, Florida International University (FIU) has a student body of 50,000 students, and was the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) largest public university by enrollment in the United States in the fall of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that there are more than 60,000 people on campus at FIU when students, faculty and staff are considered together; and

**WHEREAS**, the main campus of FIU, the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, is located at 11200 S.W. 8th Street in Southwest Miami-Dade County, bounded by S.W. 8th Street to the north and S.W. 107th Avenue to the east; and

**WHEREAS**, S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 107th Avenue are both state roads that are heavily traveled, with the intersection of these two roads handling about 105,000 vehicles per day; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) largest public university, there are traffic signals at the intersection of S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 107th Avenue near the main entrances to the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of FIU; and

**WHEREAS**, previous studies of the area have shown that grade separation, such as overpasses, flyovers or underpasses, were needed at the intersection of S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 107th Avenue near the entrances to the main FIU campus; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2005 Grade Separation Study prepared for the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization includes the intersection of S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 107th Avenue for possible grade separation; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is on the long range list of transportation improvements in Miami-Dade County, but remains unfunded and needs to be included in the five (5) year Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting on July 18, 2013, FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad indicated that he would have FDOT staff research traffic surrounding FIU and such improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, grade separation at the intersection of S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 107th Avenue near the entrances to the main FIU campus would provide safety and benefit not only to FIU students, but also to the residents and business owners of the surrounding areas who suffer from extreme traffic congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature to provide the necessary state funding to construct grade separation at the intersection of S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 107th Avenue near the entrances to the main FIU campus; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would further like to identify this issue as one of Miami-Dade County's critical priorities for the 2014 session,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to provide the necessary state funding to construct grade separation at the intersection of S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 107th Avenue at the entrances to the Florida International University main campus.

**Section 2.** Identifies the issue set forth in section 1 above as a critical County priority for the 2014 State legislative session.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of legislation and funding as set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item as a critical County priority in the 2014 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Sen. Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty