

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

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

**DATE:** November 5, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor to conduct a study on traffic and the quality of the air and water in the area west of Miami International Airport, east of 147th Avenue, south of Northwest 58th Street, and north of Kendall and make recommendations for improvements

**This item was amended at the Land Use and Development Committee meeting on 10-10-13 to exclude District 12 from the study area.**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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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  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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11-5-13

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON TRAFFIC AND THE QUALITY OF THE AIR AND WATER IN THE AREA WEST OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST OF 147TH AVENUE, SOUTH OF NORTHWEST 58TH STREET, AND NORTH OF KENDALL AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the area of Miami-Dade County located west of Miami International Airport, east of 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south of Northwest 58<sup>th</sup> Street, and north of Kendall has experienced a great deal of growth over the years, resulting in a concentration of people, automobiles, and airplanes; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and visitors in Miami-Dade County may be concerned about the effects of such growth on traffic and the air quality and water quality of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has traffic engineers who can analyze traffic issues and conduct traffic counts in particular areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County currently has a number of ambient groundwater monitoring wells and surface water sampling stations located throughout the County, and these samples are used to monitor levels of pollutants in the water; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County also currently has a network of air monitors which measure levels of pollutants in the air; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to these ambient groundwater monitoring wells, surface water stations and the network of air monitors, certain facilities are required to have their own groundwater monitoring wells and conduct their own air quality testing, and this data is submitted to Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, County technical staff can analyze this data, focusing on the geographic area defined in this Resolution, in order to determine if there are matters of concern for air quality and water quality in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, even if the data show that pollutant levels are within the allowable federal, state, or local standards, it is possible that the data could reveal increasing trends in levels of certain pollutants that have not yet violated those federal, state, or local standards; and

**WHEREAS**, a report which focuses on traffic and water quality and air quality in the geographic area defined above may help address any environmental issues or traffic issues that may affect this area of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board previously requested a County-wide report on water quality and air quality, but the report that was produced was focused on the entire County, did not include an analysis of traffic issues, and did not provide sufficient information on this particular geographic area,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor or Mayor's designee is hereby directed to conduct a study on traffic issues and the air quality and water quality of the geographic area west of Miami International Airport, east of 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south of Northwest 58<sup>th</sup> Street, and north of Kendall>>, however, this study shall not include those areas within District 12<sup>1</sup><<. Such a study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the data available for this geographic area from ambient groundwater monitoring wells and surface water stations, air monitors, and water quality and air quality data from those facilities that have

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<sup>1</sup> Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

conducted such testing pursuant to County permits and existing County requirements. The study shall also address whether there are increasing trends in levels of pollutants in this geographic area, even if such levels do not violate federal, state, or local standards, and this study shall include recommendations for improving the quality of the air and water in this geographic area. In addition, given that traffic may affect environmental quality, this study shall include an analysis of the existing traffic counts available to the County for this geographical area, including, where available, traffic counts by hour of the day, by day of the week, and by month of the year. The Mayor or Mayor's designee shall provide a report on this study and the recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners within six months of the effective date of this Resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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.



Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell