

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

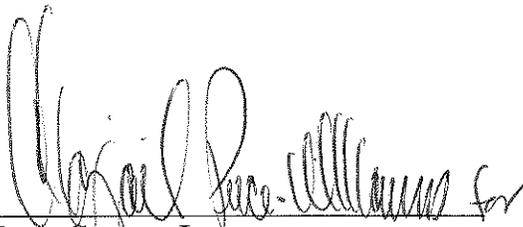
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 22, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Governor
and Florida Legislature to
maintain state funding for the
remaining allocations
programmed for the Fiscal Year
2014-2015 for the -50/52 feet
Port of Miami Deep Dredge
Project

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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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 _____

1-22-14

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO MAINTAIN STATE FUNDING FOR THE REMAINING ALLOCATIONS PROGRAMMED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOR THE -50/52 FEET PORT OF MIAMI DEEP DREDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami is the second largest economic engine contributing to the local economy of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Deep Dredge Project, now in the dredging stage, entails dredging the Port of Miami channel to minus 50 feet from its former depth of minus 42 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami has received authorization to dredge to the minus 50/52 feet level and has the ability to complete the project by 2015; and

WHEREAS, this timetable would coincide with the scheduled opening of the expanded Panama Canal in 2015; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2015, large numbers of Super Post-Panamax megaships that previously offloaded cargo on the West Coast of the United States will instead be able to traverse the expanded Panama Canal, presenting an unprecedented, one-time opportunity for the Port of Miami to significantly expand its cargo business; and

WHEREAS, three East Coast ports, New York, Baltimore and Norfolk, already have deepened their waters to meet the necessary -50/52 feet depth; and

WHEREAS, without additional East Coast deep draft capacity in place by 2015, the U.S. is at risk of losing jobs to other seaports overseas, as the larger Super Post-Panamax ships have the option of calling at nearby foreign ports such as Freeport, Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami has approximately 6,200 lineal feet of berth space, supported by Super Post-Panamax cranes capable of serving the largest ships in the world; and

WHEREAS, the deepening of Miami's channel is estimated to create 33,000 new jobs, double cargo throughput, and increase the Port of Miami's annual economic impact to more than \$34 billion; and

WHEREAS, the dredging project includes the restoration of more than 16 acres of seagrass and the creation of over nine acres of artificial reef; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Rick Scott has pledged a total of \$112 million in Florida Department of Transportation funds for the Deep Dredge Project and Miami-Dade County is providing an additional \$108 million for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Board expresses its strong support for maintaining the remaining allocations programmed for 2014 in state funding in the Florida Department of Transportation Five-Year Work Program,

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

Section 1. Urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to maintain state funding for the remaining allocations programmed for the fiscal year 2014-2015 for the -50/52 feet Port of Miami Deep Dredge Project.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Governor, Senate President, House Speaker and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the appropriation as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of

Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2014 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2014. 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.

MP

Matthew Papkin