

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)

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

DATE: July 15, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing Miami-Dade Transit to make bus service adjustments to be implemented on or after June 22, 2014

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Miami-Dade Transit Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Transportation and Aviation Committee.



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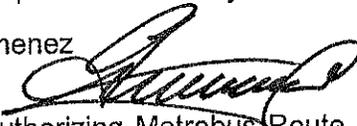
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Memorandum



Date: July 15, 2014

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Metrobus Route Service Adjustments to be Implemented on or After June 22, 2014

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve transit service improvements on or after June 22, 2014. These modifications include the elimination of two low ridership bus routes. Board approval, after a public hearing for the route discontinuations, is required per Miami-Dade County Code (County Code), Chapter 2, Article XIX, Section 2-150.

SCOPE

The discontinuation of two (2) bus routes and implementation of service adjustments to 16 existing bus routes will have a county-wide impact. The attached document contains a more detailed description of these routes and the affected Commission districts.

FISCAL IMPACT

The annual operation and maintenance cost for the two proposed route deletions is approximately \$512,000.00. The net fiscal impact of the service changes proposed in this line up, which also includes some service improvements, is an estimated annual savings of \$360,000.00 for Miami-Dade Transit (MDT).

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

The MDT employee responsible for management and oversight of the proposed service adjustments is Gerald Bryan, Chief, Service Planning and Scheduling.

BACKGROUND

The recommended June 2014 line-up contains two service changes requiring a public hearing due to the proposed discontinuation of Route 46 (Liberty City Connection) and Route 243 (Seaport Connection) as a result of low ridership. Additionally, MDT will be making service adjustments to an additional 16 routes under the administrative authority provided in Section 2-150 of the County Code. Those service changes include minor schedule modifications for better on-time performance to all 16 routes, minor routing/operational adjustments to five (5) routes, truncation of one (1) route, and frequency adjustments to two (2) routes.

Below is a more detail on this line-ups impacted routes and the recommended service changes. Some routes have more than one change; resulting in a greater number of service changes.

- Route 46 has had historically low ridership.
 - This route began operating in November 2004.
 - This route averages 10.3 passengers-per-hour and consistently performs below MDT's minimum 15 passengers-per-hour bus service standard.
 - Patrons who currently use Route 46 will have alternative MDT service with Routes 12, 17, 21, 22, 27, 32, 54, 62, 77 and 277.

- Route 243 has had historically low ridership.
 - This route began operating in October 2000.
 - This route averages 11.8 passengers-per-hour and consistently performs below MDT's minimum 15 passengers-per-hour bus service standard.
 - Patrons who currently use Route 243 will have alternative municipal service.

The Metrobus 15-passengers per-hour minimum standard for route performance, along with service standards for all other modes (Metromover, Metrorail and Special Transportation Services), was formally approved by the Board with the adoption of the Transit Development Plan (Reso #1282-09) and the Service Efficiency and Restructuring Initiative (Reso #1283-09). MDT's service standards serve as the framework to best deliver the most efficient transit product to suit the travel needs of Miami-Dade County's residents and visitors, while achieving the mission of providing the highest quality service within the available budgetary constraints. MDT's service standards follow the procedures published by the Transportation Research Board's Cooperative Research Program of the National Academies.

Since there has been some resistance from the public to delete these two routes over the years, we have attempted to preserve the routes as much as possible, by providing more marketing to advertise the service. However, after several years these routes continue to perform poorly and faced with the need to bridge the funding gap, the department feels this is the right time for deletion. The annual operation and maintenance cost for the two proposed route deletions is approximately \$512,000.00. The net fiscal impact of the service changes proposed in this line up, which also includes some service improvements, is an estimated annual savings of \$360,000.00 for Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), which will be distributed amongst the whole system.

In addition to the deletion of Routes 46 and 243, 16 other routes will receive service adjustments under the Mayor's administrative authority. They include:

- Routes 7, 8, 27, 54, 70, 71, 72, and 88 will have a minor schedule adjustment to improve on-time performance.
- Routes 35, 52, 57, 99, 137 and 200 will have minor schedule and routing adjustments to improve on-time performance.
- Route 102/B will have a minor routing adjustment to improve on-time performance.
- Route 120 will have an additional northbound morning trip to alleviate overcrowding.

In accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), officers of the Transport Workers' Union Local 291 (TWU) have been provided information on the recommended changes for their review and have participated in all of the departmental Line-up Planning Committee meetings. MDT staff will continue to work closely with TWU throughout the line-up scheduling process to ensure full implementation of the line-up.

Of the 235,000 average daily boardings, it is estimated that approximately 600 boardings will be affected by the changes in the line-up, however, the vast majority of those customers will have alternative service. MDT continues to evaluate Metrobus routes to make the system more productive and meet the mobility needs of our passengers. MDT planners carefully considered the impacts to transit-dependent riders and the availability of alternative service. Whenever MDT implements a service adjustment, a comprehensive marketing campaign to inform all riders is initiated. Some of those activities include: media press releases in the major newspapers, service changes are posted on MDT's website, and rider notices are posted on all impacted bus routes and Metrorail cars. While there will certainly be impacts to some customers, these adjustments were made cautiously and thoughtfully, balancing the service needs of our customers with the realities of a constrained budget.

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All regulatory requirements, including a Title VI study, were complied with consistent with local, State, and Federal law.



Alina T. Hudak
Deputy Mayor



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 15, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)

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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7-15-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT TO
MAKE BUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS TO BE
IMPLEMENTED ON OR AFTER JUNE 22, 2014

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held at the Board of County Commission meeting of June 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) has analyzed and identified unproductive bus service that does not meet service standards to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the system; and

WHEREAS, implementation of these recommended bus service adjustments will improve productivity and on-time performance of the bus system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board finds it is in the best interest of the County to implement the bus service changes to be implemented on or after June 22, 2014.

The foregoing resolution 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 15th day of July, 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.



Bruce Libhaber

METROBUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON OR AFTER JUNE 22, 2014

ROUTE	SERVICE COVERAGE	SERVICE CHANGE	REASON FOR CHANGE	Passengers Affected*	Commission Districts Affected
7	Miami International Airport (MIA) Metrorail Station, Dolphin Mall, Miami International Mall, Fontainebleau Blvd., MIA of the Americas, Downtown Bus Terminal, Main Library, Historical Museum of South Florida, Miami Art Museum, MDC Wolfson Campus, Historic Overlook/Spivey Theatre Metrorail Station	Weekday running time adjustments.	Improve On-Time Performance	0	3, 5, 6, 10, 12
8	Florida International University Bus Terminal, FIU South Campus, SW 8 Street west of SW 82 Ave (Rt 8A), Coral Way west of 82 Ave (Rt. 8), Westchester Shopping Center (Rt. 8), Mile Havana, Calle Ocho, Brickell Metrorail Station, MDC Wolfson Campus	Weekday running time adjustments.	Improve On-Time Performance	0	3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12
27	Caldor Casino & Race Track, Sun Life Stadium, Carol City, HW 27 Avenue, Miami Dade College North Campus (weekdays/Saturdays), Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Metrorail Station, Brownsville Metrorail Station, Coconut Grove Metrorail Station	Weekday running time adjustments.	Improve On-Time Performance	0	1, 2, 3, 5, 7
35	Miami Dade College Kendall Campus, Richmond Heights, Busway at SW 184 Street, Southland Mall, South Miami Dade Government Center, Homestead Hospital, City of Florida City, Homestead High School	Interline weekends with Route 70 as a result of running time changes made to route 70.	Scheduling Efficiency	0	5, 6, 7, 13
52	Dadeland North Metrorail Station, Dadeland Mall, Dadeland South Metrorail Station, Busway SW 104 Street to SW 144 Street, Richmond Heights, Perline Shopping Center, Robert Morgan Tech., Dept. of Children & Families (weekdays only), Southland Mall Park & Ride Lot, South Miami-Dade Govt. Center, Old Cutler Road, Health Center	The north end-of-line will be moved from the Dadeland North Metrorail Station to the Dadeland South Metrorail Station.	Routing Efficiency	150	7, 8, 9
52	See Above	Running time adjustments seven days a week.	Improve On-Time Performance	0	7, 8, 9
54	Miami Gardens Drive & NW 87th Avenue (weekdays only), City of Hialeah, Westland Mall, Hialeah Metrorail Station, Department of Children and Families, Brownsville Metrorail Station, Biscayne Boulevard/UE 38 Street	Minor westbound running time adjustment between W 49 St/17 Ct and W 60 St/24 Ave	Improve On-Time Performance	0	2, 3, 6, 12, 13
57	WEEKDAY SERVICE ONLY. Miami International Airport (MIA) Metrorail Station, South Miami Metrorail Station, Red Road (HW/SW 57 Avenue), SW 151/ Street/Busway Park & Ride Lot, Jackson South Station	Discontinue the segment of the route on NW 42 Ct to Airport Villas.	Routing Efficiency	10	6, 7, 8
57	See Above	Weekday running time adjustments.	Improve On-Time Performance	0	6, 7, 8
70	Sage Bay at SW 212 Street/05 Avenue (selected trips on Saturday & Sunday), South Miami Dade Government Center, Southland Mall, Community Health Center of South Dade, Goulds, Princeton, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Hialeah, Homestead, Florida Keys Outlet Center, Homestead High School (selected trips)	Running time adjustments seven days a week.	Improve On-Time Performance	0	8, 9
71	Dolphin Mall, Miami International Mall, Florida International University at University Park campus, SW 107 Avenue, Concord Shopping Plaza, SW 107 Street & 109 Court (weekdays midday hours), Miami Dade College Kendall campus	On northbound trips, the loop through International Mall parking lot will be discontinued. These trips will NOT serve the bus stop on NW 107 Ave/NW 14 St (northbound fastlane).	Routing Efficiency	0	7, 10, 11, 12
71	See Above	Weekday running time adjustments.	Improve On-Time Performance	0	7, 10, 11, 12
72	West Kendall Transit Terminal/Park & Ride Lot, SW 56 St/149 Ave (Route 72), South Miami Metrorail Station	Weekend running time adjustments.	Improve On-Time Performance	0	7, 10, 11
88	Dadeland North Metrorail Station, Dadeland Mall, Kendall Drive/SW 150 Ave Park & Ride Lot, West Kendall Transit Terminal/Park & Ride Lot	Saturday running time adjustments. Change Saturday headway to accommodate additional running time (24-30min).	Improve On-Time Performance	0	7, 10
99	Miami Gardens & HW 67 Avenue, HW 73 Ave/Miami Gardens Dr Park & Ride Lot, Honey Hill Drive, Sun Life Stadium (free-block work), Caldor Casino & Race Track, Hamlet at Weiden Food, HW 204 St/HW 2 Ave, California Club Mall, Highland Oaks Middle School, Aventura Mall	Discontinue service on HW/NE 204 St, NE 2 Ave and NW/NE 215 St. The route will remain on HW 2 Ave between NW 204 St and NW 215 St. Running time adjustments seven days a week.	Improve On-Time Performance	80	1, 4, 13
102/B	Brickell Metrorail Station, Brickell Business District, Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami Squatrum, Crandon Park, Village of Key Biscayne, Cape Florida State Park, Harbor/Habitat Dr.	Realign service leaving Brickell Metrorail Station; southbound trips will use SW 1 Ave and SW/SE 15 St to Brickell Ave. Southbound trips will no longer serve SW/SE 8 St or Brickell Ave between SE 8th St and SE 13th St. Running time adjustments seven days a week.	Improve On-Time Performance	90	5, 7
120	Downtown Bus Terminal, Main Library, Historical Museum, Miami Art Museum, Govt. Center Metrorail Station, Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, Omni Bus Terminal, MacArthur Causeway, City of Miami Beach, Collins Avenue, Town of Surfside, City of Palmetto Bay, Redoubt Park Marina, Aventura Mall	Add an additional weekday HIB trip to Aventura Mall departing from the Omni Terminal at approximately 7:30 am.	Overcrowding	0	3, 4, 5
197	Dolphin Mall, Miami International Mall, Sweetwater, Kendall Lakes, Kendall Terminal Executive Airport, Tamiami/Pineand Industrial Park, SW 147 Ave/130 St, Sereno Lakes, Lacey & Penny Thompson Memorial Park, Southland Mall, South Dade Government Center	Realign the route to remain on SW 180 St between SW 142 Ave and SW 139 Ave; service in Sereno Lakes along SW 142 Ave, SW 172 St and SW 139 Ave will be discontinued.	Routing Efficiency	50	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
197	See Above	Running time adjustments seven days a week. Saturday headways will be changed from 40 to 43 min to accommodate additional running time.	Improve On-Time Performance	0	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
200	WEEKDAY SERVICE ONLY. South Dade Shopping Center, Southland Mall, Town of Cudler Bay Town Hall, South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, South Dade Government Center, Social Security Office, Health South on Old Cutler Road, Old Cutler Terminal Center	Move end-of-line from SW 112 Ave/SW 211 St to Old Cutler Rd near Franjo Rd. End-of-line will be moved before the June lineup.	Municipality Request	0	8
Total				390	

*Average Weekly Boardings

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METROBUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON OR AFTER JUNE 22, 2014

Passengers
Affected*

Commission
Districts Affected

ROUTE	SERVICE COVERAGE	SERVICE CHANGE	REASON FOR CHANGE	Passengers Affected*	Commission Districts Affected
46	WEEKDAY RUSH-HOUR SERVICE ONLY. Calab Center, Brownsville Metrorail station, NW 54 Street, NW 37 Avenue, NW 46 Street, NW 10 Avenue, Belafonte Tacolcy Center, Miami Northwestern High School, MDC Entrepreneurial Center	Discontinue route.	Low Ridership	150	2, 3
243	WEEKDAY RUSH-HOUR SERVICE ONLY. Historic Overtown/Lyric Theatre Metrorail station, NW/NE 6 Street and NW/NE 8 St., Seaport, Seaport Terminals, Royal Caribbean	Discontinue route.	Low Ridership	60	3, 5
			Total	210	

*Average Weekday Boardings



Memorandum



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

From: Charles Scurr, Executive Director *Charles Scurr*

Date: May 22, 2014

Re: **CITT AGENDA ITEM 5Q:**
RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST
(CITT) RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(BCC), AUTHORIZE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT TO MAKE BUS SERVICE
ADJUSTMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON OR AFTER JUNE 22, 2014 (MDT-
BCC Legislative File No.141183)

On May 22, 2014, the CITT voted (10-0) to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the approval of the above referenced item, CITT Resolution No. 14-037. The vote was as follows:

Paul J. Schwiep, Esq., Chairperson – Aye
Hon. Anna E. Ward, Ph.D., 1st Vice Chairperson – Aye
Glenn J. Downing, CFP®, 2nd Vice Chairperson – Aye

Joseph Curbelo – Absent
Alfred J. Holzman – Aye
Jonathan Martinez – Absent
Miles E. Moss, P.E. – Aye
Marilyn Smith – Aye

Peter L. Forrest – Aye
Prakash Kumar – Aye
Alicia Menardy, Esq. – Aye
Hon. James A. Reeder – Absent
Hon. Linda Zilber – Aye

cc: Alina Hudak, Deputy Mayor/Interim Director Public Works & Waste Management
Department
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney