

Memorandum



Date: July 1, 2014

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

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(2)

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Execution of the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Application and Agreement for up to \$9,000,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the filing and execution of the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Application and Agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 with the State of Florida, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, for up to \$9,000,000.00, for the provision of transportation disadvantaged services; authorize the Miami-Dade Transit Director to furnish the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD) with additional information which may be required; and authorize the County Mayor, or County Mayor's designee to take necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the grant. This grant agreement is effective from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015.

SCOPE

The grant application with the FCTD benefits the Special Transportation Services (STS) program and other disadvantaged patrons by providing MDT EASY Passes to targeted groups through social service agencies. Therefore, the impact of this grant is countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT

The State Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund has allocated up to \$9,000,000.00 in state funding to Miami-Dade County for FY 2014-15. A local match of ten (10) percent is required and is included in MDT's FY 2014-15 Operating Budget. The total project cost will not exceed \$10,000,000.00.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

MDT has entered into numerous funding agreements with the FCTD over the course of more than 20 years. The project manager for this grant is Ed Carson, Manager of Grants Administration, MDT.

BACKGROUND

During the 1989 State Legislative Session, the State established the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD) to fund and oversee the expansion of transportation services for the disabled, elderly, children-at-risk, and economically disadvantaged residents. The Fund receives monies from vehicle registration fees and gasoline sales taxes. The FCTD administers and distributes the funds to local transportation agencies according to an established formula, with a ten percent local match required. Funds have been distributed each year since 1990 and Miami-Dade County has received this funding ever since.

In FY 1992, MDT expanded its use of transportation disadvantaged funds to meet State requirements to include service to other classes of transportation disadvantaged individuals such as the elderly, economically disadvantaged and children-at-risk who have no alternate transportation services available. Those programs include the distribution of monthly transit passes to targeted groups through their respective social service agencies.

MDT uses Transportation Disadvantaged Trust funds primarily to support Special Transportation Services (STS), door-to-door transportation for individuals who are unable to use conventional transportation services. MDT expects to have approximately \$44 million in STS expenses in FY14-15. MDT will use up to \$8 million from this grant to support STS services.

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MDT will use the balance of the grant to provide transportation disadvantaged recipients with pre-loaded EASY Tickets which provide the equivalent of one of the following: one trip, daily, weekly, and/or monthly passes.

The Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) reviews all existing and proposed Transportation Disadvantaged Programs and prioritizes monies received from the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund. The LCB membership is composed of representatives from public and private agencies that provide assistance to the transportation disadvantaged. The LCB represents the State Board in duties, responsibilities, State statutes, and policies. Voting members, appointed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), include local staff from the State Departments of Transportation, Veterans Affairs, Agency for Health Care Administration, Children and Families and Veteran Affairs; representatives of the Miami-Dade Public Schools and local private, for-profit transportation industry; and advocates for the transportation disadvantaged. For FY 2012-13, the members of the LCB voted to continue funding successful programs from prior years and existing programs to maximize the use of existing transportation resources.

Upon approval of this item by the Board, MDT will forward the completed grant application to the FCTD. Afterwards, the FCTD will send the Trip and Equipment Grant Agreement to MDT. Upon receipt of the signed Agreement from MDT, the FCTD will execute the Agreement and return a fully executed copy to Miami-Dade County.



Alina T. Hudak
Deputy Mayor



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: July 1, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(B)(2)

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 _____

7-1-14

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF A TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND TRIP AND EQUIPMENT GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$9,000,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DIRECTOR TO FURNISH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED; AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS OF TEN PERCENT

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

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is authorized to enter into agreements to provide state funding for transportation programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, this Board has the authority to file a Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Application and to undertake transportation disadvantaged service projects as authorized by Rule 41-2 Florida Administrative Code and Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes,

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

Section 1. That this Board authorizes the filing of a grant application with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged in the amount of up to \$9,000,000.00.

Section 2. That this Board further authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or Miami-Dade Transit Director, to execute and file an application and agreement on behalf of

the Board with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged consisting of up to \$9,000,000.00 in grant funding from the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged; including a ten (10) percent County match for a total project cost not to exceed \$10,000,000.00.

Section 3. That this Board authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or Director of Miami-Dade Transit, to sign any and all agreements which are required with this application and to furnish such additional information as the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged may require in connection with the application.

Section 4. That this Board further authorize the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or Director of Miami-Dade Transit, to sign any and all assurances, reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and any other documents which may be required in connection with the application or agreement.

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 1st 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



Memorandum



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

From: Charles Scurr, Executive Director

Date: June 19, 2014

Re: CITT AGENDA ITEM 5P:

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC), AUTHORIZE THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF A TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND TRIP AND EQUIPMENT GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DIRECTOR TO FURNISH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED; AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS OF TEN PERCENT (MDT – Legislative File No. 141377)

On June 19, 2014, the CITT voted (9-0) to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the approval of the above referenced item, CITT Resolution No. 14-054. 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 – Aye
Alfred J. Holzman – Absent
Jonathan Martinez – Aye
Miles E. Moss, P.E. – Aye
Marilyn Smith – Absent

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

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