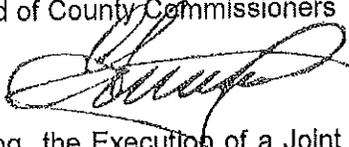


# Memorandum



**Date:** October 7, 2014

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

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Public Transit Block Grant Program Funds in the Amount of \$20,068,364.00

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(5)

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the execution of a Joint Participation Agreement (Agreement) in substantially the form attached hereto with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the receipt of \$20,068,364.00 from the Public Transit Block Grant Program for public bus transit service operating assistance with a sub-allocation for the South Florida Vanpool Program (Vanpool Program).

It is further recommended that the Board authorize the receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the Agreement. An equal match of \$20,068,364.00 will be provided through Miami-Dade Transit's (MDT) operating funds for a total Agreement of \$40,136,728.00. No federal funds are included as part of this Agreement.

This Agreement recommendation is placed for Committee review pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code Section 29-124(f). This Agreement may only be considered by the Board if the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has forwarded a recommendation to the Board prior to the date scheduled for Board consideration or forty-five (45) days have elapsed since the filing with the Clerk of the Board of this Agreement recommendation. If the CITT has not forwarded a recommendation and 45 days have not elapsed since the filing of this recommendation, I will request a withdrawal of this item.

## SCOPE

The impact of this project benefits the public, and is therefore, Countywide.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The total State funding provided by this Agreement is \$20,068,364.00. This amount includes \$19,621,527.00 for MDT bus operations and a \$446,837.00 allocation for the Vanpool Program. The local match, for MDT's portion of this Agreement only, is \$20,068,364.00 and will be provided through MDT's operating funds (operating expenditure index codes MT710800, MT720100, MT720200, MT720300, MT720400) as programmed in the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 MDT Operating budget. This funding is for operating assistance for the FY 2014-2015 year's budget only and, therefore, has no fiscal impact on any future budgets.

The Vanpool Program sub-allocation of \$446,837.00 will be passed through to the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), exclusive of the matching funds provided by the County and an administrative fee. As the pass-through entity, MDT will receive a 5% administrative fee (\$22,341.85.00) deducted directly from the State's contribution (\$446,837.00) for conducting the bid process for the program, grant administration, finance, project management, performance reporting and exchange of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds to State funds.

**TRACK RECORD/MONITOR**

MDT has entered into numerous funding agreements with FDOT over the course of more than twenty-seven years. The Project Manager for this agreement is Ed Carson, Grants Resource Manager, MDT Financial Services.

**BACKGROUND**

In 1989, the Florida Legislature established the Public Transit Block Grant Program to provide assistance to public transit providers that are eligible for FTA formula funds. The program is funded by gas taxes deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund. Eligibility for Public Transit Block Grant Program funding is determined by a formula using information from the National Transit Database. The State's participation is limited to 50% of the non-federal share of capital projects and 50% of eligible operation costs. State law strictly prohibits using Public Transit Block Grant funds to supplant local tax dollars provided for transit operations.

This Agreement will provide \$19,621,527.00 in operating assistance for fixed route bus operations in Miami-Dade County. Eligible costs include fuel, lubricants and oils, waste oil disposal, tires, tire tubes, consumable parts (filters and bulbs), bus extermination services, bus operators, bus janitorial services, towing and tolls. Also included in this Agreement is a sub-allocation in the amount of \$446,837.00 to the South Florida Vanpool Program for operations in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. This funding represents the proportional share of the Public Transit Block Grant Program funding as derived from the National Transit Database reported for this program.

The Vanpool Program has served commuters since 1998; offering a high quality, shared-travel option for groups of up to 15 commuters interested in an alternative to driving to work alone. The service also improves access for commuters to areas not currently served by public transit. Participants are charged a monthly fare, which covers the cost of the van, insurance, all maintenance, 24-hour roadside assistance, loaner/back-up van, program administration and 24-hour customer service. One or two members of the vanpool drive the van on a daily basis and park the van at their home overnight. To reduce operating costs and encourage participation in the program, each van is provided with a monthly subsidy of \$400.00. This is a regional program that covers the tri-county area. As of June 2014, the Vanpool Program has 235 vans.

The Vanpool allocation is included in the Block grant because the program is funded by FDOT out of the same funding source. However, the MPO is not eligible to receive this funding directly from FDOT. In addition, on November 20, 2008 the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Miami-Dade MPO, which identified MDT as the FTA-designated grant recipient for this funding (R-1173-08). Pursuant to the MOU, MDT serves as a pass-through for the MPO on this program.

Since 1998, the MPO has operated the Vanpool Program, initially as a demonstration project and subsequently as an established project that expanded to include Broward and Palm Beach Counties. In consultation with its Vanpool Program partners, the MPO is considering transitioning the Program to an operating agency. In the event this transition occurs during the period of this grant, MDT will not seek reimbursement of the \$446,837.00 (FM-4276982) allocated for the Vanpool Program.

MDT's Operating Budget for FY 2014-15 programs this Block grant funding exclusively as operating assistance for MDT bus transit services.



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Alina T. Hudak  
Deputy Mayor



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

**DATE:** October 7, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 3(B)(5)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(5)  
10-7-14

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR \$20,068,364.00 IN PUBLIC TRANSIT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR TRANSIT BUS SERVICE ASSISTANCE; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA; AUTHORIZING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; AND AUTHORIZING USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS

**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,

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

Section 1. That this Board approves the agreement between Miami-Dade County and the Florida Department of Transportation, in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, to provide \$20,068,364.00 in Public Transit Block Grant Program funds for transit bus service assistance, which includes \$446,837.00 in State allocated pass-through funding for the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization, South Florida Vanpool Program.

Section 2. That this Board further authorizes the Mayor, Mayor's designee, or Miami-Dade Transit Director, to execute such contracts and agreements as are approved by the County Attorney's Office; to receive and expend funds in accordance with such aforementioned

contracts and agreements; to receive and expend any additional funds should they become available; and to file and execute any additional agreements, revisions, or amendments as required to carry out the projects for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Section 3. That the County staff is authorized to furnish such additional information as FDOT may require in connection with the application for the improvement.

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:

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|                      | 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**  
**JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

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Financial Project Number(s): (Item-segment-phase-sequence) 42769818401 42769828401 <hr/> Contract Number: <u>ARS 44</u> CFDA Number: <u>N/A</u> CFDA Title: <u>N/A</u>	Fund: <u>DPTO/DDR/DS</u> Function: <u>632</u> Federal Number: <u>N/A</u> DUNS Number: <u>80-939-7102</u> Agency DUNS Number: _____	FLAIR Category.: <u>088774</u> Object Code: <u>750010</u> Org. Code: <u>55062020629</u> Vendor No.: <u>F596000573129</u> CSFA Number: <u>55.010</u> CSFA Title: <u>State Transit Block Grant</u>
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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, an agency of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Department, and Miami-Dade Transit 701 NW 1st Court, Suite 1300, Miami, FL 33136 hereinafter referred to as Agency. The Department and Agency agree that all terms of this Agreement will be completed on or before December 31, 2015 and this Agreement will expire unless a time extension is provided in accordance with Section 16.00.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency has the authority to enter into said Agreement and to undertake the project hereinafter described, and the Department has been granted the authority to function adequately in all areas of appropriate jurisdiction including the implementation of an integrated and balanced transportation system and is authorized under 341.052

Florida Statutes, to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and representations herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1.00 Purpose of Agreement:** The purpose of this Agreement is

Provide State Transit Block Grant funding to Miami-Dade Transit for operating assistance of the fixed route bus service in Miami-Dade County. Eligible costs are limited to bus operating, dispatching and maintenance activities. Also included in this contract is funding for the South Florida Vanpool Program. State Participation Rate is 50%.

and as further described in Exhibit(s) A, B, C & D attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, hereinafter referred to as the project, and to provide Departmental financial assistance to the Agency and state the terms and conditions upon which such assistance will be provided and the understandings as to the manner in which the project will be undertaken and completed.

## 2.00 Accomplishment of the Project:

**2.10 General Requirements:** The Agency shall commence, and complete the project as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof this Agreement, with all practical dispatch, in a sound, economical, and efficient manner, and in accordance with the provisions herein, and all applicable laws.

**2.20 Pursuant to Federal, State, and Local Law:** In the event that any election, referendum, approval, permit, notice, or other proceeding or authorization is requisite under applicable law to enable the Agency to enter into this Agreement or to undertake the project hereunder, or to observe, assume or carry out any of the provisions of the Agreement, the Agency will initiate and consummate, as provided by law, all actions necessary with respect to any such matters so requisite.

**2.30 Funds of the Agency:** The Agency shall initiate and prosecute to completion all proceedings necessary including federal aid requirements to enable the Agency to provide the necessary funds for completion of the project.

**2.40 Submission of Proceedings, Contracts and Other Documents:** The Agency shall submit to the Department such data, reports, records, contracts and other documents relating to the project as the Department may require as listed in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof. The Department has the option to require an activity report on a quarterly basis. The activity report will include details of the progress of the project towards completion.

**3.00 Project Cost:** The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 40,136,728. This amount is based upon the estimate summarized in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof this Agreement. The Agency agrees to bear all expenses in excess of the total estimated cost of the project and any deficits involved.

**4.00 Department Participation:** The Department agrees to maximum participation, including contingencies, in the project in the amount of \$ 20,068,364 as detailed in Exhibit "B", or in an amount equal to the percentage(s) of total cost shown in Exhibit "B", whichever is less.

**4.10 Project Cost Eligibility :** Project costs eligible for State participation will be allowed only from the effective date of this agreement. It is understood that State participation in eligible project costs is subject to:

- (a) Legislative approval of the Department's appropriation request in the adopted work program year that the project is scheduled to be committed;
- (b) Availability of funds as stated in Section 15.00 of this Agreement; Approval of all plans, specifications, contracts or other obligating documents as required by the Department, and all other terms of this Agreement;
- (c) Department approval of costs in excess of the approved funding or attributable to actions which have not received the required approval of the Department and all other terms of this Agreement;
- (d) Department approval of the project scope and budget (Exhibits A & B) at the time appropriation authority becomes available.

**4.20 Front End Funding :** Front end funding  is  is not applicable. If applicable, the Department may initially pay 100% of the total allowable incurred project costs up to an amount equal to its total share of participation as shown in paragraph 4.00.

## 5.00 Project Budget and Payment Provisions:

**5.10 The Project Budget:** A project budget shall be prepared by the Agency and approved by the Department. The Agency shall maintain said budget, carry out the project and shall incur obligations against project funds only in conformity with the latest approved budget for the project. No budget increase or decrease shall be effective unless it complies with fund participation requirements established in Section 4.00 of this Agreement, or Amendment thereto, and is approved by the Department Comptroller.

**5.20 Payment Provisions:** Unless otherwise allowed, payment will begin in the year the project or project phase is scheduled in the work program as of the date of the agreement. Payment will be made for actual costs incurred as of the date the invoice is submitted with the final payment due upon receipt of a final invoice.

#### **6.00 Accounting Records:**

**6.10 Establishment and Maintenance of Accounting Records:** The Agency shall establish for the project, in conformity with requirements established by Department's program guidelines/procedures and "Principles for State and Local Governments", separate accounts to be maintained within its existing accounting system or establish independent accounts. Such accounts are referred to herein collectively as the "project account". Records of costs incurred under terms of this Agreement shall be maintained in the project account and made available upon request to the Department at all times during the period of this Agreement and for five (5) years after final payment is made. Copies of these documents and records shall be furnished to the Department upon request. Records of costs incurred include the Agency's general accounting records and the Project records, together with supporting documents and records, of the Agency and all sub-consultants performing work on the Project and all other records of the Agency and sub-consultants considered necessary by the Department for a proper audit of costs. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the five (5) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

**6.30 Costs Incurred for the Project:** The Agency shall charge to the project account all eligible costs of the project. Costs in excess of the latest approved budget or attributable to actions which have not received the required approval of the Department shall not be considered eligible costs.

**6.40 Documentation of Project Costs:** All costs charged to the project, including any approved services contributed by the Agency or others, shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, contracts, or vouchers evidencing in proper detail the nature and propriety of the charges.

**6.50 Checks, Orders, and Vouchers:** Any check or order drawn by the Agency with respect to any item which is or will be chargeable against the project account will be drawn only in accordance with a properly signed voucher then on file in the office of the Agency stating in proper detail the purpose for which such check or order is drawn. All checks, payrolls, invoices, contracts, vouchers, orders, or other accounting documents pertaining in whole or in part to the project shall be clearly identified, readily accessible, and, to the extent feasible, kept separate and apart from all other such documents.

**6.60 Audit Authority:** In addition to the requirements below, the Agency agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Department, Florida's Chief Financial Officer or Auditor General. The Agency shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of this Agreement for a period of five years from the date the audit report is issued, and shall allow the Department access to such records and working papers upon request. The following requirements do not limit the authority of the Department to conduct or arrange for the conduct of additional audits or evaluations of state financial assistance or limit the authority of any state agency inspector general, the Auditor General, or any other state official.

The Agency shall comply with all audit and audit reporting requirements as specified in Exhibit "D" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof this Agreement.

**6.61 Monitoring:** In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 as revised and Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, (see "Audits" below), monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by Department staff, limited scope audits as defined by OMB Circular A-133 as revised, and/or other procedures. The Agency agrees to comply and cooperate fully with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the Department. In the event the Department determines that a limited scope audit of the Agency is appropriate, the Agency agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by the Department staff to the Agency regarding such audit. The Agency further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by FDOT's Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Florida's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or Auditor General.

## 6.62 Audits:

**Part I Federally Funded:** If the Agency is a state, local government, or non-profit organizations as defined in OMB Circular A-133 and a recipient of federal funds, the following annual audit criteria will apply:

1. In the event that the recipient expends \$500,000 or more in Federal awards in its fiscal year, the recipient must have a single or program-specific audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, as revised. Exhibit "D" to this agreement indicates Federal resources awarded through the Department by this agreement. In determining the Federal awards expended in its fiscal year, the recipient shall consider all sources of Federal awards, including Federal resources received from the Department. The determination of amounts of Federal awards expended should be in accordance with the guidelines established by OMB Circular A-133, as revised. An audit of the recipient conducted by the Auditor General in accordance with the provisions OMB Circular A-133, as revised, will meet the requirements of this part.
2. In connection with the audit requirements addressed in Part I, Paragraph 1, the recipient shall fulfill the requirements relative to auditee responsibilities as provided in Subpart C of OMB Circular A-133.
3. If the recipient expends less than the amount in Part I, Paragraph 1., an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, is not required. If the recipient elects to conduct such an audit, the cost of the audit must be paid from resources obtained from other than Federal entities.
4. Federal awards are to be identified using the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) title and number, award number and year, and name of the awarding federal agency.

**Part II State Funded:** If the Agency is a non-state entity as defined by Section 215.97(2)(m), Florida Statutes, and a recipient of state funds, the following annual audit criteria will apply:

1. In the event that the recipient expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$500,000 in any fiscal year, the recipient must have a State single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes; applicable rules of the Department of Financial Services and the CFO; and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. Exhibit "D" to this agreement indicates state financial assistance awarded through the Department by this agreement. In determining the state financial assistance expended in its fiscal year, the recipient shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from the Department, other state agencies, and other non-state entities. State financial assistance does not include Federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a non-state entity for Federal program matching requirements.
2. In connection with the audit requirements addressed in Part II, Paragraph 1., the recipient shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by Section 215.97(2)(e), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General.
3. If the recipient expends less than the amount in Part II, Paragraph 1., such audit is not required. If the recipient elects to conduct such an audit, the cost of the audit must be paid from the recipient's resources obtained from non-state entities.
4. State awards are to be identified using the Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) title and number, award number and year, and name of the state agency awarding it.

## Part III Other Audit Requirements

1. The Agency shall follow-up and take corrective action on audit findings. Preparation of a summary schedule of prior year audit findings, including corrective action and current status of the audit findings is required. Current year audit findings require corrective action and status of findings.

2. Records related to unresolved audit findings, appeals, or litigation shall be retained until the action is completed or the dispute is resolved. Access to project records and audit work papers shall be given to the Department, the Department Comptroller, and the Auditor General. This section does not limit the authority of the Department to conduct or arrange for the conduct of additional audits or evaluations of state financial assistance or limit the authority of any other state official.

#### Part IV Report Submission

1. Copies of reporting packages for audits conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 as revised, and required by Section 7.62 Part I of this agreement shall be submitted, when required by Section .320 (d), OMB Circular A-133 as revised, by or on behalf of the recipient directly to each of the following:
  - A. The Department at the following address:  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Office of Comptroller, MS 24  
605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0405  
Email: FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us
  - B. The number of copies required by Sections .320 (d)(1) and (2), OMB Circular A-133 as revised, submitted to the following address:  
  
Federal Audit Clearinghouse  
Bureau of the Census  
1201 East 10th Street  
Jeffersonville, IN 47132
  - C. Other Federal agencies and pass-through entities in accordance with Sections .320 (e) and (f), OMB Circular A-133 as revised.
2. In the event that a copy of the reporting package for an audit required by Section 7.62 Part I of this Agreement and conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 as revised is not required to be submitted to the Department for reasons pursuant to section .320 (e)(2), OMB Circular A-133 as revised, the recipient shall submit the required written notification pursuant to Section .320 (e)(2) and a copy of the recipient's audited schedule of expenditures of Federal awards directly to each of the following:  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Office of Comptroller, MS 24  
605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0405  
Email: FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us  
In addition, pursuant to Section .320 (f), OMB Circular A-133 as revised, the recipient shall submit a copy of the reporting package described in Section .320 (c), OMB Circular A-133 as revised, and any management letters issued by the auditor, to the Department at the following address:  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Office of Comptroller, MS 24  
605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0405  
Email: FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us
3. Copies of financial reporting packages required by Section 7.62 Part II of this Agreement shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to each of the following:
  - A. The Department at the following address:  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Office of Comptroller, MS 24  
605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0405  
Email: FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us
  - B. The Auditor General's Office at the following address:  
  
Auditor General's Office  
Room 401, Pepper Building  
111 West Madison Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

4. Copies of reports or the management letter required by Section 7.62 Part III of this Agreement shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to:
  - A. The Department at the following address:  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Office of Comptroller, MS 24  
605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0405  
Email: FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us
5. Any reports, management letter, or other information required to be submitted to the Department pursuant to this Agreement shall be submitted timely in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 as revised, Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable.
6. Recipients, when submitting financial reporting packages to the Department for audits done in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 as revised or Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, should indicate the date that the reporting package was delivered to the Agency in correspondence accompanying the reporting package.

**6.63 Record Retention:** The Agency shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of this Agreement for a period of at least five years from the date the audit report is issued, and shall allow the Department, or its designee, the CFO or Auditor General access to such records upon request. The Agency shall ensure that the independent audit working papers are made available to the Department, or its designee, the CFO, or Auditor General upon request for a period of at least five years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the Department.

**6.64 Other Requirements:** If an audit discloses any significant audit findings related to any award, including material noncompliance with individual project compliance requirements or reportable conditions in internal controls of the Agency, the Agency shall submit as part of the audit package to the Department a plan for corrective action to eliminate such audit findings or a statement describing the reasons that corrective action is not necessary. The Agency shall take timely and appropriate corrective action to any audit findings, recommendations, and corrective action plans.

**6.65 Insurance:** Execution of this Joint Participation Agreement constitutes a certification that the Agency has and will maintain the ability to repair or replace any project equipment or facilities in the event of loss or damage due to any accident or casualty for the useful life of such equipment or facilities. In the event of the loss of such equipment or facilities, the Agency shall either replace the equipment or facilities or reimburse the Department to the extent of its interest in the lost equipment or facility. The Department may waive or modify this section as appropriate.

## 7.00 Requisitions and Payments:

**7.10 Action by the Agency:** In order to obtain any Department funds, the Agency shall file with the Department of Transportation, District Six                      Public Transportation Office 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Rm 6111, Miami                     , FL, 33172 its requisition on a form or forms prescribed by the Department, and any other data pertaining to the project account (as defined in Paragraph 6.10 hereof) to justify and support the payment requisitions.

**7.11** The Agency shall provide the following quantifiable, measurable and verifiable units of deliverables as established in Exhibit "A". Each deliverable must specify the required minimum level of service to be performed and the criteria for evaluating successful completion.

**7.12** Invoices for fees or other compensation for services or expenses shall be submitted in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof, based on the quantifiable, measurable and verifiable units of deliverables as established in Exhibit "A". Deliverables must be received and accepted in writing by the Department's Project Manager prior to payments.

**7.13** Supporting documentation must establish that the deliverables were received and accepted in writing by the Department and that the required minimum level of service to be performed based on the criteria for evaluating successful completion as specified in Section 2.00 and Exhibit "A" has been met.

**7.14** Invoices for any travel expenses by the Agency shall be submitted in accordance with Chapter 112.061, F.S., and shall be submitted on the Department's *Travel Form No. 300-000-01*. The Department may establish rates lower than the maximum provided in Chapter 112.061, F.S.

**7.15** For real property acquired, submit;

- (a) the date the Agency acquired the real property;
- (b) a statement by the Agency certifying that the Agency has acquired said real property, and actual consideration paid for real property.
- (c) a statement by the Agency certifying that the appraisal and acquisition of the real property together with any attendant relocation of occupants was accomplished in compliance with all federal laws, rules and procedures required by any federal oversight agency and with all state laws, rules and procedures that may apply to the Agency acquiring the real property.

**7.20 The Department's Obligations:** Subject to other provisions hereof, the Department will honor such requisitions in amounts and at times deemed by the Department to be proper to ensure the carrying out of the project and payment of the eligible costs. However, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Department may elect by notice in writing not to make a payment on the project if:

**7.21 Misrepresentation:** The Agency shall have made misrepresentation of a material nature in its application, or any supplement thereto or amendment thereof, or in or with respect to any document or data furnished therewith or pursuant hereto;

**7.22 Litigation:** There is then pending litigation with respect to the performance by the Agency of any of its duties or obligations which may jeopardize or adversely affect the project, the Agreement, or payments to the project;

**7.23 Approval by Department:** The Agency shall have taken any action pertaining to the project which, under this agreement, requires the approval of the Department or has made related expenditures or incurred related obligations without having been advised by the Department that same are approved;

**7.24 Conflict of Interests:** There has been any violation of the conflict of interest provisions contained herein;

**7.25 Default:** The Agency has been determined by the Department to be in default under any of the provisions of the Agreement; or

**7.26 Federal Participation (If Applicable):** Any federal agency providing federal financial assistance to the project suspends or terminates federal financial assistance to the project. In the event of suspension or termination of federal financial assistance, the Agency will reimburse the Department for all disallowed costs, including any and all federal financial assistance as detailed in Exhibit "B."

**7.30 Disallowed Costs:** In determining the amount of the payment, the Department will exclude all projects costs incurred by the Agency prior to the effective date of this Agreement, after the expiration date of this Agreement, costs which are not provided for in the latest approved scope and budget for the project, costs attributable to goods or services received under a contract or other arrangements which have not been approved by the Department, and costs invoiced prior to receipt of annual notification of fund availability.

**7.40 Payment Offset:** If, after project completion, any claim is made by the Department resulting from an audit or for work or services performed pursuant to this agreement, the Department may offset such amount from payments due for work or services done under any public transportation joint participation agreement which it has with the Agency owing such amount if, upon demand, payment of the amount is not made within sixty (60) days to the Department. Offsetting amounts shall not be considered a breach of contract by the Department.

## **8.00 Termination or Suspension of Project:**

**8.10 Termination or Suspension Generally:** If the Agency abandons or, before completion, finally discontinues the project; or if, by reason of any of the events or conditions set forth in Sections 7.21 to 7.26 inclusive, or for any other reason, the commencement, prosecution, or timely completion of the project by the Agency is rendered improbable, infeasible, impossible, or illegal, the Department will, by written notice to the Agency, suspend any or all of its obligations under this Agreement until such time as the event or condition resulting in such suspension has ceased or been corrected, or the Department may terminate any or all of its obligations under this Agreement.

**8.11 Action Subsequent to Notice of Termination or Suspension.** Upon receipt of any final termination or suspension notice under this paragraph, the Agency shall proceed promptly to carry out the actions required therein which may include any or all of the following: (1) necessary action to terminate or suspend, as the case may be, project activities and contracts and such other action as may be required or desirable to keep to the minimum the costs upon the basis of which the financing is to be computed; (2) furnish a statement of the project activities and contracts, and other undertakings the cost of which are otherwise includable as project costs; and (3) remit to the Department such portion of the financing and any advance payment previously received as is determined by the Department to be due under the provisions of the Agreement. The termination or suspension shall be carried out in conformity with the latest schedule, plan, and budget as approved by the Department or upon the basis of terms and conditions imposed by the Department upon the failure of the Agency to furnish the schedule, plan, and budget within a reasonable time. The approval of a remittance by the Agency or the closing out of federal financial participation in the project shall not constitute a waiver of any claim which the Department may otherwise have arising out of this Agreement.

**8.12** The Department reserves the right to unilaterally cancel this Agreement for refusal by the contractor or Agency to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, F.S. and made or received in conjunction with this Agreement.

**9.00 Audit and Inspection:** The Agency shall permit, and shall require its contractors to permit, the Department's authorized representatives to inspect all work, materials, payrolls, records; and to audit the books, records and accounts pertaining to the financing and development of the project.

**10.00 Contracts of the Agency:**

**10.10 Third Party Agreements:** The Department specifically reserves the right to review and approve any and all third party contracts with respect to the Project before the Agency executes or obligates itself in any manner requiring the disbursement of Department funds, including consultant, purchase of commodities contracts or amendments thereto. If the Department chooses to review and approve third party contracts for this Project and the Agency fails to obtain such approval, that shall be sufficient cause for nonpayment by the Department as provided in Section 7.23. The Department specifically reserves unto itself the right to review the qualifications of any consultant or contractor and to approve or disapprove the employment of the same. If Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds are used in the project, the Department must exercise the right to third party contract review.

**10.20 Procurement of Personal Property and Services:**

**10.21 Compliance with Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act:** It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that participation by the Department in a project with an Agency, where said project involves a consultant contract for engineering, architecture or surveying services, is contingent on the Agency complying in full with provisions of Chapter 287.055, F.S., Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act. At the discretion of the Department, the Agency will involve the Department in the Consultant Selection Process for all contracts. In all cases, the Agency's Attorney shall certify to the Department that selection has been accomplished in compliance with Chapter 287.055, F.S., the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act.

**10.22 Procurement of Commodities or Contractual Services:** It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that participation by the Department in a project with an Agency, where said project involves the purchase of commodities or contractual services or the purchasing of capital equipment or the constructing and equipping of facilities, which includes engineering, design, and/or construction activities, where purchases or costs exceed the Threshold Amount for CATEGORY TWO per Chapter 287.017 F.S., is contingent on the Agency complying in full with the provisions of Chapter 287.057 F.S. The Agency's Attorney shall certify to the Department that the purchase of commodities or contractual services has been accomplished in compliance with Chapter 287.057 F.S. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Agency to ensure that any obligations made in accordance with this Section comply with the current threshold limits. Contracts, purchase orders, task orders, construction change orders, or any other agreement that would result in exceeding the current budget contained in Exhibit "B", or that is not consistent with the project description and scope of services contained in Exhibit "A" must be approved by the Department prior to Agency execution. Failure to obtain such approval, and subsequent execution of an amendment to the Agreement if required, shall be sufficient cause for nonpayment by the Department as provided in Section 7.23.

### **10.30 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy:**

**10.31 DBE Policy:** The contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.

The recipient shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT-assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE program or the requirements of 49 CFR part 26. The recipient shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. The recipient's DBE program, as required by 49 CFR part 26 and as approved by DOT, is incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the recipient of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*)

**11.40** The Agency agrees to report any reasonable cause notice of noncompliance based on 49 CFR Part 26 filed under this section to the Department within 30 days of receipt by the Agency.

### **11.00 Restrictions, Prohibitions, Controls, and Labor Provisions:**

**11.10 Equal Employment Opportunity:** In connection with the carrying out of any project, the Agency shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The Agency will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, age, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Agency shall insert the foregoing provision modified only to show the particular contractual relationship in all its contracts in connection with the development or operation of the project, except contracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, and shall require all such contractors to insert a similar provision in all subcontracts, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials. When the project involves installation, construction, demolition, removal, site improvement, or similar work, the Agency shall post, in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment for project work, notices to be provided by the Department setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.

**11.20 Title VI - Civil Rights Act of 1964:** Execution of this Joint Participation Agreement constitutes a certification that the Agency will comply with all the requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000c, *et seq.*), the Regulations of the Federal Department of Transportation issued thereunder, and the assurance by the Agency pursuant thereto.

**11.30 Title VIII - Civil Rights Act of 1968:** Execution of this Joint Participation Agreement constitutes a certification that the Agency will comply with all the requirements imposed by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, 42 USC 3601, *et seq.*, which among other things, prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, and age.

**11.40 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA):** Execution of this Joint Participation Agreement constitutes a certification that the Agency will comply with all the requirements imposed by the ADA (42 U.S.C. 12102, *et seq.*), the regulations of the federal government issued thereunder, and the assurance by the Agency pursuant thereto.

**11.50 Prohibited Interests:** The Agency shall not enter into a contract or arrangement in connection with the project or any property included or planned to be included in the project, with any officer, director or employee of the Agency, or any business entity of which the officer, director or employee or the officer's, director's or employee's spouse or child is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor or in which such officer, director or employee or the officer's, director's or employee's spouse or child, or any combination of them, has a material interest.

"Material Interest" means direct or indirect ownership of more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity.

The Agency shall not enter into any contract or arrangement in connection with the project or any property included or planned to be included in the project, with any person or entity who was represented before the Agency by any person who at any time during the immediately preceding two years was an officer, director or employee of the Agency.

The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to any agreement between the Agency and its fiscal depositories, any agreement for utility services the rates for which are fixed or controlled by the government, or any agreement between the Agency and an agency of state government.

**11.60 Interest of Members of, or Delegates to, Congress:** No member or delegate to the Congress of the United States, or the State of Florida legislature, shall be admitted to any share or part of the Agreement or any benefit arising therefrom.

#### **12.00 Miscellaneous Provisions:**

**12.10 Environmental Regulations:** Execution of this Joint Participation Agreement constitutes a certification by the Agency that the project will be carried out in conformance with all applicable environmental regulations including the securing of any applicable permits. The Agency will be solely responsible for any liability in the event of non-compliance with applicable environmental regulations, including the securing of any applicable permits, and will reimburse the Department for any loss incurred in connection therewith.

**12.20 Department Not Obligated to Third Parties:** The Department shall not be obligated or liable hereunder to any party other than the Agency.

**12.30 When Rights and Remedies Not Waived:** In no event shall the making by the Department of any payment to the Agency constitute or be construed as a waiver by the Department of any breach of covenant or any default which may then exist, on the part of the Agency, and the making of such payment by the Department while any such breach or default shall exist shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the Department with respect to such breach or default.

**12.40 How Agreement Is Affected by Provisions Being Held Invalid:** If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected. In such an instance the remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

**12.50 Bonus or Commission:** By execution of the Agreement the Agency represents that it has not paid and, also, agrees not to pay, any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining an approval of its application for the financing hereunder.

**12.60 State or Territorial Law:** Nothing in the Agreement shall require the Agency to observe or enforce compliance with any provision thereof, perform any other act or do any other thing in contravention of any applicable State law: Provided, that if any of the provisions of the Agreement violate any applicable State law, the Agency will at once notify the Department in writing in order that appropriate changes and modifications may be made by the Department and the Agency to the end that the Agency may proceed as soon as possible with the project.

**12.70 Use and Maintenance of Project Facilities and Equipment:** The Agency agrees that the project facilities and equipment will be used by the Agency to provide or support public transportation for the period of the useful life of such facilities and equipment as determined in accordance with general accounting principles and approved by the Department. The Agency further agrees to maintain the project facilities and equipment in good working order for the useful life of said facilities or equipment.

**12.71 Property Records:** The Agency agrees to maintain property records, conduct physical inventories and develop control systems as required by 49 CFR Part 18, when applicable.

**12.80 Disposal of Project Facilities or Equipment:** If the Agency disposes of any project facility or equipment during its useful life for any purpose except its replacement with like facility or equipment for public transportation use, the Agency will comply with the terms of 49 CFR Part 18 relating to property management standards. The Agency agrees to remit to the Department a proportional amount of the proceeds from the disposal of the facility or equipment. Said proportional amount shall be determined on the basis of the ratio of the Department financing of the facility or equipment as provided in this Agreement.

**12.90 Contractual Indemnity:** To the extent provided by law, the Agency shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Department and all of its officers, agents, and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge, or expense arising out of any act, error, omission, or negligent act by the Agency, its agents, or employees, during the performance of the Agreement, except that neither the Agency, its agents, or its employees will be liable under this paragraph for any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge, or expense arising out of any act, error, omission, or negligent act by the Department or any of its officers, agents, or employees during the performance of the Agreement.

When the Department receives a notice of claim for damages that may have been caused by the Agency in the performance of services required under this Agreement, the Department will immediately forward the claim to the Agency. The Agency and the Department will evaluate the claim and report their findings to each other within fourteen (14) working days and will jointly discuss options in defending the claim. After reviewing the claim, the Department will determine whether to require the participation of the Agency in the defense of the claim or to require that the Agency defend the Department in such claim as described in this section. The Department's failure to promptly notify the Agency of a claim shall not act as a waiver of any right herein to require the participation in or defense of the claim by Agency. The Department and the Agency will each pay its own expenses for the evaluation, settlement negotiations, and trial, if any. However, if only one party participates in the defense of the claim at trial, that party is responsible for all expenses at trial.

**13.00 Plans and Specifications:** In the event that this Agreement involves the purchasing of capital equipment or the constructing and equipping of facilities, where plans and specifications have been developed, the Agency shall provide an Engineer's Certification that certifies project compliance as listed below, or in Exhibit "C" if applicable. For the plans, specifications, construction contract documents, and any and all other engineering, construction, and contractual documents produced by the Engineer, hereinafter collectively referred to as "plans", the Agency will certify that:

- a. All plans comply with federal, state, and professional standards as well as minimum standards established by the Department as applicable;
- b. The plans were developed in accordance with sound engineering and design principles, and with generally accepted professional standards;
- c. The plans are consistent with the intent of the project as defined in Exhibits "A" and "B" of this Agreement as well as the Scope of Services; and
- d. The plans comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, zoning and permitting requirements, public notice requirements, and other similar regulations.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, the Agency, upon request by the Department, shall provide plans and specifications to the Department for review and approvals.

**14.00 Project Completion, Agency Certification:** The Agency will certify in writing on or attached to the final invoice, that the project was completed in accordance with applicable plans and specifications, is in place on the Agency facility, that adequate title is in the Agency and that the project is accepted by the Agency as suitable for the intended purpose.

**15.00 Appropriation of Funds:**

**15.10** The State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

**15.20 Multi-Year Commitment:** In the event this Agreement is in excess of \$25,000 and has a term for a period of more than one year, the provisions of Chapter 339.135(6)(a), F.S., are hereby incorporated: "(a) The Department, during any fiscal year, shall not expend money, incur any liability, or enter into any contract which, by its terms involves the expenditure of money in excess of the amounts budgeted as available for expenditure during such fiscal year. Any contract, verbal or written, made in violation of this subsection is null and void, and no money may be paid on such contract. The Department shall require a statement from the comptroller of the Department that funds are available prior to entering into any such contract or other binding commitment of funds. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the making of contracts for periods exceeding 1 year, but any contract so made shall be executory only for the value of the services to be rendered or agreed to be paid for in succeeding fiscal years; and this paragraph shall be incorporated verbatim in all contracts of the Department which are for an amount in excess of 25,000 dollars and which have a term for a period of more than 1 year."

**16.00 Expiration of Agreement:** The Agency agrees to complete the project on or before December 31, 2015. If the Agency does not complete the project within this time period, this Agreement will expire unless an extension of the time period is requested by the Agency and granted in writing by the District Secretary or Designee. Expiration of this Agreement will be considered termination of the project and the procedure established in Section 8.00 of this Agreement shall be initiated.

**16.10 Final Invoice:** The Agency must submit the final invoice on this project to the Department within 120 days after the expiration of this Agreement.

**17.00 Agreement Format:** All words used herein in the singular form shall extend to and include the plural. All words used in the plural form shall extend to and include the singular. All words used in any gender shall extend to and include all genders.

**18.00 Execution of Agreement:** This Agreement may be simultaneously executed in a minimum of two counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute one in the same instrument.

**19.00 Restrictions on Lobbying:**

**19.10 Federal:** The Agency agrees that no federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the Agency, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid by the Agency to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Joint Participation Agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

The Agency shall require that the language of this section be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**19.20 State:** No funds received pursuant to this contract may be expended for lobbying the Legislature or a state agency.

**20.00 Vendors Rights:** Vendors (in this document identified as Agency) providing goods and services to the Department should be aware of the following time frames. Upon receipt, the Department has five (5) working days to inspect and approve the goods and services unless the bid specifications, purchase order or contract specifies otherwise. The Department has 20 days to deliver a request for payment (voucher) to the Department of Financial Services. The 20 days are measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected and approved.

If a payment is not available within 40 days after receipt of the invoice and receipt, inspection and approval of goods and services, a separate interest penalty in accordance with Section 215.422(3)(b), F.S. will be due and payable, in addition to the invoice amount to the Agency. The interest penalty provision applies after a 35 day time period to health care providers, as defined by rule. Interest penalties of less than one (1) dollar will not be enforced unless the Agency requests payment. Invoices which have to be returned to an Agency because of vendor preparation errors will result in a delay in the payment. The invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the Department.

A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Financial Services. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for Agencies who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment(s) from the Department. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (850) 413-5516 or by calling the Division of Consumer Services at 1-877-693-5236.

**21.00 Public Entity Crime:** A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017, F.S. for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

**22.00 Discrimination:** An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

**23.00 E-Verify:**

Vendors/Contractors:

1. shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the contract; and
2. shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents be executed, the day and year first above written.

AGENCY

Miami-Dade Transit

AGENCY NAME

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SIGNATORY (PRINTED OR TYPED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

FDOT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Director of Transportation Development - D6

TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
LEGAL REVIEW

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

See attached Encumbrance Form for date of Funding  
Approval by Comptroller

Bruce Fibhaber

Approved as to form  
and legal sufficiency

TO: PT629RF@dot.state.fl.us 10340052  
SUBJECT: FUNDS APPROVAL/REVIEWED FOR CONTRACT ARJ44

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FUNDS APPROVAL

Contract #ARJ44 Contract Type: Method of Procurement:  
Vendor Name: MIAMI-DADE TRANS  
Vendor ID: VF596000573129  
Beginning date of this Agmt: 07/11/14  
Ending date of this Agmt: 12/31/15

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ORG-CODE \*EO \*OBJECT \*AMOUNT \*FIN PROJECT \*FCT \*CFDA  
(FISCAL YEAR) \*BUDGET ENTITY \*CATEGORY/CAT YEAR  
AMENDMENT ID \*SEQ. \*USER ASSIGNED ID \*ENC LINE(6S)/STATUS  
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Action: ORIGINAL Funds have been: APPROVED

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2015 \*55100100 \*088774/15  
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Action: ORIGINAL Funds have been: APPROVED

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TOTAL AMOUNT: \*\$ 20,068,364.00 \*  
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FUNDS APPROVED/REVIEWED FOR ROBIN M. NAITOVE, CPA, COMPTROLLER  
DATE: 07/15/2014

FINANCIAL PROJECT NOS. 42769818401/42769828401  
CSFA NO. 55.010  
CONTRACT NO. PRJ44

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

This exhibit forms an integral part of that certain Joint Participation Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT  
701 NW FIRST COURT, SUITE 1300, MIAMI, FL 33136

dated \_\_\_\_\_.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Miami-Dade County, Florida

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Provide State Transit Block Grant Program funding to Miami-Dade Transit for operating fixed-route transit service in Miami-Dade County, Florida. State participation rate is 50%.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS BY AGENCY:**

The audit report(s) required in Paragraph 7.60 of the Agreement (see Exhibit "D") shall include a schedule of project assistance that will reflect the Department's contract number, Financial Project Number and the Federal Identification number, where applicable, and the amount of state funding action (receipt and disbursement of funds) and any federal or local funding action and the funding action from any other source with respect to the project.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS BY DEPARTMENT:** None

**EXHIBIT "B"  
 PROJECT BUDGET**

This exhibit forms an integral part of that certain Joint Participation Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and

Miami-Dade Transit  
701 NW First Court, Suite 1300, Miami, FL 33136

dated \_\_\_\_\_.

**PROJECT COST:**

Transit Operating Assistance	\$40,136,728
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<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	<b>\$40,136,728</b>
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**II. PARTICIPATION:**

Maximum Federal Participation

FTA, FAA	(0%)	\$0
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Agency Participation

In-Kind		
Cash	(50%)	\$20,068,364
Other		

Maximum Department Participation,

Primary		
(DS)(DDR)(DPTO)(PORT)(CIGP) (50%)	or	\$20,068,364
Federal Reimbursable (SU)(CM)(DFTA) (0%)	or	\$0
Local Reimbursable (DL) (0%)	or	\$0

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<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$40,136,728</b>
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**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**(For State Block Grant Only)**

This exhibit forms an integral part of that certain Joint Participation Agreement between the State of Florida, Department of Transportation and \_\_\_\_\_

Miami-Dade Transit  
701 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Court, Suite 1300, Miami, FL 33136  
dated \_\_\_\_\_.

referenced by the above Financial Project Number.

**REF: Section 341.052 F.S.**

**Funding**

Funding assistance is being provided to Miami-Dade Transit for operating fixed route bus service in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Eligible project expenses are limited to salary and fringe benefits costs for bus operations, dispatch and maintenance operations.

The Department shall provide block grant funds for eligible capital and operating costs of public bus transit and local public fixed guideway projects. Eligibility of this Agency to receive grant funding is provided in Sec. 341.052(1) F.S., and Sections 5307 and 5311 of the Federal Transit Act, 49 U.S.C. 5307, and 49 U.S.C. 5311 respectively.

Eligible transit capital costs means any costs that would be defined as capital costs by the Federal Transit Administration.

Eligible transit operating costs are the total administrative, management, and operation costs directly incident to the provision of public bus transit services, excluding any depreciation or amortization of capital assets.

Block grant funds shall not exceed local revenue during the term of this agreement.

(Local revenue is defined as the sum of money received from local government entities to assist in paying transit operation costs, including tax funds, and revenue earned from fare box receipts, charter service, contract service, express service and non - transportation activities.)

Block grant funds shall not supplant local tax revenues made available for operations in the year immediately preceding this agreement.

State participation in eligible public transit operating costs may not exceed fifty (50) percent of such costs or an amount equal to the total revenue, excluding farebox, charter, and advertising revenue and federal funds, received by the provider for operating costs, whichever amount is less.

### **Program Requirements**

The Agency shall require the independent auditor, retained to perform the audit as required by the Single Audit Act of 1984, to specifically test and certify that these limitations (...funds shall not exceed local revenue...funds shall not be expended for depreciation or amortization of capital assets...funds shall not supplant local tax revenues made available for operations in the previous year) of the block grant program as delineated in Chapter 341.052 F.S., have been adhered to.

The Agency shall provide the Department with two (2) copies of its most current adopted budget by March 1. Unless the adopted budget uses a format consistent with the National Transit Database (NTD) report, the copy provided to the Department will indicate how the projections for total local revenue, local tax revenue made available for operations, and depreciation and amortization costs, as they will appear in the NTD report, can be identified.

The Agency shall publish in the local newspaper of its area, in the format prescribed by the Department, the productivity and performance measures established for the transit providers most recently completed fiscal year and the prior fiscal year. This report shall be approved by the Department of Transportation prior to its publication. This report shall be submitted to the Department no later than November 15 of each year, and published either by December 31 or no later than twenty eight (28) calendar days of the Department's written approval of the report. The Agency shall furnish an affidavit of publication to the Department within twenty eight (28) calendar days of publication.

The Agency shall submit a Transit Development Plan (TDP) or annual update to the Department by September 1 of each year. As a separate part of the transit development plan or annual report, the Agency will address potential enhancements to productivity and performance which would have the effect of increasing farebox ratio pursuant to FS 341.071 (2).

A TDP shall conform to the requirements in Rule 14-73, available at:  
<http://fac.dos.state.fl.us/faconline/chapter14.pdf>.

**Mark the required Safety submittal or provisions for this agreement if applicable.**

### **Safety Requirements**

X Bus Transit System - In accordance with Florida Statute 341.061, and Rule 14-90, Florida Administrative Code, the Agency shall submit, and the Department shall have on file, an annual safety certification that the Agency has adopted and is complying with its adopted System Safety and Security Program Plan pursuant to Rule Chapter 14-90 and has performed annual safety inspections of all buses operated.

## EXHIBIT D

Financial Project No. 42769818401/42769828401

CSFA No. 55.010

Contract No. ART44

**FEDERAL** and/or **STATE** resources awarded to the recipient pursuant to this agreement should be listed below. If the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one Federal or State program, provide the same information for each program and the total resources awarded. **Compliance Requirements** applicable to each Federal or State program should also be listed below. If the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one program, list applicable compliance requirements for each program in the same manner as shown here:

- (e.g., What services or purposes the resources must be used for)
- (e.g., Eligibility requirements for recipients of the resources)
- (Etc...)

**NOTE:** Instead of listing the specific compliance requirements as shown above, the State awarding agency may elect to use language that requires the recipient to comply with the requirements of applicable provisions of specific laws, rules, regulations, etc. The State awarding agency, if practical, may want to attach a copy of the specific law, rule, or regulation referred to.

### FEDERAL RESOURCES

<u>Federal Agency</u>	<u>Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (Number &amp; Title)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A

### Compliance Requirements

1. N/A

### STATE RESOURCES

<u>State Agency</u>	<u>Catalog of State Financial Assistance (Number &amp; Title)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FDOT	55.010 PUBLIC TRANSIT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM	\$20,068,364.00

### **Compliance Requirements:**

In developing audit procedures to test compliance with the requirements for a state project, the auditor should first look to Part Two, Matrix of Compliance Requirements, to identify which of the 10 types of compliance requirements described in Part Three of the Compliance Supplement are applicable and then look to Parts Three and Four for the details of the requirements.

### **Allowed Activities:**

Block grant funds may be used for eligible capital and operating costs of public transit providers. Funds may also be used for transit service development and transit corridor projects. Projects shall be consistent with applicable approved local government

comprehensive plans. Local tax revenue made available for operating costs shall not be supplanted by block grant funds. (FDOT Procedure Topic Number 725-030-030-f, Section 1.2 and 1.3)

All projects must be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the approved local government comprehensive plans of the units of local government in which the project is located. (Section 341.052(2),(c), Florida Statutes)

If an audit reveals that an eligible provider expended block grant funds on unauthorized uses, the provider must repay to FDOT an amount equal to funds expended for unauthorized uses. (Section 341.052(7),(c), Florida Statutes)

**Allowable Costs:**

Cost for which public transit block grant program funds may be expended include:

1) Cost of public bus transit and local public fixed guideway capital projects.

2) Costs of public bus transit service development and transit corridor projects. Whenever block grant funds are used for a service development project or a transit corridor project, the use of such funds is governed by Section 341.051, Florida Statutes. Local transit service development projects and transit corridor projects currently operating under contract with FDOT shall continue to receive state funds according to the contract until such time as the contract expires. Transit corridor projects, wholly within one county, meeting or exceeding performance criteria as described in the contract shall be continued by the transit provider at the same or higher level of service until such time as FDOT, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the service provider agree to discontinue the service. The provider may not increase fare for service in transit corridor projects wholly within one county without the consent of FDOT.

3) Cost of public bus transit operations.  
(Section 341.052(2), Florida Statutes)

**Cash Management:**

State agencies which are expressly authorized by law to make advances for project startup or contracted services in total or periodically, shall limit such advances to other governmental entities and nonprofit entities. The amount to be advanced may not exceed the expected cash needs of the recipient within the initial 3 months. Thereafter disbursements are to be made only on a reimbursement basis. The Chief Financial Officer, after consultation with the appropriations committee, may advance funds beyond a 3-month requirement if it is determined to be consistent with the intent of the approved operating budget. Any agreement that provides for advances may contain a clause that permits the recipient to temporarily invest the proceeds, provided that any interest income either be returned to the agency or applied against the agency's obligation to pay the contract amount. (Section 216.181, Florida Statutes) Specific cash management requirements unique to a state project may be found in the laws, rules, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements pertaining to the project. For projects listed in the Compliance Supplement, these specific requirements are in Part Four.

**Eligibility:**

Funding is limited to public transit providers eligible to receive funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5307 and 5311 programs, and to Community Transportation Coordinators. Projects must be consistent with applicable approved local government comprehensive plans. (725-030-004 entitled "Section 5311 Program")

**Matching:**

State participation in eligible capital projects shall be limited to 50 percent of the nonfederal share of such project costs. (Section 341.052(3)(a), Florida Statutes)

State participation in eligible public transit operating costs may not exceed 50 percent of such costs or an amount equal to the total revenue, excluding farebox, charter, and advertising revenue and federal funds, received by the provider for operating costs, whichever amount is less. (Section 341.052(3)(b), Florida Statutes)

All projects must be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible with the approved local government comprehensive plans of the units of local government in which the project is located. (Section 341.052(2)(c), Florida Statutes)

**NOTE:** Section .400(d) of OMB Circular A-133, as revised, and Section 215.97(5)(a), Florida Statutes, require that the information about Federal Programs and State Projects included in this exhibit be provided to the recipient.



Memorandum

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

**From:** Charles Scurr, Executive Director

**Date:** September 17, 2014

**Re: CITT AGENDA ITEM 5B:**  
RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC), AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR \$20,068,364.00 IN PUBLIC TRANSIT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR TRANSIT BUS SERVICE ASSISTANCE; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA; AUTHORIZING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; AND AUTHORIZING USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS (MDT - BCC Legislative File No. 141861)

On September 17, 2014, the CITT voted (12-0) to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the approval of the above referenced item, CITT Resolution No. 14-068. 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 – Aye  
Jonathan Martinez – Aye  
Miles E. Moss, P.E. – Absent  
Marilyn Smith – Aye

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

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