MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	December 18, 2014
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to apportion 10 percent of the funding dedicated to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, pursuant to the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1, to greenway and trail projects, including but not limited to the Underline, Western Greenbelt and the Biscayne Everglades Greenway projects

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**

✓ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPORTION 10 PERCENT OF THE FUNDING DEDICATED TO THE LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND, PURSUANT TO THE FLORIDA WATER AND LAND CONSERVATION INITIATIVE, FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1, TO GREENWAY AND TRAIL PROJECTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE UNDERLINE, WESTERN GREENBELT AND THE BISCAYNE EVERGLADES GREENWAY PROJECTS

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, Florida voters overwhelmingly approved Florida Constitutional Amendment 1, the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, which dedicates to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund no less than 33 percent of net revenues collected from the existing excise tax on real estate documents to be used to acquire, restore, and manage conservation and recreation lands throughout Florida for a period of 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the revenues collected pursuant to this amendment may be used to finance the acquisition and improvement of land and outdoor recreation areas, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has developed a Countywide Parks and Open Space System Master Plan which contains a 50-year guide to future park and trail development, including an emphasis on offering transportation alternatives, reducing traffic congestion, and creating new recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of projects in the works designed to make Miami-Dade County a safer and more enjoyable place to bicycle, run and walk, including the Underline and the Biscayne Everglades Greenway projects; and

WHEREAS, the Underline project will transform various lands underneath Miami's MetroRail into a contiguous 10 mile linear park and urban trail; and

WHEREAS, the Western Greenbelt project will create the westernmost recreational trial in Miami-Dade County, running from the Broward County border to Homestead; and

WHEREAS, the Biscayne Everglades Greenway project will create a 42 mile loop trail that will link Everglades and Biscayne National Parks in south Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, also under consideration by this Board is proposed Resolution No. R-2718-14, which would urge the Florida Legislature to provide funding for the acquisition and improvement of the proposed Ludlam Trail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, this Board has long supported projects geared towards enhancing the livelihood of Miami-Dade County citizens while improving the environmental footprint and economic impact of our County,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to apportion 10 percent of the funding dedicated to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, pursuant to the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1, to greenway and trail projects, including but not limited to the Underline, Western Greenbelt and the Biscayne Everglades Greenway projects.

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

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues raised in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Daniella Levine Cava	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 18th day of December, 2014. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. MP

Matthew Papkin