

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(2)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 3, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing Miami-Dade Transit to implement new Interstate 95 Dade/Broward Express Bus Service from Broward Boulevard and Sheridan Street Tri-Rail Station Park and Ride Lots to the Civic Center on or after April 1, 2015

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

  
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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney


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# Memorandum



**Date:** March 3, 2015

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing Implementation of a New Bus Route (Interstate 95 Dade/Broward Express Civic Center) to be Implemented on or after April 1, 2015

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve a resolution for a new bus route (Interstate 95 Dade/Broward Express Civic Center) to commence service on or after April 1, 2015. Board approval subsequent to a public hearing regarding the new bus route is required per Chapter 2, Article XIX, Section 2-150 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

## **SCOPE**

The alignment of this service spans Commissioner Barbara Jordan's District 1, Commissioner Jean Monestime's District 2, Commissioner Audrey Edmonson's District 3, and Commissioner Sally Heyman's District 4. While these funds provide support for a bus service along the Interstate 95 transportation corridor, the impact of the project benefits the riding public and is, therefore, countywide.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the County, as the service will be funded entirely with a Transit Corridor Program Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$2,472,000.00 annually (R-390-14).

## **TRACK RECORD/MONITOR**

The Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) employee responsible for management and oversight of the proposed new service is Gerald Bryan, Chief, Service Planning and Scheduling.

## **BACKGROUND**

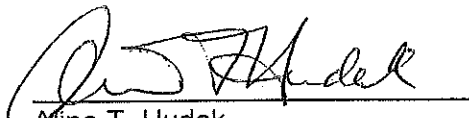
The State Transit Corridor Program is authorized by Chapter 341 of the Florida Statutes. The program provides funding to relieve traffic congestion and improve road capacity within identified transportation corridors by increasing the people-carrying capacity of the systems through the use and facilitated movement of high-occupancy conveyances. Transit Corridor Program funds are intended to alleviate congestion in designated transportation corridors such as Interstate 95 (I-95) and are eligible to receive up to 100 percent of State funding.

In August 2007, the Miami-Urban Partnership comprised of FDOT, MDT, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Broward County Transit, the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority and the Florida Turnpike Enterprise entered into an Urban Partnership Agreement to convert 21 miles of two (2) high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes (one in each direction) along I-95, from I-395 in Miami to I-595 in Fort Lauderdale into variably-priced high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes. A major component of the project included implementing new express bus service within the HOT lanes between Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

On January 25, 2010, MDT began Phase 1 of the I-95 Dade/Broward Express Route service. MDT will implement the second phase of the I-95 Dade/Broward Express service with operation along the same alignment as Phase I, but with direct service to the Civic Center in Miami (NW 15th Street and 12th Avenue).

Specifically, the new service will operate in the I-95 express lanes and serve the Broward Boulevard Tri-Rail Station Park-and-Ride lot, the Sheridan Street Tri-Rail Station Park-and Ride Lot, and the Civic Center area in Miami-Dade County (Attachment A). The route will operate only on weekdays, every 30 minutes between the hours of approximately 5:30 am - 9:30 am (AM peak) and 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm (PM peak).

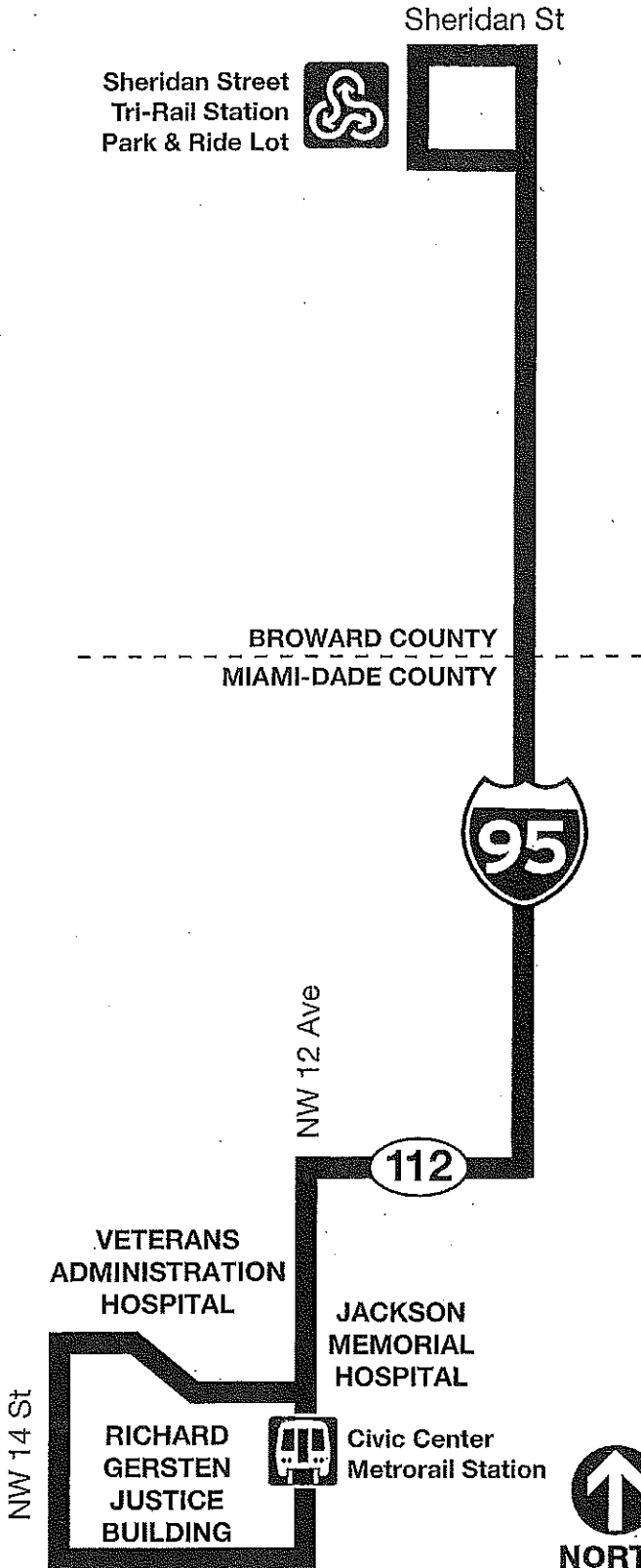
The proposed new service requires a public hearing prior to implementation (Attachment B). In accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), officers of the Transport Workers' Union Local 291 (TWU) have been provided information on the proposed new service for their review at departmental line-up planning committee meetings. MDT staff will continue to work closely with TWU throughout the scheduling process to ensure implementation of the new service.



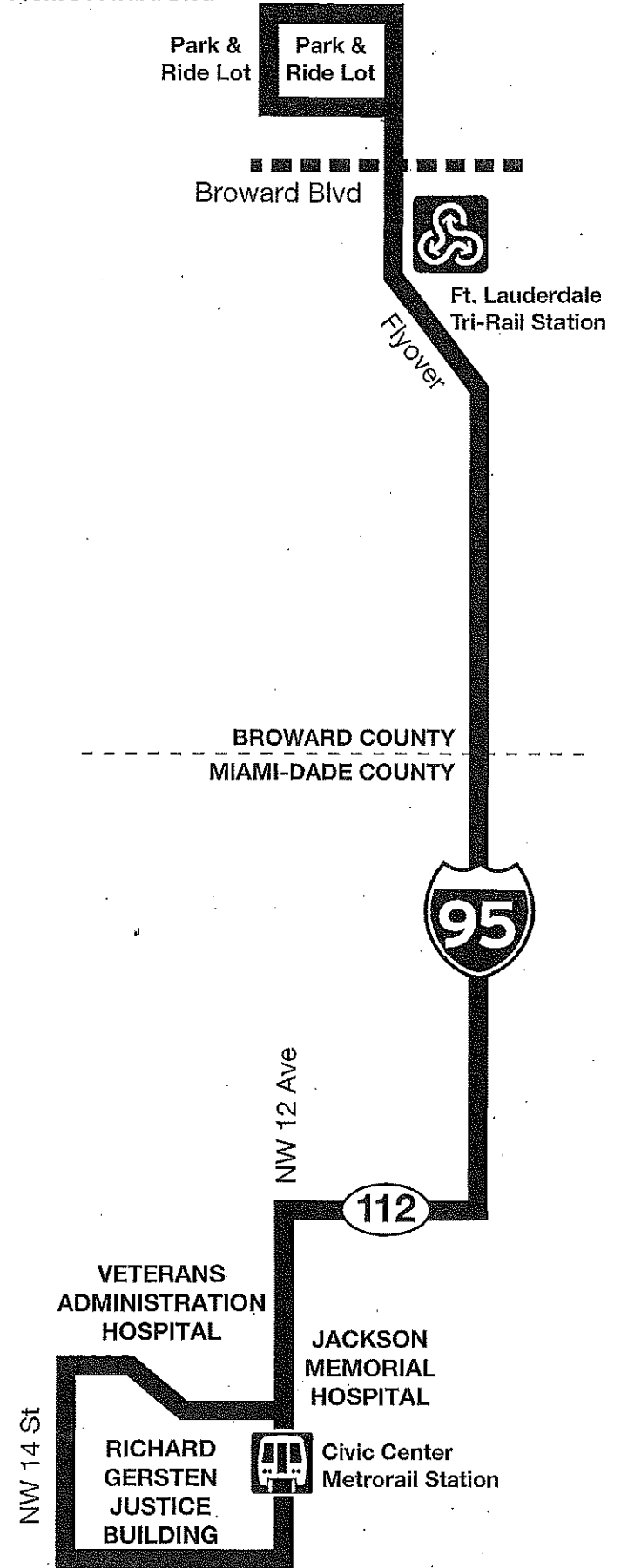
Mina T. Hudak  
Deputy Mayor

# Route 95 Dade-Broward Express

From Sheridan Street



From Broward Blvd



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## Attachment B

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Transportation & Aviation Committee of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in the Commission Chambers, second floor, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida, during a meeting to begin at approximately 2:00 PM January 14, 2015.

***MIAMI-DADE COUNTY NEW ROUTE:***

**MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) PROPOSES TO IMPLEMENT A NEW DADE/BROWARD INTERSTATE 95 EXPRESS BUS ROUTE, WITH SERVICE FROM BROWARD COUNTY TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

**THE NEW SERVICE WILL OPERATE IN THE I-95 EXPRESS LANES AND SERVE THE BROWARD BOULEVARD TRI-RAIL STATION PARK-AND-RIDE LOT, THE SHERIDAN STREET TRI-RAIL STATION PARK-AND RIDE LOT, AND THE CIVIC CENTER AREA IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 2015**

At the public hearing, the Committee will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of this project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by any board, agency, or commission with respect to any such matter considered at its meeting or hearing, will need a record of all proceedings. Such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

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(Revised)

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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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3-3-15

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT TO IMPLEMENT NEW INTERSTATE 95 DADE/BROWARD EXPRESS BUS SERVICE FROM BROWARD BOULEVARD AND SHERIDAN STREET TRI-RAIL STATION PARK AND RIDE LOTS TO THE CIVIC CENTER ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 2015

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

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade Transit has analyzed the proposed route and determined that the addition of this new service will enhance the regional transit connections of the transit system; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held at the Transportation and Aviation Committee,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board authorizes the implementation of the Interstate 95 Dade/Broward Express Bus Service from the Broward Boulevard and Sheridan Street Tri-Rail Station Park and Ride Lots to the Civic Center on or after April 1, 2015.

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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

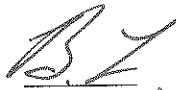
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an 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.



Bruce Libhaber