

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(35)

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


**DATE:** February 3, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution amending Resolution  
No. R-1143-14 to revise the  
Board's state legislative priorities  
for the 2015 Legislative Session  
to include funding for the  
Underline in addition to the  
Ludlam Trail as a priority

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

  
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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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2-3-15

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-1143-14 TO  
REVISE THE BOARD'S STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
FOR THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE  
FUNDING FOR THE UNDERLINE IN ADDITION TO THE  
LUDLAM TRAIL AS A PRIORITY

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2014, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1148-14, which urged 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 the proposed Underline project ("the Underline"); and

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 2014, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1143-14, which approved ten state legislative priorities for the 2015 session; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislative priorities approved by this Board included urging the Florida Legislature to provide funding for the acquisition and improvement of the proposed Ludlam Trail Corridor pursuant to the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1 (Resolution No. R-1130-14); and

**WHEREAS**, the Underline endeavors to transform various lands below the County's elevated Metrorail system into a contiguous, 10-mile linear park and urban trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the Underline seeks to connect communities, improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, provide an accessible space for exercise, attract development along the trail's path, and generate a positive economic impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the Underline land is primarily Metrorail right-of-way, publicly owned, and is thus available for immediate development; and

**WHEREAS**, over 19 architectural design firms have submitted master plan proposals to develop the land comprising the Underline; and

**WHEREAS**, both the proposed Ludlam Trail and the Underline seek to make the County a safer and more enjoyable place for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, securing funding for both the Ludlam Trail and the Underline should be top priorities of this Board for the 2015 Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has long supported projects geared towards enhancing the livelihood of Miami-Dade County residents 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:

**Section 1.** Resolution No. R-1143-14 is hereby amended to include funding for the Underline in addition to the Ludlam Trail as a priority for the 2015 Legislative Session, as set forth in the attached.

**Section 2.** The Board 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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman  
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 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.



Javier Zapata

**Miami-Dade County**  
**2015 State Legislative Priorities**

1. **Reauthorization of the State Enterprise Zone Program:** *SUPPORT* the reauthorization of the state Enterprise Zone program for another 10 years.
2. **Film, Television and Entertainment:** *SUPPORT* incentives for Film, Television and Entertainment that foster economic development and create jobs.
3. **Medicaid Contributions:** *OPPOSE* any further cost shifts to Miami-Dade county related to county Medicaid contributions and *OPPOSE* any delay or elimination of the transition to a Medicaid enrollees formula; urging the Florida Association of Counties to identify this issue as one of its priorities.
4. **Ludlam Trail/The Underline:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to provide funding for the acquisition and improvement of the proposed Ludlam Trail Corridor pursuant to the Florida water and land conservation initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1; Urging the Florida Legislature to include funding for the Underline pursuant to the Florida water and land conservation initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1; preliminarily identifying this these issue issues as a critical county priority priorities for the 2015 Session.
5. **Equal Pay:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass "equal pay" laws designed to equalize pay disparities between men and women.
6. **Medicaid Expansion:** Resolution supporting Medicaid expansion in Florida pursuant to the patient protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation expanding Medicaid in Florida.
7. **Elder Meal Program:** Resolution urging the Governor and Florida Legislature to fully fund elder meal programs/local service providers in Miami-Dade County and opposing legislation that might result in reductions for funding of elder meal programs and local service providers in Miami-Dade County.
8. **Transportation Funding:** *SUPPORT* increased funding for transit and transportation projects in Miami-Dade County.
9. **Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund:** *SUPPORT* using Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund revenues, not allocated under the state's conservation land buying program, solely for affordable housing; *OPPOSE* any further sweeps to the state general revenue fund.
10. **Historic County Courthouse Preservation and Restoration:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to create a program providing state funding for historic county courthouse preservation and restoration.