

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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

DATE: February 18, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Governor and Florida
Legislature to enact
legislation that supports
a shift towards public
transportation initiatives and
increase funding for new public
transit projects and for
improvements to existing public
transit systems

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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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

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Veto _____

2-18-15

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT SUPPORTS
A SHIFT TOWARDS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
INITIATIVES AND INCREASE FUNDING FOR NEW PUBLIC
TRANSIT PROJECTS AND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO
EXISTING PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, according to a report released by the American Public Transportation Association, Americans took 10.7 billion trips in 2013 on public transportation representing the highest annual public transit ridership number in 57 years; and

WHEREAS, the reported data shows that Miami-Dade Transit ridership increased from 2012 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, 110,926,500 trips were taken via Miami-Dade Transit in 2013 representing a 2.3 percent increase from the 108,432,700 trips taken in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Transit ridership increased more than double the 1.1 percent increase seen across the nation; and

WHEREAS, no mode of transportation saw a larger increase in ridership than Metrorail with approximately 21,275,400 trips taken through the heavy-rail transit system in 2013, representing a 10.56 percent increase from the 19,242,800 trips taken in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the President of the American Public Transportation Agency has stated that across the nation more people are demanding an increase in public transit services and that communities are benefiting as a result; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Miami-Dade County, the report also showed increased transit ridership in Fort Myers, Pompano Beach, and Tampa; and

WHEREAS, since 1921, road construction and improvements in Florida generally have been funded through motor fuel taxes levied on each gallon of fuel purchased; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, fuel consumption in Florida has not increased and has in some years declined due to the introduction of more fuel efficient vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that motor fuel tax revenues will continue to decline as vehicles become more fuel efficient and as automobile manufacturers bring onto the market more hybrid, battery, and electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, as the demand for public transit continues to grow and the funds for road construction and improvements continue to decrease, it is imperative for the betterment of our community and economic growth that the state and local governments work together to improve existing public transit systems and to move forward with new public transit projects; and

WHEREAS, this Board urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to support a shift towards public transportation initiatives and increase funding for new public transportation projects that would not only ease the transportation needs within our local communities, but also make it more accessible for Floridians to travel throughout the state on public transit systems,

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

Section 1. Urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to enact legislation that supports a shift towards public transportation initiatives and increase funding for new public transit projects and for improvements to existing public transit systems.

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

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of legislation and funding as set forth 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 Audrey M. Edmonson.

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	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 18th 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.

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Annery Pulgar Alfonso