



MEMORANDUM

TMSC
Agenda Item No. 6(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Transit and Mobility Services
Committee

DATE: June 10, 2015

FROM: Christopher Agrippa
Director, Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Transit and Mobility Services Committee:

February 11, 2015

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes Transit and Mobility Services Committee

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. (13) Chair; Dennis C. Moss (9) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Barbara J. Jordan (1), and Xavier L. Suarez (7)

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Xavier L. Suarez.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: Bruno A. Barreiro 9:47:00 AM, Jose "Pepe" Diaz 9:57:00 AM.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Karen Harrison, Commission Reporter; (305)375-1296*

1A **INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05**
(H)

1B **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following staff members were present:*
-Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak
-Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan
-Assistant County Attorney Annery Pulgar Alfonso
-Assistant County Attorney Alex Bokor
-Deputy Clerk Karen Harrison

1C **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1D **REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
PUBLIC TO BE HEARD AS PROVIDED IN
RULE 6.06**

Report: *Chairman Bovo noted that in pursuant to Rule 6.06 that this meeting was open for public testimony and input and opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak on any of the items in today's (2/11) TMSC meeting or during the discussion of a specific item.*

1E **SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

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150194 Service Awards**Jean Monestime**

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

Presented

PATRICK J. BIRCH - MDT - 30 YEARS
 DIANE E. DURAN - MDT - 35 YEARS
 JOANIE GORDON - MDT - 35 YEARS
 DAVID L. IMLER - MDT - 30 YEARS
 KENNETH H. JONES - MDT - 30 YEARS
 RICHARD W. MORRIS - MDT - 35 YEARS
 GLENROY RILEY - MDT - 30 YEARS
 CHARLES A. FLYNN - MDT - 30 YEARS
 ROBERT W. LUNDQUIST - MDT - 30 YEARS
 LORENZO JONES - MDT - 30 YEARS

Report: *Commissioner Bovo presented service awards to the following persons from the Miami-Dade Transit Department:*

- Patrick Birch, 30 Years
- Diane Duran, 35 Years
- Joanie Gordon, 35 Years
- David Imler, 30 Years
- Kenneth Jones, 30 Years
- Richard Morris, 35 Years
- Glenroy Riley, 30 Years
- Charles Flynn, 30 Years
- Robert Lundquist, 30 Years
- Lorenzo Jones, 30 Years

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan advised that the following changes were printed in the final Transit and Mobility Services Committee Agenda (TMSC): Add-ons included Agenda Item 1F1 and 3C, and a deferral was requested for Agenda Item 1G2; and the following two items were distributed at today's (2/11) meeting: Agenda Item 3B Supplement, proposed to amend Agenda Item 3B, and 3D Resolution; and Agenda Item 2A was requested to be deferred to no date certain; and scrivener's errors have been corrected in today's agenda on Agenda Items 1G3 and 1G6.

It was moved by Commissioner Suarez that today's (2/11) agenda be approved along with the changes aforementioned by Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed 4-0 (Commissioners Barreiro and Diaz were absent).

Chairman Bovo spoke on items to address at today's meeting and he read a statement to set the

tone for this Committee. He reflected on comments made by Vice Chairman Moss regarding what was needed to have a world class County or community; He noted that transit was at the forefront of that agenda and within the last 30 years the growth of the County had become disjointed in some ways, wherein urban areas and suburban areas were disconnected, and the mission of this Committee was to connect all communities, such as stakeholders, and partners in other Cities.

Chairman Bovo spoke about the many studies conducted on corridors and on necessities, which he said he would not propose to launch anymore more studies or investigations. However, he said he believed the mission of this Committee had to identify funding sources that could help meet the demand complete these projects. Chairman Bovo noted the preliminary process had been completed and that it was time for the elected body to move forward. He noted that within the next two years as chair of this Committee along with Vice Chairman Moss, should there be no progress, such as dedicated funding, his tenure as Chairman was unsuccessful.

Chairman Bovo noted there would be items proposed that he believed would be projects that this Committee would hold special meetings on to identify sources of funding. He also noted that he asked his staff to quickly bring back items and if possible at the March 11, 2015 TMSC meeting that identifies funding sources and the projected dollar amounts.

Chairman Bovo spoke about the impact Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) had on residents, which he believed would not go away, but based on the way the bonds were structured with these projects undertaken, required the tolls by the State of Florida. He said part of the plan was to visit Tallahassee and perhaps investigate ways to receive funding for transit.

Chairman Bovo noted he believed if investments were only to improve and add more roads, this would increase the number of cars and add to the grid lock and lack of quality of life for this County. He stated that another possible funding source was the bed tax funds, which a concerted effort was made to increase the bed tax to help the Miami Dolphins Stadium and perhaps tourists could help to improve these roads. He said he was

aware of the process, which included meeting with stakeholders and perhaps help identify another stream of funds dedicated to these different corridors discussed.

Commissioner Bovo stated there was no commitment to one corridor, but a decision of choosing a corridor was needed in order to move forward to completion. He spoke about gaining back the confidence of County residents that existed upon approval of the half penny tax and demonstrate a completed project. Commissioner Bovo mentioned the various corridors that were in need and urged the TMSC members to engage in this plan. He noted prior to today's meeting he met with congressional corporation leaders who were well informed of this County's traffic situation and would be meeting with other leaders as well as the new chair of Transportation in Washington. He said his message to the Federal government would be to approach them with a plan that was 70 to 75 percent funded and request for the remaining 25 to 30 percent funds.

Commissioner Bovo noted he was aware of how the TMSC members were engaged in these items and the challenges. He stated his commitment to join each Commissioner in their attempts to improve transportation and he was ready to encourage the residents of his commission district to contribute.

Vice Chairman Moss congratulated Chairman Bovo on his appointment as chair of this Committee and he expressed appreciation in hearing his comments. He noted his support in this endeavor and many allies were waiting for additional support to move these projects forward.

Commissioner Jordan concurred with the comments made by Commissioner Moss and noted past funding issues that resulted in eliminating funds, such as the gas taxes. She stated if legislation was persuaded to bring Federal dollars into this County instead of rejecting funds, it would move toward the goals of this County and focus on implementing plans for the community and related politics.

Commissioner Suarez noted that his comments echoed both made by his colleagues. He noted he was supportive of the mission of this Committee that would be based on the principle an attempt to return some of the license transfer fees from the State that totaled \$167 million per year, which 67

percent was earmarked for full-time facility equivalent (FTE) (school funding), but 40 percent, totaling about \$60 million could be bonded out to produce about a billion dollars in capital funds. Commissioner Suarez noted that as a result of a past presentation made to the Dade Delegation, he intended to present to this committee for support was a five percent allocation or earmark for any transportation projects, specifically for the MDX funds, such as trails in the adjoining areas, which included downtown Miami to Booker T. Washington along the corridor that the tri-rail would run through. He noted and agreed with the chairman's closing remarks.

Commissioner Barreiro congratulated Chairman Bovo and noted that he along with this community was supportive of his comments to identify a mixed revenue source. He commented on the issue in dealing with Legislature, that while funding was appreciated, it also required a higher price tag to complete these projects. He mentioned his attempt to quantify the additional cost it generated to receive those Federal dollars and create a report reflecting this in order to meet their internal rules.

Chairman Bovo reiterated his comments regarding how he wished to approach stakeholders with already obtaining other streams of revenue.

Commissioner Diaz noted he agreed with Chairman Bovo's comments and his way of informing the community of his intent on seeking funding for these projects. He spoke about the concerns of the citizens regarding funding not directed toward the service that was requested and added fees, which were echoed throughout this County. Commissioner Diaz expressed concern about the past bureaucracy and the need to build rapid transit within the community with less funding as others have accomplished.

Vice Chairman Moss noted there was a Transit Summit held wherein the conclusion from a brief discussion was the fact that there was usually four tenths of a penny to do these expansion projects, but in addition, prior to that time support was granted for an allocation of sixth tenths penny that was used for operations and maintenance. He compared the situation in this County based on the half penny and the allocations, which 20 percent was earmarked for municipalities, in addition to no fare transit services, landscaping, and etc.,

which decreased this to around three tenths of a penny that was for operation, maintenance, and build new facilities, which was not doable. Commissioner Moss concluded that Legislation requires to know how these projects would be operated and maintained and while there was a need for education, he pointed out that this County had half of what Denver used for operations and maintenance, before four tenths was added to complete their construction.

1F DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1F1

150305 Discussion Item**Barbara J. Jordan,****Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING MIAMI-DADE
TRANSITS VEHICLE FLEET AND SAFETY ISSUES*Presented*

Report: *Commissioner Jordan expressed concern about the Miami-Dade Transit bus mechanism that was not connected and could have saved the life of a bus driver. She noted she was aware that the driver could have put the air break in place, but that seat alarm could have been a warning.*

Ms. Ysela Llord, Director of Miami-Dade County Transit noted there were 818 buses in operation at the time of this incident.

Chairman Bovo requested the opinion of the County Attorney's Office regarding the legal position of this Committee as it relates to this item.

Assistant County Attorney Alex Bokor advised that this subject was a recent accident that resulted in a fatality and currently had open and ongoing investigation as well as internal investigations that have been launched. He further advised that in pursuant to Chairman Bovo's request, he cautioned the Committee members that while this was discussion item related to transit vehicle fleet and safety issues overall to refrain from specific discussion of that incident during the pendency of that police investigation.

Commissioner Jordan noted that in line with the general discussion there were over 800 buses in the County's fleet, and she was shocked at the fact that based on this report over 70 percent of that fleet exceeded the life expectancy of the buses on the road. She noted this was a general safety issue for all Miami-Dade County passengers.

Ms. Llord agreed with Commissioner Jordan's comment and noted that the general guidelines in the way the life of a bus was established by the Federal Transit Administration included 500,000 miles or 12 years. She also noted that regarding the point about safety, in terms of the life of the vehicle, which could exceed if the vehicle was kept safe and in an operative condition. She noted this was the reason for the extensive preventative maintenance policy and procedures to address this issue. Ms. Llord stated the vehicles were safe, but

were also old although not the oldest fleet in the nation. She referred to previous reports that listed the average age of this County's fleet in comparison to other large properties, which was on the average 10 and half years old. Ms. Llorc compared the County's fleet of buses to the bus fleet in Los Angeles, California, which had a mid-year overhaul that allowed the operation of buses for a longer period of time.

Ms. Llorc agreed with Commissioner Jordan's comment that in order to keep the bus fleet maintained that needed to be adequate staffing and technicians available; however, she believed there were over 40 vacancies for technicians. She also noted there were over 200 mechanics/technicians who maintain the engines as well as the outside of the vehicles. However, there was a routine decrease in the number of vacancies, which was followed up with training and hiring people for both staff members.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry whether the fleet replacement plan was still in place that included an allocation to pay for a fleet in advance, Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak said she believed this plan still existed through the Fleet Vehicle Trust Fund; however, this was specific for the light fleet, and she did not believe it addressed any major capital large heavy fleet issues.

Commissioner Jordan stressed the need to have a fleet replacement plan in place to determine how to replace these buses because it was unacceptable to have such a large number of vacancies of technicians, and she wanted to know the plan to fill those vacancies as well.

Commissioner Jordan requested that Ms. Llorc come back to this Committee with a plan on addressing these issues in moving forward in terms of filling vacancies of technicians/mechanics, informing this Committee of budgetary constraints, and a plan on replacing and updating the County fleet of buses as well as to ensure seat safety devices were in operation and connected.

Commissioner Suarez reiterated Commissioner Jordan's concerns and noted for the record the urgency in moving forward to implement the necessary safeguards and that a post-accident remedial measure would not be introducible to evidence. He noted the conditions of these buses and the vacancies of bus technicians were

unacceptable.

Commissioner Barreiro noted the importance of safety features and information systems installed in these buses to be linked together to monitor whether any disconnections, or malfunctions took place in order to be transmitted to a central database mechanism of a third party. He also noted this system should be across the board, including cameras and vehicles, etc.

Commissioner Moss stated that this discussion would be more relevant once these plans were put in place, but immediate safety concerns should be addressed.

Ms. Llort noted her respect for this Committee's support and asked to come back and present the County's bus management plan, which included the replacement plan. She noted the following budgetary positions
-223 filled positions of 253
technicians/mechanics
-27 filled positions of 38 external body
technicians

Ms. Llort said the process was underway in hiring to fill those vacancies. She noted in terms of safety, she agreed with comments made by Commissioner Barreiro regarding the level of technology in the new buses and capabilities to help plan and maintain them better. However, Ms. Llort noted the issues concerning the existing buses, which had warning alarms that were useful; but an updated break inner lock system was more effective. Therefore, staff had been working to secure software that could be implemented into the older buses from the year 2004-2006 to create the same safety features that were in the new buses.

Discussion ensued among the TMSC members regarding the training process to determine that the drivers and the assurance of proficiency in the use of equipment, which included a check-list of safety features reviewed by a dispatcher before the buses were driven; however if not identified by the driver, any malfunction would not be identified. Further discussion ensued regarding whether it was standard operating procedure that the bus could remain in operation although the driver had to exit the vehicle, which was dependent on the length of time the bus would be idle.

Assistant County Attorney Alex Bokor advised that general safety issues were well into the scope of

today's (2/11) discussion, but anything that may impact the subject of the ongoing investigation, although it was spoken in general, if it was something that was under the scope of that particular accident investigation, he cautioned the TMSC members regarding the discussion. He further advised that often a general question could lead into these types of warned discussions.

Responding to Chairman Bovo's question, Mr. Derrick Gordon, MDT, Director of Bus Services, noted the following reason why some buses would continue to run:

- Bus drivers may have to exit because of current problems and may step out to check before calling in to the central control
- A mechanic may come to service the vehicle

Mr. Gordon noted these were standard policy procedures.

Chairman Bovo noted that this Committee would end the discussion at this point until the investigation was completed, which he anticipated to not be long-term and perhaps this issue could be brought back by the next TMSC meeting if needed. He reiterated the comments made by Commissioner Jordan regarding this Committee's obligation to be thorough for the drivers of these buses and the riders as well. Commissioner Bovo also noted that safety should not be a budgetary item, and if this was the issue, the items should have been reported in other previous meetings.

Commissioner Barreiro requested that Ms. Llort inform him before the end of today's 2/11) TMSC meeting when the real time app for the County's bus fleet would be implemented across-the-board.

1G PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1G1

141707 Ordinance

Sally A. Heyman,

Barbara J. Jordan

ORDINANCE AMENDING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP SECTION 29-124 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ELIMINATING FARE FREE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE ON METROMOVER; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 3-2

No: Barreiro, Moss

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

Commissioner Jordan noted as a co-prime sponsor with Commissioner Heyman on this item that she expected some challenges; however, she believed a significant opportunity was being missed with the growing developments in downtown Miami-Dade, such as the condominiums. She was aware of the opposition from the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) of this item, but she believed there was a need to gain as much revenue as possible to help with the transit system. Commissioner Jordan noted that if this fare continued to be at no cost there would be a loss of opportunities for growth and development in this area. She pointed out those who could afford to pay a fee more than others who may use Special Transportation Service (STS) or other transportation services and the discounts were used by people who could afford it, rather than the people who could not.

Commissioner Jordan stated that research was conducted to determine the cost, which was high, but equivalent to the ridership at that time; however, there has been a significant amount of ongoing growth.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed ordinance be forwarded with a favorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Diaz seconded this motion for discussion.

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing on the foregoing item.

Ms. Heather Needelman appeared before the TMSC members on behalf of Commissioner Heyman who could not be present at today's

(2/11) TMSC meeting. She referred to the memorandum from Commissioner Heyman with the attached news articles and noted that they reflected on the free Miami Metro-Mover that was 100 percent subsidized by this County's budget and the economic legitimacy to create a charge for this service.

Ms. Needelman stated that Commissioner Heyman was requesting that the Administration aggressively look at this funding source to defuse the County's Transit Budget. She asked that the TMSC members forwarded this proposed ordinance with favorable recommendations to the full Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Eric Riel, Miami Downtown Development Authority, appeared before the TMSC members and pointed out there was a passing vote by this Commission, an elected government for a resolution that recommended a fare free metro-mover system in October 2014.

Mr. Charles Scurr, Executive Director, Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust appeared before the TMSC members and noted the challenges faced related to this item that would be reviewed every six months by the Trust. He noted the opinion of the Trust points to the promises made to the voters should only be changed for the following specific reasons:

- If there was a compelling public purpose
- If there was a significant gain and no unintended consequences

Mr. Scurr noted upon reviewing this item there was an inverse relationship if the fare was reestablished at a low rate, such as a quarter, there would not be enough revenue generated for a compelling public purpose. However, if there was higher fare established such as a dollar, it would result in a number of unintended consequences. He said there would be a significant adverse impact on ridership and the metro rail and bus passengers would be impacted as well as City of Miami Trolley passengers who pay fares because there was no fare mechanism for a transfer from a bus to rail service. Mr. Scurr noted the efforts made to resolve this matter; however, the Trust members could not identify a compelling public purpose to change the policy and promise to voters.

Commissioner Diaz pointed out the ongoing need for changes and that every venue needed to be

looked at within this community in order to make improvements.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' question regarding the number of free fares around the country, Ms. Ysela Llorc, Director of Miami-Dade Transit noted she did not have that information on hand and would have to retrieve that information to provide it to this Committee.

Commissioner Diaz requested that Miami Dade Transit Director Ysela Llorc and Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak provide a report before this item was considered by the County Commission on the number of Metro Mover or circulators existing around the country at no cost to the public, and to include information on the length of time in existence, the distance of travel, and information on like services provided in Miami-Dade County.

Commissioner Diaz reiterated his concerns due to the growth of this County and said he was supportive of this item.

Commissioner Suarez noted that he was not supportive of this proposal. He said that based on his observation after a Sunshine meeting with Chairman Bovo; there was a cultural impediment that people had to use public transportation. He referred to a conversation with Chairman Bovo regarding the complex demographics made by analysis, and that the key reasons that limited people from utilizing public transportation was the lack of information regarding fares and how to pay.

Commissioner Suarez spoke on how this transit service was the one of was best functioning part of this transit system and was used by a diverse group of business people, which made downtown Miami connected like an engine that drives this County. He noted that any impediment put on this system could make it counter-productive. He further noted how complicated it was to determine an appropriate fare amount due to the various people who used the system, such as bankers, and the homeless, that totaled approximately nine million people using this transportation system annually.

Commissioner Suarez spoke on a presentation he made on behalf of this County many years ago during the economic impact statement hearings and that he argued against the estimate per rider mile totaling \$14.00. Commissioner Suarez

concluded that he would not be supportive of this item.

Commissioner Barreiro noted that while he shared the same concerns as Commissioner Jordan regarding generating and increasing revenue in addition to a system that was properly funded and maintained, he had a different insight. He said everything cost, but he believed it had to be paid for by another revenue source. Commissioner Barreiro urged the Committee members to decide differently than what was commonly known in other areas. He also noted this was the reason the level of numbers continued to increase as it relates to ridership. Commissioner Barreiro noted this service was not free, but it was not a fare collecting system, but paid by another revenue source. He noted the need to encourage the public to use this mass transit system more although the whole system was approximately 60 percent subsidized in addition to the fare collections, which required other expenses, such as auditing.

In conclusion, Commissioner Barreiro noted he was not supportive of the foregoing item.

Vice Chairman Moss noted he would not be able to support the foregoing proposed item. He commented on future plans wherein there would be no cost transportation, but the question was to determine how to create a mechanism to pay for it. He noted he liked the vision, but there was a need to creatively think in that direction for the future, wherein the public would use mass transit more.

Commissioner Diaz pointed out the difficult equation that was wanted by the majority of the Commissioners, but would require supplements, such as increase in taxes. He stated that if another revenue source was identified he would support the idea of free fares. He spoke on the high maintenance fees of the trains, which system was over 30 years old. Commissioner Diaz questioned who would pay for this transit system if the metro mover services remained at no cost. He said he would like to explore and listen to recommendations, such as the amount to charge, or to determine another source of revenue. Commissioner Diaz commented on the increase in buses, trolleys and he questioned the source of revenue, which was why he was supportive of the foregoing proposal because there was a need to find other resources, because he would like to see the fares at no cost, but he agreed with

Commissioner Barreiro, that everything cost.

Chairman Bovo noted this was a public hearing and hearing no other persons wishing to speak on this item, he closed the public hearing.

Responding to Chairman Bovo's question regarding how was the number of riders determined since there were no mechanism upon entering the terminal, Commissioner Jordan noted that this mechanism was removed.

Chairman Bovo expressed his concern after hearing both sides regarding the fact of taking away a system from the people that was given, in addition to making changes.

In response to Chairman Bovo's second request regarding how the number of transit users was monitored, Ms. Ysela Llord noted there was an electronic eye that takes count and was tested to monitor any occurring problems such as data, and trends. She noted this information was part of the monthly report submitted to this Committee. She noted September report listed approximately 32,000 transit users per day, and had increased by 1.3 percent yearly.

Following a series of questions by Chairman Bovo, Ms. Llord noted that her staff would provide information on the entire operation and maintenance in addition to debt services, such as the purchase of new vehicles.

Mr. Robert Gore, Miami Dade Transit, noted that the all expenditures on the existing system for the Miami Metro- Mover were approximately \$22 million a year, which included capital and operations.

Commissioner Jordan noted several years ago while she chaired the Transit Committee, a report were prepared that reflected the cost of transportation and fares. She pointed out the free services at that time, such as the Miami Golden Passport and the Patriot Passport, in addition to the Metro-Mover. She further noted there were subsidized and reduced discounted riders, and in terms of the school system, 75 percent of the County's system was in that category; and only 25 percent of the system was paid for by the working poor.

Commissioner Jordan stressed that she believed the system had reversed because there were

people who could afford to pay. She noted her concerns about the 25 percent of people who could not afford to pay and the fact that in the downtown area, based on authority's research, 13 of the 31 projects that were under construction should be completed in 2015. Commissioner Jordan said these projects consisted of residential as well as businesses and a struggle already existed for the 25 percent of commuters to pay a fare while others who could afford to pay and not have to. She reiterated the fact that this system was supplemented by the working poor, which she believed was not fair.

Commissioner Jordan noted the need to try to generate revenue for this item and she was aware there would be challenges, but she said this Board needed to stop the system that she believed supported the wealthy and punished the poor.

Commissioner Moss noted he agreed with Commissioner Jordan comments, but he did not determine a huge savings after the necessary items and precautions were put in place, such as machines, and security guards, which would not be profitable for the County. He stated that he would like to identify a way for that 25 percent of riders to be fare free, but it would cost in some creative way to generate revenue, such as gas, taxes to provide that type of service.

Chairman Bovo noted he would support the foregoing item today, but he was expecting further information to come forth because he was not convinced; however, it did merit a longer discussion. Therefore, for the purpose of moving forward, he noted he was not committed to the foregoing proposal, but he wanted the item to go before the full County Commission for further discussion.

In response Commissioner Barreiro's inquiry regarding the cost to implement fare collections, Ms. Llort noted the cost would depend on the aggressiveness of the type of system put in place. She noted the problem consisted of 22 mover stations, which required large numbers of equipment. Ms. Llort noted in order for the fare card structure to work that was outlined by Commissioner Jordan, it would vary in the installation of the equipment and the initial capital cost would total between \$2.4 to 9 million dollars that was dependent on either an honor system or whether there were gates installed. Ms. Llort noted that the ONM based on the aggressiveness

of the system would vary between \$200,000 to a million dollars per year for collections, security, and etc.

Commissioner Barreiro noted the impact on the existing riders if this proposal was approved, such as a decrease in number of ridership and an increase in drivers. He said he would like to support the 25 percent of the working class riders who could not afford to pay to use the mass transit system through a non-fare system. He noted he was willing to discuss this further to provide fair opportunities.

Chairman Bovo stated that once this proposal was forwarded to the full County Commission, it would require a two thirds vote. He noted the need for those specific numbers to be provided in order to make a full commitment on this item.

Additionally, Commissioner Jordan asked that this report requested by Commissioner Diaz include information from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on new projects in Miami-Dade County and their projections for the next five years.

Ms. Llort noted her staff would work with the DDA to identify those numbers in addition to expected residential and business use.

Chairman Bovo noted the Board members were ready to make a motion and move forward with this item.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the TMSC members proceeded to vote to forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with favorable a recommendation.

1G2

142481 Ordinance Dennis C. Moss

ORDINANCE AMENDING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP SECTION 29-124 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO EXPAND CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST REVIEW TO ALL CONTRACTS PROCURED BY OR ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT REGARDLESS OF FUNDING SOURCE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Suarez
Seconder: Bovo, Jr.
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro, Diaz

Report: *During consideration of the changes to today's (2/11) agenda, the Committee deferred the foregoing proposed ordinance as requested.*

1G3

150119 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT BUS ROUTE, THE WESTCHESTER CIRCULATOR, FOR IMPLEMENTATION ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2015; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT SUCH SERVICE WITHIN THE APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BUDGET FOR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Suarez

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

It was moved by Commissioner Suarez that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Moss and was opened for discussion.

Commissioner Javier Souto appeared before the TMSC members and noted his intent was to request the help of the TMSC members regarding connectivity and transportation in Miami-Dade County, specifically in the south and west portion of the Miami International Airport. He also said he wanted to discuss the how the voters have expressed discontentment.

Commissioner Souto noted as the new chair of the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) he would be working with everyone to improve transportation in this County. He spoke about other communities and Cities that had trollies and connectors and noted this part of UMSA was a connector from the area of Westchester that encompasses areas such as Fountain Bleau, Village Screen, and Kendall that have great needs of help. Commissioner Souto also spoke about the growth in those areas and productivity. He asked that the TMSC members support the foregoing proposed resolution.

Chairman Bovo noted this item would be in need of some synergy with the global transportation plan because it would not be feasible to create circulators that did not have a type of synergy with the County. He said he believed the County's transit system extended to neighborhoods and he hoped this would be the way it was looked at in moving forward.

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

1G4

**142750 Resolution Transportation & Aviation
Committee**

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 (Miami-Dade Transit)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing. Seeing there were no persons wishing to speak on the foregoing resolution, Chairman Bovo closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Moss that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo and was opened for discussion.

Commissioner Diaz asked about the new interstate service on the 95 Expressway and whether there was any cost, which he read in the report that reflected a cost totaling \$2,472,000 by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He asked whether this was a cost to the County Transit Department or was there a portion of this in the budget, or totally financed, and was the maintenance, equipment inclusive in that cost.

Ms. Alina Hudak, Deputy Mayor, asked that the Administration provide an answer; however, she believed that the operation was funded by a State grant.

Ms. Ysela Llord, Director of Miami Dade Transit, agreed with Ms. Hudak regarding the cost being grant funded and noted that it was part of a continued effort from the Urban Partnership that was put in place.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' question as to whether those grants would cover the equipment, maintenance, the buses and the fuelling cost. Ms. Llord said that was correct regarding upgrading cost and some of grants include that and the cost

of the bus was applied from the grant later due to the timing.

Chairman Bovo noted that the foregoing proposed resolution would be tabled to allow Ms. Llort to come back later in today's (2/11) meeting with the information that was questioned by Commissioner Diaz.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Llort explained the budget plan in this item included a grant that would pay for the total ONM and the plan would be to start with the existing spare buses. She also noted that the within the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) that was approved by this Board along with the MPO, \$9 million budget for 2016 was also approved that would be set aside to purchase buses to be used in this service. However, the current grant would not pay for the rental of the buses and when the allocation of the \$9 million took place; the two grants would have paid for the fleet of buses and the entire ONM.

Commissioner said that majority of the cost was paid and the goal was to help the citizens of this County.

Discussion ensued among the TMSC members regarding this project not currently a pilot program, but the service would be ready to start when the Department of Transportation (DOT) was ready to start the service, which was based on completion of the express lane and the addition of buses that exist to the X95 bus service. Discussion further ensued regarding the fact that the State would fund this project 100 percent until 2016 and if the funding discontinued, the bus service would not continue, which would become an issue for this County because this public service was discontinued.

Ms. Llort noted for clarification that if the State paid the entire ONM on these new additional bus routes, which would be an addition to this County's existing I95 Express Service, the allocations would be provided the 2020 and this proposal was totally contingent upon the State's obligation to pay 100 percent of the cost.

Discussion ensued among the TMSC members regarding this item was related to only peak periods for the bus services and the following schedule plan was: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Board members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

1G5

142857 Resolution Transportation & Aviation Committee

RESOLUTION REVISING UNIFORM TAXICAB METER RATES FOR FOR-HIRE VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR A CASH DISCOUNT WHERE PAYMENT IS MADE BY CASH, CHECK OR OTHER MEANS NOT INVOLVING THE USE OF A CREDIT CARD; REVISING AIRPORT REGIONAL TAXICAB SERVICE FLAT RATES FOR ZONES A, B AND C FOR TRIPS ORIGINATING FROM MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; REVISING CORAL GABLES AND ADJACENT UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLAT RATES FOR ZONES D AND E FOR TRIPS TO AND FROM THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; REVISING THE FLAT RATES FOR TRIPS FROM THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE PORT OF MIAMI OR FROM THE PORT OF MIAMI TO THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AND REVISING FLAT RATES FOR TRIPS TO OR FROM THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO OR FROM FLAT RATE ZONES 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5 (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Bovo, Jr.
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jesse Davis, 475 Brickell Avenue, Miami, appeared before the TMSC members and spoke in favor of this taxi cash discount. Mr. Davis pointed out that although this item would be beneficial; the issue that plagued the industry was to identify funding, and the fact that taxi fares had not increased in Miami since 2005.

Speaker (name inaudible), representing South Florida Taxi Cab Association spoke in favor of this item and noted in the past this item concerning taxi fare rates had been brought before this Board and the issue regarding the cost of the driver because of State restrictions on surcharges, wherein many Cities pass on that cost to the customer. He said this would allow the less fortunate people who do not have credit cards to pay in cash.

Seeing there were no persons wishing to speak on the foregoing resolution, Chairman Bovo closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Moss that the

foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo, and was opened for discussion.

Commissioner Diaz said he was in support of this item, which related to the Ambassadors Cabs Program; however, he noted the issue regarding the system and his observation of the importance of the level of the ridership has become stronger because he observed unacceptable conditions of taxicabs while transporting riders. He expressed his concern and noted that he had photographs of at least four drivers who were not appropriately dressed.

Commissioner Diaz requested that Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak provide an accountability report on the Ambassadors Cabs Program regarding the overseer, and the fines because he wanted to increase the penalty fees in order to hire persons to monitor them.

Commissioner Diaz noted for the record, that as chair of the Airport and Seaport Committee, addressing this issue would be a top priority in moving forward, including issues concerning broken credit card machines.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.

1G6

142815 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE (1) CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO TRINITY ASSISTANCE GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Amended

Report: SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150400

1G6 AMENDED

150400 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE (1) CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO TRINITY ASSISTANCE GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 142815] (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan simultaneously read the following proposed resolutions: 1G7, 1G8, 1G6 and the amendment to 1G6 into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolutions. He closed the public hearing, seeing no other persons wished to speak.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed resolutions be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo, and was opened for discussion.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Board members proceeded to vote that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation as amended on page 2 of the Mayor's memorandum to the second to the last sentence of the second paragraph with the language to read ... "that the proposed rates are \$80.00 per round trip and \$4.25 per mile; and Agenda Item 1G7 and 1G8 as presented.

1G7

142817 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE (1) CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO STARLIGHT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *See Report under Agenda Item 1G6 Amended, Legislative File No. 150400.*

1G8

142819 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION TO FRO LLC D/B/A PARTY ANGELS TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE JITNEY SERVICE AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *In response to Commissioner Diaz's question regarding Agenda Item 1G8, Mr. Joe Mora, Division Director, Regulatory and Economic Resources, noted agreed that this proposed resolution had a straight bus route schedule from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., on Thursdays through Sunday. He said this was pertaining to a Jitney Service that had a route that was approved by Miami-Dade Transit to meet the threshold of less than 30 percent with a cost of \$5.00 per person each way. He referred to the handout within the agenda package that displayed a map of this route.*

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation as amended on page 2 of the Mayor's memorandum to the second to the last sentence of the second paragraph with the language to read ... "that the proposed rates are \$80.00 per round trip and \$4.25 per mile. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bovo, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with a vote 5-0 (Commissioner Suarez was absent).

SPECIAL NOTE: See Report under Agenda Item 1G6 Amended, Legislative File No. 150400

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

150192 Resolution Daniella Levine Cava

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES VEHICLES TO OPERATE ON THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE BUSWAY WHILE ENGAGED IN PARATRANSIT SERVICE ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Suarez
Seconder: Bovo, Jr.
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro, Diaz

Report: *During consideration of the changes to today's (2/11) agenda, the Committee deferred the foregoing proposed resolution to no date certain as requested.*

Withdrawn to no date certain

2B

150121 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT TO DEVELOP AN ADOPT A BUS SHELTER PROGRAM

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Bovo, Jr.
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

3A

150068 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING REJECTION OF SOLE PROPOSAL TENDERED IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 00023 FOR TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AT NW 215TH STREET AND NW 27TH AVENUE (Internal Services)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Jordan noted for the record, and expressed her concerns regarding the Administration, in terms of the recommendations coming forward. She noted she understood the process of "Code of Silence," but the policy was lifted with the Mayor's signature, followed by staff meeting with the development community to receive ideas on this item without discussing this with the district commissioner. Commissioner Jordan noted the need for her accountability to her commission district and that she expected the Administration to brief her on these issues, rather than receive a late notification, which she had to request a meeting with the Administration to be informed. She said the preference of the development community should not dictate over what the community wanted, in terms of what happens in that community.

3B

150010 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. FB-00002 TO NABI BUS, LLC. FOR PURCHASE OF 60-FOOT ARTICULATED HYBRID BUSES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,387,000.00 FOR THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION, RENEWAL AND OTHER PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES (Internal Services) *Amended*

Report: SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150352

3B AMENDED

150352 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. FB-00002 TO NEW FLYER OF AMERICA, INC. FOR PURCHASE OF 60-FOOT ARTICULATED HYBRID BUSES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,387,000.00 FOR THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION, RENEWAL AND OTHER PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 150010] (Internal Services)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 4-1

No: Barreiro

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record and its Supplement.*

It was moved by Commissioner Moss that the foregoing proposed resolution and supplement be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo, and was opened for discussion.

In response to the comments made by Commissioner Diaz regarding the purchase of 64 buses at the cost of \$71, 387,000, 000, Ms. Ysela Llord, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Director, noted this would allow a purchase the number of buses that total this amount, which was an award to the company for the purchase of the County's articulated buses. She noted that a grant proposal was presented to this TMSC for the purposes of articulated buses and this would identify the company to make the purchase from.

In response to Commissioner Diaz, Mr. Albert Hernandez, MDT Deputy Director, Engineering noted grant awards were presented to this committee for the same number of vehicles and this proposal was for the actual purchase with a contract from the vendor.

Commissioner Diaz noted there was a specific request from the BCC and in the MDX combined meeting the request was clear in asking for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. He asked about the number of buses that would be used for the BRT system.

Mr. Hernandez explained the purpose of the enhanced bus service, or bus rapid transit light, which was a system to provide frequent bus service on a lane that was shared with other vehicles. He further explained that this system was not as effective as a system that would have a dedicated lane, which was a full BRT system. However, there was an existing bus rapid transit on dedicated lanes that was the busway and 12 of these articulated buses would be used on the South Dade Busway, extending from Florida City to Dadeland. He stated this system would address the overcrowded issue in that corridor. Mr. Hernandez also stated the operating and maintenance cost for articulated buses was not more than the existing 40 footer operated buses, and this would help increase 50 percent of the capacity for the busway once they were all replaced with 60 footer buses.

Commissioner Diaz reiterated the priority that was expressed by the BCC, which was to add a lane to the 836 Expressway under MDX operations, similar to I95 Expressway. He noted he was supportive in implementing the grants to keep improving a rapid system of transportation on these expressways for that purpose.

In response to Commissioner Diaz question regarding the issue of not addressing the rapid transit issue on the 836 Expressway, Ms. Llort noted there was no problem, but this proposal would provide a vendor, and enable the purchase of those articulated buses, including the buses for the 836 Expressway rapid transit system with all its components, such as the buses, and the three parking lots as notated in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Hernandez noted the funding would become available for the 836 Expressway buses in fiscal year 2016 starting July 2015, which would make the grant available to move forward.

Discussion ensued among the TMSC members regarding the reason the mandate set by the BCC and MPO that was deferred to 2016 and the concerns of the community for the need of a rapid transit system. Discussion ensued further regarding the use of the articulated buses during non-peak times that become costly when there were few riders.

Commissioner Jordan noted in moving forward to rail, it should be preparation for heavy BRT, and

until this Commission determined which corridor to start from there was a need to ensure that in Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) the funding was allocated toward heavy BRT as a priority to prepare for future growth and development.

Chairman Bovo noted that in terms of this item, and discussions, TMSC would need a comprehensive system that would include bus routes, re-alignment of routes.

In response to comments made by Commissioner Barreiro regarding the timed use of these articulated buses, Ms. Llort noted that the corridors identified for the use of these buses were correct and there was an issue of timing associated with all of these high end dedicated BRTs, whether on I95 Expressway. She spoke about the process of transitioning the bus back to pick up the next load of passengers, which was the same issue on the Metro Rail. Ms. Llort said the assigned locations of these buses were looked at closely, and was really needed as has helped the community become more transit friendly. She noted that the articulated buses were hybrid, in terms of need for fuel.

Hearing no further questions or comments, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation as amended by Agenda Item 3B Supplement to change the name of the proposer. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with a vote 4-1, (Commissioner Barreiro voted No; and Commissioner Suarez was absent).

3C

150223 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE SUPPORT STRUCTURE TO REPLACE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT METROMOVER PIER NO. P23968-OB; ACCEPTING THE EASEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME (Miami-Dade Transit)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Barreiro
Second: Moss
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolution. He closed the public hearing, seeing no other persons wished to speak.

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.

3D

150220 Resolution**Xavier L. Suarez**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE DADELAND NORTH JOINT DEVELOPMENT LEASE WITH PELLINORE DADELAND, LP AS IT RELATES TO PHASE III; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LEASE AMENDMENT TO THE PROPERTY APPRAISER (Miami-Dade Transit)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Second: Bovo, Jr.
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolution. He closed the public hearing, seeing no other persons wished to speak.

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

150212 Report

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 15, 2014 AND DECEMBER 10, 2014 TRANSPORTATION AND AVIATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez*

Report: *Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing reports as presented.*

7 REPORT(S)

7A

150116 Report

Bruno A. Barreiro

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT (SEPTEMBER 2014)

*Report Received
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez*

Report: *Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed reports. He closed the public hearing, seeing no other persons wishing to speak.*

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing reports to be accepted

In response to Commissioner Barreiro's question regarding when the mobile app for the bus schedules would be in place, Ms. Ysela Llort, Miami-Dade Transit Director, noted the technology for these apps would be in place based on garages and would be completed by the end of 2015.

7B

142818 Report

Dennis C. Moss

ORAL REPORT RE: THE STEPS TAKEN TO IMPROVE
ACCESSIBILITY TO MDT'S WEBSITE PARTICULARLY
FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CONSUMERS

Report Received

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150116*

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the
Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.*



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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes Transit and Mobility Services Committee

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. (13) Chair; Dennis C. Moss (9) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Barbara J. Jordan (1), and Xavier L. Suarez (7)

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Xavier L. Suarez.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: Bruno A. Barreiro 9:47:00 AM.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Karen Harrison, Commission Reporter (305)375-1296*

1A **INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05**
(H)

1B **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following staff members were present:*
-Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak
-Deputy Mayor Jack Osterholt
-Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan
-Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber
-Assistant County Attorney Alex Bokor
-Deputy Clerk Karen Harrison

1C **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1D **REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
PUBLIC TO BE HEARD AS PROVIDED IN
RULE 6.06**

Report: *Chairman Bovo called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.*

Chairman Bovo noted that in pursuant to Rule 6.06 that this meeting was open for public testimony and input and opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak on any of the items in today's (3/11) TMSC meeting or during the discussion of a specific item.

Mr. Diego Feliciano, 2816 NW 27th Avenue, representing the South Florida Taxi Cab Association appeared before the TMSC members commenting on a past proposal to allow taxicabs to travel on the bus lanes during rush hours, similar to multi-loading. He suggested that the wheelchair access have the same priorities and to use of taxicabs to address the mobility issue in Miami-Dade County.

1E **SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

1E1

150448 Service Awards **Jean Monestime**
 PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE *Presented*
 FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

SHIRLEY ALEXANDER - MDT - 35 YEARS
 CARLTON A. DARLING - MDT - 30 YEARS
 WILLIEMAE NOWELLS - MDT - 35 YEARS

Report: *Commissioner Bovo presented service awards to the following persons from the Miami-Dade Transit Department:*
-Shirley Alexander, 35 Years
-Kenneth J. Bryant, 40 Years
-Carlton A. Darling, 30 Years
-Williemae Nowells, 35 Years

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan advised that the following changes were printed in the final Transit and Mobility Services Committee Agenda (TMSC): Add-on of Agenda Item 3F; and she read the following proposed amendments to Agenda Items 3C and 3D.

*Agenda Item 3C:
 On handwritten page 8, to delete the following language in the fifth paragraph of page 205 of the easement, "contractors and sub-contractors in the fourth line"*

*Agenda Item 3D:
 On handwritten page 1 in the first paragraph of the Mayor's memorandum, the second to the last sentence should be deleted and replaced with the following language...."The buses will be Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)."*

It was moved by Commissioner Moss that today's (3/11) agenda be approved along with the changes aforementioned by Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed 4-0 (Commissioners Barreiro and Suarez were absent).

1F DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1G PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1G1

150389 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 30171 FROM SILMAR CORPORATION TO SOUTH FLORIDA SHUTTLE, LLC TO PROVIDE CONTRACT CARRIER SERVICE AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Secunder: Moss

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing and seeing no one wishing to speak on the foregoing item, he closed the public hearing.

Hearing no objections, the Committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

150192 Resolution

Daniella Levine Cava

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES VEHICLES TO OPERATE ON THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE BUSWAY WHILE ENGAGED IN PARATRANSIT SERVICE ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT

Withdrawn

Report: *SEE AGENDA ITEM 2A SUBSTITUTE, LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150467*

2A SUB.

150467 Resolution

Daniella Levine Cava

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ANALYZE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF ALLOWING SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES VEHICLES TO OPERATE ON THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE BUSWAY WHILE ENGAGED IN PARATRANSIT SERVICE ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT, AND TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND THIS BOARD

Amended

Report: *SEE LESIGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150744*

2A SUB AMENDED

150744 Resolution**Daniella Levine Cava**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ANALYZE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF ALLOWING SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS VEHICLES TO OPERATE ON THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE BUSWAY WHILE ENGAGED IN PARATRANSIT SERVICE AND TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND THIS BOARD [SEE ORIGINAL ITEMS UNDER FILE NOS. 150192, 150467]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing.

Mr. Gustavo Chacon, 1051 NW 18th Avenue, appeared before the TMSC members and requested to include the limousine service to use the busways in addition to the taxi services and Special Transportation Services (STS) as a fair decision.

Chairman Bovo closed the public hearing, seeing no other persons wished to speak on the foregoing item.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that the foregoing proposed resolution as amended be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Moss and was opened for discussion.

Commissioner Jordan noted she thought this proposal was good until Mr. Chacon made his request; however, there was a component in the item that she would like to take in consideration, which included the taxis that transported handicapped persons.

Commissioner Diaz noted there was a problem regarding abuse of using handicap sticker privileges. He said that he was currently working the law enforcement in an attempt to stop the abuse.

Commissioner Jordan noted that she agreed with Commissioner Diaz that the entire existing issue needed to be evaluated, but she believed there was

a difference between private vehicles with handicap permits and taxicabs that transported handicapped persons with wheelchairs, which was why she was supportive of that component.

Chairman Bovo concurred with the comments made by Commissioner Jordan and he noted this committee did not want to create additional traffic on the busway as well.

Hearing no further questions or comments, it was moved by Commissioner Jordan to forward the foregoing proposed resolution as amended to the BCC with a favorable recommendation to allow taxis access on the South Miami-Dade Busway when transporting handicapped passengers. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed 5-0 (Commissioner Suarez was absent).

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

3A

150429 Resolution Transit and Mobility Services Committee

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ACQUISITION OF THE DESIGNATED PROPERTY KNOWN AS PARCEL 14 FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT NUMBER 20040344 ENTITLED IMPROVEMENTS TO SW 137 AVENUE FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE TO US-1, TO BE A PUBLIC NECESSITY; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH ACQUISITION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN FEE SIMPLE, BY PURCHASE AT APPRAISED VALUE OR TAX ASSESSED VALUE, WHICHEVER IS THE HIGHER OF THE TWO TOGETHER WITH REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 73.091 AND 73.092, FLORIDA STATUTES, OR BY EMINENT DOMAIN COURT PROCEEDINGS AS NECESSARY; RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. R-605-14; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works & Waste Management)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan simultaneously read the following proposed resolutions into the record: Agenda Items 3A and 3B.*

Chairman Bovo opened the floor to any person wishing to speak on the foregoing proposed resolutions, and seeing no persons who wished to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolutions as presented.

3B

150432 Resolution Transit and Mobility Services Committee

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ACQUISITION OF THE DESIGNATED PROPERTY KNOWN AS PARCEL 15 FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT NUMBER 20040344 ENTITLED IMPROVEMENTS TO SW 137 AVENUE FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE TO US-1, TO BE A PUBLIC NECESSITY; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH ACQUISITION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN FEE SIMPLE, BY PURCHASE AT APPRAISED VALUE OR TAX ASSESSED VALUE, WHICHEVER IS THE HIGHER OF THE TWO TOGETHER WITH REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 73.091 AND 73.092, FLORIDA STATUTES, OR BY EMINENT DOMAIN COURT PROCEEDINGS AS NECESSARY; RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. R-606-14; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works & Waste Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

Report: SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150429

3C

150411 Resolution
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF A PERPETUAL EASEMENT TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 125.38, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION OF \$10.00, ON A PORTION OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW ROAD, THE AIRPORT LINK METRORAIL CORRIDOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS THEREIN (Miami-Dade Transit)

Amended

Report: SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150780

3C AMENDED

150780 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF A PERPETUAL EASEMENT TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 125.38, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION OF \$10.00, ON A PORTION OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW ROAD, THE AIRPORT LINK METRORAIL CORRIDOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS THEREIN [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 150411] (Miami-Dade Transit)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record as amended.*

Hearing no further questions or comments the TMS members proceeded to vote that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation as amended to delete the following language on handwritten page 8 and in the fifth paragraph of page 205 of the easement, "contractors and sub-contractors in the fourth line."

3D

150325 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TERMS OF AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR, MAYOR'S DESIGNEE OR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,373,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES FOR THE STATE ROAD 836 EXPRESS ENHANCED BUS SERVICE WITH A TOTAL COST EQUAL TO \$10,746,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SUCH PURCHASE AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 60-FOOT BUSES PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. R-178-02; AND AUTHORIZING USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (Miami-Dade Transit)

Amended

Report: SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150779

3D AMENDED

150779 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TERMS OF AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR, MAYOR'S DESIGNEE OR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,373,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES FOR THE STATE ROAD 836 EXPRESS ENHANCED BUS SERVICE WITH A TOTAL COST EQUAL TO \$10,746,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SUCH PURCHASE AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 60-FOOT BUSES PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. R-178-02; AND AUTHORIZING USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 150325] (Miami-Dade Transit)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 5-1

No: Barreiro

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record as amended.*

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed resolution as amended be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo and opened for discussion.

Commissioner Moss posed the question as to whether the procurement process for the County buses included consideration of double-decker buses as an option that would provide similar capacity as the articulated buses.

Mr. Hugh Chen, Miami Dade Transit, Deputy Director of Operations noted there was no update from the procurement staff, but he would investigate this request.

Commissioner Moss requested Deputy Mayor Jack Osterholt along with Miami-Dade Transit administration to research whether obtaining double decker buses would be feasible and to come back and report the findings to this Committee.

Commissioner Diaz offered an amendment to the

language to ensure that if the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) systems were feasible and implemented faster to include the year 2019 or prior once a funding source was identified, in terms of the grant agreement with the State or the purchase of the system.

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber advised that the implementation of this system would depend upon State concurrence; however, the language could be amended and staff would verify that it was acceptable with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Mr. Gus Pego, District Secretary, FDOT, noted he would say there was no problem with the language; but the request was for a reimbursement agreement instead of the actual grant agreement, and for that feasibility, it required further evaluation in detail, because the pledge was to match the County's dollars for these buses in this work program, which was a different type of agreement.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Diaz and Mr. Pego regarding the intent to expedite this program and the efforts in working together through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) process so if possible funding was available earlier this could move forward without delay.

In response to Commissioner Barreiro question regarding whether these buses would only be used only BRT purposes, Ms. Monica Cejas, Miami-Dade Transit, Senior Professional Engineer, Office of Engineering, noted the development of the enhanced bus projects was part of a 2009 Premium Transit Corridor Study that was moving forward; however, recent instructions were received to move forward with BRT and three corridors. She also noted this being one of the corridors, she explained this bus service would be provided from the western part of the County.

Ms. Cejas noted that although the grant stipulated the buses had to be used on these corridors; once the service was provided by these articulated buses on the 95 Expressway, the buses were moved to another corridor, such as transporting on the busway to the beach on the weekends.

Chairman Bovo noted he would make a motion to second Commissioner Diaz' request to amend the foregoing proposed resolution, followed by a

discussion.

Regarding Ms. Cejas' comment on minimizing the zero passengers on the return trips of the buses, Commissioner Suarez questioned whether an analysis was conducted to determine how to eliminate zero passengers by refashioning and restructuring the system, particular smaller buses and possibly lower the bus fares.

Mr. Chen noted there were recent discussions regarding the articulated buses and to identify how to maximize the use and making some changes on the return bus trips. He said this was still in progress and required looking at the entire system, but it could impact the number of needed buses, which would be an impact in needing additional funding for more buses and mechanics.

Commissioner Jordan urged the TMSC members to consider how the traffic flowed during rush-hour and that the lesser traffic would emerge from the opposite traffic flow. She stated that the same situation occurred on these buses; however, she believed the articulated buses were created take up that volume during those heavy traffic periods, and fewer passengers would come back during that travel time. Commissioner Jordan asked that the decision was whether to move people in volume and to use articulated buses in the BRT system, but expecting the buses to come back from that route full of passengers, was unrealistic.

Commissioner Jordan concurred that Commissioner Moss' recommendation to look at double-decker buses was a viable option to explore. She noted she also agreed that further studies should be conducted, but there was a need to make a decision.

Commissioner Barreiro noted he agreed with Commissioner Jordan's comments, but he pointed out the issue of running these articulated buses during non-peak hours and small number of riders, which resulted in the loss of expenses as well as fuel. He recommended that upon hiring part-time drivers, to double the fleet, or add buses during peak hours and retire some buses during non-peak hours, rather than using these articulated buses during the peak hours.

Commissioner Barreiro noted he could not support the foregoing proposed resolution.

Commissioner Diaz commented on how other

countries have overcome this issue by relocating bus work centers within their cities or counties along with calculating the number of riders during the non-peak hours, which was a difficult process, but he had hoped new ideas would be identified to maximize the system.

Commissioner Diaz expressed he was supportive of this item and the need to develop the BRT system because it worked in other places.

Commissioner Suarez noted that he agreed with Commissioner Barreiro's comments concerning the operation of buses during non-peak hours, but he would vote for this item. He reiterated the comments made by Commissioner Diaz about looking at the airlines system as a model of transporting passengers with most plane trips being filled with the capacity of passengers. Commissioner Suarez noted there was need to enable the neighborhood circulators or jitneys throughout the county, specifically in the area of 27th Avenue and the 836 Expressway to transport a large number of passengers.

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber advised the amendment would allow for a sooner implementation if funding was available.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the TMS members proceeded to vote on the the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation as amendedas amended on handwritten page 1 in the first paragraph of the Mayor's memorandum, the second to the last sentence should be deleted and replaced with the following language.... "The buses will be Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)." In addition, the amended language should read ...to allow for a sooner implementation of the grant program based on availability of funding. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with a vote 5-1. Commissioner Barreiro voted No.

3E

150412 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS FOR THE COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH CERTAIN AGENCIES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR, MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, OR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SAME FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, TO EXECUTE ANY ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR 2015-16 PROGRAM TERM WITH ENTITIES MEETING PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICES, AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Transit)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the floor to any persons wishing to speak on the foregoing proposed resolution, and seeing no person who wished to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3F

150495 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING STIPULATION OF PARTIES BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE OPENING OF A NEW NW 28 STREET HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING IN THE VICINITY OF NW 37 AVENUE; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Public Works & Waste Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the floor to any persons wishing to speak on the foregoing proposed resolution, and seeing no person who wished to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7 REPORT(S)

7A

150409 Report

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT (OCTOBER 2014) (Mayor)

Report Received

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote to accept the foregoing report as presented.*

7B

150407 Report

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT
(NOVEMBER 2014) (Mayor)

Report Received
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote to accept the foregoing report as presented.*

7C

150408 Report

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT
(DECEMBER 2014) (Mayor)

Report Received
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote to accept the foregoing report as presented.*

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Transit and Mobility Services Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.*



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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes Transit and Mobility Services Committee

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. (13) Chair; Dennis C. Moss (9) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Barbara J. Jordan (1), and Xavier L. Suarez (7)

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Barbara J. Jordan, Xavier L. Suarez.

Members Absent: Dennis C. Moss.

Members Late: Bruno A. Barreiro 9:51:00 AM.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Karen Harrison, Commission Reporter (305)375-1296*

1A **INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05**
(H)

1B **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following staff members were present:
-Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak
-Assistant County Attorneys: Geri Bonzon-Keenan; Annery Pulgar Alfonso; and
-Deputy Clerk Karen Harrison*

1C **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Report: *Chairman Bovo called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Setting of the Agenda
Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan advised there were no changes to today's (4/15) TMSC Agenda.*

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz the TMSC members approve today's (4/15) TMSC Agenda as printed. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed 4-0 (Commissioners Barreiro and Moss were absent).

1D **REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
PUBLIC TO BE HEARD AS PROVIDED IN
RULE 6.06**

Report: *Pursuant to Rule 6.06, Chairman Bovo announced that this meeting was open for public testimony or to persons who wished to speak on any of the items on today's (4/15) TMSC agenda or during the discussion of a specific item.*

Mr. Daniel Ochshorn, 337 NW 48th Street, Miami appeared before the TMSC members and spoke on the issue of bus schedules that needed improvement because of tardiness or no-show issues. He said the buses did not come on time based on the bus schedule that was provided. Mr. Ochshorn noted he was informed by the Miami-Dade Transit Office Director and an Overtown Information Officer on the issue regarding the shortage of bus drivers and mechanics.

Mr. Ochshorn recommended that transit dollars be allocated to improve the current system services, rather than spend funding on new routes, or extending the existing bus routes or update the new bus schedules to reflect less frequent service and to avoid long waiting periods for riders.

Chairman Bovo thanked Mr. Ochshorn for his comments and suggested the use of the app that would provide updated bus schedules.

1E SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

1F DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1G PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1G1

150560 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE (1) CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO INTER S, INC. D/B/A UNLIMITED TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Moss

Report: *By request of Chairman Bovo, Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read simultaneously the following foregoing proposed resolutions into the record: Agenda Items 1G1; 1G2; 1G3; 1G4; 1G5; 1G6; and 1G7.*

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolutions. He closed the public hearing after no one appeared wishing to speak.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that the TMSC forward the foregoing proposed resolutions to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez, followed by a discussion.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' question regarding whether Agenda Item 1G7 regarding the Veteran Transportation Service, Inc. (VTS), was a veteran's exclusive company, Mr. Joe Mora, Division Chief, Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) noted the history of this private entity that provided transportation since 2009 as well as a current contract with the Veterans Administration (VA). He also noted that VTS expanded in 2011 and currently requested two additional vehicles. Mr. Mora stated the County did not have a history of any problems with this company.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolutions, as presented.

Commissioner Jordan stated in reference to Mr. Ochshorn's concerns and a number of complaints she received, she wanted to address the issue concerning the buses not being on schedule. She said she had a meeting with the union representatives who admitted that the bus schedules needed to be recalibrated.

Commissioner Jordan said she had a legislative item that would come before the Board in order to look at the entire schedules countywide. She noted that the recalibration process had not taken place in over 10 years and many changes have occurred, which required factoring in the time for stops needed by bus drivers, as well as traffic.

1G2

150561 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR TEN (10) CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO A & V REALITY TRANSPORTATION, LLC TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Moss

Report: *SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150560*

1G3

150562 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR TWO (2) CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO THROWER MOBILITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, CORP. TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR AND COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Moss

Report: *SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150560*

1G4

150563 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE (1) CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO TMX SERV, INC. TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Moss

Report: *SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150560*

1G5

150564 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR TWO (2) CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ATC MEDICAL TRANSPORT CORP. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Moss

Report: *SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150560*

1G6

150565 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR TWO (2) CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO NICE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Moss

Report: *SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150560*

1G7

150566 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR TWO (2) CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO VETERAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Moss

Report: *SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 150560*

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

150624 Resolution**Bruno A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE MIAMI PARKING AUTHORITY TO IDENTIFY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1350 NORTHWEST 12TH STREET, PROVIDE A REPORT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI PARKING AUTHORITY, NEGOTIATE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI PARKING AUTHORITY FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY, AND PRESENT SUCH AGREEMENT, OR ALTERNATIVELY, A REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS BOARD WITHIN 120 DAYS

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Barreiro

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Moss

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolution. He closed the public hearing after no one appeared wishing to speak.

Commissioner Barreiro stated these parcels were owned by the County, but were currently used for parking by City of Miami Parking Authority, which was exploring mixed use for the property. He noted this proposal was to direct the Administration to identify other ways to better utilize those lots.

It was moved by Commissioner Barreiro that the TMSC members forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the BCC with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo, followed by a discussion.

Commissioner Diaz expressed concern that the agreement was to look over all the properties in order to make the best use of them for the citizens of Miami-Dade County and the City it represents. He noted that he wanted to ensure the terms of the negotiated agreement was clear and the property was at a fair market price, rather than another lease at a low rate to eventually be turned over to the renter below it's value. Commissioner Diaz said in moving forward he wanted this policy to be implemented across-the-board.

Commissioner Diaz noted he was supportive of the foregoing proposed resolution as long as it would

enhance the use of the County property.

Discussion ensued between Commissioners Jordan and Barreiro regarding the foregoing proposed resolution that was not related to the Economic Development Foundation (EDF) River Landing application, but was a different parcel closely located to River Landing in the Civic Center area. Further discussion ensued regarding that the City of Miami Parking Authority was also looking for other revenue generating opportunities with a higher density use.

Hearing no other questions or comments the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution, as presented.

2B

150613 Resolution**Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**

RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO OKEECHOBEE METRORAIL STATION TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY AND CITY OF HIALEAH REGARDING JOINT DEVELOPMENT AT OKEECHOBEE METRORAIL STATION SITE FUNDED IN PART WITH BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Bovo, Jr.

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Moss

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo relinquished the chair to Commissioner Diaz.

It was moved by Commissioner Bovo that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz, followed by a discussion.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's question regarding the large reduction in the number of units, Commissioner Bovo noted the reason for the reduced number of units was to accommodate the resources.

Commissioner Diaz noted this proposal included improvement on the engineering and a Dade facility as part of the project, which would be implemented with some of those dollars that were previously funded.

Hearing no other questions or comments the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution, as presented.

2C

150585 Resolution Daniella Levine Cava

RESOLUTION WAIVING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT THE TERM LIMIT RESTRICTION FOR CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST MEMBER PAUL SCHWIEP; AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAUL SCHWIEP TO THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST FOR ANOTHER TERM

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Moss*

Report: *Commissioner Bovo resumed the Chair.*

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Chairman Bovo opened the floor to any persons wishing to speak on the foregoing proposed resolution, and he closed the floor seeing no one who wished to speak.

Hearing no objections, the TMSC members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7 REPORT(S)

7A

150643 Report

Dennis C. Moss

ORAL REPORT BY MDT REGARDING THE
FEASIBILITY OF DOUBLE DECKER BUSES

Report Received
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Bovo, Jr.
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Moss

Report: *Hearing no objections, the TMSC members
proceeded to vote to accept the foregoing reports.*

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the
Transit and Mobility Services Committee, the
meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.*