

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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

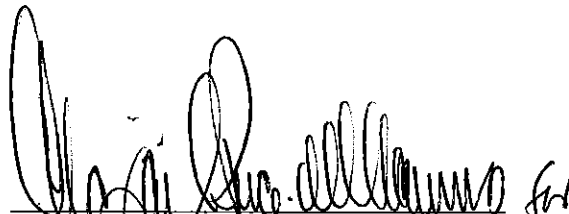
**DATE:** June 30, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution welcoming, supporting and promoting the 24th Annual General Membership meeting of the East Coast Greenway Alliance to be held November 13-15, 2015 in Miami-Dade County, along with the associated wheels events to be held November 11-15, 2015 throughout Miami-Dade County; urging the public and private sectors to support these events; and calling upon Miami-Dade County residents to partake in these events meant to encourage more mobility via biking, walking, transit and trails

**This item was amended at the 6-10-15 Transit & Mobility Services Committee to add the Miami River Commission as an entity supporting the WHEELS event.**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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6-30-15

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

RESOLUTION WELCOMING, SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE EAST COAST GREENWAY ALLIANCE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 13-15, 2015 IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ALONG WITH THE ASSOCIATED WHEELS EVENTS TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 11-15, 2015 THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; URGING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO SUPPORT THESE EVENTS; AND CALLING UPON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESIDENTS TO PARTAKE IN THESE EVENTS MEANT TO ENCOURAGE MORE MOBILITY VIA BIKING, WALKING, TRANSIT AND TRAILS

**WHEREAS**, The East Coast Greenway Alliance (the "ECGA") is a non-profit organization spearheading the development of the East Coast Greenway, including promoting the vision for connecting local trails into a continuous route, providing strategic assistance for states, counties, and municipalities that build local trail sections, posting signage, and making maps and guides to facilitate use of the Greenway; and

**WHEREAS**, the ECGA does not own any of the Greenway trail system, but plays a vital role in ensuring its continuity and in monitoring trail conditions to ensure consistency in trail quality, and supports local trail agencies in securing the funds to maintain their trails; and

**WHEREAS**, the 24<sup>th</sup> annual general membership meeting of the ECGA will take place in Miami-Dade County November 13-15, 2015 for the purpose of advancing the Greenway- a 2,900-mile paved, off-road multi-use trail for transportation and recreation between Maine and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the ECGA seeks in each county where it convenes to help decision-makers integrate trails in the most asset-based way for lasting good purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County and its tri-county region, including Broward and Palm Beach counties, constitutes the leading economic region of Florida, yet it is a region whose economy and quality of life are endangered by massive roadway congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, many speakers at the Miami-Dade Transportation Summit in January, 2015 called on Miami-Dade County's support for initiatives in human-powered transportation that also add quality to life, especially initiatives for young adults who desire diverse mobility options, who are re-populating and helping revitalize the urban cores, and who find walking, biking and transit to be convenient, affordable, and compatible with their ethical outlook; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, speakers at the Miami-Dade Transportation Summit in January, 2015 expressed support for a larger planning vision incorporating and linking projects such as the Underline, 'Plan Z' for the Rickenbacker Causeway, and the conversion of the former rail corridor into the Ludlam Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County already enjoys the largest network of trails of all 67 Florida counties and, together with Broward and Palm Beach counties, a transit network unequalled elsewhere in Florida, yet too few people are aware of these networks and the connections between them; and

**WHEREAS**, the public, private and nonprofit sectors have joined with the ECGA in an initiative called WHEELS that seeks to showcase the demand for the bike/walk/transit/trail connections, and which WHEELS initiative will involve a series of events involving an estimated 10,000 people between November 11, 2015 (Veterans Day) and November 15, 2015, drawing participants from both within and outside Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the WHEELS initiative will include a conference for which the keynote speaker will be Ryan Gravel, visionary of the \$2.2 billion Atlanta BeltLine, a widely praised program that combines bike/walk/transit/trails connecting homes with jobs, schools and parks; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the conference, WHEELS will include a range of activities from bicycle and pedestrian safety training, to organized rides and runs, to block parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, through its Bike 305 program, is enlisting the entire Miami-Dade County bicycling community to lead by example during WHEELS, with the result that significant numbers of residents of the Tri-county area will find bike/walk/transit/trail a new and lasting mobility option; and

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of public, private and nonprofit entities have already indicated support for WHEELS, including the Florida Department of Transportation, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, the City of South Miami, the Miami-Dade Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, the Florida Bicycle Association, the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, Emerge Miami, the Everglades Bicycle Club, Friends of the Underline, Green Mobility Network, South Miami Hospital, Dover, Kohl & Partners, FootWorks, J&B Imports, >>Miami River Commission<<<sup>1</sup> and Mack Cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County, as a whole, desires to welcome the 24<sup>th</sup> annual general membership meeting of the ECGA, express its support of the ECGA and the WHEELS initiative, promote the WHEELS initiative, to urge the public and private sectors throughout Miami-Dade County to also support ECGA and WHEELS, and to call upon Miami-Dade County residents to partake in these events,

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<sup>1</sup> Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board hereby: welcomes, supports and promotes the 24<sup>th</sup> annual general membership meeting of the East Coast Greenway Alliance to be held November 13-15, 2015, in Miami-Dade County, along with the associated WHEELS events to be held November 11-15, 2015 throughout Miami-Dade County; urges the public and private sectors to support these events; and calls upon residents of Miami-Dade County to partake in these events meant to encourage more mobility via biking, walking, transit and trails.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

GKS for

Monica Rizo Perez