

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: September 1, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Transportation to fund the expansion and extension of the NW 25th Street Viaduct Project westward and to connect the viaduct with the Florida Turnpike; urging the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization to take appropriate action, including, but not limited to, amending its transportation plans to include the expansion of this project, provided funding is made available

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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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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9-1-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND THE EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF THE NW 25TH STREET VIADUCT PROJECT WESTWARD AND TO CONNECT THE VIADUCT WITH THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE; URGING THE MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AMENDING ITS TRANSPORTATION PLANS TO INCLUDE THE EXPANSION OF THIS PROJECT, PROVIDED FUNDING IS MADE AVAILABLE

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2012, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began construction on the west segment of the NW 25 Street Viaduct Project; and

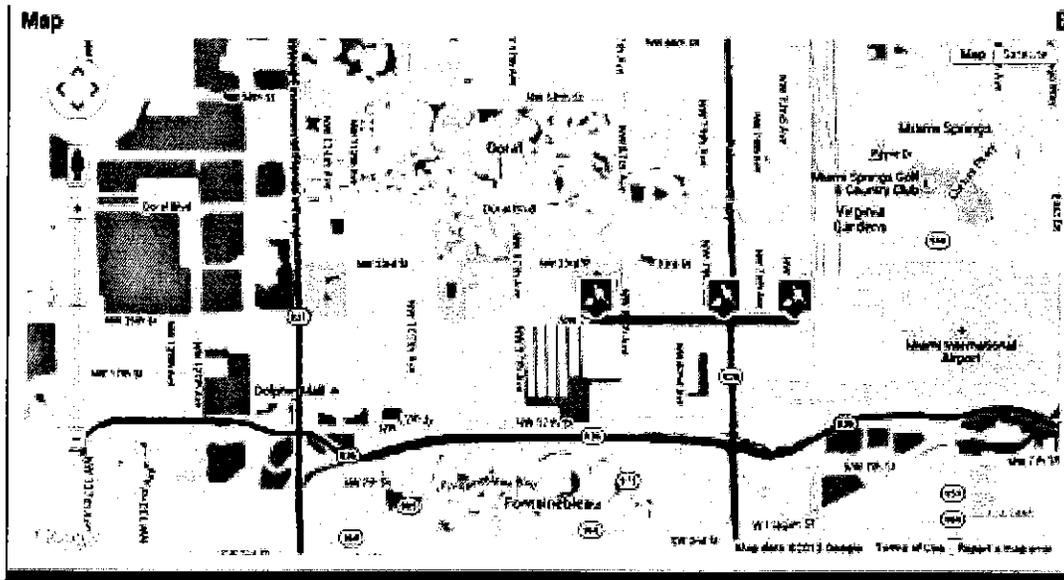
WHEREAS, the project, which is expected to reach completion in April 2016 at a cost of \$58 million, will extend the existing viaduct/bridge westward to NW 82nd Avenue, providing a vital and continuous link for cargo traffic traveling to, and from, Miami International Airport's West Cargo Area ("MIA West Cargo Area"); and

WHEREAS, the project involves two major parts: 1) the roadway reconstruction and widening of NW 25th Street from the Palmetto Expressway (State Road 826) to NW 89th Court; and 2) the construction of the viaduct; and

WHEREAS, once constructed, the viaduct will be elevated about 30 feet high along the north side of NW 25th Street and will connect with the existing east viaduct, and then go over the expressway and touch down just east of NW 82nd Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the project will also include the addition, and widening, of various lanes of traffic; updated signage and pavement markings; and new landscaping and brick pavers in medians; and

WHEREAS, the project's current breadth is shown on the map below:



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WHEREAS, the project, as currently defined, is designed to among other benefits help with, traffic flow on, and around, NW 25th Street and ease the transportation of cargo to, and from, the MIA West Cargo Area; and

WHEREAS, extending the viaduct westward and connecting it with the Florida Turnpike could offer significant additional benefits, such as providing cargo trucks with greater ease of access to the MIA West Cargo Area and lessening the burden on already-heavily traveled roadways located west of NW 82nd Avenue and east of the Florida Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature and the FDOT to fund an expansion and extension of the current project to accomplish these ends, and to urge the Miami-Dade MPO to take appropriate action, including the amendment of its transportation plans, if and when funding is provided,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to fund the expansion and extension of the NW 25th Street Viaduct Project westward and to connect the viaduct with the Florida Turnpike.

Section 2. Urges the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to take appropriate action, including, but not limited to, amending its transportation plans to include the expansion of this project, provided funding is made available.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, and to the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 state legislative package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Daniella Levine Cava

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Audrey M. Edmonson

Sally A. Heyman

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Rebeca Sosa

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Xavier L. Suarez

Juan C. Zapata

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 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.

James E. "Eddie" Kirtley, Jr.

