

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

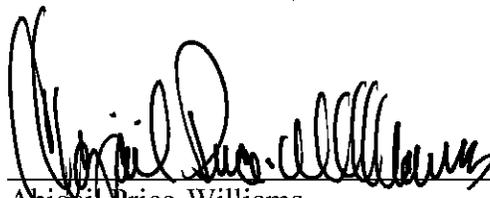
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 3, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to prepare a feasibility study and implementation plan for a West End Circulator Bus Route identifying route alignment, locations of possible bus stops, recommended service hours and frequency, potential funding sources and including an estimation of ridership and any land use studies necessary for optimizing the efficiency of this route; and directing the County Mayor to submit to the Board a report regarding the feasibility study and implementation plan

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.



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Please note any items checked.

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

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

11-3-15

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR A WEST END CIRCULATOR BUS ROUTE IDENTIFYING ROUTE ALIGNMENT, LOCATIONS OF POSSIBLE BUS STOPS, RECOMMENDED SERVICE HOURS AND FREQUENCY, POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES AND INCLUDING AN ESTIMATION OF RIDERSHIP AND ANY LAND USE STUDIES NECESSARY FOR OPTIMIZING THE EFFICIENCY OF THIS ROUTE; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT TO THE BOARD A REPORT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, traffic congestion continues to be a significant problem in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the residents of southwest Miami-Dade County, or the West End, have endured worsening congestion, due to extensive commercial and residential growth and over capacity of significant portions of the road network; and

WHEREAS, the Florida International University College of Architecture and the Metropolitan Center released a comprehensive master plan, entitled the "West End Strategy: A Vision for the Future," that included recommendations to improve connectivity in the West End; and

WHEREAS, the study noted that the "the West End is typical of low density suburban development patterns, with high dependence on vehicle trips for conveniences, low walkability, and in some locations, difficult pedestrian conditions"; and

WHEREAS, the study highlights that there is a higher than average dependence and use of automobiles for work and non-work travel in the West End in comparison to other areas of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the study included a strategic action agenda, which recommended the creation of a transportation loop that connects the three major areas of the West End with a crossover station at the intersection of SW 88th St. and SW 147th Ave; and

WHEREAS, the proposed transit route would link community services and greenspaces in and around three key parks and two institutions: Hammocks Community Park, Boystown Pineland County Park, Water Oaks Park, Florida International University, and West Kendall Baptist Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route would also connect bicycle, hiking, and walking trails located throughout the West End; and

WHEREAS, providing enhanced bus service will facilitate greater mobility for residents, employees, and visitors to Miami-Dade County's West End; and

WHEREAS, in order to make the proposed route as efficient and useful as possible, this Board believes that it is in the best interest of the County for the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a feasibility study and implementation plan that identifies the best possible route alignment, bus stops, service hours and frequency as well as potential funding sources and an estimation of ridership; and

WHEREAS, this feasibility study shall also include any land use studies necessary to ensure that the proposed route takes advantage of and connects existing transit options as well as bicycle, hiking, and walking trails in this in a way that maximizes walkability and transit connectivity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a feasibility study and implementation plan for a West End Circulator Bus Route identifying route alignment, locations of possible bus stops, recommended service hours and frequency, and potential funding sources, and including an estimation of ridership and any land use studies necessary for optimizing the efficiency of this route. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a report to this Board regarding the feasibility study and implementation plan within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. 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 3rd day of November, 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.

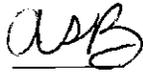
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Alex S. Bokor