Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: June 21, 2016

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(12)

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Approving Terms of and Authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to Execute and File A Grant Application with the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration in the Amount of $1,000,000.00, Fiscal Year 2016 Section 5307 Grant Program Flexible Funding, for Metrorail and Metromover Guideway Bridge Inspections

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the terms of and authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to execute and file a grant application on behalf of the County with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of $1,000,000.00, Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Section 5307 Grant program flexible funding, for the Metrorail and Metromover guideway bridge inspections.

It is further recommended that the Board authorize this grant application pursuant to the agreement, as well as the receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the agreement.

A public hearing is required in accordance with Federal regulations.

SCOPE

These funds will provide support for the inspections of structural elements of the Metrorail and Metromover Guideways, therefore, the impact of these grants is countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

This item represents a positive fiscal impact to the County because it provides funding to DTPW, with the required local match of $250,000.00 being provided in full by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) through the use of State Transportation Development Credits (TDCs).

Under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), authorization is continued for State Transportation departments to make available to public transit agencies the use of transportation development credits on selected federally-assisted public transit capital projects. By using the credits to substitute for the required non-federal share on a new Federal-Aid project, the Federal share can effectively be increased to 100 percent.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

The County has entered into numerous funding agreements with FTA over the course of 28 years. The Grant Manager for these grants is Ed Carson of DTPW's Financial Services.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Florida Statute 335.074, public transportation facilities are required to perform safety inspection of bridges for structural soundness and safety. In accordance with the provisions of this section, the Guideway Bridge Inspection Program was initiated in 1986 to identify deficiencies of a critical nature and perform preventive inspections on the 22 miles (currently 25 miles) of Metrorail and 1.9 miles (currently 4.4 miles) of Metromover elevated guideway superstructures.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides flexible Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding, which has been programmed over the past several years for the Metrorail and Metromover guideway bridge inspections. The FAST Act converts the long-standing STP into the Surface Transportation *Block Grant* Program, which continues all prior STP eligibilities.

Certain FHWA transportation programs, such as the STP allow recipients to transfer funds to FTA for public transportation projects that are eligible under the FHWA program and under Section 5307. When such "flexible" fund transfers are made for eligible transit projects, FTA will administer these funds in a separate Section 5307 grant.

On January 25, 2007 and September 1, 2011, the Board approved Resolutions R-01-07 and R-664-11, respectively, authorizing the filing of two (2) FTA grant applications for $3,750,000.00 in FY 2006-10 FHWA flexible STP funds, and $4,850,000.00 in FY 2011-15 for a total of $8,600,000.00. The State provided a combined total of $2,150,000.00 in State TDCs as a "soft match" for both grants.

FDOT has programmed $1,000,000.00 in FY 2016 STBG flexible funding in its Five-Year Work Program (FY 2016-20) for the Metrorail and Metromover guideway bridge inspections. DTPW has requested the transfer of this funding from FHWA to the FTA's Section 5307 program, and will apply for the funding in a grant for the inspections of structural elements of the Metrorail and Metromover guideways. Eligible activities will include third-party Consultant and in-house services.

Alina T. Hudak
Deputy Mayor

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: June 21, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 14(A)(12)

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**

_____ **Statement of social equity 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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING TERMS OF AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,000,000.00 FISCAL YEAR 2016 SECTION 5307 GRANT PROGRAM FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR METRORAIL AND METROMOVER GUIDEWAY BRIDGE INSPECTIONS AND AUTHORIZING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT AND OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENTS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted on Miami-Dade County's Section 5307 Grant Program application as described in the County Mayor's accompanying memorandum,

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

Section 1. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute and file a grant application and agreement with the United States Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration in the amount of $1,000,000.00, Fiscal Year 2016 Section 5307 Grant Program flexible funding, and provide all necessary supporting documentation.

Section 2. This Board authorizes receipt and expenditure of funds received pursuant to such application and agreement and further authorizes receipt and expenditure of any additional funds should they become available.

The foregoing resolution 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 21st day of June, 2016. 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.

Bruce Libhaber