

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

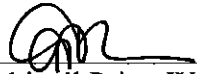
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: November 7, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Department of Transportation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to install directional signage for the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Tropical Research and Education Center and the Miami-Dade County Extension Service preceding the SW 288 Street / Biscayne Drive exit of the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike

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



Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney 

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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
- 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 URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE
ENTERPRISE TO INSTALL DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE FOR
THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, TROPICAL RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION CENTER AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
EXTENSION SERVICE PRECEDING THE SW 288 STREET /
BISCAYNE DRIVE EXIT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION
OF FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE

WHEREAS, the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Tropical Research and Education Center (the "UF/IFAS TREC") was established in 1929 by an act of the state legislature in Miami-Dade County on land donated by the Krome family and Mr. Charles E. Schaff; and

WHEREAS, originally named the Subtropical Experiment Station, the UF/IFAS TREC has 160 acres of land and is dedicated to research, extension and teaching in the areas of ornamental, vegetable, and tropical-subtropical fruit and biofuel crops, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the UF/IFAS TREC services an agricultural industry that has an annual farm gate value in excess of \$800 million with an annual economic impact on the local economy of over \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, the UF/IFAS TREC is the premier research, extension and teaching institution in Florida focusing on tropical fruits, vegetables, ornamental crops, and natural resources in the warm subtropics; and

WHEREAS, due to South Florida's unique geographic location and climate, the UF/IFAS TREC offers the University of Florida an opportunity to have an impact well beyond the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, the UF/IFAS TREC is located at 18905 SW 280 Street in Homestead, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Extension Service is a cooperative between the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the United States Department of Agriculture, and Miami-Dade County through the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Extension Service is the liaison between research conducted at the University of Florida and other universities and end users in Miami-Dade County, such as agricultural and horticultural growers, homeowners, and individuals interested in food and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Extension Service is located at 18710 SW 288 Street in Homestead, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike ("HEFT") is used by many traveling to the UF/IFAS TREC and the Miami-Dade County Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, the HEFT is operated by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise ("FTE"), a business unit of the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"); and

WHEREAS, the HEFT in and around the SW 288 Street / Biscayne Drive exit is currently under major road reconstruction until approximately December 2018; and

WHEREAS, according to FTE, the signage for the HEFT reconstruction project has already been determined and does not include signage for the UF/IFAS TREC or the Miami-Dade County Extension Service, however, signage may be re-evaluated after the construction is completed; and

WHEREAS, according to the University of Florida, while there are many Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences research centers along Florida's Turnpike, the research center in Miami-Dade County is the only one that does not have directional signage on the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2017, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization adopted Resolution No. 32-17, urging FDOT and FTE to install directional signage for the UF/IFAS TREC and the Miami-Dade County Extension Service preceding the SW 288 Street / Biscayne Drive exit of the HEFT; and

WHEREAS, adequate directional signage for the UF/IFAS TREC and the Miami-Dade County Extension Service preceding the SW 288 Street / Biscayne Drive exit of the HEFT would assist those traveling to the UF/IFAS TREC or the Miami-Dade County Extension Service in reaching their destination safely and effectively; and

WHEREAS, including such signage during the reconstruction of the HEFT may be most efficient,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Department of Transportation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to install directional signage for the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Tropical Research and Education Center and the Miami-Dade County Extension Service preceding the SW 288 Street / Biscayne Drive exit of the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Executive Director of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, the President of the University of Florida, the Director of the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Tropical Research and Education Center, and the Director of the Miami-Dade County Extension Service.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the actions described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2018 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of November, 2017. 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.



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