

# Memorandum



**Date:** April 16, 2019

**To:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", written over the name in the "From" field.

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing the County Mayor to File a Grant Application with the Federal Transit Administration for Fiscal Year 2018 Section 5339 (b) Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program Funding in the Amount of \$11,000,000.00

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Agenda Item No. 1(G)5

## **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 Miami-Dade County (County) with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Section 5339 (b) Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program (Bus and Bus Infrastructure Program) Funding in the Amount of \$11,000,000.00. This funding will be used to purchase thirty-eight (38) new forty-foot Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses. It is further recommended that the Board authorize receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the grant agreement.

This agenda item is placed for Board review pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code Section 29-124(f). This agenda item may only be considered by the Board if the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has forwarded a recommendation to the Board prior to the date scheduled for Board consideration or forty-five (45) days have elapsed since the filing with the Clerk of the Board of this agenda item. If the CITT has not forwarded a recommendation and forty-five (45) days have not elapsed since the filing of this recommendation, I will request a withdrawal of this item.

A public hearing is required in accordance with Federal regulations.

## **SCOPE**

The impact of this project benefits the riding public and is, therefore, countywide.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

The federal funding applied for in this grant application will provide the County \$11,000,000.00. The funding represents 50 percent of the total project cost of \$22,000,000.00. The 50 percent matching funds of \$11,000,000.00 will be provided using County Lease Finance. This grant will reduce the amount of County lease financing required as part of the bus replacement plan. This project is included in the FY 2018-2019 Budget and Multi-Year Capital plan under Bus Related Projects (Project # 673800).

## **TRACK RECORD/MONITOR**

The Grant Manager for this federal application is Ed Carson, DTPW, Financial Services Division. The Project Manager for the Bus Purchase is Carlos Delgado, P.E., DTPW, Infrastructure and Field Engineering Division.

## **BACKGROUND**

Section 5339(b) of Title 49, United States Code, as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114-94, Dec. 4, 2015), authorizes FTA to award funds under the Bus and Bus Infrastructure Program through a competitive process for capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct or lease bus-related facilities.

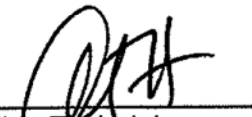
On June 25, 2018, the FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity announcing the opportunity to apply for approximately \$366,300,000.00 in FY 2018 funds under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program. As required by federal transit law and subject to funding availability, funds are awarded competitively to assist the financing of capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment, and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct or lease bus-related facilities. There is no minimum or maximum grant award amount. However, due to funding limitations, proposers that are selected for funding may receive less than the amount originally requested.

In an effort to improve performance reliability and safety, DTPW has been involved in actively assessing opportunities to acquire the most effective technology for its Metrobus system, and has investigated the feasibility of utilizing alternative fuels such as biodiesel, compressed natural gas and battery-electric vehicles in its transit bus fleet. At the time of this notice of funding opportunity, DTPW's active fleet consisted of 756 buses, mostly diesel engine powered buses with an average fleet age of approximately 11.2 years. Approximately 71 percent of the active fleet had exceeded their useful life span based upon the FTA Circular 5010.1E, page IV-25 (12 years and/or 500,000 miles of service). The fleet averaged 2,900 miles. This is less than the expected goal of 4,000 miles, resulting in a higher than average operating cost and a less than desirable impact on the riding public.

In response to the solicitation and the agency's need, DTPW submitted a project proposal application to the USDOT, FTA requesting \$36,400,000.00 to purchase one-hundred thirty (130) forty-foot CNG buses to replace 130 older model traditional diesel buses that have exceeded their useful life span. DTPW proposed to provide the 50 percent matching local funds using County Lease Finance for a total project cost of \$72,800,000.00. On June 25, 2018, the USDOT formally announced that the FTA had selected the County's project to receive funding from FTA's Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program. The County's allocation is \$11,000,000.00. A completed grant application for the \$11,000,000.00 must be submitted to FTA before federal funds can be awarded.

This project is a significant benefit for the people living in the operating service area and to DTPW's commitment to improving air quality, promoting public health and to providing safe, efficient and reliable transportation for the riding public.

To date we have accepted 198 new CNG buses of the 420 that have been ordered.

  
Alina T. Hudak  
Deputy Mayor

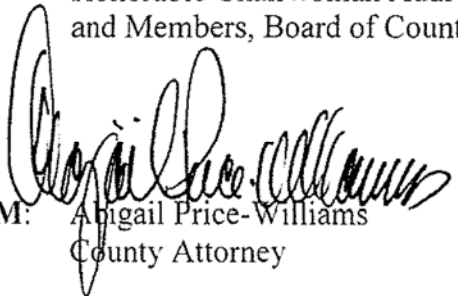


# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 7, 2019

FROM:   
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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 present \_\_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_\_) to approve
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, SECTION 5339(B) BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000,000.00; AUTHORIZING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT 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 at a committee of the County Commission on Miami-Dade County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Section 5339(b) Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program (Bus and Bus Infrastructure Program) funding application as described in the accompanying memorandum,

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

**Section 1.** This Board approves the terms of and 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 for FY 2018, Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Infrastructure Program discretionary funding in the amount of \$11,000,000.00 to purchase thirty-eight (38) forty-foot Compressed Natural Gas buses and further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide all necessary supporting documentation in the form of the template attached to the resolution.

**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 as specified in the agreement 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019. 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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in the Commission Chambers, second floor, 111 N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Miami, Florida, during a meeting to begin at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, to consider a grant application for **\$11,000,000.00** in capital funding assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The following Program of Projects (POP) is being considered:

### **FTA FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018 SECTION 5339(b) BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

The Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works Bus Replacement Program Project has been selected by the FTA to receive \$11,000,000.00 under the FTA Buses and Bus Infrastructure Program (Project ID # D2018-BUSC-159). The County will provide the local match of \$11,000,000.00 for this grant application through County Lease Finance. The total project cost is \$22,000,000.00. The Bus Replacement Program includes:

Thirty-eight (38) forty-foot Compressed Natural Gas Buses

FTA Funding ..... \$11,000,000.00

Local Match.....\$11,000,000.00

Total request for project..... \$22,000,000.00

At the hearing, the Committee will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of this project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said projects. This will be the final program of projects unless amended and a final notice is published.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by any board, agency, or commission with respect to any such matter considered at its meeting or hearing, will need a record of all proceedings. Such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Miami-Dade County provides equal access and equal opportunity in employment and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs or services. Auxiliary aids and services for communication are available with advance notice. This form can be made available in accessible format upon request (audiotape, Braille, or computer disk). For material in alternate format, a sign-language interpreter, or other accommodations, please contact Marcos Ortega at (786) 469-5225. Customers using TDD, please call through the Florida Relay Service 1 (800-955-8771) at least five (5) days in advance.

# DOT

# FTA

U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

## Application

<b>Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)</b>	1089-2019-3
<b>Temporary Application Number</b>	1089-2019-3
<b>Application Name</b>	FTA Section 5339 (b) FY 2018 Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program - Miami, Florida
<b>Application Status</b>	In-Progress
<b>Application Budget Number</b>	0

## Part 1: Recipient Information

**Name: Miami-dade, County Of**

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	Recipient DUNS
1089	County Agency	Miami Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works	135722747

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	111 NW 1ST ST STE 2550	MIAMI	FL	331281933
Physical Address	111 NW 1ST ST STE 910	MIAMI	FL	33128
Mailing Address	111 NW 1ST	MIAMI	FL	33128

## Union Information

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<b>Address 2</b>	Suite # 502
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<b>State</b>	Florida
<b>Zipcode</b>	33166



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## Part 2: Application Information

**Title: FTA Section 5339 (b) FY 2018 Bus and Bus Facilities  
Infrastructure Investment Program - Miami, Florida**

FAIN	Application Status	Application Type	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
1089-2019- 3	In-Progress	Grant	12/11/2018	12/11/2018	No

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