

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

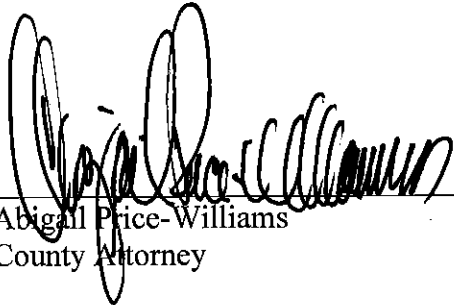
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 4, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for an additional five year period from the expiration of the current authorization in 2020

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



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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 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
Veto _____
Override _____

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6-4-19

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO REAUTHORIZE THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL
FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM THE EXPIRATION OF THE
CURRENT AUTHORIZATION IN 2020

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act is a funding and authorization bill to govern United States federal surface transportation spending; and

WHEREAS, by passing the FAST Act, which was signed into law by the President on December 4, 2015, Congress made a five-year commitment to increase surface transportation funding by authorizing the expenditure of \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs; and

WHEREAS, according to USDOT, the FAST Act was the first long-term surface transportation authorization enacted in a decade that provides long-term funding certainty for surface transportation; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act allows state and local governments, including Miami-Dade County, to move forward with critical transportation projects, such as new highways and transit lines, with the confidence that they will have a federal partner over the long term; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bipartisan Policy Center, which has studied the FAST Act, the FAST Act, among other things:

- requires USDOT to lead an effort to develop coordinated and concurrent environmental reviews across federal agencies for major transportation projects;

- establishes the National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau within USDOT to serve as a one-stop shop for state and local governments to receive federal funding, financing, or technical assistance;
- allows the bundling of bridge projects to be treated as one project for federal funding purposes; and
- removes a restriction on the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program that prevented local governments, such as Miami-Dade County, from using both WIFIA financing and tax-exempt debt in a single project, which could have the effect of making WIFIA more attractive to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to urge the United States Congress to reauthorize the FAST Act for an additional five-year period from the expiration of the current authorization in 2020,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to reauthorize the FAST Act for an additional five year period from the expiration of the current authorization in 2020.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the United States Secretary of Transportation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in Section 1, above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2019 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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:

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 4th day of June, 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.

DP.C.

Dale P. Clarke