

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)

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

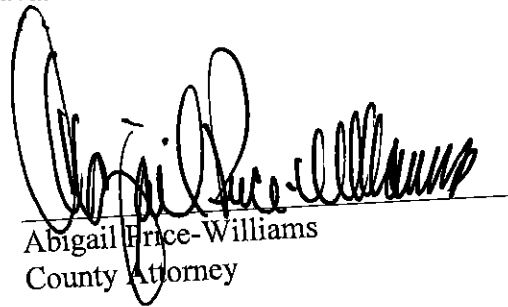
**DATE:** July 23, 2019

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works to implement a new bus route, the Northwest Miami-Dade Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) Route (Route 175), on or before November 17, 2019

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The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Transportation and Public Works Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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# Memorandum



**Date:** July 23, 2019

**To:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
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**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", written over the printed name of the Mayor.

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works to Implement a new bus route, the Northwest Miami-Dade Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) Route (Route 175), on or before November 17, 2019

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the addition of a new bus route, the Northwest Miami Dade Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) Route (Route 175), to be implemented on or before November 17, 2019. Board approval of this proposed new bus route is required pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code (County Code), Chapter 2, Article XIX, Section 2-150, following a public hearing.

## **SCOPE**

The proposed service adjustment will have a countywide impact.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The estimated annual operating cost for the new Northwest Miami Dade BERT (Route 175) is \$965,430.00, with the first six months funded 100 percent (100%) by a \$500,000.00 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) previously approved by the Board in Resolution No. R-1210-18. FDOT has programmed additional funding in its Five-Year Work Program (2020-2024) to cover future costs of this service. The additional funding will be available beginning July 1, 2019. There is no fiscal impact to the County.

## **TRACK RECORD/MONITOR**

The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) project manager, Carlos Cruz-Casas, P.E., Assistant Director DTPW will be responsible for this bus service change.

## **BACKGROUND**

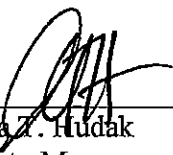
The Northwest Miami Dade BERT Route (Route 175) will be the first BERT route to be implemented out of a countywide network of BERT routes. It will link the newly constructed I-75/Miami Gardens Drive park-and-ride lot with the Palmetto Metrorail Station and utilize the newly constructed express lanes on I-75 and the Palmetto Expressway. The service will operate weekdays up to 10-minute frequency from 5:30 am to 9:30 am and 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm. A map of the route can be found in Attachment A.

The BERT route network is a part of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan which has been previously endorsed by the Board (Resolution No. R-523-16). As mentioned in the fiscal

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impact section of this memo, the Board has previously approved State grant funding for this route (Resolution No. R-1210-18).

All regulatory requirements will be completed in accordance with federal, state, and local law. A Title VI Analysis has determined that there are no adverse impacts on the protected population as a result of the proposed service modifications. Whenever major service adjustments occur, a comprehensive marketing campaign to inform all riders is initiated. Some of those activities include sending press releases to all major newspapers, posting service changes on the County's website, and posting rider notices on all impacted bus routes and Metrorail cars. The adjustments reflected above are enhancements to transit services.



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Alina Z. Hudak  
Deputy Mayor



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

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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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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS TO IMPLEMENT A NEW BUS ROUTE, THE NORTHWEST MIAMI-DADE BUS EXPRESS RAPID TRANSIT (BERT) ROUTE (ROUTE 175), ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 17, 2019

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

**WHEREAS**, The Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works has analyzed the proposed route and determined that the addition of this new service will enhance the regional transit connections of the transit system; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held at the Transportation and Finance Committee,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board authorizes the Implementation of the Northwest Miami-Dade Express BERT route from the newly constructed I-75/Miami Gardens Drive park-and-ride lot with the Palmetto Metrorail Station on or before November 17, 2019.

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.

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Eileen Higgins

Joe A. Martinez

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

Daniella Levine Cava

Sally A. Heyman

Barbara J. Jordan

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 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

# Attachment A Route Map

