

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

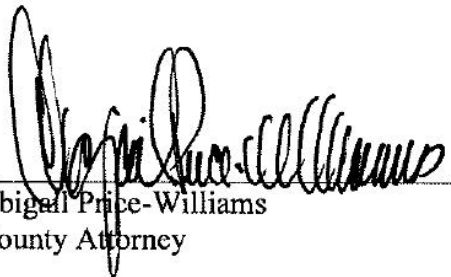
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 20, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution expressing support of the final Better Bus Network; and directing the County Mayor to take all actions necessary, including but not limited to the coordination with Transit Alliance Miami and preparation of the appropriate agenda item for this Board's consideration after a public hearing pursuant to section 2-150(b) of the Code, to implement the Better Bus Network and to prepare status reports

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.


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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 EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE FINAL BETTER BUS NETWORK; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE COORDINATION WITH TRANSIT ALLIANCE MIAMI AND PREPARATION OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENDA ITEM FOR THIS BOARD’S CONSIDERATION AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-150(B) OF THE CODE, TO IMPLEMENT THE BETTER BUS NETWORK AND TO PREPARE STATUS REPORTS

WHEREAS, Transit Alliance Miami (“Transit Alliance”) is a non-profit advocacy organization that has produced extensive research on the Miami-Dade County bus network; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2019 this Board adopted Resolution No. R-509-19 and expressed unanimous support for the “Better Bus Project,” a project redesigning the County bus network; and

WHEREAS, Transit Alliance has since produced at least two reports analyzing the existing bus system and outlining possibilities for the new bus network; and

WHEREAS, Transit Alliance has also gathered community and stakeholder input to develop a network focusing on (1) maximizing ridership and (2) maximizing coverage; and

WHEREAS, the final Better Bus Network, which is attached and incorporated herein, has been updated with the latest travel patterns during the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the final Better Bus Network no longer relies on municipal trolleys and includes a resilience plan to allow the Department of Transportation and Public Works to plan for future service changes; and

WHEREAS, the final Better Bus Network, in comparison with the existing bus network:

1. Increases the percentage of County residents near frequent service from 10 percent to 23 percent, bringing frequent service to 353,000 additional residents;
2. Increases the percentage of jobs near frequent service from 20 percent to 36 percent, bringing frequent service closer to 175,000 additional jobs;
3. Increases by 31 percent the number of jobs which the average County resident can reach via transit and walking within 60 minutes;
4. Provides frequent service near 28 percent of residents in poverty and 23 percent of residents of color, compared to 12 percent and 9 percent, respectively, with the existing bus network; and

WHEREAS, section 2-150 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”), sets forth how the County makes changes or modifications to Miami-Dade transit service, fares, and rate structure; and

WHEREAS, major service changes, as provided for in section 2-150(b) of the Code, require a public hearing and Board approval; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to express its support of the final Better Bus Network, subject to the necessary public hearing process required by section 2-150(b) of the Code,

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

Section 1. Expresses its support of the final Better Bus Network, subject to the necessary public hearing process and final Board consideration for final adoption as required by section 2-150(b) of the Code.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to take all actions necessary, including but not limited to the coordination with Transit Alliance Miami and preparation of the appropriate agenda item for this Board’s consideration after a public hearing pursuant to section 2-150(b) of the Code, to implement the Better Bus Network.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to place a status report within 45 days of the effective date of this resolution, and every 45 days thereafter, on an agenda of the Board in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65 until such time that the agenda item referenced in Section 2 above is placed on an agenda of this Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. 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	

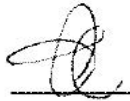
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of October, 2020. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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.



Annery Pulgar Alfonso
Bruce Libhaber

