

Memorandum



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To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(6)
March 3, 2026

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Report Regarding DTPW Fare, Service Adjustments, and Contracted Route Changes – November 24, 2025 Rail Lineup and December 22, 2025 Bus Lineup

Executive Summary

This report, prepared by the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), is being provided to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) in response to Resolution No. R-235-18 which was adopted on March 6, 2018. The resolution, sponsored by then-Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report describing any planned fare or service adjustments to Miami-Dade County transit services made pursuant to Sections 2-150(c) or 2-150(d) of the Code of Miami-Dade County as well as any contracting out of routes prior to the enactment of such adjustments and to place such reports on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. This report summarizes adjustments implemented with the December 22, 2025 bus lineup and November 24, 2025 rail lineup. No fare changes will be implemented with these bus and rail lineups. The majority of the changes benefit the bus network, and the net fiscal impact is estimated to be a **savings of \$1.6 million annually**.

Bus Changes

The following is a summary of bus service changes that will be implemented with the December 22, 2025 bus lineup:

Minor Service Changes:

- The following route will have changes:
 - Route 70 – Routing will be extended to serve Community Health of South Florida on SW 216 Street and 103 Avenue.
- The following 36 routes have schedule improvements to reflect current traffic conditions and/or to improve service reliability: 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 22, 26, 27, 32, 40, 54, 56, 57, 70, 72, 73, 75, 79, 87, 88, 104, 107, 125, 132, 135, 136, 150, 152, 204, 211, 272, 279, 344, 401, and 510.
- The following route will have frequency and/or span adjustments based on current ridership data:
 - Route 135 – Schedules adjusted from every 20 to 30 minutes on weekdays and from every 30 to 45 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays.

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Rail Changes

No rail service changes implemented with the November 24, 2025 rail lineup. Minor operational improvements related to single-tracking schedules on weekdays and Sundays.

Fiscal Impact

The net fiscal impact for the above-mentioned changes is estimated to be a savings of \$1.6 million annually using the latest hourly operating rates available.

Background

DTPW currently implements three bus and rail lineups each year, which occur in March, July, and November. This year, the November bus lineup was rescheduled for December 22, 2025 due to the July bus lineup being delayed to October 27, 2025 to facilitate the implementation of the South Corridor BRT. These are the only scheduled lineups throughout the year when administrative and major service changes are implemented. DTPW continues to solicit feedback to make needed adjustments in future lineups.

Fares, bus service, and rail service can be changed administratively per Section 2-150(c) of the Code, as long as the changes do not meet or exceed the following change thresholds set forth under Section 2-150(b) which require Board approval after public hearing:

1. Any fare, rate or charge for transit service or for service ancillary to transit;
2. Any change in service of 25 percent or more of the number of route miles of a route;
3. If, in a fiscal year, the cumulative changes on a route add up to 25 percent or more change in the number of route miles of a route;
4. A change in the interval between peak period transit services on a route of more than 10 minutes;
5. A change in the interval between off-peak period transit services on a route of more than 30 minutes; or
6. A new transit service is established or an existing service is abolished.

Any service changes that meet or exceed the above are considered major, requiring Board approval after a public hearing.

When service changes are approved, new schedules are created for routes and work assignments are put out to bid to bus operators. The entire scheduling and bidding process through implementation takes approximately four months for a typical lineup.

Some routes in the bus network are recommended for contracting out. These routes typically carry less riders or provide service to areas where a full-size bus is not appropriate. Contracting out gives DTPW flexibility if unforeseen situations occur, such as operator shortages or budget constraints, affording DTPW the ability to adjust service as needed.

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Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, this report will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda. Should you require additional information, please contact Stacy L. Miller, P.E., DTPW Director and CEO at (786) 469-5406.

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