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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: May 6, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)(C)

Resolution No. R-483-08

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Fiscal Year (FY) 07 Section 5309 Discretionary Funds to Purchase 16 60-ft Hybrid Buses

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the execution and filing of a grant application on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for $13,845,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Section 5309 discretionary funds to purchase sixteen (16) sixty-foot hybrid buses to operate along the I-95 Managed Lanes project. It is further recommended that the Board authorize this grant agreement pursuant to the application, as well as the receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the agreement.

A public hearing is required in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations.

SCOPE

As these funds provide support for a major bus corridor along I-95, the impact of this grant will be countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact to the County since the required local match in the amount of $3,461,250 will be provided by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) through the use of Toll Revenue Credits (TRC), a "soft match". Section 1111 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) made permanent earlier statutory provisions which permit a state to count as a credit for a project's local share certain expenditures that a state makes with toll revenues. Where applicable, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) requests toll revenue credits from FDOT. Once an amount is approved, the toll revenue credit is incorporated with the Federal grant application to serve as the local match.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

MDT has entered into numerous funding agreements with USDOT over the course of more than twenty-five (25) years. The project manager for this grant application is Doug Greist, Manager, MDT Budget and Management Services.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 2.8-3 of the Miami-Dade County Code related to identifying delegations of Board authority, there are no authorities beyond that specified in the resolution which include authority for the Mayor or his designee to execute the agreement and expend funds.

BACKGROUND

In August 2007, the USDOT announced the selection of five cities as Urban Partners and committed more than $400 million in discretionary bus program funds to support the transit elements of its Urban Partnership Program; which also included elements involving tolling (congestion pricing), technology, and telecommuting. The other urban areas selected to participate in the transit element of the Urban Partnership Program were San Francisco, Minneapolis, New York City, and Seattle.

The Miami-Area Urban Partner Agreement is comprised of FDOT, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO), MDT, Broward County Transit (BCT), the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX), and the Florida Turnpike Enterprise. The Urban Partnership project is the conversion of 21-miles of two high-occupancy (HOV) lanes (in both directions) along I-95, from I-395 in Miami to I-595 in Fort Lauderdale into variably-priced high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes.

The Miami Urban Partnership was awarded a total of $19,500,000; Broward County was awarded $5,655,000, and Miami-Dade County was awarded the balance of the $13,845,000. The award to Miami-Dade County is specifically for the purchase of sixteen (16) sixty-foot hybrid buses to operate along the I-95 Managed Lanes project. The project was incorporated as an amendment to the FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and was approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Governing Board on October 4, 2007.

The I-95 Managed Lanes project will essentially be implemented in several phases. Initially, the northbound managed lanes between State Road 112 and the Golden Glades Interchange will begin bus rapid transit (BRT) service, followed by the southbound managed lanes between those same two points. As presently scheduled, in late 2009, both northbound and southbound lanes will open north of the Golden Glades Interchange to I-595/Broward Boulevard, respectively.

Initial operating funds for this project will be provided over the next five years from FDOT's Transportation Trust Fund. Presently, a range from $1-1.2 million per year for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 has been identified to support operation of the buses along I-95. FDOT will also consider the possibility of toll revenue credits at a later time as an additional or replacement source for future operating support. To achieve the goals of this project, MDT will adjust its service accordingly to remain within its budgetary limitations.

In order to ensure the obligation of these funds, MDT, at the request of FTA, has already implemented the application process and subsequent Federal review process.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 6, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)(C)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)(C)
5-6-08

RESOLUTION NO. **R-483-08**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 SECTION 5309 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $13,845,000 WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE URBAN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, it is required by the USDOT, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1994, that the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the USDOT requirement thereunder; and

WHEREAS, this Board conducted a public hearing on Miami-Dade County's Urban Partnership Program Section 5309 discretionary funds grant application as described in the accompanying memorandum; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is authorized to enter into an agreement to provide State Toll Revenue Credits (TRC's) as a soft match for federal funding for transportation programs and projects, when available,

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

Section 1. That this Board authorizes the County Mayor, his designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit Director (MDT), to file a grant application with the USDOT for $13,845,000 in FY 07 Section 5309 discretionary funds to purchase sixteen (16) sixty-foot hybrid buses to operate along the I-95 Managed Lanes project and to utilize TRC's totaling $3,461,250 as a soft match for this project.

Section 2. That the County staff is authorized to furnish such additional information as the USDOT and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) may require in connection with the grant application for the project.

Section 3. That the County Mayor is authorized to set forth and execute disadvantaged business enterprises policies in connection with the projects should such funds become available.

Section 4. That this Board further authorizes the County Mayor, his designee, or the MDT Director to execute such contracts and agreements as are approved by the County Attorney's Office, to receive and expend funds in accordance with such aforementioned contracts and agreements; and to file and execute any additional agreements, revisions, or amendments as required to carry out the projects for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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:

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Dorrin D. Rolle**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Carlos A. Gimenez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**absent**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Joe A. Martinez	**absent**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**aye**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Bruce Libhaber

Date: September 25, 2007

Agenda Item 4.A.4

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members
MPO Governing Board

From: Jose-Luis Mesa, Director
MPO Secretariat

Subject: **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program: I-95 Express Lanes Project Capital Acquisition**

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Planning Council (TPC) recommends approval of an amendment to the FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the purchase of sixteen sixty-foot hybrid buses for the transit operation of the I-95 Express Lanes Project.

BACKGROUND

The proposed amendment will add $13,845,000 in FTA funding as part of the Urban Partnership for the I-95 Express Managed Lanes Project. This funding will enable Miami-Dade Transit to purchase sixteen (16) sixty-foot hybrid buses to operate new transit service along I-95 to downtown Miami from Broward County Park and Ride Lots at Broward Blvd. and Sheridan Street.

Attached is correspondence from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6 Office providing additional information.

Florida Department of Transportation

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GOVERNOR

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August 20, 2007

Mr. Jose-Luis Mesa, Director
Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization
111 NW First Street, Suite 910
Miami, FL 33128-1904

RE: TIP Amendment - FM Item Number 420462 2 94 01
Miami-Dade Transit Agency/I-95 Express Managed Lanes – Capital Acquisition

Dear Mr. Mesa:

The Department requests that your office process an amendment to the Miami Urbanized Area's 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a new project for the Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDTA). This proposed amendment provides $13,845,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding through the FTA 5309 Program as part of the Urban Partnership for the I-95 Managed Lanes project. This funding will enable MDTA to purchase sixteen (16) sixty-foot hybrid buses to operate new transit service along I-95 to downtown Miami from Broward County Park and Ride Lots at Broward Blvd. and Sheridan Street.

Funding for this work is coming from Federal Transit Administration and will not impact any other projects.

The attached sheet shows the proposed amendment in the usual TIP format. The Department appreciates your expeditious handling of this request. Please contact this office at 305/470-5464 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Bravo, P.E.
Director of Transportation System Development, District Six

Attachment (1)

AB/ec/tipamend

cc: John Martinez, P.E.; FDOT; Gary L. Donn, P.E., FDOT; Harpal Kapoor, MDTA; L. Carl Filer, P.E.;FDOT; Linda Glass-Johnson; FDOT; Jean Casto, FDOT; Phil Steinmiller, FDOT; Carlos Roa, MPO; Irma San Roman, MPO; Ed Carson, FDOT

RECYCLED PAPER

Fiscal Years 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

AMENDMENT SHEET

Amendments to the May 24, 2007 TIP Document

Item #	Project Sponsor (Agency)	Project Descripton	Modification Explanation	TIP Page #
1	Miami-Dade Transit Agency	**ADD NEW PROJECT** **MDTA-I-95Express: Capital purchase of sixteen (16) sixty foot hybrid buses for new service along I-95 to Downtown Miami from Broward County Park and Ride Lots at Broward Blvd. and Sheridan Street. State Toll Revenue Credits provide the local match.**	**Project funding is from the FTA 5309 Program as part of the Urban Partnership for the I-95 Managed Lanes Project. Project FM 420460229401** FY 07/08 Funding: CAP $17,306,250 FY 07/08 Funding allocation: CAP FTA $13,845,000 FY07/08 Funding allocation: CAP LF $3,461,250 Prior Years Funding source: N/A	TBA

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Miami-Dade County
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

TIP AMENDMENT FORM

Date Submitted: ___8/20/2007_____

Project ID#: __42046229401_____ **Submitted by:** _FDOT-D6

Project Title: _MDTA-I-95 Express /FTA 5309

Project Description (brief): _Capital purchase of sixteen (16)-sixty foot hybrid buses for new service along I-95 to Downtown Miami from Broward County Park and Ride Lots at Broward Blvd. and Sheridan Street.

PROJECT AMENDMENT:

Type of Amendment	Funding	X	Time Schedule	
	Funding Level		Scope of Work	

Amendment Description (brief): _Add new project to current TIP

Justification for the Amendment: _Needed so project may advance as quickly as possible.

Requested amendment affect other projects	Yes		If yes...	Local	
	No	X		State	

Please, indicate affected projects: N/A		1	
2		3	

Project has been previously amended	Yes		If yes...	Date	
	No	X		MPO Res. #	

Contact Person:		Ed Carson		Title	Transit Program Admin.
Phone #:	305/470-5255	Fax #:	305/470-5179	e-mail:	Edward.carson@dot.stat

MPO RESOLUTION # 29-07

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIXTEEN SIXTY-FOOT HYBRID BUSES FOR TRANSIT OPERATION OF THE I-95 EXPRESS LANES PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the MPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) has been established and charged with the responsibility and duty of fulfilling the aforementioned functions; and

WHEREAS, the TPC has reviewed the amendment to the TIP, made a part hereof, and finds it consistent with the goals and objectives of the Transportation Plan for the Miami Urbanized Area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that the proposed amendment to the FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add Federal Transit Administration funding for the purchase of sixteen sixty-foot hybrid buses for transit operation on the I-95 Express Lanes Project, as described in the attached documentation and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Aye
Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Aye

Board Member Kevin A. Burns	-Aye	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Absent
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Julio Robaina	-Absent
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Shirley M. Gibson	-Aye	Board Member Marc D. Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Natacha Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Absent	Board Member Katy Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Absent	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member William H. Kerdyk	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye
Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Nay	Board Member Richard L. Steinberg	-Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 4th day of October, 2007.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
M.P.O.

By Zainab Salim, Chief
MPO Secretariat