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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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Agenda Item No. 5(F)

Resolution No. R-452-08

Subject: Significant Modification of Building Better Communities (BBC) General Obligation Bond Program to Project No. 138 – "Tamiami Swing Bridge"

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopt the attached resolution authorizing a significant modification to the Project Description for the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program (BBC GOB) Project No. 138, "Tamiami Swing Bridge" following a public hearing pursuant to Resolution No. R-914-04. The Public Works Department (PWD) has determined that funding is insufficient for replacement of the bridge at this time and no other funding source has been identified to provide the necessary funds in the near future. Consequently, PWD is recommending that a portion of these funds be accelerated to fund immediate needed repairs in order to keep the bridge operational. The new Project Description will read "Repair existing swing bridge and/or replace with a single leaf bascule bridge".

Scope

The scope of this resolution impacts bridge repairs and/or replacement of the Tamiami Swing Bridge located at 2000 South River Dr, located within Commission District 5.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to the County as the existing BBC GOB Bond Program funding will remain the same. The total allocation assigned to this project is $19,000,000.

Track Record/Monitor

The implementing agency is the PWD and the Project Manager responsible for monitoring this contract is Marcos Redondo, P.E.

Background

On November 2, 2004, voters overwhelmingly approved eight (8) referendum questions funding more than 300 capital improvement projects throughout the County over the next 15 to 20 years. Each ballot question included a list of projects identified in Appendix A that were approved as part of the program. Appendix A to Resolution No. R-914-04, which authorized the referendum to construct and improve bridges, public infrastructure and neighborhood improvements, lists projects eligible for funding from the BBC GOB Bond Program by number, name and project description. All additions, deletions and significant modifications to individual projects require a majority vote of the BCC following a public hearing. One of the projects included in the BBC GOB Bond Program as Project No. 138 is "Tamiami Swing Bridge". The original description for this project states that funding will be used to "Replace existing swing bridge with a single leaf bascule bridge". The bridge, built in 1930, has deteriorated over the years and has suffered damage due to vehicular and vessel impacts. This deterioration and damage has required the current imposition of vehicular weight restrictions on the bridge and will cause failure of the operating system if not addressed immediately. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the PWD to perform immediate needed repairs in order to keep the bridge

operational. The estimated cost of the rehabilitation of the operating system of the bridge is $890,000. The operating components of the bridge that will be repaired or replaced under the rehabilitation phase are expected to last between 5 to 10 years. The useable operating life of the bridge will be prolonged approximately 5 to 10 years as well as a result of the rehabilitation.

In coordination with OCI, PWD has developed a strategic approach for maximizing the public benefits of their Bond Program funding. Subsequently, PWD is requesting the proposed change to the Project Description. The new Project Description will state "Repair existing swing bridge and/or replace with a single leaf bascule bridge". This change in description will allow PWD to perform repairs to the operating system of the current bridge in order to keep the bridge operational until additional funds are identified to replace the bridge.

The Building Better Communities Citizens' Advisory Committee recommended favorably on the item at its meeting held on March 7, 2008.

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. 5(F)

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 _____

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RESOLUTION NO. **R-452-08**

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 138 – "TAMIAMI SWING BRIDGE" IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-914-04 AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the significant modification of Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program No. 138 – "Tamiami Swing Bridge" identified in Appendix A to Resolution No. R-914-04 after a public hearing, all as more particularly described in the accompanying memorandum which is made a part hereof.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Bruno A. Barreiro** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Joe A. Martinez	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**absent**
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. MR

Monica Rizo