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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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

DATE: September 2, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging congress to reauthorize the federal SAFETEA-LU transportation spending package in 2009

Resolution No. R-940-08

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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County Attorney

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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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9-2-08

RESOLUTION NO. **R-940-08**

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE THE FEDERAL SAFETEA-LU TRANSPORTATION SPENDING PACKAGE IN 2009 WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER FUNDING AUTHORIZATION THAN WAS INCLUDED IN THE 2005 SAFETEA-LU PACKAGE; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT FROM WHICH THE BOARD CAN PRIORITIZE THE COUNTY'S FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROJECTS AND DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR MAXIMIZING COUNTY FUNDING FROM THE 2009 REAUTHORIZATION OF SAFETEA-LU

WHEREAS, in 2005, the U.S. Congress passed, and the President signed into law, H.R. 3, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)(Public Law 109-59); and

WHEREAS, SAFETEA-LU authorized $286 billion in spending on federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for the 5-year period from 2005 to 2009; and

WHEREAS, SAFETEA-LU included funding for approximately 7,000 projects for local governments; and

WHEREAS, Congress is planning to reauthorize SAFETEA-LU in 2009; and

WHEREAS, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James Oberstar recently indicated that the 2009 reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU could total as much as $450 billion, which is almost double the authorization included in the 2005 SAFETEA-LU, while Ranking Member John Mica indicated that he would like the 2009 reauthorization to provide up to $1 trillion or more in transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU is likely to authorize substantially more dollars in federal transportation funds than were available under 2005 SAFETEA-LU; and

WHEREAS, Congress only considers the transportation reauthorization bill every six (6) years, so it is imperative that the County develop a strategy and begin considering now which projects the County should submit for consideration as part of the 2009 reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress to reauthorize the federal SAFETEA-LU transportation spending package in 2009 with a substantially higher funding authorization than was included in the 2005 SAFETEA-LU package.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or Designee to prepare a report for presentation to this Board within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution, on County transportation projects that might be appropriate for federal funding so the Board can prioritize the County's federal transportation funding projects and develop a strategy to maximize funding to the County related to the 2009 reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2009 Federal Legislative Package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dorrin D. Rolle** 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	**aye**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 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. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

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