



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 17, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging congress
to pass an economic stimulus
package including local
government infrastructure
funding

Resolution No. R-134-09

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.



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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 Mayor'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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2-17-09

RESOLUTION NO. R-134-09

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ACT QUICKLY TO
PASS AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE THAT
INCLUDES LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE
FUNDING

WHEREAS, the National Bureau of Economic Research recently officially announced that the U.S. economy has been in a recession since December, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the official declaration came as little surprise as the evidence of a recession, including substantial job losses, stagnant wages and slower production, has been widespread for months; and

WHEREAS, since the start of the recession a year ago, the U.S. has lost 2.7 million jobs, with about 10.3 million American workers now unemployed; and

WHEREAS, the nation's unemployment rate reached 6.7 percent in November – 1.7 percentage points higher than a year ago – and is expected to continue to rise into next year; and

WHEREAS, President-Elect Barack Obama has stated a goal of creating 2.5 million jobs in the U.S. by 2011; and

WHEREAS, a critical part of this two-year initiative is to rebuild the nation's crumbling infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, investing in local government infrastructure is the quickest and most direct path to creating jobs and stimulating the businesses that can begin to reverse the current economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has many public infrastructure projects that could be started quickly and that could stimulate the economy and create jobs if funding is made available; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors under the leadership of City of Miami Mayor Manuel A. (Manny) Diaz recently presented President-Elect Obama an 803-page report entitled "*Main Street Economic Recovery, Ready to Go Jobs and Infrastructure Projects*" that lists almost \$180 billion in local government infrastructure projects that could be undertaken within the next two years in a wide range of areas including transportation, housing, water & wastewater, energy and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Congress should act quickly to pass an economic stimulus package,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress to act quickly and pass an economic stimulus package that includes local government infrastructure funding.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. 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 Dorrin D. Rolle. It was offered by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	aye		
	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye		Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye		Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye		Joe A. Martinez	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 17th day of February, 2009. 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