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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

# Memorandum



**Date:** May 19, 2009

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

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

Resolution No. R-604-09

**Subject:** Application for FY 09 Federal Section 5309 Grant for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds for the Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment in the Amount of \$2,847,483

## 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 \$2,847,483 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009 (ARRA). 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 bus and rail projects, the impact of this grant will be countywide.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact to the County since there is no required match for these funds under the ARRA.

## 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 these grant applications is Doug Greist, Manager, MDT Grants Administration.

## DELEGATED AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 2-8.3 of the Miami-Dade County Code related to identifying delegation of Board authority, there are no authorities beyond that specified in the resolution which include for the Mayor, or Mayor's designee, to execute the agreement and expend funds.

## BACKGROUND

The "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009" (Pub. L. 111-5, "ARRA") signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009, includes \$8.4 billion for transit capital improvements. Of these funds, the ARRA provides \$750 million for FTA's Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment program to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems. Maintaining the nation's rail transit system is considered a core responsibility of transit agencies across the country. FTA's biennial conditions and performance report gauges asset conditions and the level of investment needed to eliminate the backlog of repairs and necessary replacements. Current nationally published reports indicate that existing pending needs exceed \$25 billion.

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Goals of the ARRA include the preservation or creation of jobs and promotion of economic recovery, as well as the investment in transportation, environmental protection and other infrastructure providing long-term economic benefits. Only capital expenditures are eligible for funding under the ARRA. Some of the eligible project areas include preventive maintenance, transit-related ITS, rehabilitating buses, and overhauling of rail rolling stock.

The projects included in MDT's application for the Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment funds under the ARRA include: refurbishment of the Metromover Bicentennial Park Station; implementation of a Wi-Fi System for the Metrorail; and miscellaneous refurbishment of the Metrorail Track and Guideway. Specific projects details are attached.

The refurbishment of the Metromover Bicentennial Park Station will include repair and replacement of the elevator and escalator, fare collection system, chain link fence, and other miscellaneous improvements. Although the station is currently closed, it is expected to reopen in 2012 to coincide with the opening of the new Museum Park/Bicentennial Park and other proposed economic redevelopment in the area.

Available funding from ARRA will also help support the eventual implementation of the Wi-Fi System on Metrorail and will facilitate public Wi-Fi access points at Metrorail platforms. The track and guideway refurbishments are part of an overall program to upgrade technical elements of the 25 year old Metrorail system that will reduce noise level and increase system safety along much of the mainline turnouts of the guideway.

In order to ensure receipt of these funds, the application must be submitted to FTA prior to June 1, 2009. It is expected that approximately sixty (60) days will be required for the review and approval process prior to the obligation of funds in August or September 2009.

  
Assistant County Manager



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

**DATE:** May 19, 2009

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 14(A) (5)

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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**RESOLUTION NO. R-604-09**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR \$2,847,483 FISCAL YEAR 2009 SECTION 5309 FIXED GUIDEWAY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) OF 2009; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF ANY ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS, REVISIONS OR AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**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 United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the USDOT requirements thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing has been conducted on Miami-Dade County's America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 grant application as described in the accompanying memorandum,

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

Section 1. That this Board authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit Director, to file a grant application with the United States Department of

Transportation (USDOT) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment for America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 to provide support for rail projects.

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, or Mayor's designee, is authorized to set forth and execute disadvantaged business enterprise policies in connection with the projects should such funds become available.

Section 4. That this Board further authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit (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 **Katy Sorenson**, 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:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	<b>aye</b>		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	<b>absent</b>		
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>aye</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
Carlos A. Gimenez	<b>aye</b>	Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>
Barbara J. Jordan	<b>aye</b>	Joe A. Martinez	<b>aye</b>
Dorrin D. Rolle	<b>aye</b>	Natacha Seijas	<b>absent</b>
Katy Sorenson	<b>aye</b>	Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>aye</b>		

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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: **DIANE COLLINS**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Libhaber", is written over a horizontal line.

Bruce Libhaber

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT  
 PROPOSED TRANSIT PROJECTS LIST FOR FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

Project Name	Project Title/Description/Limits	Type of Project	Funds Requested Total in Millions	Total Estimated Jobs Created (Perished)
Miami Dade Transit	MetroMover Bicentennial Park Station Refurbishment	Facility Rehabilitation	\$ 1,300,000	30
Miami Dade Transit	MetroRail Wifi Implementation	Communications Infrastructure	\$ 400,000	9
Miami Dade Transit	MetroRail track and guideway refurbishment	Facility Rehabilitation	\$ 1,147,483	26
		FTA 5309	\$ 2,847,483	