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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: September 1, 2011

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

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Alina T. Hudak
County Manager

Resolution No. R-668-11

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Filing of a Grant Application on Behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration for Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2011 Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute Funds in the Amount of $4,828,188 and Authorizing the Use of Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds As a Local Match

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Mayor, Mayor's Designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Director to execute and file an application for a Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant agreement on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) is the designated recipient responsible for overseeing and administering the JARC program in the Miami Urbanized Area (urbanized areas of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties). Through a competitive selection process conducted by the SFRTA, the estimated available funding for the entire south Florida region is $7,335,497. The funding consists of $3,586,567 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, $3,581,172 in FY 2011 and $167,758 in carryover funds from FY 2007. Based upon the available funding, Miami-Dade County is requesting $2,414,094 in FY 2010 and $2,414,094 in FY 2011 JARC funding for a total of $4,828,188.

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 grant agreement. Miami-Dade County proposes the use of Charter County Transportation Surtax (Surtax) funds and Service Development Program funds from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as a local match for this grant. No public hearing is required for this grant application.

SCOPE

These funds will provide support to implement new routes and expand existing routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County. Therefore, the impact of this grant will be countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The total Federal participation being applied for is $4,828,188. An equal local match is required for this grant. Up to $736,000 of the $4,828,188, required local match may be available from the FDOT Service Development Program. The additional $4,092,188 will be provided through MDT's Operating budget.

The estimated current and future on-going annual operating cost of the new and expanded routes is approximately $9,656,376, and is budgeted within the 29.2 million revenue miles.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

MDT has entered into numerous funding agreements with FTA over the course of more than 25 years. The Project Manager for this grant is Dr. Suzanne Salichs, Grants Manager, MDT Financial Services.

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 authority for the Mayor, Mayor's designee or the MDT Director to execute the agreement and receive and expend these and any additional funds should they become available.

BACKGROUND

The FTA Section 5316 JARC program is authorized under the provisions set forth in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, (SAFETEA–LU), enacted on August 10, 2005, as codified at 49 U.S.C. 5316. These provisions authorize the Secretary to make grants to recipients for access to jobs and reverse commute projects carried out by the recipient or a sub-recipient.

The goal of the JARC program is to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment related activities for welfare recipients, eligible low-income individuals, and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities. Toward this goal, the FTA provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the transportation needs of eligible low-income individuals, and of reverse commuters regardless of income. The program requires coordination of federally assisted programs and services in order to make the most efficient use of Federal resources.

The JARC funds are apportioned among the recipients by formula. This formula is based on the ratio that the number of eligible low-income and welfare recipients in each such area bears to the number of eligible low-income and welfare recipients in all such areas. The estimated available JARC funding for this application cycle consists of $3,586,567 in FY 2010, $3,581,172 in FY 2011 and $167,758 in carryover funds from FY 2007 for a total of $7,335,497. However, this funding is subject to revision as previously programmed funds or additional Federal appropriations become available.

FTA encourages the designation of a single designated recipient for each urbanized area over 200,000 in population in order to streamline the administration of the program and foster coordination. As such, the SFRTA is the designated recipient responsible for overseeing and administering the JARC program in the Miami Urbanized Area (urbanized areas of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties). The designated recipient responsibilities include notifying eligible local entities of funding availability, developing project selection criteria and conducting the competitive selection process.

On June 13, 2011, the SFRTA issued a call for projects as part of the competitive selection process, to determine eligibility for the JARC program. The SFRTA's Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) will evaluate the applications and the ranked program of projects (POP) will be submitted to the SFRTA Governing Board for approval at its regularly scheduled meeting in December 2011. Once approved, the POP will be submitted to FTA for final determination. Once FTA's concurrence is received, Miami-Dade County will submit its application to the FTA for the approved JARC projects and program funding.

To ensure a cohesive and comprehensive transportation system throughout the County, routes were designed to connect with each other (see attached map). This includes routes that serve major job sites including Miami International Airport (MIA), the new Marlins Ballpark, downtown Miami, Brickell, Miami Lakes Industrial Park, Miami Beach, and the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport area. This funding will assist MDT in making improvements in FY 2012 to several important corridors such as NW 27th Avenue, SW 8th Street, Dolphin Expressway, Coral Way, Ludlam Road, and Opa-locka Boulevard. Several of the proposed service projects were approved for FY 2008 and FY 2009 JARC funding and are being requested to receive JARC funding for two additional years. Descriptions of the routes are as follows:

Route 136
Route 136 currently provides service in the South Dade area, serving both the Douglas Road and Dadeland South Metrorail Stations and the South Miami-Dade Busway. Major employment and activity sites served along the route are the Falls Shopping Center, the Gloria M. Floyd Elementary School, the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport, the Immigration & Naturalization Office, and Coconut Grove. The residential areas served are Coconut Grove, Pinecrest, Coral Gables, Kendall, and Cocoplum Plaza.

Route 150 Airport Flyer
Route 150 Airport Flyer began service on December 13, 2009. This route currently provides premium express bus service for tourists and commuters traveling between Miami International Airport (MIA), Tri-Rail, Metrorail, and South Beach, with a stop at the Earlington Heights Metrorail Station. Prior to this route, there was no direct transit service between the Airport and Miami Beach south of 41st Street.

The planned extension is from Lincoln Road to South Pointe on Miami Beach. In addition, the daytime headway would be improved from 30 to 24 minutes.

Route 7
Route 7 currently travels along an East-West Corridor between Downtown Miami and the Dolphin Mall. Major employment sites served along the alignment are Bayfront Park, Miami-Dade College (Wolfson Campus), American Airlines Arena, Downtown Miami, the Metropolitan Hospital and the Magic City Casino along NW 7th Street, the Mall of Americas, and Miami International Mall. This route will also serve the new Marlins Ballpark along NW 7th Street. Residential areas served are Little Havana and Overtown. The route would continue the extended alignment to the MIA and the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC).

NW 27th Avenue Enhanced Bus Service (North Corridor)
This enhanced premium route will provide service from the MIC to the Broward County Line (NW 215th Street) along NW 27th Avenue. The northern terminus would be a planned transit center/park and ride lot at NW 27th Avenue and 215th Street. The NW 27th Avenue Enhanced Bus Service would provide frequent and rapid service along the corridor to Metrorail and the MIC. The major employment and activity sites served along this route are the Martin Luther King and Brownsville Metrorail Stations, Miami Dade College North Campus, Sun Life Stadium, and Calder Race Track. Residential areas served by this route are Liberty City, Opa-Locka, Bunche Park and Miami Gardens. This new enhanced route will begin implementation in FY 2012.

SR 836 Express Enhanced Bus Service (East/West Corridor)
The new SR 836 Express Enhanced Bus Service (East/West Corridor) Street will provide premium service from west Miami-Dade (the proposed new park-ride lot at SW 8th Street/SW 147th Avenue) to the MIC. Bus stops or stations will be spaced approximately every mile, including Florida International University (University Park) and another park-and-ride lot located at NW 107th Avenue and 12th Street. Commuters will have direct access to Metrorail, Tri-Rail and the MIA from the MIC. This new enhanced route will be implemented in FY 2012.

Marlins Ballpark Shuttle
The Shuttle will be a connector route between the Culmer Metrorail Station at NW 11th Street and 7th Avenue and the new Marlins Ballpark at NW 3rd Street and 16th Avenue. This shuttle route will operate frequent and convenient service only during events at the Marlins Ballpark. It will help to maximize mobility to and from the Ballpark. Besides shuttling passengers using Metrorail to the games, it also serves Ballpark bound Tri-Rail passengers who transfer to Metrorail at the 79th Street Station.

Coral Way Limited
The Coral Limited will be a new limited-stop route in the Coral Way corridor from SW 152 Avenue to downtown Miami. This route will be the main trunk line on Coral Way as part of a restructuring of service by MDT due to the introduction of the new City of Miami Trolley route. The City's new route is planned to operate on Coral Way between the Brickell Avenue Metrorail/Metromover Station and Ponce de Leon Blvd. MDT will restructure its Coral Way service to take advantage of the new City Trolley; resulting in a more efficient and faster service and minimizing duplication.

Ludlam Limited
The Ludlam Limited will be a new route that will provide limited stop transit service between the new park-and-ride lot located at Miami Gardens Drive and NW 73rd Avenue and the Okeechobee Metrorail Station via Ludlam Road (NW 67th Avenue/West 12th Avenue) during peak hours.

NW 135th Street/Opa-locka Blvd Crosstown
The NW 135th Street/Opa-locka Blvd (SR/916) Crosstown route from Florida International University (FIU) to NW 67th Avenue in Miami Lakes was implemented in December 2009. This route provides direct service from east to west along the SR/916 corridor. Previously, a transfer was required when traveling from FIU and North Miami to Miami Lakes. Currently, the route provides in the NW 135 Street/Opa-locka Blvd corridor more frequent service and enables passengers faster service to FIU and access to the Opa-Locka Tri-Rail station.

Route 6
Route 6 currently provides service in the Central Miami area. This route will be extended from NW 14th Street and 34th Avenue on its current alignment to the MIC. The route operates on 60-minute headway, seven days a week.

Route 42
Route 42 currently provides service as the LeJeune Road Cross-town route that will be extended from its current alignment on 42nd Avenue to the MIC. This route has a 15-minute peak headway and 30-minute off-peak and weekend headway.

Route 57
Route 57 currently serves SW/NW 57th Avenue and will be extended from its current terminus at the Airport. This route operates every 45 minutes in the peak and 60 minutes in the midday, weekdays only.

Route J
Route J currently serves as the 36th Street Crosstown from Miami Beach to the MIA and will be extended into the MIC from its current Airport terminus.

MDT has determined through its internal planning process that the projects that meet the selection criteria require funding in the amount of $4,828,188, which consists of $2,414,094 in FY 2010 and $2,414,094 in FY 2011 program funds. MDT will use these funds to continue and expand routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County. The job sectors, which will benefit include aviation, healthcare, food service, customer service and retail.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 1, 2011

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

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

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"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**

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

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

✓ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)(F)
9-1-11

RESOLUTION NO. R-668-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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 FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND FISCAL YEAR 2011 SECTION 5316 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,828,188; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH

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

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is authorized to enter into agreements to provide State funding for transportation programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; 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,

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

Section 1. That the Board authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit Director (MDT), to accept grant funding from the USDOT, FTA for FY 2010 and FY 2011 Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program funds to provide support for routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County.

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. The Board further authorizes the use of Charter County Transportation System Surtax Funds and Service Development Program Funds from FDOT as a local match.

Section 4. That the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the MDT Director is authorized to set forth and execute disadvantaged business enterprises policies in connection with the project should such funds become available.

Section 5. That the Board further authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the MDT Director to execute such contracts and agreements as are approved by the County Attorney's Office, to receive and expend these or any additional 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 **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman			aye
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman			aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	absent	Lynda Bell	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent
Xavier L. Suarez	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2011. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Bruce Libhaber

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AGENDA ITEM 5G

Memorandum

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Charles Scurr, Executive Director

Date: July 6, 2011

Re: RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC), AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT), FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND FISCAL YEAR 2011 SECTION 5316 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $4,828,188.00, AS A LOCAL MATCH **(MDT – BCC Legislative File No. 111449)**

On July 6, 2011, the CITT voted (7-0) to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the approval of the above referenced item, CITT Resolution No. 11-047. The vote was as follows:

Hon. Linda Zilber, Chairperson – Aye
Paul J. Schwiep, Esq., 1st Vice Chairperson – Absent
Hon. Anna E. Ward, Ph.D., 2nd Vice Chairperson – Aye

Christopher Benjamin, Esq. – Absent
David Concepcion – Absent
Glenn J. Downing, CFP® – Aye
Alfred J. Holzman – Aye
Hon. James A. Reeder – Aye
Harold Braynon, Jr. – Absent
Joseph Curbelo – Absent
Peter L. Forrest – Aye
Miles E. Moss, P.E. – Aye
Marilyn Smith – Absent

cc: Ysela Llort, Assistant County Manager
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney