

## MEMORANDUM

Amended  
Substitute  
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 22, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature, the Florida  
Department of Transportation  
and the Miami-Dade County  
Metropolitan Planning  
Organization to provide the  
necessary state funding to  
alleviate traffic congestion  
in this area  
Resolution No. R-865-13

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Senator Javier D. Souto, Commissioner Juan C. Zapata and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Jean Monestime and Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

  
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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 Mayor'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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION NO. R-865-13

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON SW 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE VICINITY OF THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS, INCLUDING THE SW 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET CORRIDOR STUDY; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY STATE FUNDING TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THIS AREA

**WHEREAS**, Florida International University (FIU) has a student body of 50,000 students, and was the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) largest public university by enrollment in the United States in the fall of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that there are more than 60,000 people on campus at FIU when students, faculty and staff are considered together; and

**WHEREAS**, the main campus of FIU, the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, is located at 11200 S.W. 8th Street in Southwest Miami-Dade County, bounded by S.W. 8th Street to the north and S.W. 107th Avenue to the east; and

**WHEREAS**, S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 107th Avenue are both state roads that are heavily traveled, with the intersection of these two roads handling about 105,000 vehicles per day; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) largest public university, there are traffic signals at the intersection of S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 107th Avenue near the main entrances to the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of FIU; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting on July 18, 2013, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Ananth Prasad indicated that he would have FDOT staff research traffic surrounding FIU; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO Governing Board has expressed concerns for some time regarding traffic conditions on SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the vicinity of FIU, including the intersections at SW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SW 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project Development and Engineering study recommended expanding the boundaries to evaluate the traffic impact of this project at other major intersections on SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS**, at the September 16, 2013 meeting, the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization approved the scope of work and budget for the SW 8th Street Corridor Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the boundaries of the SW 8th Street Corridor Study are SW 8th Street from SW 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SW 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study is to determine and document the need for corridor improvements and to develop alternative solutions to alleviate traffic flow along the SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board strongly supports efforts to alleviate traffic congestion on SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, including the SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study, and would urge the Florida Legislature, FDOT and the MPO to provide the necessary state funding to alleviate traffic congestion in the vicinity of the FIU main campus; and

**WHEREAS**, ways to alleviate traffic congestion on SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street could include mass transportation elements, such as buses, trains and water transportation,

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

**Section 1.** Supports efforts to alleviate traffic congestion on SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the vicinity of the Florida International University main campus, including the SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study, as well as study of possible mass transportation elements, such as buses, trains and water transportation.

**Section 2.** Urges the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide the necessary state funding to alleviate traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Florida International University main campus.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of legislation and funding as set forth in sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2014 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Senator Javier D. Souto, Commissioner Juan C. Zapata and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Jean Monestime and Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by

Commissioner **Sen Javier D. Souto**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Juan C. Zapata** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2013. 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.

Jess M. McCarty