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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

DATE: June 17, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to fully fund the United States Department of Transportation's Highway Trust Fund
Resolution No. R-563-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chair Lynda Bell.

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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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6-17-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-563-14

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO FULLY FUND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S HIGHWAY TRUST FUND IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY DELAYS IN FUNDING OR REIMBURSEMENT TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County, and various other political subdivisions of the State rely on timely and full reimbursement from the federal government for transportation and transit-related infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, United States Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has recently notified and warned state officials verbally and in writing to expect delays this summer in disbursements from the Highway Trust Fund if Congress does not act quickly to replenish the fund; and

WHEREAS, this delay in reimbursements would create difficulties both in planning construction work, infrastructure projects, and in providing a reliable source of funding to guarantee that such projects can and will be properly and fully funded; and

WHEREAS, the current estimates provide that the trust fund's highway account is likely to dip below critical funding level as soon as July, with the transit account falling below $1 billion sometime in October; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary has warned that the Department of Transportation will be forced to take measures that will effectively delay reimbursements owed to the County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County relies on the timely and full reimbursement of monies owed to it by the federal government in order to plan and pay for its ongoing infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration had proposed a bill that would create a trust fund that would continue to fund, among other important transportation initiatives, the Highway Trust Fund and ensure the timely payment of monies due and owing to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Congress is currently considering this bill and alternative measures; and

WHEREAS, this Board urges and encourages Congress to pass a bill into law that would fully fund the Highway Trust Fund as well as other important transportation initiatives in a timely manner,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to fully fund the United States Department of Transportation's Highway Trust Fund in order to avoid any delays in funding or reimbursement to Miami-Dade County for eligible expenditures.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the United States Secretary of Transportation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chair Lynda Bell. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of June, 2014. 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.

Alex S. Bokor