

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

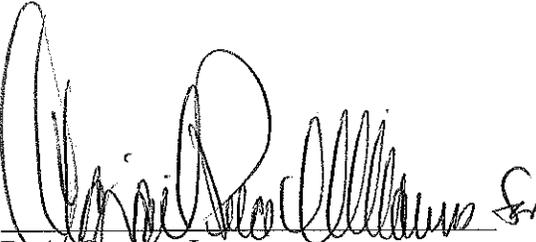
**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 18, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to apportion 10  
percent of the funding dedicated  
to the Land Acquisition Trust  
Fund, pursuant to the Florida  
Water and Land Conservation  
Initiative, Florida Constitutional  
Amendment 1, to greenway and  
trail projects, including but not  
limited to the Underline, Western  
Greenbelt and the Biscayne  
Everglades Greenway projects  
Resolution No. R-1148-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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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12-18-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-1148-14

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPORTION 10 PERCENT OF THE FUNDING DEDICATED TO THE LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND, PURSUANT TO THE FLORIDA WATER AND LAND CONSERVATION INITIATIVE, FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1, TO GREENWAY AND TRAIL PROJECTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE UNDERLINE, WESTERN GREENBELT AND THE BISCAYNE EVERGLADES GREENWAY PROJECTS

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2014, Florida voters overwhelmingly approved Florida Constitutional Amendment 1, the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, which dedicates to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund no less than 33 percent of net revenues collected from the existing excise tax on real estate documents to be used to acquire, restore, and manage conservation and recreation lands throughout Florida for a period of 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues collected pursuant to this amendment may be used to finance the acquisition and improvement of land and outdoor recreation areas, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has developed a Countywide Parks and Open Space System Master Plan which contains a 50-year guide to future park and trail development, including an emphasis on offering transportation alternatives, reducing traffic congestion, and creating new recreation opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, there are a number of projects in the works designed to make Miami-Dade County a safer and more enjoyable place to bicycle, run and walk, including the Underline and the Biscayne Everglades Greenway projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Underline project will transform various lands underneath Miami's MetroRail into a contiguous 10 mile linear park and urban trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the Western Greenbelt project will create the westernmost recreational trail in Miami-Dade County, running from the Broward County border to Homestead; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biscayne Everglades Greenway project will create a 42 mile loop trail that will link Everglades and Biscayne National Parks in south Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, also under consideration by this Board is proposed Resolution No. R-2718-14, which would urge the Florida Legislature to provide funding for the acquisition and improvement of the proposed Ludlam Trail Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has long supported projects geared towards enhancing the livelihood of Miami-Dade County citizens while improving the environmental footprint and economic impact of our County,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to apportion 10 percent of the funding dedicated to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, pursuant to the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1, to greenway and trail projects, including but not limited to the Underline, Western Greenbelt and the Biscayne Everglades Greenway projects.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues raised in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

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Matthew Papkin