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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(37)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	February 3, 2015
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to provide funding for a study of the Little River Greenway to provide a linear urban recreation corridor connecting Northwest Miami-Dade County to Biscayne Bay Resolution No. R-157-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jean Monestime.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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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-157-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A STUDY OF THE LITTLE RIVER GREENWAY TO PROVIDE A LINEAR URBAN RECREATION CORRIDOR CONNECTING NORTHWEST MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO BISCAYNE BAY

WHEREAS, the creation of a linear park along the Little River (C-7 Canal) from Northwest Miami-Dade County to Biscayne Bay (the "Little River Greenway") will be the first step in the creation of a linked network of linear parks which promote recreational activities as well as enhanced urban mobility; and

WHEREAS, the creation of linear parks, greenways and blueways are consistent with the 2008 Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Spaces System Master Plan by enhancing the County's system of parks, public spaces, and natural and cultural areas; and

WHEREAS, greenways, waterways, trails and linear parks create a healthier, greener and a more economically vibrant place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Greenway will result in improvements to social, environmental, and economic conditions in the area under consideration by adding much-needed green space and a transit-connected biking and walking corridor to a heavily-populated area; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Greenway will provide an urban restoration of natural habitats for plant and animal life in a park setting; and

WHEREAS, as the area under consideration is adjacent to Little River and potentially involves use of County-owned and South Florida Water Management District right-of-way, the County should take a leadership role in planning and promoting this project; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Greenway would run through unincorporated Miami-Dade County, along the southern boundary of the Village of El Portal and through the northernmost portion of the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Greenway would connect Northwest Miami-Dade County to Biscayne Bay generally following the path of the Little River; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Greenway would provide a linear urban recreation corridor where residents of Miami-Dade County would have a safe place to engage in various outdoor recreational activities, including walking, bicycling, canoeing and kayaking,

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 provide funding for a study of the Little River Greenway to provide a linear urban recreation corridor connecting Northwest Miami-Dade County to Biscayne Bay.

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 issue identified 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 Chairman Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of February, 2015. 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. JMM

Jess M. McCarty