

MEMORANDUM

Amended

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(35)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: February 3, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution waiving Resolution
No. R-764-13; amending
Resolution No. R-1143-14 to
revise the Board's state
legislative priorities for the
2015 legislative session
to include funding for the
Underline as a priority;
approving the 2015 state
legislative priority

Resolution No. R-155-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Co-Sponsor Commissioner 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-155-15

RESOLUTION WAIVING RESOLUTION NO. R-764-13;
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-1143-14 TO REVISE THE
BOARD'S STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2015
LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE
UNDERLINE AS A PRIORITY; APPROVING THE 2015
STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the 2015 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on March 3, 2015;
and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative agenda to the Board, to include all "urging" resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution R-764-13, which directed that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten (10) priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board "urging" resolutions enacted to date, and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that upon the priorities, including any amendments by the Board, being approved and effective, the Chair of the Board or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2014, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1148-14, which urged 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 the proposed Underline project (“the Underline”); and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1143-14, which approved ten state legislative priorities for the 2015 session; and

WHEREAS, the Underline endeavors to transform various lands below the County’s elevated Metrorail system into a contiguous, 10-mile linear park and urban trail; and

WHEREAS, the Underline seeks to connect communities, improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, provide an accessible space for exercise, attract development along the trail’s path, and generate a positive economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the Underline land is primarily Metrorail right-of-way, publicly owned, and is thus available for immediate development; and

WHEREAS, over 19 architectural design firms have submitted master plan proposals to develop the land comprising the Underline; and

WHEREAS, the Underline seeks to make the County a safer and more enjoyable place for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, securing funding for the Underline should be a top priority of this Board for the 2015 Legislative Session; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposed 2015 state legislative priorities are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

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

Section 1. Waives Resolution No. R-764-13 to permit inclusion of more than 10 state legislative priorities.

Section 2. Amends Resolution No. R-1143-14 to revise the Board's state legislative priorities for the 2015 legislative session to include funding for the Underline.

Section 3. Approves the state legislative priorities for the 2015 session as set forth in the attached.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the state legislative priorities for the 2015 session.

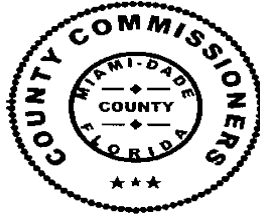
The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was 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	absent	Rebeca Sosa aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez aye
Juan C. Zapata	aye	

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.

Javier Zapata

Miami-Dade County
2015 State Legislative Priorities

1. **Reauthorization of the State Enterprise Zone Program:** *SUPPORT* the reauthorization of the state Enterprise Zone program for another 10 years.
2. **Film, Television and Entertainment:** *SUPPORT* incentives for Film, Television and Entertainment that foster economic development and create jobs.
3. **Medicaid Contributions:** *OPPOSE* any further cost shifts to Miami-Dade county related to county Medicaid contributions and *OPPOSE* any delay or elimination of the transition to a Medicaid enrollees formula; urging the Florida Association of Counties to identify this issue as one of its priorities.
4. **Ludlam Trail:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to provide funding for the acquisition and improvement of the proposed Ludlam Trail Corridor pursuant to the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1.
5. **Equal Pay:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass "equal pay" laws designed to equalize pay disparities between men and women.
6. **Medicaid Expansion:** Resolution supporting Medicaid expansion in Florida pursuant to the patient protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation expanding Medicaid in Florida.
7. **Elder Meal Program:** Resolution urging the Governor and Florida Legislature to fully fund elder meal programs/local service providers in Miami-Dade County and opposing legislation that might result in reductions for funding of elder meal programs and local service providers in Miami-Dade County.
8. **Transportation Funding:** *SUPPORT* increased funding for transit and transportation projects in Miami-Dade County.
9. **Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund:** *SUPPORT* using Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund revenues, not allocated under the state's conservation land buying program, solely for affordable housing; *OPPOSE* any further sweeps to the state general revenue fund.
10. **Historic County Courthouse Preservation and Restoration:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to create a program providing state funding for historic county courthouse preservation and restoration.

11. **Underline Trail:** Urging the Florida Legislature to include funding for the Underline pursuant to the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1.