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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

DATE: March 17, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority to provide increased signage regarding Florida's "Slow Traffic Keep Right" laws, as defined in section 316.081, Florida Statutes
Resolution No. R-267-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-267-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INCREASED SIGNAGE REGARDING FLORIDA'S "SLOW TRAFFIC KEEP RIGHT" LAWS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 316.081, FLORIDA STATUTES

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a major metropolitan hub with over 2.5 million residents, many of whom use local expressways and roadways to travel throughout County borders and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the alleviation of traffic congestion upon expressways within Miami-Dade County's borders, including Interstate 95, Interstate 75, and the Florida Turnpike is critical in order for drivers to share the road safely, efficiently, and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, the orderly and efficient flow of traffic is of utmost importance to the safety and economic activity of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority is to ease traffic congestion on five Miami-Dade County roadways, including State Road 112/Airport Expressway, State Road 836/Dolphin Expressway, State Road 874/Don Shula Expressway, State Road 878/Snapper Creek Expressway, and State Road 924/Gratigny Expressway; and

WHEREAS, motorists who impede the flow of traffic in the leftmost lanes of an expressway pose a hazard to other drivers and reduce the overall efficiency of commuting on roadways within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, nearly every state has adopted "keep right" laws to improve the efficiency and flow of traffic within their borders; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has explicitly addressed this issue in its passage of section 316.081, Florida Statutes, which requires that any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic shall be driven in the right-hand lane or as close as practicable to the right-hand lane of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, section 316.081 also requires that a driver may not continue to operate a motor vehicle in the leftmost lane of a two or more lane highway when the driver knows or reasonably should know that he or she is being overtaken in that lane from the rear by a motor vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed; and

WHEREAS, increased signage requiring drivers to keep right if driving at low speeds will increase traffic safety, lessen traffic congestion, maintain orderly and efficient freeways, and improve emergency response times; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that additional, easy-to-read, "Slow Traffic Keep Right" signs along major expressways and roadways in Miami-Dade County will increase the efficiency of transportation and promote safety,

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

Section 1. Urges the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority to provide increased signage regarding Florida's "Slow Traffic Keep Right" laws, as defined in section 316.081, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of the State of Florida Department of Transportation, and the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, 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:

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	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

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