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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

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

DATE: October 6, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to evaluate and report to the Board within 90 days regarding current bus schedules to determine adequate running time, headways, mileage, and driver break schedules and prepare implementation plan

Resolution No. R-892-15

This item was amended at the 8-26-15 Transit and Mobility Services Committee to change the time for the Mayor to provide report to the Board from 120 to 90 days.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Co-Sponsor Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

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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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10-6-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-892-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE AND REPORT TO THE BOARD WITHIN 90 DAYS REGARDING CURRENT BUS SCHEDULES TO DETERMINE ADEQUATE RUNNING TIME, HEADWAYS, MILEAGE, AND DRIVER BREAK SCHEDULES; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO INCLUDE IN SUCH REPORT A PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO PUT INTO PLACE THE FINDINGS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO REVIEW AND UPDATE ALL BUS ROUTE SCHEDULES NO LESS THAN EVERY THREE YEARS BASED ON THE CRITERIA EXAMINED IN THIS REPORT

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Transit is the main public transit provider in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, numerous residents rely on Miami-Dade Transit for all aspects of transportation including commuting to work and important activities such as grocery shopping and attending medical appointments; and

WHEREAS, the bus schedules provided to the public do not realistically account for traffic, average amounts of stops, and driver breaks; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a more accurate schedule causes unnecessary wait times and delays to riders; and

WHEREAS, this lack of reliability and accuracy in scheduling and planning disproportionately impacts those riders who have no other option than to take the bus for work or other vital activities; and

WHEREAS, this lack of reliability also impacts riders with an option to take the bus or another form of transportation by failing to provide the best experience possible; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Transit should be in a position of using the information at its disposal to maximize efficiency for the riders relying on the bus while at the same time creating an attractive alternative to other forms of transportation; and

WHEREAS, this Board requests that the County Mayor or designee prepare a report with the goal of improving the efficiency of bus routes by examining running times, headways, scheduling of stops, and other metrics in order to create a system that will offer a more reliable and desirable form of transportation; and

WHEREAS, this report should include an examination of the scheduling and efficacy of any routes contracted to third-party providers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to preparing a report outlining the factors described herein, this Board directs the County Mayor or designee to outline an implementation plan that incorporates these findings into the scheduling and planning of bus routes; and

WHEREAS, because these schedules, routes, and headways became inaccurate over time as a result of changing demographic and traffic patterns, this Board further directs the County Mayor or designee to update bus route schedules to take into account areas such as running times, headways, mileage of routes, and driver breaks no less than every three years,

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

Section 1. Incorporates and adopts the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or designee to prepare a report analyzing running times, headways, mileage of routes, and driver breaks in the current bus schedule and

provide a report regarding the issues identified herein to this Board within [[~~120~~]][1] >>90<< days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or designee to include in the report a proposed implementation plan to put into place the findings identified in such report.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or designee to update all bus route schedules no less than every three years based on the criteria established in the report identified in Section 1.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and the Co-Sponsor is Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, 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	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

[1] Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 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.

Alex S. Bokor