MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Transit Committee (TC)

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FINAL OFFICIAL
Meeting Minutes
Transit Committee

Dorrin D. Rolle (2) Chair; Barbara J. Jordan (1) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Sally A. Heyman (4), and Katy Sorenson (8)

Wednesday, September 12, 2007 **2:00 PM** **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

Members Present:	Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dorrin Rolle, Katy Sorenson.
Members Absent:	None.
Members Late:	None.
Members Excused:	Sally A. Heyman.
Members Absent County Business:	None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Judy Marsh, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1967*

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Attorneys Gerald Sanchez, Bruce Libhaber and Thomas Goldstein; Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Judy Marsh.*

Chairman Rolle called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

There being no objection, the Transit Budget Discussion was added under Agenda Item 9, Open Discussion.

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez noted Agenda Item 4F contained a scrivener's error and the second paragraph on handwritten page 1 of the County Manager's memorandum should be deleted because it repeated a sentence in the previous paragraph.

It was moved by Commissioner Sorenson that the Committee approve the foregoing changes to the September 12, 2007 Transit Committee agenda. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0, (Commissioner Heyman was absent).

1D SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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072590 **Special Presentation**
MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE ***Presented***

Report: *Chairman Rolle acknowledged the presence of Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chair of the Transit Committee and Mr. Harpal Kapoor, Director, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT). He noted MDT received an Award of Excellence and he recognized Mr. Juan Armas, Parks and Recreation Training Manager and former MDT employee; Mr. Andrew Mullings, Employee Development Manager, Department of Human Services; and Mr. Wendell Holmes, MDT Trainer who recently demonstrated outstanding customer service by assisting a customer to retrieve her missing keys. Chairman Rolle also recognized Mr. Andrew Whitehorn, Mr. Carlos Ortega, Mr. Anthony Bacallao, Mr. Lester Martinez, Mr. Vincent Solomon and Mr. Winston Fletcher, members of MDT Internet Technology and Support Services Division for installing electronic display signs at the Government Center Train Station which displays the arrival times of approaching North and South bound Metrorail trains.*

Commissioner Jordan commended MDT staff members and employees from other departments for their contributions to Miami-Dade County government by providing excellent service on a daily basis.

Mr. Harpal Kapoor, Director, Miami-Dade Transit, expressed appreciation to MDT employees; and employees from the Park and Recreation Department and Employee Relations Department.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

3A

072614 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT BUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 21, 2007 (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Mr. Harpal Kapoor, Director, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), provided an overview of a Power Point presentation entitled: "Public Hearing for Bus Service Adjustments October 21, 2007 Line Up" a copy of which was submitted for the record. He discussed background standards; route evaluation process; criteria applied to entire route; examples of specific applications; data collection and public hearing requirements.

Mr. Kapoor summarized his presentation, noting 106 routes were currently in operation and service was reduced by four percent from 35.5 million miles to 34 million miles from the May lineup which would be effective in October. He said the estimated net operating savings would be $8.4 million annually for all recommended service adjustments including the 18 public hearing routes. Mr. Kapoor noted a public hearing was required for one new bus route, elimination of one bus route and service adjustments to 16 other bus routes. He advised the estimated net operating savings for the 18 public hearing routes would be $4.4 million annually. Mr. Kapoor noted staff had tried to minimize the customer impact for each route.

Mr. Kapoor noted the proposed bus service adjustments would be considered by the County Commission on October 2, 2007, and if approved, a passenger information campaign would be conducted and the service adjustments implemented on October 21, 2007. These efficiency measures would allow MDT to remain within its budget without affecting service, Mr. Kapoor said.

In response to Commissioner Edmonson's inquiries, Mr. David Fialkoff, Chief, Service and Mobility Planning, said approximately 1,500 passengers countywide would be affected by the

proposed bus service reduction. He noted during the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) campaign, voters were promised more frequent bus service, with service every 15 minutes during peak hours and service every 30 minutes during off-peak hours.

In response to Commissioner Edmonson, Mr. Kapoor explained the bus service performance after adoption of the PTP and noted MDT would no longer be receiving new buses.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding the amount of General Fund revenues used to supplement MDT, Ms. Mayra Bustamante, Deputy Director of Administration, Miami-Dade Transit, said the General Fund's contribution to MDT's operation for next year would be $136 million and increase by 3.5 percent each year. She noted the current year's contribution was approximately $134 million. Ms. Bustamante advised MDT received State, Federal and County funds.

Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort said the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) generated from the General Fund was not reduced and remained stable. She noted staff was seeking to remain within the budget that was never adhered to in the first place. Ms. Llort said the 3.5 percent increase referenced by Ms. Bustamante was the MOE.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding public notification for the 18 bus routes, Ms. Ruby Adams, Assistant Director for Customer Service, Miami-Dade Transit, said a notice regarding today's public hearing was published in the Diario Las Americas which included bus routes that would be impacted. She noted a public campaign regarding the proposed bus service adjustments was not conducted pending approval by the County Commission.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding the impact of the proposed bus service adjustments and the County's commitment for increased ridership, Mr. Kapoor said bus mileage increased eight million miles and staff was seeking to expand service in a planned way.

Commissioner Jordan referred to the proposed change for Route 241 (North Dade Connection) and expressed concern that it appeared as if the County Commission was reducing its commitment

to the community.

Ms. Bustamante noted the bus mileage was 27 million miles before adoption of the Transit Surtax and would increase to 34 million miles with the proposed changes. She pointed out that within the past four years the routes had proven inefficient for the amount of passengers they carried.

Commissioner Sorenson spoke in support of the proposed resolution. She noted two cents was still available in the Local Option Gas Tax which would yield approximately $14 million annually and could be used to purchase buses and build maintenance facilities.

Chairman Rolle announced that the foregoing proposed resolution was open for public participation.

Mr. Denny Wood, 13000 SW 92 Avenue, appeared before the Committee. He asked the Committee to ensure that bus shelters located in wide, grassy swales along Routes 136 and 52 be relocated to accommodate the accessibility for individuals in wheelchairs. Mr. Wood also asked that the blue trash receptacles that were placed on sidewalks in residential neighborhoods along the bus routes be removed as individuals in wheelchairs were impeded by these bins.

There being no other persons to appear before the Committee, the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Rolle asked Mr. Kapoor to review bus routes 136 and 52 to determine whether they were compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and report back to the Committee on the established process for ADA compliance for bus boarding areas.

Ms. Adams noted MDT was mandated to place trash receptacles at all bus shelters in Unincorporated Miami-Dade County and had been working with the Public Works Department to make sure these shelters were in compliance with ADA regulations.

In response to Commissioner Edmonson, Ms. Adams said MDT had a contract with Cemusa, Inc. to install bus shelters in Unincorporated Miami-Dade County. She noted staff was waiting for Cemusa to come forth with a slim line shelter that would provide additional shelters throughout

the County.

Commissioner Jordan recognized Mr. Wood.

Mr. Wood asked that the slim line shelters not be erected as individuals in wheelchairs could not fit under them.

Chairman Rolle noted it would be incumbent upon Mr. Kapoor to look at Routes 136 and 52 and come back to the Committee with a remedy to address the problem.

Commissioner Jordan noted she felt it was incumbent upon the County to look at the total impact of the routes on handicapped accessibility, and she asked Assistant County Manager Llort to come back to the Committee with a consistent design process for bus shelters that would incorporate ADA requirements.

In response to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry whether the Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) was involved, Assistant County Manager Llort noted while she was not sure of the process, the County received funds from the Federal Transit Administration and had to be ADA compliant. She noted staff would review Routes 136 and 52 to look at the ADA compliance of those routes and report back to the Committee on ADA requirements for bus shelters.

Commissioner Sorenson noted it appeared that a small wire basket attached to the bus shelters would be a better alternative than the large trash receptacles. She asked Assistant County Manager Llort to look at the current trash receptacles in residential neighborhoods to determine if these receptacles could be designed to be more consistent with the residential areas and to ensure they were compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Commissioner Edmonson agreed with Commissioner Sorenson's suggestion regarding the wire baskets, and that staff should begin reviewing the bus shelters along Routes 136 and 52. She noted she was interested in different ways to accommodate challenged residents.

Chairman Rolle asked Mr. Kapoor to ensure that all commissioners were notified of the proposed bus service adjustments and that a public campaign process was conducted if the proposed

adjustments were approved by the County Commission.

Ms. Kathy Willis, Miami-Dade Transit, noted MDT was committed to ADA compliance. She noted an assessment was scheduled in response to Mr. Wood's complaint and CODI was actively involved in development of the existing shelters.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

072408 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR'S ACTION OF EXTENDING THE TIME ON THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH RED TOP D/B/A LOGISTICARE BEYOND AUGUST 17, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007 ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry, Ms. Ruby Adams, Assistant Director for Customer Service, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), said the existing contract with Red Top D/B/A Logisticare would expire in December 2007 and staff was working with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) to determine how to proceed. She noted if an agreement was not reached, the CTD would issue a Statewide Request for Proposals for a service provider.

Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Adams to meet with her to discuss how the reduction in providing non-emergency transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries occurred over the last three years and the population that would be impacted.

Assistant County Manager Llort said the Administration was concerned that Medicaid recipients who were currently obtaining service could continue receiving the same level of service. She noted one of the difficulties was obtaining a clear response from ACHA and the CTD regarding the amount of funds that would be provided to the County in the future.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4B

072486 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND FLORIDA CITY GAS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WORK ORDER NO. FCG-EHC-1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $43,000.00 TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR UTILITY RELOCATION FOR PHASE I-ORANGE LINE/MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER–EARLINGTON HEIGHTS (MIC-EH) CONNECTOR PROJECT (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4C

072487 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WORK ORDER NO. FPL-T-EHC-1 TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY MASTER AGREEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,815,300.00 TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR UTILITY RELOCATION FOR PHASE I –ORANGE LINE/MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER–EARLINGTON HEIGHTS (MIC-EH) CONNECTOR PROJECT (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

In response to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry whether Florida Power & Light (FPL) would bury its power lines during the relocation of its Transmission facilities, Mr. Alberto Hernandez, Deputy Director, Engineering, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), said this was an overhead transmission.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson, Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort said while she had not discussed underground utilities with Florida Power & Light (FPL), she had discussed this issue with power companies and cost was an issue to them. She noted in this case cost would also be an issue to the County because the work was being performed at the County's request.

Mr. Hernandez said the power lines could not be buried in some areas because of the nature of the terrain. He noted the cost of burying the lines underground would cost approximately three times the regular cost, and pursuant to the existing utility agreements, MDT must pay for this accommodation.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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072496 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A COORDINATION AND FARE AGREEMENT FOR THE COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH MACTOWN, INC. (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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072499 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR $17,908,000 IN PUBLIC TRANSIT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

In response to Commissioner Edmonson's inquiry, Ms. Mayra Bustamante, Deputy Director of Administration, Miami-Dade Transit, noted funds from the Public Transit Block Grant Program would be used for operations and to purchase buses.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4F

072592 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROVISION OF HURRICANE/STORM EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND RE-ENTRY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FROM MONROE COUNTY TO FLORIDA CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4G

072479 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION INCREASING THE BLANKET AMOUNT AUTHORIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO SECURE INDEPENDENT, CERTIFIED PROPERTY APPRAISERS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED COUNTY APPRAISER SELECTION PROCEDURES, FROM $100,000 TO $250,000 (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

In response to Chairman Rolle's inquiry regarding the relevance of the foregoing proposed resolution to a previous discussion by the County Commission regarding in-house appraisers, Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort said the discussion related to a Transit item but the concern was similar and was addressed in the foregoing proposed resolution.

Assistant County Attorney Thomas Goldstein advised that according to State law, appraisers who were hired to appraise land purchased by the County including condemnation situations, must be independent appraisers outside the governmental entity.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4H

072482 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,094,458 BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DORAL TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR A PORTION OF THE NW 74 STREET PROJECT ALONG NW 107 AVENUE, FROM NW 71 STREET TO NW 74 STREET; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS THEREIN (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiries, Ms. Esther Calas, Director, Public Works Department, said pursuant to the Joint Participation Agreement (JPA), the City was obligated to comply with applicable County regulations, including the Community Small Business Enterprise (CSBE) Program, Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program and the Community Workforce Program. She noted an eighteen percent (18%) CSBE goal for the project was imposed by the Review Committee. Ms. Calas said the Small Business Affairs (SBA) was still responsible for monitoring compliance with the CSBE goals; however, it was her understanding that each department director now had to ensure that the goals outlined in the department's contract were met. She noted staff would ensure that the City was complying with the goals before any payments were made.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan, Assistant County Manager Llort noted clarification on the responsibility for compliance would be provided by the end of today's (9/12) meeting.

Commissioner Sorenson spoke in support of additional monitoring.

Responding to Commissioner Edmonson's inquiry whether a policy change had occurred, Ms. Calas said the policy had not changed but the department directors were responsible for ensuring that the goals imposed on each project were fulfilled by the contractors working for their departments. She noted staff constantly communicated with the SBA.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern regarding a policy shift and noted most of the SBA's monitoring capability would be eliminated based on the recommended budget cuts for the SBA which exceeded $2 million.

Chairman Rolle recommended this issue be considered by the Budget Conference Committee.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's earlier question, Assistant County Manager Llort noted the ultimate responsibility for compliance remained with the SBA. She noted the responsibility was not only with the SBA but with each department director and each department employee involved with the contracting process.

Ms. Calas noted the Project Manager was responsible for monitoring the minority firms.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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072530 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR NW 74 STREET BETWEEN NW 107 AVENUE TO NW 97 AVENUE; DECLARING THE ACQUISITION OF SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE A PUBLIC NECESSITY; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AN EMINENT DOMAIN PRESUIT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND ATLAS PROPERTY II, LLC, IN LIEU OF CONDEMNATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PAY ROAD IMPACT FEES ON BEHALF OF ATLAS PROPERTY II, LLC UP TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2.9 MILLION IN EXCHANGE FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4J

072534 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A COUNTEROFFER IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,500.00 FROM FERMIN AMARO AND MARISELA AMARO, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12691 SW 104 STREET AS PART OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO SW 127 AVENUE, BETWEEN SW 120 STREET AND SW 88 STREET (NORTH KENDALL DRIVE) (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4K

072537 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A COUNTEROFFER IN THE AMOUNT $95,000.00 FROM NINE (9) PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF OLD CUTLER ROAD AND SW 87 AVENUE AS PART OF THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO OLD CUTLER ROAD, FROM SW 87 AVENUE TO SW 97 AVENUE (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7A

072591 **Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING(S):

JULY 16, 2007 BUDGET WORKSHOP
JULY 18, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

8 REPORTS

8A

072583 **Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: STATUS REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH POMTOC (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing report into the record.*

Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort provided an oral report on the status of negotiations with POMTOC. She said she met with representatives of the three POMTOC partners and discussed the previous agreement which had no status. Ms. Llort noted there was good faith on both parties to determine whether an agreement could be reached that would be good for POMTOC and the County and she would continue dialogue with them in an effort to reach such an agreement.

Chairman Rolle asked Assistant County Manager Llort to provide the Committee with a written report on the negotiations with POMTOC.

8B

072395 **Report**

PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN 90-DAY REPORT 3RD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

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072485 **Report**

INVOICING AND THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION SUMMARY STATUS REPORT
ON THE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT CONTRACT (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing report into the record.*

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiries, Mr. Alberto Hernandez, Deputy Director, Engineering, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), said the total amount of the Program Management Consultant (PMC) contract was $44 million. He explained that the 0.4% shortfall in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was caused by the reconciliation of the 5% invoice retainage from Work orders 1 and 2 for 2005 and 2006 and payments had not been released. Mr. Hernandez noted the 25% DBE goal would be obtained by the time the $44million was used in August 2008.

Commissioner Jordan asked that staff meet with her to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals were proportionally applied to DBE firms in the same manner they were applied to non-DBE firms and the prime contractor.

Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort noted in the future, the forecast graphs would begin at 0% and staff would meet with commissioners to explain that the DBEs were not disproportionately impacted.

Chairman Rolle asked Assistant County Manager Llort to provide a report on the status of payments to DBE firms at the Committee meeting scheduled for October 10, 2007.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

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072528 **Report**

LIST OF ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

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072579 **Report**

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE PORT OF MIAMI TUNNEL (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

8F

072615 **Report**

FINDINGS OF FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CYLINDRICAL POSTS BETWEEN BUS PASSENGER BENCHES OR SHELTERS AND THE EDGE OF THE ROAD AT THE BUS STOPS IN UNINCORPORATED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing report into the record.*

Commissioner Sorenson asked that the issues raised by Mr. Denny Wood earlier in today's meeting regarding bus shelters be incorporated in the feasibility study.

9 OPEN DISCUSSION

Report: *Transit Priorities for Budget Conference Process*

The Committee members requested the following items be added to the Transportation Committee's list of budget priorities for consideration by the Budget Conference Committee:

Commissioner Jordan requested that the alignment of the North Corridor as presented to the community and approved by the Florida Department of Transportation with the initial allocation, be retained and the alternative realignment from NW 151 Street West to East, be eliminated; and that the $2 million that was cut from Small Business Affairs be replaced.

Commissioner Sorenson requested that parking garages along the South Miami-Dade Busway and/or feeder buses along the Busway be added; and that $150,000 be included as a budget priority for the study of bio-diesel buses.

Commissioner Edmonson requested that funding be allocated from Miami-Dade Transit for all 13 original parcels for the Transit Village Project located at NW 7 Avenue and 62 Street, and that the Office of Community and Economic Development be more involved in funding the housing portion of this Project, via General Obligation Bond funds.

072879 **Report**
NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Report: *1. In response to Chairman Rolle, Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber advised the procurement regarding the rehabilitation of rail cars was still under the Cone of Silence.*

2. Chairman Rolle commended Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Director Harpal Kapoor and staff for decreasing MDT's budget from $8.1 million to $2.4 million.

10 ADJOURNMENT

Dorrin Rolle, Chairman