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Transit Committee (TC)

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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, October 10, 2007 **2:00 PM** **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

Members Present: Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dorrin Rolle, Katy Sorenson.

Members Absent: Sally A. Heyman.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Akira Spann, Commission Reporter, (305)-375-2510.*

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort; Assistant County Attorneys Gerald Sanchez and Jess McCarty; and Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw and Akira Spann.*

MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA: Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read from the County Manager's memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Transit Committee Agenda," stating that Agenda Item 8G SUPPLEMENT be added to today's agenda; and that Agenda Items 4G and 4I be deferred to no date certain.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that today's agenda be approved as amended. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 3-0 (Commissioners Heyman and Sorenson were absent).

1D CHAIRMAN REMARKS

1E SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

1E1

072974 **Special Presentation**
MIAMI DADE TRANSIT AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE ***Presented***

Report: *Chairman Rolle noted that Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) held a 5K Walk & Run event, as part of their Health and Wellness program on September 8, 2007. He stated that the Habitat for Humanity Organization was chosen as the event beneficiary.*

Mr. Harpal Kapoor, MDT Director, presented Mr. Mackenzie Moor, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Manager, was a check for $1,500.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

072570 **Resolution** **Bruno A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY FOR THE APRIL 28, 2007 "NAWJ CONFERENCE" SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $205.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 5 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

2B

072853 **Resolution** **Bruno A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 YOUTH CIVIC INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY UNIDAD OF MIAMI BEACH, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $605.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 5 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

2C

072885 **Resolution** **Bruno A. Barreiro, Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY FOR THE OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 4, 2007 RAIL-VOLUTION CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY RAIL VOLUTION, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $35,000.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

Report: *Responding to Chairman Rolle's question why the foregoing resolution was retroactive, Assistant County Attorney Sanchez noted that this item would be retroactive when presented before the Board.*

Ms. Ruby Adams, Miami-Dade Transit, appeared before the Board and responded to Commissioner Jordan's question regarding the amount of this agreement. She explained that this would be the first time the Rail-Volution Conference was hosted in the County, and that the South Florida Regional Transit Authority would co-sponsor this event with the County.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2C SUPPLEMENT

073027 **Report**

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT RELATING TO RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY FOR THE OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 4, 2007 RAIL-VOLUTION CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY RAIL VOLUTION, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $35,000.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Report Received

2D

072980 **Resolution** **Carlos A. Gimenez, Audrey M. Edmonson, Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF LOCATING AN OBSERVATION WHEEL, SIMILAR TO THE LONDON EYE, AT THE PORT OF MIAMI

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

Report: *Commissioner Gimenez that the County Manager be asked to study the feasibility of locating an observation (Ferris) wheel at the Port of Miami, similar to the London Eye, which is one of the world's largest ferris wheels. He apologized for not providing Committee members with an update on this proposed resolution before this issues appeared in the newspaper(s). Commissioner Gimenez noted the preliminary study was conducted by the public works Department and he commended Public Works Director, Ester Calas, for doing an excellent report. He explained that the London Eye was created for the millennium and was originally intended to exist temporarily; however, it turned out to be a huge success, Commissioner Gimenz noted, and consequently became a part of the London landscape, attracting about 3 ½ million visitors per year. At $30 a ride, this system had a tremendous economic impact.*

Commissioner Gimenez said after reading an article in The New York Times, he proposed that a similar observation (Ferris) wheel be located at the Port of Miami for the following reasons: 1) The use of green space would not be required; 2) the revenue profits could be used to offset some of the capital cost, etc., at the Port; 3) the County was planning to invest millions in museums and other facilities at Bi-Centennial Park and the proximity of the Port to Bi-Centennial Park, Bayside, the Children's Museum, Watson Island and the Flagstone Project, Parrot Jungle and the Performing Arts Center, etc., was ideal for this structure; 4) the distance of the Port or Miami from residential communities; and 5) the spectacular the wheel would provide of the ocean and the downtown skyline.

Commissioner Gimenez provided photographs of the observation wheel, and noted he had discussed this proposal with the Seaport Director, Bill Johnson, who was supportive of the study. He noted the County would act as the landlord,

charging rent and percentage of the profits. He explained that this project would not be funded with taxpayers' monies; that the County would solicit companies to invest in this project. He stated that his discussion with a company assured any doubt that his structure could be built to withstand a category five hurricane.

Commissioners Edmonson, Jordan, and Sorenson spoke in support of this proposal.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

072892 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT EAST 25TH STREET AND EAST 7TH AVENUE HIALEAH SURPLUS; AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY TO AN ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 125.35-3(2); AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COUNTY DEED FOR SUCH PURPOSE (General Services Administration Department)

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

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Sanchez noted that a scrivener's error existing on Page 2 of the County Manger's memorandum, under the section entitled "Zoning" should be corrected to read: 'Rapid Transit Zone.'*

Chairman Rolle questioned whether those restrictions brought forth by Commissioner Seijas were resolved.

Mr. Harpol Kapoor, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) noted his belief that the restrictions did not relate to the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Frank Talleda, MDT Joint Development Chief, noted that two properties in Hialeah were for sale. He stated that Commissioner Seijas expressed concern with a parcel that the City of Hialeah expressed an interest in. Mr. Talleda noted that the land in the foregoing resolution was land-locked and non-buildable, and that this parcel was being sold to the adjacent property owner.

Responding to Commissioner Edmonson's question regarding whether this was the same item that Commissioner Seijas deferred during the September 4, 2007 Board of County Commission meeting, Assistant County Manager Llort noted that it was Commissioner Seijas's belief that the parcel listed in this resolution was a different parcel.

Assistant County Manager Llort noted that Ms. Wendy Norris, General Services Administration Director, confirmed that all issues pertaining to the subject parcel were resolved.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

4B

072883 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,045,000 FOR THE UNIVERSITY METRORAIL STATION PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND COMMITTING UP TO $2,045,000 IN CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

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

Report: *Commissioner Sorenson questioned whether any studies were conducted on the use of pedestrian overpasses.*

Mr. Albert Hernandez, MDT Deputy Director, noted that MDT studied four pedestrian overpasses that were proposed for allocations (South Miami, University, Dadeland North, and Coconut Grove). He stated that the study was to determine whether a threshold depending on the volume of traffic and the amount of pedestrians crossing an intersection existed. Mr. Hernandez noted that the study concluded that traffic volume at the South Miami Station and the University Station was sufficient to warrant the construction of a pedestrian overpass. He stated that examining the threshold helped MDT to prioritize locations for the pedestrian overpass.

Mr. Jeff Cohen, Public Works Department Traffic Engineering Assistant Chief, noted that a fence was built at the University Station to prevent jaywalking. He stated that the opening at the surface crossing of the fence would be closed once the overpass bridge was constructed to eliminate pedestrians' crossing the street.

Responding to Chairman Rolle's question regarding the computation of the price, Mr. Hernandez noted that the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) would participate at 50% of the allowed $4 million amount. He stated that this language was included in the Joint Participation Agreement (JPA).

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

4C

072890 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (USDHS) INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PROGRAM (IPP) GRANT TO PROVIDE FOR BASIC MASS TRANSIT SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,568,798; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF ANY ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS, REVISIONS OR AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

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

Report: *Responding to Chairman Rolle's questions whether the employees being re-trained or the training was being targeted at a separate group of employees, Mr. Kapoor noted the training applied to frontline employees (i.e., bus/train operators, maintenance workers, senior management, central control staff, and security guards).*

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

4D

072940 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (SJPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,045,000 FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI METRORAIL STATION PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND COMMITTING UP TO $1,045,000 IN CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH AS SPECIFIED IN THE SJPA (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

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

4E

072948 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF OFF-STREET PARKING OF THE CITY OF MIAMI (MIAMI PARKING AUTHORITY) FOR THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AT CERTAIN MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT PARKING FACILITIES (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 3-1
No: Jordan
Absent: Heyman

Report: *Commissioner Jordan questioned why a Request for Proposal (RFP) was not submitted for this project. She noted that the budget for this unsolicited contract assumed that this it would be approved because the Board approved the County Manager's proposed budget for FY 2007-08.*

Mr. Frank Talleda, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Joint Development Chief, noted that this contract was a limited agreement and focused on parking enforcement. He stated that MDT considered putting out an RFP because other companies expressed interest in performing garage and parking management. Mr. Talleda noted that this was a strictly a budget issue and employees would be phased out.

Ms. Mayra Bustamante, MDT Deputy Director, noted that MDT determined which efficiencies could be accommodated after the FY 2007-08 budget was examined. She stated that they were in the process of accommodating any vacant positions in MDT and other County departments. Ms. Bustamante noted that MDT determined that the City of Miami was an expert on parking enforcement and could perform the job at a cheaper rate.

Commissioner Jordan noted that competition was normally encouraged before the process of privatization began. She stated that the County looked internally to maintain work in-house once it was determined that the private sector could perform a job at a cheaper rate. Commissioner Jordan expressed concern that MDT did not follow that process.

Ms. Bustamante noted that MDT would come before the Board following the preparation of the RFP for the project that as they envisioned. She stated that MDT would then proceed with the project as presented or move forward with the RFP for privatization.

Commissioner Jordan noted that this was the consequence when the Board approved the budget without recognizing the ramifications through the budget process.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's question whether any of the 14 employees who were phased out were protected, Ms. Bustamante noted that it depended on the classification previously held by that person. She noted that MDT was working with the Employee Relations Department (ERD) to ensure that these individuals could apply for those positions.

Commissioner Jordan noted that a person with a protected position could not be advanced due to the technical level of the specialization; therefore the positions were not protected.

Ms. Bustamante noted that MDT was examining which department could accommodate the employees impacted by this resolution.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern that there was no full disclosure regarding the fact that a competitive process would not occur due to the structure of the overall budget that the Board approved.

Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort explained that during the budget process, commissioners were advised of the amount of available resources to conduct an activity, but not how to conduct the activity. Assistant County Manager Llort noted that this was a government-to-government contract with an entity that could perform the work at a good rate. She stated that MDT had every intention to solicit a broad parking program in the RFP; and that other alternatives would be entertained should this Committee decide against the current process. She reassured Committee members that every effort would be made to assist the displaced employees.

Commissioner Jordan noted her concerns regarding this resolution stemmed from the fact that the exact amount received in an unsolicited proposal was mentioned in this proposal.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's question regarding what factors led to the conclusion that the Miami Parking Authority (MPA) could perform this service cheaper than it could be performed internally, Ms. Bustamante noted that

parking enforcement was MPA's expertise and that the Authority had more access to locations.

Mr. Fred Bredimeyer (phonetic), MPA Deputy Executive Director, noted that the job could be performed at a favorable price because MPA staffed at least 24 officers throughout their enforcement area. He stated that some Metrorail stations were located within close proximity to areas already enforced by MPA, which could be easily services by MPA. Mr. Bredimeyer noted that MPA anticipated hiring additional officers to cover those areas and would interview interested MDT employees.

Ms. Busamante noted that MDT conversed with MPA regarding the positions available. She stated that those positions could be used to expand the work and economize.

Assistant County Manager Llort suggested that MDT prepare a competitive list of the cost items related to their budget structure for comparison with MPA's offer.

Commissioner Sorenson requested that the Transit Director prepare for the Committee's review an analysis on the cost of Parking Enforcement Operations of certain Miami-Dade Transit Parking Facilities. She asked that the analysis examine the cost efficiency of these operations with County employees.

Mr. Bredimeyer clarified that MPA's personnel were County certified parking enforcement officers whose job was to enforce parking violations.

Responding to Commissioner Edmonson's question regarding the types of officers used by the County, Mr. Kapoor noted that Transit employees were used, but they were not certified.

Commissioner Edmonson noted that MPA was more creative and efficient with parking enforcement.

Mr. Bredimeyer noted that MPA could compile their overlap amount for the Committee's review.

Mr. Frank Talleda noted that MDT employees had the same certification as MPA's and were paid a higher wage. He stated that the City of Miami would provide one supervisor under this contract.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the

foregoing proposed resolution be deferred to no date certain. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson for further discussion.

Assistant County Manager Llort noted that staff could meet with each Commissioner to ensure that all concerns were resolved. She suggested that this Committee move the item forward with the understanding that the County Manager would pull it before the Board's consideration if staff was unable to resolve Committee members concerns before the meeting.

Commissioner Sorenson withdrew her second to the motion to defer.

It was then moved by Commissioner Sorenson that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded without a recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern that this proposal was a prelude to the RFP and the management competition could not be examined because the information was not available to this Committee.. She stated that the County needed to be more efficient and provide the Committee with the necessary information before a decision could be made.
Assistant County Attorney noted that the current motion was that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the BCC without recommendation.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's question regarding whether this item was time sensitive, Assistant County Manager Llort noted that it was time sensitive because the savings would be accrued once the County entered into the agreement with the service provider. She stated that the Board maintained its decision to remove unprofitable transit routes to ensure that the MDT budget could be maintained.

Assistant County Manager Llort asked that Commissioner Jordan provide a list of questions to determine when this item should go before the Board.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's question on how the management functions to be included in an RFP would be handled, Ms. Bustamante noted that the RFP had not been prepared. She also noted that the RFP would be a combination of County services and facilities.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

4F

072855 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROJECT AWARD RECOMMENDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $339,000.00 BETWEEN CEB CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE CONTRACT COUNTYWIDE (PROJECT – CICC 7040-0/07 RPQ NO. 20070674) (Public Works Department)

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

4G

072891 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROJECT AWARD RECOMMENDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $11,681,545.28 FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SW 127 AVENUE FROM SW 120 STREET TO SW 88 STREET LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICTS 8 AND 10 - PROJECT NO. 20060289 (Public Works Department)

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Sorenson, Heyman

4H

072978 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE $2,199,415.65 IN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SAFETY RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR SCHOOLS LOCATED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS THEREIN (Public Works Department)

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

Report: *Commissioner Edmonson questioned whether a schedule was available for each project.*

Ms. Ester Calas, Public Works Department (PWD) Director, noted that the design portion of the Safe Routes project would begin in the near future. She stated that some schools required a larger sum than others for improvements, but averaged at least $50,000 per school. Ms. Calas noted that the improvements would go beyond the work indicated in the foregoing resolution. She stated that the designs for schools listed in Appendix A of the resolution should be completed within a year.

Commissioner Sorenson asked the Public Works Department Director to verify the status of the crossing on S.W. 117th Avenue and S.W. 112th Street.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

4I

072979 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BOARD REQUESTED MAJOR ROADWAY AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS LIST IN EXHIBIT 1 OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO DELETE THE SW 87 AVENUE, FROM SW 216 STREET TO SW 168 STREET PROJECT AND ADD THE OLD CUTLER ROAD, FROM SW 97 AVENUE TO SW 87 AVENUE AND CARIBBEAN BOULEVARD, FROM CORAL SEA ROAD TO SW 87 AVENUE PROJECTS (Public Works Department)

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Sorenson, Heyman

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7A

072944 **Report**

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Heyman

8 REPORTS

8A

072941 **Report**

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

Report Received
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Heyman

Report: *Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's question regarding whether the City of Miami had issued a response regarding the Port of Miami Tunnel project in the past week, Assistant County Manager Llort noted that a meeting was scheduled for November 2007 regarding the Port Tunnel project and the concessionaire agreed to hold the price until that date. She added that the project was proceeding as scheduled.*

Chairman Rolle requested that Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort provide the Committee with a written report providing alternatives available to the County and the State if the City of Miami did not approve its agenda item for Commission approval to fund or pursue means to fund the City's share of the Port of Miami Tunnel project.

Assistant County Manager Llort noted that the memorandum of agreement provided that the State would have sole discretion regarding whether to provide the additional $50 million; however, if it was deemed unacceptable, the negotiations would end. She stated that the County would not be put at risk for any additional dollars because the County had contributed $402.5 million. Assistant County Manager Llort noted that the State had noted, on the record, that it was not willing to provide the additional funds and representatives from the State had consistently stated the State's contribution on capital improvement was limited to 50% and no more. She noted that considering these statements from the State, this project could not proceed if the City of Miami chose not to enter into an agreement to provide an additional $50 million.

Commissioner Rolle noted it must be clearly stated that the County and the State had fulfilled that funding share toward this project; that the City was slow in approving its funding share or pursuing means to fund its share of the project.

Following brief discussion regarding the project's potential to create jobs and the possibility that the

City would reconsider the issue following the upcoming election, the Committee proceeded to vote on this report.

8B

072946 **Report**

LIST OF ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS FINAL UPDATE REPORT (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Heyman

8C

072950 **Report**

INVOICING AND DBE STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (PMC) CONTRACT (County Manager)

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

Report: *Commissioner Jordan requested that the Miami-Dade Transit Office of Civil Rights Chief meet with her to discuss keeping the Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) in line with the Prime Consultants pertaining to the goals outlined in the Program Management Consultant (PMC) Contract. She also asked that staff come prepared with information regarding the position on salary information for the DBE's and the Prime Consultant.*

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

8D

072976 **Report**

DBE GOALS COMPLIANCE REVIEW OF MDT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Heyman

8E

072977 **Report**

COMPLIANCE WITH PROMPT PAYMENT AND DBE MEASURES ON MDT CONTRACTS WITH THE LAST THREE (3) YEARS (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Heyman

Report: *Responding to Chairman Rolle's question regarding whether the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) payments were current, Mr. Kapoor, MDT Director, noted that payments were made current and all parties involved were satisfied.*

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

8F

072942 **Report**

NEGOTIATIONS WITH POMTOC (County Manager)

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

Report: *Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's question regarding whether this report was presented to the Committee last month, Assistant County Manager Llort indicated that it was the same report provided in writing at the Committee's request.*

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

8G

072975 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: ADA COMPLIANCE AT MDT BUS STOPS AND SHELTERS (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson

Report: *Mr. Denny Wood appeared before the Committee and urged them to reject the foregoing report.*

Ms. Kathy Lewis, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Office of Civil Rights Chief, noted that pursuant to this Committee's request, MDT and Public Works Department (PWD) initiated a survey of Routes 52 and 136. She stated that 43 bus stops along Route 52 required improved accessibility. Ms. Lewis noted that corrective actions related to the ADA deficiencies were anticipated to begin implementation in approximately 30 days as part of PWD's action plan. She stated that 60 bus stops along Route 13 were identified as ADA deficient and PWD anticipated that work would be scheduled by mid-November 2007. Ms. Lewis noted that MDT collaborated with PWD to ensure that all bus stops were ADA compliant and accessible.

Ms. Lewis noted that MDT and PWD examined whether or not trash receptacles installed at various bus stops met the required ADA minimum clearance of 36 inches. She stated that any receptacles found to be non-compliant be replaced.

Mr. Denny Wood expressed concern regarding the 36 inches of clear passage pertaining to its location and structure. He noted other alternatives existed for ensuring ADA compliancy of bus stops.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's question whether this issue went before the Commission on Disabilities Issues (CODI), Ms. Lewis noted that this matter was review by CODI and MDT representatives. In 2003-04 MDT spearheaded a bus analysis survey of all their stops, and prioritized those that needed corrective measures as a result of deficiencies, she stated. Ms. Lewis noted that Ms. Calas was developing an action plan to address those deficiencies.

Commissioner Sorenson requested that the Public Works Department (PWD) Director arrange a meeting between the PWD American Disability Act (ADA) Coordinator and Mr. Denny Wood to further address concerns regarding the Miami-

Dade Transit (MDT) Bus Stops and Passenger Shelters.

Commissioner Jordan requested that the Public Works Director prepare a report listing the deficient bus stops along Routes 52 and 136 listing the deficiency, the plan of action, and the action taken. She asked that this report be presented at the next Transit Committee meeting scheduled for November 14, 2007.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

8G SUPPLEMENT

073024 **Supplement**

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT RE: AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE AT MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) BUS STOPS AND PASSENGER SHELTERS — ***Presented***

9 OPEN DISCUSSION

10 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.*

Dorrin Rolle, Chairman